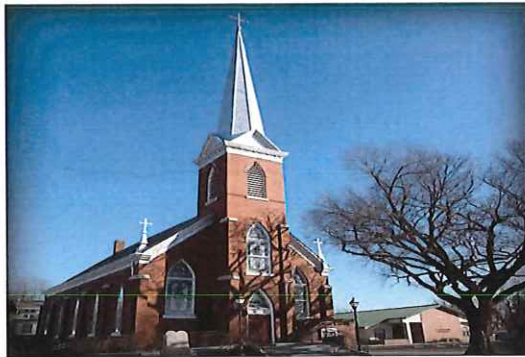
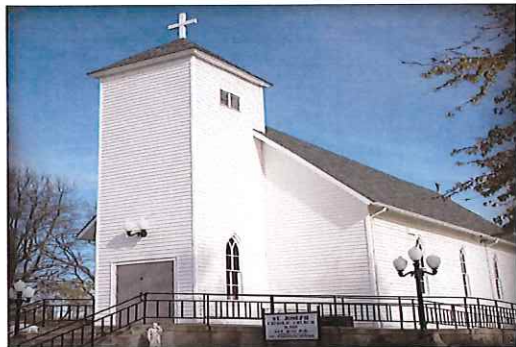




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Baptisms: Contact the office at least 1 month prior.

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.

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Knights:

Religious Ed: Richard Mahoney

Summer VBS: Gennifer Birk

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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



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!



4th Sunday of Advent

Dec 20 & Dec 21,
2025

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special Intention

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

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

Mon Dec 22 No Masses held today

Tues Dec 23

12:05pm SFX For all families

Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve

4:00pm SP + Flo Rahn by Tom & Ann Collins
6:00pm SJ + Paul Austin by Dale & Sandra Kueser
Midnight SFX + Joyce & Paul Haight

Thurs Dec 25 Christmas Day

10:00am ST For the people of all 4 parishes

Fri Dec 26 No Masses today



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Dec 27 & Dec 28,
2025

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special Intention

Sat Dec 27

4:00pm SP All living & deceased Jirak & Collins families by Tom & Ann Collins
6:00pm ST Francis & Irene Dieker

Sun Dec 28

8:00am SJ For the people of all 4 parishes
10:00am SFX SI for all Buffo & Ranallo Families

Mon Dec 29 No Masses held today

Tues Dec 30

12:05pm SFX SI Cyndy Heinz by Tom Heinz

Wed Dec 31

Vigil Mass - Solemnity Mary, Mother of God
6:00pm SJ + Linda & Dena Drumm by Bob & Marie Drumm

Thurs Jan 1

Holy Day - Solemnity Mary, Mother of God
10:00am ST SI Shirley Nolan by Altar Society
6:00pm SFX For the people of all 4 parishes

Fri Jan 2

12:05pm SFX + John Decker by Mary Sheridan



*"May we too be
in this world
a ray of that light
which shone forth
from Bethlehem,
bringing joy and
peace to the hearts
of all men and women."*
- Pope Francis



Prayer for the Year End

+ Dear Lord, thank you for this past year. Thank you for all the blessings you bestowed upon me. Thank you for being with me during all the trials and hardships I faced. Thank you for the gifts you gave me each day: my life, my family, my friends....even when I did not fully appreciate them. Grant that I may use what I have learned this past year to grow into the person that you have created me to be. Thank you, God for your goodness! You are always steadfast in your Love for me. I thank you for the past year of life and praise your holy name. Amen +

God's blessings for a
Merry Christmas
&
Wonderful New Year



Archdiocesan & Parish Announcements

Mark your calendars now for IGNITE for LIFE Rally on Jan 28 in Topeka. IGNITE for LIFE is a pro-life rally for the protection of preborn children and women facing challenging pregnancies. The event consists of live music, speakers and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass with the Bishops of Kansas. Following IGNITE, all are invited to join in the Kansas March for Life to the capitol for the Kansans for Life rally. IGNITE for Life will be held at the Topeka Performing Arts Center starting at 9am. The event is sponsored by the ArchKCK Pro-Life Office. To register for this FREE event, visit www.archkck.org/IGNITE. If you are unable to attend, we ask that you pray for ALL LIFE from conception to natural death. Thank you!



Catholic Charities will return, Wed, Jan 7 to St. Francis Xavier from 9:30am-1:30pm or until all items are gone. If you will need after hour pick up, please notify the office. Thank you!

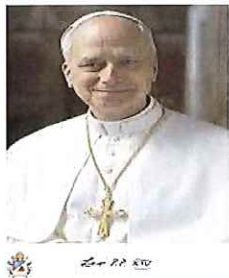
The Next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Friday, Jan 16 at the St. Francis Xavier parish hall from 11am – 5pm. **All blood types are needed and 32 donor spots are still open and donors are eligible to get a Free limited-edition Metallica Red Cross T-shirt when they donate as a regular or power-red donor.**



To schedule a donation or for more details, you can call 1-800-RED-CROSS, go to the Red Cross website www.redcrossblood.org, text youth coordinator Bella Matney 531-250-0909 or contact the 4 parish church office. Thank you in advance for helping us meet the donor goal and supporting the gift of Life!

CCD Classes have concluded for 2025 at each parishes - we thank all the families, teachers, volunteers and parish coordinators for a great first half of the year. Religious Education will begin again in January. We wish all families a blessed and safe Christmas & wonderful new year! See you again in 2026 !!

See you
next Year



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:

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.

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 Waitas (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 Freekrusen 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 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

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!

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord,
for our Savior has been born in the
world, true peace has come down*



Happy New Year!

Christmas well wishes can be sent care of:

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By the time we hear the gospel of the birth of Jesus, Mary had been through a lot! The most recent event of which is a visit by shepherds that were sent by angels. Scripture tells us that she *"kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."* While none of us will literally bring the Messiah into the world, we all have had

moments where God has touched our lives or used us to touch others. Do we take time to "keep all these things" or "reflect on them in our hearts"? When we fail to reflect, we can miss God's action in our lives. As the new year unfolds, consider how you might take time to recognize "God moments" and share time with the Lord. How will you offer thanksgiving to Jesus, Our Savior? Time in Adoration? Attending an extra Mass? Praying a daily Rosary? Feel free to contact Father if you want more guidance on your faith journey ... the Lord waits to share what He has planned for your life. Your "Yes" will be just as blessed in your life as Mary's was all those years ago.



Fr. George Rhodes
214 Juniatta Street
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The Blessing of the

FAMILY NATIVITY SET



In many cultures, it is tradition to prepare the Nativity set, but to place the figures of the Holy Family and the Magi apart from the set. As Christmas approaches the figures of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are placed closer and closer to the manger. Following Christmas, the figures of the Magi also move closer and closer to the manger stall, to be placed there on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Begin by gathering the family around the Nativity set or Christmas manger scene.

Sing together "Away in a Manger" and pray together the Sign of the Cross.

Then, offer the following prayer of blessing:

**God of all creation,
this Nativity set reminds us of Jesus,
whose birth was witnessed
by the stars in the sky,
and the animals in the field.**

(If you wish, invite the children to place around the crib the animals, angels, straw, and so on.)

**May this manger scene
remind us to prepare room
for Jesus to come into our home
and into our hearts
each and every day.**

**We ask this through
Christ our Lord.
AMEN.**





St. Teresa Parish Announcements

Reminder: Last weekend for the Christ Child gifts to be donated. Please bring your items to the church and we will deliver them. Thank you!

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
Ministers	Saturday - Dec 27 - Mass 6:00pm
Lectors	Brian Mader
Offertory	Brian Mader Family
Eucharist	Erin Splechter
Ushers	Brian, Ken
Cross	Lizzie
Servers	Kinsley, Ella
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 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
Ministers	Christmas Eve - Dec 24 - Mass 6:00pm
Lectors	Megan Drumm
Ushers	Darrell Combes, Russ Stukey
Offertory	Biggs Family
Eucharist	Pete Foltz
Servers	Joseph Biggs, Gavin Stice, Alec Stice
Ministers	Sunday - Dec 28 - Mass 8:00am
Lectors	Jennifer Stukey
Ushers	John Lichtenauer, David Foster
Offertory	Barnhardt Family
Eucharist	Terry Arb
Servers	Clayton Bartlett, Dustin Foster, Gavin 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.

Ministers	Saturday- 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
Ministers	Saturday - Dec 27 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Ann Collins
Offertory	Dean & Bonnie Stark



St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

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

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
Ministers	Midnight Mass - Dec 25
Greeters	Dan & Susan Mueller
Offertory	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Lector	Tim Austin
Eucharist	Leslie Mahoney
Sacristan	Tom Heinz
Cross Bearer	Caleb Robrahn, Incense: Case Birk
Servers 1 & 2	Dexter Birk, Tom Vu
Usher	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Rosary	None - Choir Music
Collection Count	Reynolds & Ryan
Hospitality	None
Ministers	Sunday - Dec 28 - 10:00am
Greeters	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Offertory	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Lector	Kara Reynolds
Eucharist	Andrea Jones
Sacristan	Leslie Mahoney
Cross Bearer	Zack Matney
Servers 1 & 2	Andrew Matney, Jonah Furse
Usher	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Rosary	Philip Beyer
Collection Count	Jones & Robrahn
Hospitality	None



**Give blood.
Give life. ♥**

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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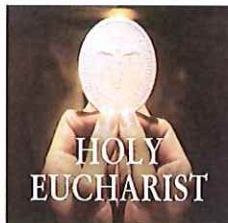
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