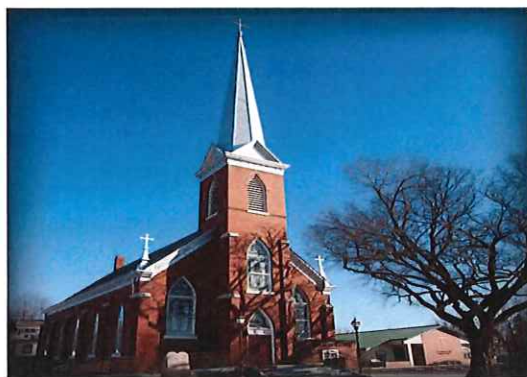
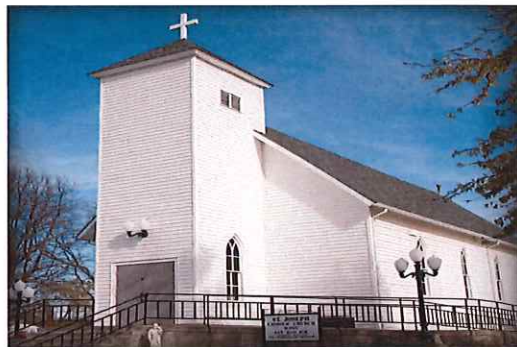




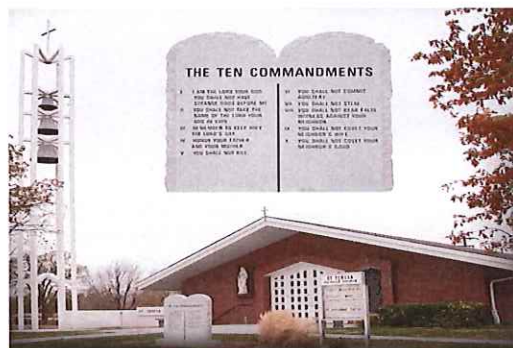
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Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Contact the office at least 1 month prior.

1st Holy Eucharist: Contact office or Father 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 through out the year.

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Diani Myers

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Lindsay Chapman

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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

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept 26 & 27, 2026

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special Intention

Sat Sept 26

4:00pm SP For the people of all 4 parishes

Sun Sept 27

8:00am SJ + Pam Clarkson by Perry & Diane Chapman

9:30am ST + Chuck Woods

11:00am SFX + John Waner by Family

There will be no daily Masses celebrated at any parish this week. Father Rhodes will be attending the Archdiocesan Priest's Convocation. Please pray for Father and all his brother priests as they meet to grow in faith and join in fellowship. May they all experience a renewal of strength in spirit and joy in the vocation.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will continue as scheduled.

If you have a sacramental emergency,
please call the office 620-364-5671 or 620-757-6824.

God bless you all!



1st Communion Families

If you have a student entering 2nd grade or making the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist this year, the office **MUST HAVE** a copy of their baptism certificate turned in or pulled from our archives. For help or information in obtaining the Baptism record from one of our 4 parishes or another location, contact Angela or Cyndy at the office Tues - Fri or email directly office@4catholicck.org. The baptism must be on file before any other sacraments can be scheduled.



THE LEAVEN

Subscriptions for The Leaven are now due for each parish. Every family / address receives a copy of the Archdiocesan newspaper and is asked, if they can, to help off-set the cost by donating directly to the parish. If you have an envelope collection box, you will find a Leaven envelope inside. A yearly subscription rate is \$28.00. What the parish does not collect we will pay out directly, so whatever you can give, we appreciate the help. If you are not receiving The Leaven and would like to, please contact the office. Thank you!

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct 3 & Oct 4, 2026

Mass Intentions: + Memorial SI – Special Intention

Please Welcome our visiting priest, Father Gaffney as he celebrates our Masses this weekend

Sat Oct 3

4:00pm SP For the unborn & end to abortion

Sun Oct 4

8:00am SJ For the people of all 4 parishes

9:30am ST + Herman & Lovina Dieker by Donna Dieker

11:00am SFX + Paul Austin by Rick & Peg Mechnig

Mon Oct 5 No Masses today.

Tues Oct 6

12:05pm SFX + Duane Young

7:00pm SFX OCIA - St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

Wed Oct 7

6:00pm SJ SI Kevin Thimmesch by Pauline Freund

Thurs Oct 8 No daily Masses today.

Fri Oct 9

12:05pm SFX All deceased Hoffman family members

OCIA & Continuing Education Class

For those who desire to join the Catholic Church, our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) **formation meets again on Tuesday, Oct 6.** The meeting will take place at the St. Francis Xavier parish hall at 7pm.

Those who wish to join the Church will have a full year-long process in the OCIA formation program and we look forward to meeting you!

These formation sessions will include catechesis on the Church's teachings and practices. OCIA meetings will be open to anyone High School and older and especially to Catholics who simply want to learn more about their faith. Meetings will generally be Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm, with more detailed schedules to come.

Please reach out to Father with any questions.

Feast of the Archangels is Celebrated Sept 29

St. Michael means "Who is like God?" and is mentioned four times in the Bible. **St. Gabriel** means "Strength of God" is also mentioned four times in the Bible and appeared to Our Lady. **St. Raphael** means "Healing of God" is mentioned only once in the Bible as the archangel who accompanied a blind man named Tobit on a journey.

Holy angels of God, pray for us. Amen.

Archdiocesan & Parish Announcements

53rd Annual Mexican Supper will be held at Sacred Heart, Emporia, KS on **Friday, Oct 2 from 4:30 – 7pm**. Meal includes: 2 fried or soft tacos, rice, chips, homemade salsa, desserts and a drink. Drive Through, Carry Out or Dine-in options are available. All proceeds go to support Sacred Heart Catholic School. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased from Riley or Meghan Morgan at 620-203-1179. Or for more information or to reserve tickets call Sacred Heart Catholic School directly 620-343-7394.



Catholic Charities Mobile Bus will return to St. Francis Xavier parish hall on Wed, Oct 7 from 9:30am - 1:30pm or until all items are distributed. Please share in our community and notify the office if you need to schedule a pickup. Milk, eggs and other supplies will be available. New Volunteers are welcome!

Jason Evert Retreat will be held on Oct 7 from 6-9pm at St. Michael the Archangel parish, Leawood. His presentation "Purified" is a retreat-style experience designed to help families discover God's beautiful plan for love, identity, and the human person. This "Double Feature" evening brings together two of Jason Evert's most impactful talks, combined with a period of prayer and reflection, to help transform the way your family views relationships. Tickets are \$25 per person. What's included? Every attendee leaves with a large bundle of books and resources (valued at over \$20) to help your family continue these important conversations at home. For more information or to register, go to: <https://chastityproject.ticketspice.com/leawood-ks>

The Camp Tekakwitha Women's Retreat

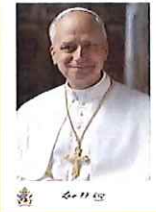
brings women into the life-giving, Christ-centered, and naturally beautiful experience of Camp Tekakwitha. Women can expect to experience sacraments, community, outdoor adventure, relaxing scenery, and a slow-down from busy lives. For the last 10 years, we have developed this retreat into something worthwhile and truly unique. Women from all over the area seeking time with Jesus, nature, and other like-minded women are welcome! **Join us Oct 16-18** at Prairie Star Ranch. For more details and information, please see our website: <https://psrcatholic.org/calendar/womens-retreat>



Marriage Encounter Weekend Going through a change of seasons in your marriage - new baby or career, emptying nests, aging parents? Register today for an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend to embrace the changes while falling in love all over again. For more info or to register for then next **Oct 23-25 weekend**, please visit www.WWME.org or call 816-286-4557.

Pope Leo's Prayer Requests for Oct

- ♦ **For interreligious collaboration.** We pray that different religious traditions act as bridges and a unifying force for the common good rather than walls or weapons.
- ♦ **For the faithful to pray the Holy Rosary for Peace.** We pray the Rosary daily throughout the month to seek peace for a world wounded by war and division.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Joseph	Wed - 5:15 to 5:45pm
	Sun - 7:30 to 7:50am
St. Francis	Sat - 2:00 to 2:45pm
St. Patrick	Sat - 3:30 to 3:50pm



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



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. Fall and winter clothes and coats in good condition are welcome. For information or to volunteer, contact Janet Wahlmeier.

Salt of the Earth

Covenant obedience to the whole law as Jesus preached it.

Light of the World

People will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The personal character of the beatitudes shaped in the light of the cross

Welcome to all Visitors! We are glad you have joined 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 four parishes, please stop by Tues-Friday or call the office 620-364-5671 to register you and your family.

St. Joseph Parish Announcements

Hospitality Sunday will be held on Oct 4 following Mass in the parish hall. Everyone is invited to join us!

Can you help? Ushers for Sunday Mass are needed. We encourage all father/sons and anyone that would like to help. Contact the office to be added to the list.

Ministers	Sunday - Sept 27 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	Megan Drumm
Ushers	Brian Barnhardt, John Lichtenauer
Offertory	Piper Family
Servers	Alec Stice, Dustin Foster, Clayton Bartlett
Ministers	Sunday - Oct 4 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	Jennifer Stukey
Ushers	Michael Drumm, Russ Stukey
Offertory	Biggs Family
Servers	Dustin Foster, Gavin Stice, Joseph Biggs
Ministers	Sunday - Oct 11 - Mass 8:00am
Lector	Lindsay Chapman
Ushers	Andy Foltz, David Foster
Offertory	Saffle Family
Servers	Gavin Stice, Alec Stice, Leo Stice

St. Patrick Parish Announcements

St. Patrick Workday - Saturday, Sept 26 from 8am to Noon. All available parishioners are asked to assist. The Altar Society will host a Pizza Party to celebrate a job well done following the 4pm Mass that evening. We hope to see you there!

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 - Sept 26 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Sue Stringer
Offertory	Sue McCay & Family
Ministers	Saturday - Oct 3 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Greg Hernandez
Offertory	Jake & Alice Lickteig
Ministers	Saturday - Oct 10 - Mass 4:00pm
Lector	Amanda Garrett
Offertory	Tom & JoAnn Johnson

We celebrate the Feasts of these he Saints in October

Oct 4 - St. Francis of Assisi - St. Francis of Assisi is remembered for his love of creation. Pray the Cantic of the Sun as a family.

Oct 5 - St. Faustina Kowalska - St. Faustina had apparitions of Jesus Christ which inspired the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with your family.

Oct 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary - this feast invites us to rediscover the beauty that is the Rosary. Families are asked to pray a decade of the Rosary together.



Prayer of Spiritual Adoption of an Unborn Child

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.
Amen

- Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



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: Madeline Adams, Diana Banta, Sydney Pabon, Aubrey Patrona, Sydnee Szalsky, Grace Schlittler, Rachel Wilkins

Preparing for Marriage:

Military Service: Master Sgt. John Edwards (Army), Cpt. Erich Eifert (Air Force), Pvt. Jayden Fabray (Army), Staff Sgt. Noah Foster (Air Force), Bella Matney (Basic - Army), Pvt. Owen Szalsky (Army), 1st Lt. Garrett True (Air Force), 2nd Lt. Tierney Woitas (Air Force)

Overseas: Michael Adams (Egypt), Sarah Fesperman (Italy), Dakota Ranallo (Osaka), Dustin & Christina Chapman & family (Germany)

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, Kevin Bazil, Alden Beyer, Darlene Black, Debbie Black, Lyndon Blackwell, Dominic Bowen, Toni Bowling, Jeri Boyer, Derrick & Marie Braden, Stewart Braden, Robert Brown, Paula Butler, Sean Callewaert, Norma Carrasco, Ric Carson, John Caudle, Marcia Caudle, Patricia Cesario, Mark Chester, Ryne Cormode, Courtney Cowan, Robin Crane, Greg Crawford, Jerilyn Curtiss, Mark Davidson, Rhonda Davis, Ken Decker, John Diaz, Dennis Doebele, Kim Dunaway, Norman Eccles, Linus Engelken, Susan Faler, Frank Farrow, Lori Flood, Ronald Foster, Liz Fraas, Mary Fraas, Aubrea Freeksen, Jett Gast, Crystal Geary, Lila Caralynn-Mae Gifford, Loren Gilmore, Dan Gruber, Shaunette Guidry, Bob & Cindy Haight, Terri Halfmann, Rita Harper, Kristen Hayes, Darren Heinse, Stella Hernandez, Sallee Hess, Kyle Hinterweger, Gabby Hudson, Oliver Johnson, Steve Johnson, Kendall Jones, Carter Keehn, Kennedy Keehn, Molly Keehn, Paul Kirk, Marilyn Kirk, Phil Kirk, Lou Ann Korbe, Jean Krause, Craig Latham, Chris Leary, Shawn Lucca, Joyce Lutz, Kelsey Lyon, Luca McIntosh, Jody Mahoney, John Massoth, Jim Mast, Luella Masters, Sam Matthews, Breanna McBride, Willow McGlothlin, Tim McMillan, Mike Meats, Lily Miller, Tessa Miller, David Morgan, Matt Mullins, Linda Munoz, Heddy Neimeyer, Susan Newbolt, Jim Nolan, Shirley Nolan, Gina Nowak, Ellen Ohl, Louise Ohl, Kasten Payer, Kathy Payne, Renee Pemberton, Harlee Perry, Charlie Pilkington, Diane Plumberg, Dean Pitt, Cindy Powell, Michele Ramirez, Anthony Ranallo, Lindy Ranallo, Matt Rhea, Debbie Rife, Luca Riggs, Charlotte Roecker-Parson, Addysen Roney, Greg Ruff, David Russell, Michael Russell, Jourdin Rust, Linda Salava, Scott Scheve, Don Setter, Sam Sharon, Patty Shelly, Sarah Shove, Kelsie Son, Carolyn Smith, Judy Smith, Renee Smith, Becky Stapp, Leo Stice, River Rose Stuart, Harold Swearingner, Sam Taylor, Mike True, Junelle Varvel, Haydn Ward, Barbara Warner, Caitlyn Wright, Jeremy Young, Sara Young, Rodney Zike, Teresa Zink

St. Teresa Parish Announcements

CCD has started and is held after Mass. Contact Holly Ellington or Sarah Strawder for more information.

Ministers	Sunday - Sept 27 - 9:30am
Lector	Margie Highberger
Eucharist	Irene Tastove
Cross	Dixon
Servers	Parker, Hope
Ministers	Sunday - Oct 4 - 9:30am
Lector	Eric Ervin
Eucharist	Sarah Strawder
Cross	Aubrey
Servers	Kinsley, Bristol
Ministers	Sunday - Oct 11 - 9:30am
Lector	Sarah Strawder
Eucharist	Erin Splechter
Cross	Nash
Servers	Gus, Ed
Oct Cleaners	Rita Dieker, Nancy Hess, Mika Mader Christina Eye



October is Respect Life Month & Celebration of the Holy Rosary



Mary's "Yes Lord" changed the world because her gift of life brought us the Savior! We pray for all Life this month, especially those without voices to cry out for help for themselves.

We also pray the rosary to Mary, the all-holy, ever-virgin Mother of God, for she is the master worker of the mission of the Son and the Spirit in the fullness of time. With Mary we see for the first time in the plan of salvation - because His Spirit had prepared her - God the Father found the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. In this sense the Church's Tradition has often read the most beautiful texts on wisdom in relation to Mary. Mary is acclaimed and represented in the liturgy as the "Seat of Wisdom." CCC 721.

We pray to Mary for the blessing to know her son, Jesus Christ, more intimately by reflecting on the life of Christ through the decades as we pray the Rosary and especially the Rosary for Life.

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St. Francis Xavier Parish Announcements

If you would like to donate to the John I. Waner Memorial please contact the office or drop a plain envelope labeled with the memorial in the collection. Thank you.

Ministers	Sunday - Sept 27 - Mass 11:00am
Greeters	Kara Reynolds
Offertory	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Lector	Leslie Mahoney
Eucharist	Leslie Mahoney
Sacristan	Tom Heinz
Cross Bearer	Caleb Robrahn
Servers 1 & 2	Case Birk, Dexter Birk
Usher	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Rosary	Rosie Waner
Collection Count	Mueller & Robrahn
Hospitality	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Ministers	Sunday - Oct 4 - Mass 11:00am
Greeters	Thomas & Kimberly Robrahn
Offertory	Damon & Gennifer Birk
Lector	Kara Reynolds
Eucharist	Andrea Jones
Sacristan	Leslie Mahoney
Cross Bearer	Adeline Skillman
Servers 1 & 2	Tucker Skillman, Tom Vu
Usher	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Rosary	Angela Myers
Collection Count	Wahlmeier & Reynolds
Hospitality	Chris & Andrea Jones
Ministers	Sunday - Oct 11 - Mass 11:00am
Greeters	Dan & Susan Mueller
Offertory	Jeff & Gwen Birk
Lector	Gennifer Birk
Eucharist	Gennifer Birk
Sacristan	Andrea Jones
Cross Bearer	Nevaeh Myers
Servers 1 & 2	Zack Matney, Andrew Matney
Usher	Damon Birk & Kim Beyer
Rosary	Susan Mueller
Collection Count	Ryan & Jones
Hospitality	TGC Fiesta Dinner Fundraiser

We pray a rosary this week for all those persecuted for following and speaking the truth of Jesus Christ and living their lives boldly as a testimony to the faith. When they grow weary of fighting the good fight, Lord, may they have the blessing of strength to continue to share the Good News of your Son. We ask that we too may be bold and courageous, so that everyone we encounter will know we are Christians by our words, our lives and our love. In your Holy Name we pray, Amen.





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Friday, Nov 6

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