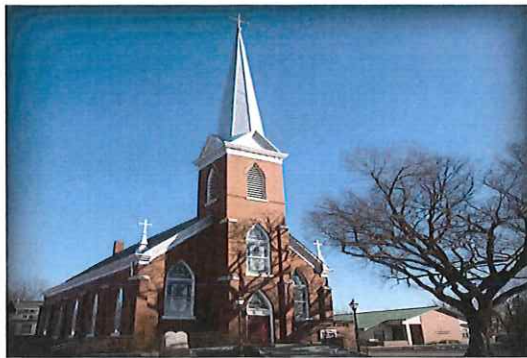
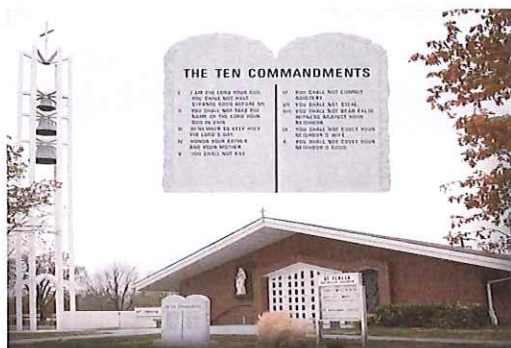




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Sacramental Preparation

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.

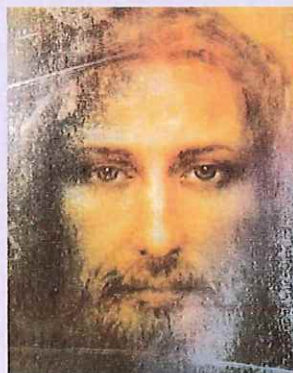
OCIA / Joining the Church: Contact Father or the office. Classes are held from September until Easter each year.

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Altar Society:		
Knights:	Richard Mahoney	
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Summer VBS:	Amber Nolan	
Youth (7-12)	Angela Myers	
& YA Ministry:	Diani Myers	
	<u>St. Teresa:</u>	<u>St. Patrick:</u>
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Pastoral Chair:	Wilma Setter	
Altar Society:	Wilma Setter	Joan Gagnon
Knights:	Heath Ohl	Glen Gagnon
Religious Ed:	Holly Ellington Reva Pracht	

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



1st Sunday of Lent

Feb 21 & Feb 22, 2026

One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
- Matthew 4:4

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special Intention

Sat Feb 21

4:00pm SP + Marie Jirak Davis by Jake & Allice Lickteig

6:00pm ST For all High School Students

Sun Feb 22

8:00am SJ For the people of all 4 parishes
10:00am SFX + Paul Austin by Tim & Katherine Austin
OCIA participants for Rite of Election

Mon Feb 23

No Masses held today

Tues Feb 24

12:05pm SFX + Illa Johnson by Stan & Janet Wahlmeier

Wed Feb 25

6:00pm SJ SI Derrick Braden

Thurs Feb 26

8:30am ST SI Trevin Myers

Fri Feb 27

2nd Friday of Lent

12:05pm SFX For all St. Francis Xavier families

5:00pm SJ **Lenten Reconciliation**

5:45pm SJ **Stations of the Cross**

Fish Fry immediately following Mass

Sat Feb 28

4:00pm SP + Brownie Hermreck by Jake & Alice Lickteig

6:00pm ST SI for all expectant mothers

Sun Mar 1

8:00am SJ SI for all expectant fathers
10:00am SFX For the people of all 4 parishes

Welcome to all Visitors!

We are glad you are with us today and pray for your safe travels. If you are visiting and need help during your stay, please notify the office or Fr. Rhodes 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 for St. Patrick and St. Francis Xavier are filling quickly. St. Teresa & St. Joseph have dates open. If you have a specific request, please contact the office so we can get your Mass(es) scheduled.

Why is Lent 40 days long?

The 40 days of Lent are the time that we spend in preparation for the celebration of Easter and the paschal mystery of Christ. It is also the way we may prepare ourselves to better imitate Christ, just like when "*Jesus fasted and prayed for 40 days and 40 nights in the desert before He began His public ministry (Matthew 4:2).*"

We can also go to the Bible to reflect with others who spent 40 days or even years in similar ways and know we do not walk alone.

- * In Exodus 24:12-18, we join Moses in his stay of 40 days on the mountain before receiving the Commandments.
- * In 1 Kings 19:1-21, Elijah has a preparation of 40 days and nights of walking before God speaks to him in a tiny whispering sound.
- * The whole people of Israel had 40 years of wandering between the exodus from Egypt and their entry into Canaan the Promised Land. The account of their wanderings are found in Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua.

May your 40 days of Lent lead you closer to Jesus!



Archbishop's Call to Share Campaign has begun for the 2026 year. When you receive your pledge cards, we ask that you please prayerfully consider what help you can give towards this annual Church-wide fundraising campaign. Your contribution provides the continued basis for projects and events for the Church of Northeast Kansas. If you are unable to donate, please mark your pledge card that you will continue to pray for the success of our Church and all its Endeavors as this also counts towards our total family participation percentage.

Thank you and God bless!

Parish	Goal	Donated	% or Parish Participating
St. Patrick	\$ 3,000	\$ 395	15 %
St. Joseph	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,775	9 %
St. Teresa	\$12,000	\$ 1,670	9 %
St. Francis	\$20,000	\$ 6,110	13 %

Archdiocesan & Parish Announcements



Catholic Charities will be **Wed, Feb 25** at St. Francis Xavier from 9:30am-1:30pm or until all items are gone. If you will need after hour pick up or would like to become a volunteer, please notify the office. Thank you!

Marriage Mini-Retreat at Sacred Heart, Shawnee, KS on Feb 28 from 9am - 3:30pm.

This mini-retreat is for every couple - newly married or married for decades. Based on the Relationship Attachment Model (RAM), the retreat includes talks, reflection time and private couple time designed to strengthen connection, communication and deepen understanding. This is a chance to pause, reconnect and be refreshed in a supportive, faith-filled setting. This is not group sharing or therapy. Cost is \$70/ couple and includes: snacks, lunch, and workbooks for each person. Register now at: <https://shoj.org/event-details?id=5484>

Lenten Retreat for Married Couples, Holy Spirit Church, Overland Park KS on March 7 from 10am - 3pm.

This is a mini-Lenten retreat for every couple to grow more deeply in couple prayer. The retreat uses inspiration from Ignatian tradition and St. John Paul II. Cost is \$30 / couple with lunch and materials provided. To register: <https://archkck.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3446649>

Totus Tuus is now accepting applications for Summer 2026 Missionaries.

Missionaries will travel to parishes spending a week at each running programs for children elementary during the day and teens during the evening, they will share in Christian community with the parishes they visit and participate in events while staying with host families. They will seek to give witness to their love for Christ and his Church. The team also strives to create Christian community with each other: praying, working, sharing and spending hours together for mutual support. This is a temporary 2month commitment (May 26-Aug 1). This includes 1 week of training and a 1 week break for the 4th of July. This is a great experience for those wanting to work in ministry, education or with children in any setting. Applicants must be 18 or older (by May), have an authentic, dynamic Catholic faith and be actively living the teachings of the Catholic Church. One year of college/work is preferred, but willing to consider mature high school graduates. Applications can be found at <https://archkck.org/family-kids/kids-teens/youth-formation/totus-tuus/> under "For Missionaries." Please share this information and pray for the program.

Pope Leo's Prayer Requests for the month of February

- ♦ **For all children with incurable diseases.** Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.
- ♦ **For Christian Unity around the world.**



Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph	Wed - 5:15 to 5:55pm
	Sun - 7:30 to 7:50am
St. Patrick	Sat - 3:30 to 3:50pm
St. Teresa	Sat - 5:30 to 5:50pm
St. Francis	Sun - 9:30 to 9:50am



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.* +

Psalm 51

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 will meet again on the Sundays of March 1 & 8 in preparation for Easter.

Please continue to pray for our OCIA candidates that are finishing with their last few weeks of preparations and studies. May the Holy Spirit continue to bless and guide them.

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.



Women's Magnify Retreat will be held at Prairie Star Ranch March 6 to 8th. The theme this year is Empty Vessels and the retreat will have speakers and Fr. Edward Ahn will be our spiritual father for the week-end. The retreat will feature multiple confession times with several priests available, chanted Liturgy of the Hours, Holy Mass each day, five delicious meals, leisure activity supplies, opportunity for Pietra Fitness, guest speakers and all lodging / fees are included. Check in will be March 6 early evening and depart March 8 around noon. Registration can be found on <https://www.mag90.com/retreats> For questions email: kaylene@mag90.com

Runnin' With the Revs Games All are invited to cheer on their favorite priest or student player at the Runnin' with the Revs basketball games on **March 9 at 7pm** at St. Thomas Aquinas High School or **April 17th at 7pm** at Hayden High School. Priests will be teamed up with 8th grade and high school students from our Catholic schools in an exciting game of basketball. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this fun event. Donations will benefit our seminarians. We hope you can join us!



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, Alexis Spears, Shelby Spencer, Micah Tate

Baby in NICU: Hayes William (3lbs, 7 weeks early)

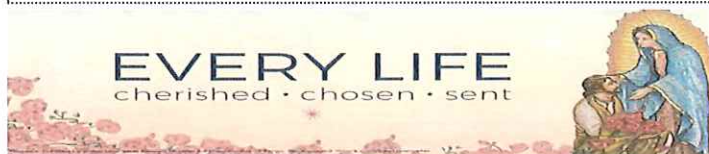
OCIA Candidates: Bryna Faimon

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), 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, Katherine Austin, Sandra Austin, Jennifer Baldwin, Mike Baldwin, Dan Barlow, Carol Barnes, Rachel Barraza, Kavin Bazil, Alden Beyer, Darlene Black, Debbie Black, Dominic Bowen, Toni Bowling, Jeri Boyer, Derrick & Marie Braden, Stewart Braden, Robert Brown, 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, Jerilynn Curtiss, Rhonda Davis, Brent Dean, Ken Decker, Cindy Dennison, Loyd Dennison, John Diaz, Dennis Doebele, Dorothy Duncan, Kim Dunaway, 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, Kelsey Lyon, Luca McIntosh, Jody Mahoney, Shirley Marcotte, John Massoth, 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, Louise Ohl, Kathy Payne, Renee Pemberton, Harlee Perry, Diane Plumberg, Dean Pitt, Bob Powell, Cindy Powell, Michele Ramirez, Matt Rhea, Luca Riggs, Charlotte Roecker-Parson, Addysen Roney, 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, River Rose Stuart, Harold Swearingen, 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



The Knights of Columbus are now collecting dues of \$30 per gentleman or \$10 per student, 18yrs and older. Please mail the dues to the office or contact your parish Knights of Columbus directly at the parish: St. Patrick, Glen Gagnon, St. Teresa, Heath Ohl, St. Francis Xavier, John Cuffe

The St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus are currently sponsoring the **40 Cans for Lent Challenge**. Bring in 40 canned food items - or as many as you can - during Lent to support the pantry at God's Storehouse. Items can be placed in the donation tubs in the back of church. The Knights thank you in advance for your support of this endeavor.

Mark your calendars now

St. Patrick Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Sunday - March 15
11am - 2pm
St. Patrick Church, Emerald



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What is the 1st Pillar of Lent?

The first pillar of Lent is Prayer

Prayer can help us to know what our "calling" is and to grow closer to Jesus. Prayer also helps us to become more responsive to those around us, to "die to self" to help those around us. You are asked to find ways to pray often during Lent.

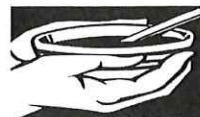
Here are a few suggestions:

- + Gather with your family or friends to identify those in need of "prayer help" in your parish, community, world or family itself.
- + Read aloud one of the Church's Readings for Lent with your family before one meal each week during the season of Lent.
- + Gather at home to say a family Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy or read from the Bible and allow each person in the family to lead during this prayer time.
- + Attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament or Stations of the Cross together and focus on growing closer to Jesus.

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PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Lenten Rice Bowl Collection Boxes will be available starting this weekend at each parish. Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, inviting you to live in solidarity with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. If you can, please participate in this Almsgiving which is the 3rd pillar of Lent. Thank you!

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St. Teresa Parish Announcements

Ministers	Saturday - Feb 21 - Mass 6:00pm
Lector	Brian Mader
Offertory	Jess Rockers Family
Eucharist	Erin Splechter
Ushers	Brian, Sarah
Cross	Coy
Servers	Bristol, Gracyn
Ministers	Saturday - Feb 28 - Mass 6:00pm
Lector	Erin Splechter
Offertory	Monica Rolf Family
Eucharist	Jaden Teter
Ushers	Ken, Sarah
Cross	Landon
Servers	RaeLynn, Kaelynn
Ministers	Saturday - March 7 - Mass 6:00pm
Lector	Jeff True
Offertory	Ethan Schillig Family
Eucharist	Margie Highberger
Ushers	Heath, Holly
Cross	Tyler
Servers	Preston, Lucas
February Cleaners	Monica Rolf, Laurie Goracke, Pam Ludolph, Diane Scott

St. Patrick Parish Announcements

Women's Faith group meets at 9am or 6pm the 4th Monday of each month. All 4 parish ladies are invited to join the time that fits their schedule.

Ministers	Saturday - Feb 21 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Judy Broyles
Offertory	Sue McCay & Family
Ministers	Saturday - Feb 28 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Dusty Rubick
Offertory	Amanda Garrett & Family
Ministers	Saturday - March 7 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Chris Ulupano
Offertory	Mike & Cara Engelken

St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Please mark your calendars for the next Parish Breakfast March 1 following CCD Sunday. Please join us!

Ministers	Sunday - Feb 22 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	Jennifer Stukey
Ushers	Michael Drumm, David Foster
Offertory	Thimmesch Family
Servers	Dustin Foster, Clayton Bartlett, Alec Stice
Ministers	CCD Sunday - March 1 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	CCD Students
Ushers	CCD Students
Offertory	CCD Students
Servers	Gavin Stice, Joseph Biggs, Dustin Foster
Ministers	Sunday - March 8 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	Lisa Litch
Ushers	Darrell Combes, Russ Stukey
Offertory	Michael Drumm Family
Servers	Clayton Bartlett, Gavin Stice, Joseph Biggs

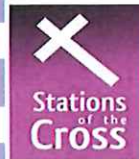
Mark your Calendars Now for these Fridays in Lent

5:45pm Stations of the Cross

March 6 St. Francis

5pm Confessions, 5:45pm Stations

Followed by Fish Fry



Feb 27 St. Joseph
March 13 St. Francis
March 20 St. Teresa
March 27 St. Patrick



REMINDER: Lenten Abstinence on all Fridays of Lent, all Catholics (in good health), 14yrs of age and older, are to abstain from eating meat.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

Help Needed: Ladies are asked to bring desserts/salads to the hall by 5pm on March 13 for the Fish Fry meal. Clean-up volunteers are also needed after the meal. Thank you!

Ministers	Sunday - Feb 22 - 10:00am
Greeters	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Offertory	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Lector	Kara Reynolds
Eucharist	Leslie Mahoney
Sacristan	Gennifer Birk
Cross Bearer	Adeline Skillman
Servers 2,3,4	Tucker Skillman, Tom Vu
Usher	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Rosary	Donna Patterson
Collection Count	Mueller, Wahlmeier
Hospitality	Gwen & Jeff Birk
Ministers	Sunday - March 1 - 10:00am
Greeters	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Offertory	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Lector	Donna Patterson
Eucharist	Andrea Jones
Sacristan	Andrea Jones
Cross Bearer	Nevaeh Myers
Servers 1 & 2	Jonah Furse, Joe Furse
Usher	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Rosary	Leslie Mahoney
Collection Count	Reynolds, Ryan
Hospitality	TGC Fundraiser Breakfast
Ministers	Sunday - March 8 - 10:00am
Greeters	Dan & Susan Mueller
Offertory	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Lector	Kim Beyer
Eucharist	Donna Patterson
Sacristan	Tom Heinz
Cross Bearer	Caleb Robrahn
Servers 1 & 2	Zack Matney, Andrew Matney
Usher	Stan & Janet Wahlmeier
Rosary	Rosie Waner
Collection Count	Jones, Robrahn
Hospitality	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn



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Feb 25

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