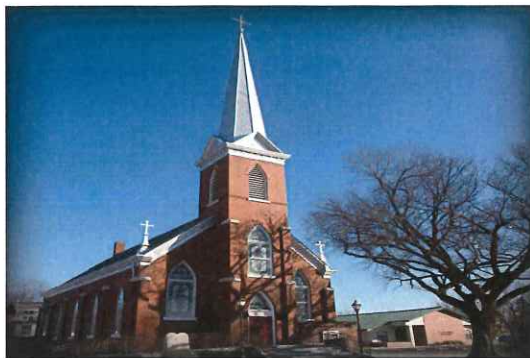
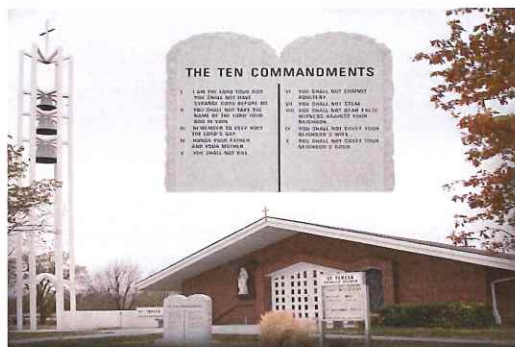




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Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Contact the office at least 1 month prior.

1st Holy Eucharist: Contact parish DRE or office for details.

Confirmation: This Sacrament of Initiation is held every three years for all parishes. Please contact the office for information.

Holy Matrimony: Contact the office at least 6 months prior to the date you are considering.

OCIA / Joining the Church: Contact Father or the office. Classes are held from September until Easter each year.

St. Francis:

Finance Chair: Greg Stice

Pastoral Chair:

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Knights:

Religious Ed: Gennifer Birk

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Youth (7-12): Angela Myers

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Other: Legion of Mary: All 4 Parishes - Irene Tastove, Pres.

Contact the Office for more information:

Bible Study Series & OCIA / Continuing Education
Catholic Charities Mobile Bus dates or to volunteer
Red Cross & St. Francis Youth Group Blood Drives
Summer Totus Tuus & VBS programs
Rural Youth Ministry & Young Adult Programs



Archdiocesan & Parish Announcements

Christmas Adopt-A-Family & Winter

White Trees reminder that all items need to be returned to the Church or parish office by **Sunday, Dec 7**. Please **do NOT wrap** the gifts, just return items bagged with their gift tag attached. If you have questions, or need to make other arrangements, please call or text Annette Stull 620-341-3572. Thank you in advance for your generosity in making a Blessed and Merry Christmas for the 5 adopted families this year.



Confirmation Reminder

Dec 13 - The Sacrament of Confirmation with Archbishop McKnight will be held at 6pm at St. Francis Xavier.

All Confirmandi and Sponsors should arrive to the church by 5:15pm.

Pictures with Archbishop McKnight will begin at 5:30pm.

A light reception will follow Mass in the parish hall for all Confirmed, their sponsors and guests.

Contact Father or the office with questions or for more information.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph	During Church renovations
	Please Contact Father
St. Patrick	Sat - 3:25 to 3:50pm
St. Teresa	Sat - 5:25 to 5:55pm
St. Francis	Sun - 9:25 to 9:55am

Contact Father or the office directly if you would like to reserve a time that better fits your schedule.

+ *Create a clean heart in me, O God.* +



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SP	9:00am - 6:00pm	Wed
ST	9:00am - 7:00pm	Thur
SFX	12:30pm - 3:30pm	Thur



OCIA & Continuing Education has begun and will be held on Sunday mornings at 11am at St. Francis Xavier church basement with Father. This is for anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith or who is thinking about becoming Catholic. The class is open to anyone High School aged and older. All class materials are free and will be provided.

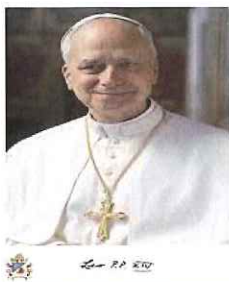
Upcoming Sunday Class dates:

+ December 7, 14
No Class - Dec 21, 28 or Jan 4



K of C 4th Degree Sir Knights, We are having an Honor Guard in support of Archbishop McKnight and Confirmation for our four parish communities on Dec 13 at 6pm at St. Francis Xavier Church. We are planning to use the traditional/old regalia. If you want to participate, please arrive at the Parish Hall by 5pm for dressing and practice at the church. Participating Sir Knights please contact Ray Ryan (620) 203-0113 for a number count. Thank you.

God's Storehouse is still collecting items for distribution and all donations and are greatly appreciated! Canned items, hygiene products and bagged or boxed non-perishables can be dropped in the back of each Church or taken directly to God's Storehouse during hours of operation. Winter clothing and coats in good working condition are welcome. For more information or to volunteer, contact Janet Wahlmeier.



Pope Leo's Prayer Request for the month of December

Please pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East and Africa, will be blessed with peace, reconciliation and hope.

Year End Giving Reminder - if you are planning to give to the Church before year end so the donation appears on your 2025 Contribution statement, all donations must be made to your parish collection plate or post-marked in the mail by Dec 31. Credit cannot be given after the first of the year. We thank you for your continued and very generous support of our Archdiocese and four parishes. God's blessings for all this holiday season.

Any student enrolling in the sacramental class of 1st Holy Eucharist needs to have a copy of their Baptism on file with the office. Official documentation is needed before any other sacraments can be scheduled. Please call the office 620-364-5671 for more information or for help obtaining a baptismal certificate.

1st Communion will be held April 11 & 12, 2026

Prayers Needed to End Abortion at the KCK

Planned Parenthood - Christ the King parish hosts a monthly Mass, Rosary and Prayer Procession for Life **every third Saturday of the month** to pray to end abortion at the KCK Planned Parenthood on Leavenworth Road. 8am Bilingual Mass - Christ the King Church, 8:30am Rosary while Processing to Planned Parenthood. Additional prayer in front of the Planned Parenthood until 10am. Let's storm the heavens with prayer! Our Lady of Guadalupe, please intercede for us! All are welcome to join.

We are updating our prayer lists (**see new prayer heading requests**) below. If you would like to add a name(s) or if you know anyone that can be removed, please contact the office. Thank you!



Preparing for a New Baby: Taylor Akins, Willow Queotone, Shelby Spencer, Micah Tate

Preparing for Marriage:

Military Service: Master Sgt. John Edwards (Army), Lt. Erich Eifert (Air Force), Pvt. Jayden Fabray (Army), Staff Sgt. Noah Foster (Air Force), Pvt. Owen Szalsky (Army), Sgt. Tierney Woitas (Air Force)

Overseas: Michael Adams (Egypt), Sarah Fesperman (Italy), Trevin Myers (Tokyo), Dakota Ranallo (Osaka)

Special prayers: For those with no one to pray for them, the Holy Souls in purgatory and those that will die this day

Sick & Shut In: Brooklyn Allen, Donna Allen, Mick Allen, Sandra Austin, Jennifer Baldwin, Mike Baldwin, Dan Barlow, Carol Barnes, Rachel Barraza, Kavin Bazil, Alden Beyer, Sharon Beyer, Darlene Black, Debbie Black, Dominic Bowen, Toni Bowling, Jeri Boyer, Derrick & Marie Braden, Stewart Braden, Robert Brown, Denise Buffo, Paula Butler, Sean Callewaert, Ric Carson, John Caudle, Marcia Caudle, Mark Chester, Lois Christiansen, Ryne Cormode, Peggy Hegg Counts, Courtney Cowan, Robin Crane, Greg Crawford, Jerilyn Curtiss, Rhonda Davis, Brent Dean, Ken Decker, Cindy Dennison, Loyd Dennison, John Diaz, Dennis Doebele, Dorothy Duncan, Norman Eccles, Susan Faler, Frank Farrow, Lyle Fischer, Ronald Foster, Kelli Fraas, Liz Fraas, Mary Fraas, Aubrea Freeksen Jett Gast, Crystal Geary, Loren Gilmore, Chris Grow, Dan Gruber, Bob & Cindy Haight, Terri Halfmann, Rita Harper, Kristen Hayes, Darren Heinse, Cyndy Heinz, Stella Hernandez, Sallee Hess, Kyle Hinterweger, Anya Honse, Gabby Hudson, Karen Hudson, Jimmy Hugunin, Oliver Johnson, Steve Johnson, Kendall Jones, Carter Keehn, Kennedy Keehn, Molly Keehn, Paul Kirk, Marilyn Kirk, Phil Kirk, Jean Krause, Craig Latham, Shawn Lucca, Joyce Lutz, Luca McIntosh, Jody Mahoney, Shirley Marcotte, Jim Mast, Luella Masters, Breanna McBride, Willow McGlothlin, Tim McMillan, Mike Meats, Lily Miller, Tessa Miller, David Morgan, Linda Munoz, Jackie Myers, Heddy Neimeyer, Susan Newbolt, Gina Nowak, Ellen Ohl, Kathy Payne, Renee Pemberton, Harlee Perry, Diane Plumberg, Dean Pitt, Bob Powell, Cindy Powell, Michele Ramirez, Matt Rhea, Luca Riggs, Charlotte Roecker-Parson, Greg Ruff, David Russell, Michael Russell, Jourdin Rust, Linda Salava, Sam Sharon, Patty Shelly, Sarah Shove, Kelsie Son, Carolyn Smith, Judy Smith, Renee Smith, Becky Stapp, Leo Stice, Harold Swearinger, Alan Sweet, Keith Van Horn, Junelle Varvel, Haydn Ward, John Waner, Barbara Warner, Roselle Williams, Caitlyn Wright, Jeremy Young, Tom Young, Rodney Zike, Teressa Zink



Fr. Haganey's email: chaganey@archkck.org

We ask You, O Holy Spirit,
to make us ever more aware of those
who need us as advocates. Grant that
we may stand up and defend our small-
est brothers and sisters, those still in
the womb, who cannot speak or de-
fend themselves and who cannot pray
for their own life. Lead us to be their
voice. In your name we pray, Lord.

Amen



Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas' mission is to serve our neighbors of all faiths through Help, Hope and Hospitality. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Because of your gracious generosity during 2025, we were able to be the hands and feet of Christ every day. This past fiscal year we provided food assistance, housing & utility assistance, clothing & hygiene items, social work / case management meetings and summer kid's meals. As we move into the Christmas season, we ask, if you are able, to please open your hands and hearts and give a gift to the Christmas Collection to support the work of Catholic Charities. We also ask that you lift all the workers, volunteers and clients in prayer. May we continue to be the gift of Christ to all in the coming year. Thank you and God bless you - we could not do this without you!



Christmas well wishes can be sent care of:

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Welcome!

We are glad you are with us today and pray for your safe travels. If you're visiting and need help during your stay, please notify the office or contact Father directly. If you are new to the area and would like to join one of our parishes, please stop by or call the office to register you and your family.

What does the Immaculate Conception mean?

- ◆ It does NOT pertain to the Nativity or birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ◆ It does NOT pertain to Jesus' conception in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ◆ It DOES pertain to the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of Her mother, St. Anne, wherein Mary was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin by God's grace in view of the merits of Jesus Christ.



Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Dec 24 Christmas Eve
 4:00 pm St. Patrick
 6:00 pm St. Joseph
 Midnight Mass at St. Francis

Dec 25 Christmas Day
 10:00 am St. Teresa

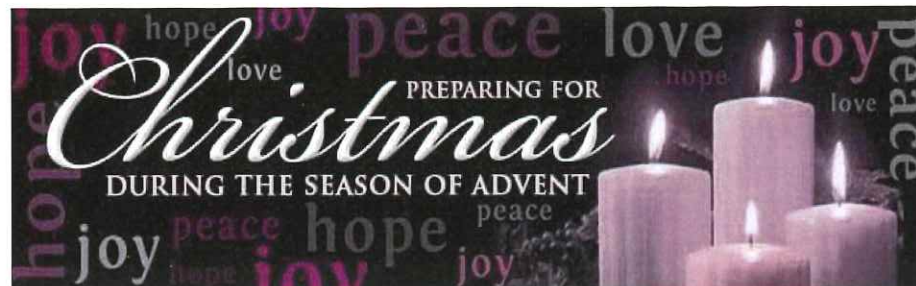
Masses for Holy Day of Obligation **Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**



Dec 31
 6:00 pm - St. Joseph

Jan 1
 10:00am - St. Teresa
 6:00 pm - St. Francis

This is a Holy Day of Obligation and with weather permitting, you are encouraged to attend Mass to start your new year off in prayer and thanksgiving.



Please mark your calendars to celebrate
 with our 4 parish communities:

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception **Holy Day of Obligation**

Dec 8	8:00 am	St. Teresa
	5:30 pm	St. Joseph
	7:00 pm	St. Francis

Advent Reconciliation Schedule

St. Francis Xavier - Tuesday, Dec 16

12:05pm - Mass
 6:30pm - Confessions until last penitent is heard

St. Joseph - Wednesday, Dec 17

6:00pm - Mass
 6:30pm - Confessions until last penitent is heard

St. Teresa - Thursday, Dec 18

8:30am - Mass
 6:30pm - Confessions until last penitent is heard

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will NOT be held
 at any parish during the week of Christmas and New Years
 but will resume again on January 7

St. Teresa Parish Announcements

The CCD Christmas program will be held after the 10am Mass on Sunday, Dec 14, in the church basement. Lunch will follow. We hope everyone can stay and join us!

Ministers	Saturday - Dec 6 - Mass 6:00pm
Lectors	Mick Blaufuss
Offertory	Westin Holloway Family
Eucharist	Robert Tastove
Ushers	Ken, Eric
Cross	Dixon
Servers	Parker, Kinsley
Ministers	Sunday - Dec 14 - Mass 10:00am
Lectors	Sarah Strawder
Offertory	Alton Ludolph Family
Eucharist	Irene Tastove
Ushers	Heath, Holly
Cross	Lane
Servers	Bristol, Raelynn
Ministers	Saturday - Dec 20 - Mass 6:00pm
Lectors	Holly Ellington
Offertory	Jeremy Ludolph Family
Eucharist	Rebecca Teter
Ushers	Eric, Holly
Cross	Cayden
Servers	Rylie, Nash
Dec	Laundry: Erin Splechter
Cleaning	Reva Pracht, Emily Brooks

St. Patrick Parish Announcements

Christmas Social & Decorating will follow Mass, Dec 20th. Come decorate for Christmas and enjoy fellowship. We thank you in advance for your stewardship in action.

We are still collecting food and personal care items for the local pantries. We would like to deliver before Dec. 20, please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

Ministers	Sat - Dec 6 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Chris Ulupano
Offertory	Mike & Cara Engelken
Ministers	Sat - Dec 13 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Sue Stringer
Offertory	Kenny & Cookie Rausch
Ministers	Sat - Dec 20 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Greg Hernandez
Offertory	Tom & JoAnn Johnson

St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

Thank you to everyone that participated in the Adopt-A-Family and Winter White Trees this year!

CCD Christmas Program will be held this Sunday, Dec 7 immediately following Mass.

Ministers	Sunday - Dec 7 - Mass 10:00am
Greeters	Dan & Susan Mueller
Offertory	Thomas & Kimbelry Robrahn
Lector	Theresa Martin
Eucharist	Donna Patterson
Sacristan	Leslie Mahoney
Cross Bearer	Nevaeh Myers
Servers 1 & 2	Andrew Matney, Joe Furse
Usher	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Rosary	Rosie Waner
Collection Count	Ryan & Wahlmeier
Hospitality	Chris & Andrea Jones
Ministers	Confirmation Mass - Dec 13 - 6pm
Offertory	St. Teresa Confirmation Candidates
Lector	Theresa Martin
Eucharist	Gennifer Birk
Sacristan	Gennifer Birk
Cross Bearer	Caleb Robrhan, Staff - Coy Holloway
Servers 1 & 2	Zack & Andrew Matney, Nash Moore
Hospitality	Reception in Hall following Mass
Ministers	Sunday - Dec 14 - Mass Noon
Greeters	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Offertory	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Lector	Leslie Mahoney
Eucharist	Amber Nolan
Sacristan	Gennifer Birk
Cross Bearer	Case Birk
Servers 1 & 2	Dexter Birk, Joe Furse
Usher	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Rosary	Donna Patterson
Collection Count	Jones & Robrahn
Hospitality	Damon & Gennifer Birk

St. Joseph Parish Announcements

The Church Renovation Project is Complete!!!

We are happy to announce that the glorious celebration and Sacrifice of Mass will once again take place in the church. We raise prayers of Thanksgiving to God and send out a special Thank You to everyone that donated and helped with this project. We couldn't have begun to imagine how lovely everything would turn out but God is good and the wait and effort was worth it!

Ministers	Sunday - Dec 7 - Mass 8:00am
Lectors	Lindsay Bartlett
Ushers	Marcus Stice, Andy Foltz
Offertory	David Foster Family
Eucharist	Diane Chapman
Servers	Alec Stice, Dustin Foster, Clayton Bartlett
Ministers	Sunday - Dec 14 - Mass 8:00am
Lectors	Jennifer Stukey
Ushers	Russ Stukey, John Lichtenauer
Offertory	Marcus Stice Family
Eucharist	Jennifer Stukey
Servers	Gavin Stice, Joseph Biggs, Alec Stice
Ministers	Sunday - Dec 21 - Mass 8:00am
Lectors	Lisa Litch
Ushers	Brian Barnhardt, Michael Drumm
Offertory	Plank Family
Eucharist	Lisa Litch
Servers	Clayton Bartlett, Dustin Foster, Alec Stice



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St. Francis Xavier

Friday, Jan 16

11am - 5pm

Schedule appointment: redcrossblood.org
Or contact

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courage to lovingly protect His
gift of human life at every stage,
in sickness and in health.*

- U.S. Catholic Bishops



**Next Resource
Bus Date**



Jan 7

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or until all items are distributed

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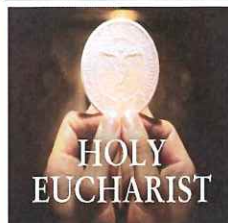
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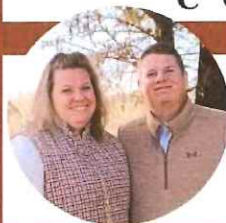
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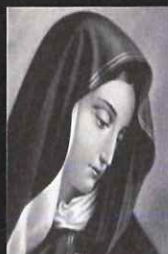
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