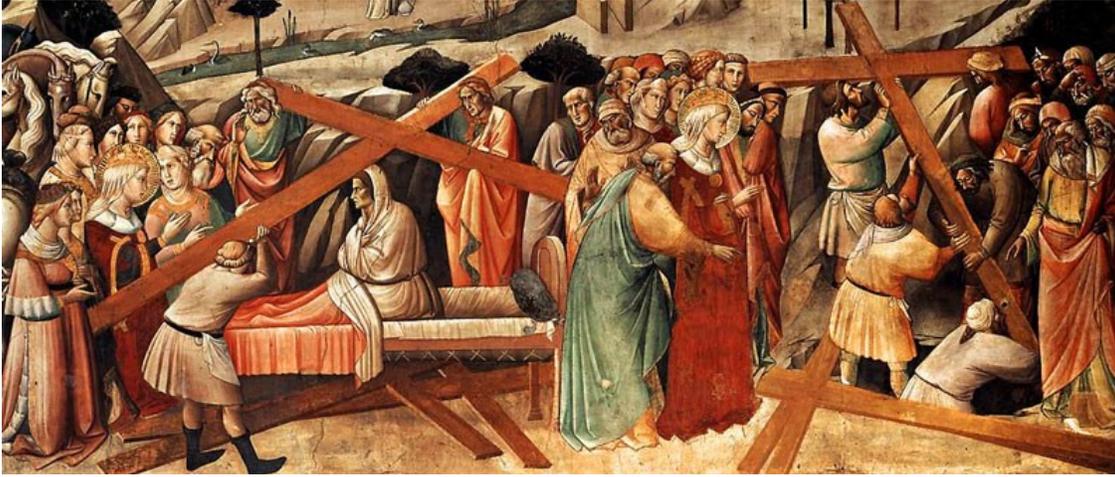


# Jackson County Catholic Community



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14th, 2025

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

The Gospel for today's feast also stresses the themes of Jesus' humility and exaltation that were seen in the second reading. On one hand, Jesus alludes to the divine condescension accomplished in the incarnation. On the other hand, he alludes to his being lifted up on the cross.

With his reference to the bronze serpent in the desert that we hear about in today's first reading, Jesus draws a direct comparison between the lifting up of the bronze serpent and his own exaltation on the cross. Like the bronze serpent, Jesus is a sign for humanity. When we contemplate Jesus on the cross, we are reminded of our transgressions, which nailed Jesus to the cross. At the same time, it is through Jesus being lifted up on the cross that we are healed.

There are also important differences between the bronze serpent and Jesus. The bronze serpent does not effect healing on its own; rather, it is God who heals as the ancient Israelites look upon the sign placed before them. Conversely, Jesus' death on the cross does effect a transformation in all of humanity. Furthermore, unlike Moses' miracle, which extended immortal life, Jesus' death on the cross grants eternal life to all who accept it.

Salvation is not a passive gift that we receive simply by looking at a crucifix. Our active reception of the gift is necessary for us to have a share in the salvation Jesus offers from the cross. Jesus extends this gift to all the world; he did not come to condemn the world but to save it. When we profess this belief, we accept the gift of salvation that Jesus is giving us. Those who do not accept the gift bring condemnation upon themselves. Through our liturgical observance today, we honor Christ's cross as the symbol of our salvation and proclaim our faith to all the world.

~Maria E. Barga, PHD, MPHIL, MA

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### OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m. Tues.~Thurs.

9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

### PARISH STAFF:

**Pastoral Associate:** S. Dyann Parks

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Vera Rioux (St. FX)

### WEEKDAY MASS Schedule:

**St. Francis Xavier:**

8:30 a.m. ~ Tues., and Thurs.

**St. Dominic:**

5:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday

8:30 a.m. ~ Friday

### WEEKEND MASS Schedule:

**Saturday Vigil**

5:30 p.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

**Sunday**

7:00 a.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

8:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m. ~ @ Our Lady of Snows

10:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

### CONFESSION Schedule:

**Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.** @ St. Dominic

**Weekends, 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass**

(excluding 7:00 a.m. Mass)

### ADORATION Schedule:

**Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.** @ St. Dominic

**BAPTISM:** Those requesting baptism

for their children need to be registered

parishioners. Preparation classes are

required for parents and Godparents

prior to event.

**MARRIAGE:** Preparation begins

with initial consult with parish priest.

Please allow at least six months notice to

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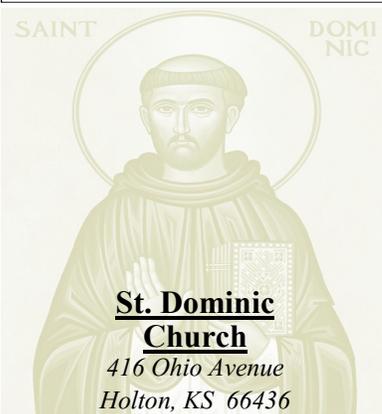
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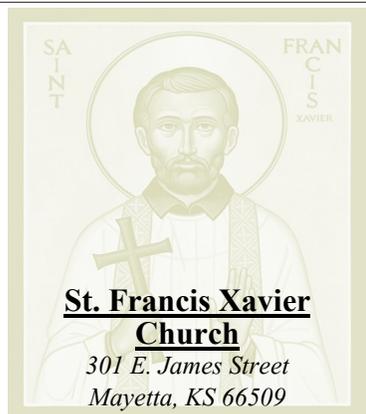
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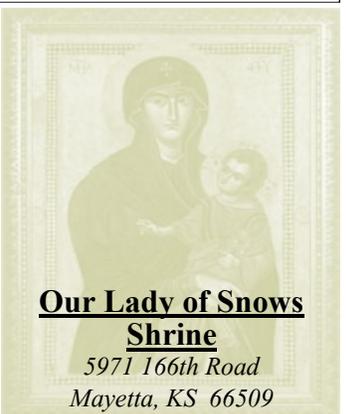
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416 Ohio Avenue  
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**St. Francis Xavier Church**

301 E. James Street  
Mayetta, KS 66509



**Our Lady of Snows Shrine**

5971 166th Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. 20th & 21st	Sat. 09/20 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 09/21@ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 09/21 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 09/21@ 10:30 am SD
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Wanda Weldin		Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvick
<b>MUSIC</b>	Kenneth Kietzman Dyann Parks		Kenneth Kietzman Marguerite M., Alysse Burns	Robin Sides Kenneth Kietzman
<b>LECTOR</b>	Vickie Pruett	Lori Sohn	Zach King	Mike Tanking
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Rick & Katie Heinen	Galen Brucken	Thad & Paige Holthaus	Gary & Debbie Kelly
<b>EMHC</b>	TBD		Kathy Devlin	D'Ann Decker
<b>Acolytes</b>			Nick Rioux Dalton Cole, Zack Rioux	Bennett Lancaster Emmy Pruett, Ambree Leiker

**Homebound Communion Ministers:** Alberta Lierz (*St. Dominic*), Alice Zeller (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Paula Morris (*Nursing Homes*)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

<b>September 15th, Monday</b>	
<b>Parish Office is Closed</b>	
6:30 p.m. <b>Rosary Fellowship</b>	<b>St. Dominic Parish Hall</b>
<b>September 16th, Tuesday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
<b>September 17th, Wednesday</b>	
5:30 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
6:00 p.m. Adoration and Reconciliation	<b>St. Dominic</b>
6:30 p.m. <b>Religious Ed</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>September 18th, Thursday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
6:30 p.m. <b>OCIA (Adult Faith Formation)</b>	<b>St. D Parish OFFICE</b>
<b>September 19th, Friday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>September 20th, Saturday</b>	
5:00 p.m. <b>Confession</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
5:30 p.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>September 21st, Sunday</b>	
7:00 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
8:00 a.m. <b>Confession</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
9:30 a.m. <b>Religious Ed.</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
9:30 a.m. <b>Altar Society &amp; K of C Mtgs.</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>Our Lady of Snows</b>
10:00 a.m. <b>Confession</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
10:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>September 22nd, Monday</b>	
<b>Parish Office is Closed</b>	
7:00 p.m. <b>K of C Mtg.</b>	<b>St. Dominic Parish Hall</b>

PASTORAL COUNCIL		FINANCE COUNCILS	
<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>	<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Jenea Chartier	Jeri Albright	Barb Heideman	Mary Lou Koch
Jessi Deters	Marie Burdiek	David Ashcraft	Sharon Cole
Cathy Haug	Ben Ehrhart	Diane Gross	Farrell Holthaus
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Niki Meerpohl	Mike Henry		
Joshua Shupe	Marquerite Mzhickteno		
Theresa Watkins	Dot Sosna		

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



Due to Scheduling Conflicts,  
**Blest Art has been Rescheduled**  
**Feb 28 & Mar 1**  
**2026**



**OCIA**  
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

*Meeting Times: Thursday Evenings,*  
*Please join us to learn about the Catholic faith.*  
*For more information, please call (785) 364-3262*  
*or e-mail parish.jacocatholics@gmail.com*  
*Next Class will be Thursday, Sept. 18th, 6:30 p.m.*  
*at the Parish Office*



**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**Kade Wellington Roush**

*Son of Michael & Kristi Roush*

**Baptized on September 6th, 2025**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Sept. 6th & 7th, 2025	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
<b>Envelopes</b> (Includes August Direct Dep.)	\$6,280.00	\$2,560.00
<b>Plate</b>	662.00	169.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$6,942.00	\$2,729.00
<i>Week of Aug 30th &amp; 31st</i>	\$4,422.10	\$832.00
<i>Week of Aug 23rd &amp; 24th</i>	\$4,871.79	\$1,379.00

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR SEPTEMBER:

**For our relationship with all of creation.** Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

### INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR SEPTEMBER:

For all the children and young people in our parishes returning to school, that they may find the pursuit of knowledge as a means to discovering God's love for them.

### PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

#### Parishioners:

Richard Arnold	Barbara Bausch	Bill Berns	Bob Butts
Mary Devader	Steve Devlin	Mildred Eisenbarth	Sheila Fernkopf
Freda Galer	Martin John Hamm	Mary Harris	Pat Hasenkamp
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Don Morford	Mary Morford	Richard Mulroy	Mike Myers
Joe Purcell	Larry Reilly	Ramona Robinson	Barb Schussler
Kade Sides	Evelyn Sullivan	Ray Zeller	

#### Relatives of Parishioners:

Donna Andriano	Christopher Brown	Roger Brown	Leann Decker
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Mike Fiedler	Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler	Van Fuqua
Allan Gibson	Gladys Gibson	Kase Glassel	Jamie Goldman
Vickie Goodman	Floyd Klein	Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks
Danyell Russell	Butch Schiffbauer	Linda Schiffbauer	Anna Segenhagen
Marilyn Willich			

### PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM:

**US Army:** MP ANG Therron Fox SSgt. Matthew Zeller    **US Marines:** Maj. JP Turner  
**US Navy:** E-5 Dennis Reed Potter    **US Air Force:** MSgt. Dylan Parks, TSgt. Nicole Parks

*To place or remove someone's name on the prayer list, please call the Parish Office.*

Gather your friends and flex your brain muscles to test your knowledge of everything CATHOLIC!  
 Bring drinks and food for your own table. Prizes await the top 3 teams!

# Catholic Trivia Night

PROCEEDS BENEFIT YOUTH PROGRAM

SEPT 27, 2025 (SAT) - 7PM  
 ST DOMINIC PARISH HALL  
 (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM)

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**\$50 FOR A TEAM OF 6**  
 (ABOVE 21 ONLY)

**\$10 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL**  
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Space is Limited to 12 teams TOTAL.  
 Sign up now! Please RSVP by SEPT 22:  
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## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

**September 13th (Sat) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic JoRae Krogman+  
**September 14th (Sun) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic Dolores Brucken+  
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier All Parishioners,  
 living and deceased  
 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Kay Ludvick+  
**September 16th (Tues)** **Ss Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**  
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier Ruben & Malia Zeller  
**September 17th (Wed) St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop**  
 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic Joshua & Wilma Shupe  
**September 18th (Thurs) Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier Corky Albright+  
**September 19th (Fri) St Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**  
 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic Nicole Parks  
**September 20th (Sat) 25th Sunday Ordinary Time**  
 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic Grollmes Family,  
 living and deceased  
**September 21st (Sun) 25th Sunday Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic All Parishioners,  
 living and deceased  
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier Gary & Mary Lou  
 Koch Family  
 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic Suffering Souls in Purgatory+

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

**Angie Reith**, Director of Religious Education  
 (785) 364-5941 or [jacocatholicsre@gmail.com](mailto:jacocatholicsre@gmail.com)

*Please join our Parish Community in joyfully celebrating with Angie Reith, who has completed her certification in Catholic Spiritual Mentorship training, through The Holy Family School of Faith, at the Savior Pastoral Center, in Kansas City, KS.*

*This journey for Angie has been an intense spiritual, emotional, and financial 2 year commitment, and her accomplishments and commitment to the betterment of our parish community are worthy of praise. Spiritual direction and mentorship is a sacred ministry of listening and prayerful guidance, helping individuals grow in their relationship with God.*  
**Congratulations, Angie!**

### Religious Education (CCD) Times:

**St. D** Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**St. FX** Sundays: 9:30-10:30a.m.

## PERSONNEL UPDATES

Please welcome **Mrs. Vera Rioux** as a part-time **Book-keeper** assisting the Business Manager in the daily financial tasks of our parish office. She started **September 9.**

*Welcome, Vera!*



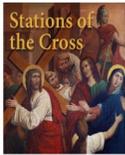
# This Week on Formed

Week of September 14, 2025



### The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Seven Sorrows of Mary is a traditional Catholic devotion featuring meditations on sorrowful episodes in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us in prayer as we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.



### Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori

The Augustine Institute presents a beautiful meditation on the Stations of the Cross by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, narrated by Dr. Christopher Blum. This prayerful reflection is accompanied by the Schola Cantorum, chanting the traditional Catholic hymn Stabat Mater to aid your prayer.



### The Seven Sorrows of Mary | Brother Francis

Join Brother Francis as he prays and explores the Seven Sorrows of Mary Devotion!

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

## SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS:

### THE EXULTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, YEAR C

*This week is a time to reflect on what the Cross means to us. It is more than a symbol. It is a reminder of God's love and mercy. We honor the victory Jesus won for us through His death and resurrection.*

- ◆ **A Symbol of Christ's sacrifice:** Jesus willingly died on the Cross to save us from our sins. Through his death, he opened the way to eternal life.
- ◆ **A Representation of Forgiveness:** Jesus forgave those who crucified him, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do". When we look at the Cross, we see how much God is willing to forgive us, no matter what we have done.
- ◆ **The Cross Gives Us Hope:** Even though it was a tool of suffering and death, Jesus turned it into a sign of victory. His resurrection shows that death is not the end. No matter how hard our struggles are, there is always hope in Christ.
- ◆ **Embrace Sacrifices and Difficulties:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross teaches us how to live the message of the Cross daily. When we have problems, we can unite our struggles with Jesus' suffering on the Cross. This helps us see our hardships in a new light. It becomes a way to grow closer to Christ and share in His love.

*The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross remembers the Cross of Jesus. The Cross is a sign of hope, even though it was an instrument of death. It reminds us that Jesus turned suffering and death into victory and life.*  
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