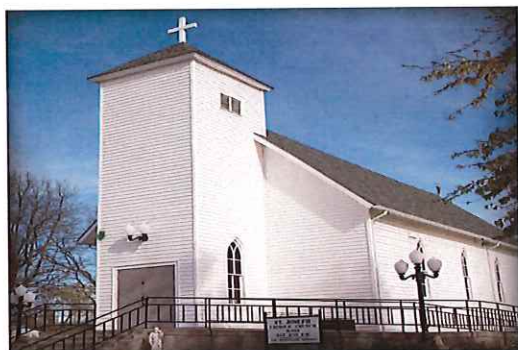




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Baptisms: Contact the office at least 1 month prior.

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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:

Altar Society:

Knights:

Religious Ed: Gennifer Birk

Summer VBS: Amber Nolan

Youth (7-12): Angela Myers

& YA Ministry: Diani 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

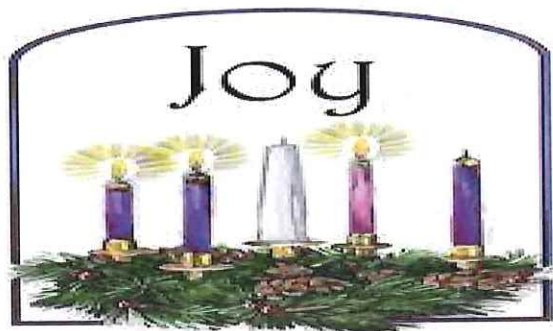
Red Cross & St. Francis Youth Group Blood Drives

Summer Totus Tuus & VBS programs

Rural Youth Ministry & Young Adult Programs

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec 13 & Dec 14, 2025



Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special Intention

Sat Dec 13

4:00pm SP + Bob McCay by Arleen Udelhofen
6:00pm SFX For all Confirmation Candidates

Sun Dec 14

8:00am SJ + Paul Austin by Dale & Sandra Kueser
10:00am ST For the people of all 4 parishes
10:45am SFX OCIA & Continuing Education
Note: Today is the last class for the year.
We will meet again on Jan 11
Noon SFX + Charlotta Merritt

Mon Dec 15 No Masses held today

Tues Dec 16

12:05pm SFX SI Angela Myers
6:30pm SFX **Advent Reconciliation**
Confessions until last penitent is heard

Wed Dec 17

6:00pm SJ + Louie & Mickey Collins by Robert & Maire Drumm
6:30pm SJ **Advent Reconciliation**
Confessions until last penitent is heard

Thurs Dec 18

8:30am ST SI Don Drumm
6:30pm ST **Advent Reconciliation**
Confessions until last penitent is heard

Fri Dec 19

12:05pm SFX + Jim Austin by Tim Austin Family

Sat Dec 20

4:00pm SP For the people of all 4 parishes
6:00pm ST + Margie Tastove by Tom & Becky Blaufuss

Sun Dec 21 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am SJ + Paul Austin by Dale & Sandra Kueser
10:00am SFX + Linda Drumm by Don Drumm

ADVENT

HOPE = PEACE = JOY = LOVE



Gaudete Sunday - REJOICE !!

Has the anticipation of Christmas begun to set in? or Has this year been one that has left you feeling drained and unmotivated? or Are you somewhere in between?

This weekend we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent also known as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* is derived from the Latin word "rejoice" which is the first word of the entrance antiphon this week at Mass:

"Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, Rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil. 4:4-5)

We also hear, the response Mary gave:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46-48)

What exciting scriptures! How can we not be filled with hope?!

As we center ourselves in prayer, let the words resonate deep in our hearts – Rejoice, the Lord IS Near – Rejoice in God My SAVIOR! Let the eager anticipation of the Christmas celebration begin to swell in your heart. You are given an opportunity to let out a cry of jubilation and it should start deep within. So, REJOICE in these last two weeks of Advent. May you begin to see and feel the joyful blessing of the coming of our Savior this Christmas. God bless us all!

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Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm St. Patrick
6:00pm St. Joseph
Midnight St. Francis

Dec 25 Christmas Day

10:00am St. Teresa

Masses for the Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Dec 31 6:00pm St. Joseph

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



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, Don Setter, Sam Sharon, Patty Shelly, Sarah Shove, Kelsie Son, Carolyn Smith, Judy Smith, Renee Smith, Becky Stapp, Leo Stice, Harold Swearingner, Alan Sweet, Keith Van Horn, Junelle Varvel, Haydn Ward, John Waner, Barbara Warner, Roselle Williams, Caitlyn Wright, Jeremy Young, Tom Young, Rodney Zike, Teresa Zink

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL



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!

*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths;
all shall see the salvation of God.*

- Luke 3: 4-6

REJOICE!



Christmas well wishes can be sent care of:

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. God bless you all!

Mass intentions are available

and now being taken for the 2026 year at all parishes. Dates are filling quickly, so contact the office if you have a specific date request. Each family can request 5 Masses to ensure everyone has access to intentions. Please place your Mass Intention in the collection basket at your parish or contact the office. Masses can be for special intentions or a memorial for friends or family and are entered on the calendar for the parish as they are received.

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Fr. Francis Hund
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Emporia, KS 66801

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9510 W. 127th Street
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Fr. George Rhodes
214 Juniatta Street
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Archdiocesan & Parish Announcements

Confirmation Reminder

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

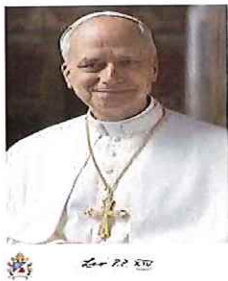
All Confirmandi and Sponsors should arrive to the church by 5:15pm. Pictures with Archbishop McKnight will begin at 5:30pm. A light reception will follow Mass in the parish hall for all Confirmed, their sponsors and guests and is sponsored by the ladies of the 4 Parish Altar Societies.

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed members of the Faith ...



Lukas Blaufuss, Bristol Brooks
Dixon Brooks, Parker Brooks
Cayden Davis, Aubrey Ellington
Gracyn Ellington, Kaelynne Moore, Hope
Pracht Tyler Rolf, Bree Schafer, Kale Schafer
Zachary Carver, Rebecca Barnhardt, Raegan
Barnhardt, Clayton Bartlett, Joseph Biggs
Addison Drumm, Heidi Foltz, Margaret Foltz
Kaiser Fraenza, Holden Fraenza, Gentry
Hermreck, Annabelle Lehmann, Collin Saffle
Alec Stice, Gavin Stice, Mason Turner, Peyton
Turner, Lily Allen, Caelb Birk, Case Birk, Dexter
Birk, Adelaide Clark, Kyra Decker, Charlotte
Dekat, Ian Dekat, Jonah Furse, Brock Hadley
Elise Matney, Sophia Matney, Samantha
Meyer, Kynslie Noonan, Tucker Skillman
Tom Vu, Garrett Ziegler, Taylor Jenson

Come Holy Spirit, Come!



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.

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

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



OCIA & Continuing Education is 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 14 - Class will meet at 10:45am
No Class - Dec 21, 28 or Jan 4

God's Storehouse is still collecting items for distribution and all donations 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.



Winter Season Updates

To prevent the spread of illness this season, we ask that if you are a scheduled Extraordinary Minister or an altar server and are not feeling well, please do not serve and contact someone else on the list as a replacement. If you or your family wants to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

Also, as the winter may bring the possibility of unsafe weather conditions, updates on the status of Masses for our 4 parishes will be found in Flock Note messages and on our 4 parish Facebook page. We ask that you check these various notifications but also ask that you protect yourself with good judgement for your driving area. God's blessings to all for safe travels during this upcoming wintertime.

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.



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 and is sponsored by the K of C. Please join us!

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
Ministers	Christmas Day - Dec 25 - Mass 10:00am
Lectors	Paul Falke
Offertory	Kenton Ludolph Family
Eucharist	Sarah Strawder
Ushers	Sarah, Heath
Cross	John
Servers	Ed, Hope
Dec	Laundry: Erin Splechter
Cleaning	Reva Pracht, Emily Brooks



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 and we will resume Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the new year. 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 - God is good and it 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



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 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
Ministers	Christmas Eve - Dec 24 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Amanda Garrett
Offertory	Tom & Ann Collins



St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

CCD Classes will resume again in January - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all families.

TGC Members - please watch for Flocknote & text updates on event registrations that will begin soon!

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
Ministers	Sunday - Dec 21 - 10:00am
Greeters	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Offertory	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Lector	Gennifer Birk
Eucharist	Gwen Birk
Sacristan	Andrea Jones
Cross Bearer	Nevaeh Myers
Servers 1 & 2	Adeline Skillman, Tucker Skillman
Usher	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Rosary	Leslie Mahoney
Collection Count	Mueller & Wahlmeier
Hospitality	None



**Give blood.
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St. Francis Xavier

Friday, Jan 16

11am - 5pm

Schedule appointment: redcrossblood.org

Or contact

Parish Office: 620-364-5671

*God grant us the wisdom and
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

9:30am to 1:30pm

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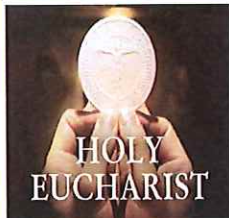
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