

# Jackson County Catholic Community



Second Sunday of Advent

December 7th, 2025

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Each year the Second and Third Sundays of Advent draw us close to John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, that we might be prepared anew for our encounter with the Lord at Christmas. In Matthew's Gospel, John first appears as a man engaged in public ministry just prior to Jesus. John's ministry unfolds in remote terrain (a desert). There, set apart from ordinary society, Matthew recognizes John as one who embodies the "voice" anticipated by the prophet Isaiah. Moreover, Matthew shows us that John's goal, to "Prepare the way of the Lord," is a task of the forerunner also anticipated by Isaiah. In John, we also see a renewed example of a primordial, persevering prophet. Like Elijah of old, John wears a garment made of hair and a leather belt (see Kings 1:8). Thus, like the classic prophet who endured repeated hardship and rejection from his own royal leaders, John's appearance anticipates his prophetic path. He too will face resistance and suffering. Yet, like the prophetic predecessor he emulates, John boldly and candidly preaches the message entrusted to him.

By calling fellow countrymen from Jerusalem, Judea, and the region along the Jordan to a baptism of repentance, John aims to prepare a people for God's Messiah (anointed one). John's successful ministry gets attention from some of his fellow Jews (Pharisees and Sadducees), who receive strong critique from him. To gain the attention of these individuals and perhaps call them to repentance, John begins with name-calling: "You brood of vipers!" he exclaims. Then, he criticizes them for having presumptuous theology. Apparently, they claim that Abraham is their father. But for John, such claims do not guarantee a sound relationship with God. As John points out, God can raise children of Abraham from stones. Thus, John highlights where true confidence should lie, in baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire." And as John points out, God's anointed one will soon provide this baptism.

~Eric J. Wagner CR

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Isaiah 11:1-10

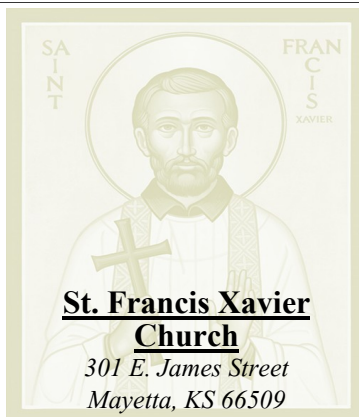
Reading II: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12



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**St. Francis Xavier  
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Mayetta, KS 66509



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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:

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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 fulfill  
the Archdiocesan marriage requirements.

**ANointing of the SICK:** Call  
the office during business hours. Call the  
rectory after hours or for emergencies.  
If no answer, call (785) 364-7402.

### DECLARATION of NULLITY:

Please call the parish office for details.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

3rd Sunday of Advent

Dec. 13th & 14th	Sat. 12/13 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 12/14 @ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 12/14 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 12/14 @ 10:30 am SD
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Wanda Weldin		Joann Walker	Terry Ludvicek
<b>MUSIC</b>	Cody Utz		Andrea Bailey Tony Rioux	Michelle Niehues Leigha Sweet
<b>LECTOR</b>	Maggie Schiefelbein	CANCELLED	Alice Zeller	David Schmitz
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Dan & Pat Doyle		Jim & Marsha Seematter	Gary & Debbie Kelly
<b>EMHC</b>	Vickie Pruett		Sharon Cole	Wayne Leiker
<b>Acolytes</b>			Lanna Brown (CB) Megan Putnam, Charlii Brown	Colton Grisell Colby Grisell, Emmy Pruett

**Homebound Communion Ministers:** Niki Meerpohl (*St. Dominic*), Joann Walker (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Annette Schreiber (*Nursing Homes*)

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

<b>December 8th, Monday</b>	Holy Day of Obligation
<b>Parish Office is Closed</b>	
7:00 a.m. <b>MASS</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
6:00 p.m. <b>MASS</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>December 9th, Tuesday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>MASS</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
<b>December 10th, 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 Hall</b>
<b>December 11th, Thursday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>MASS</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
6:00 p.m. <b>O.C.I.A.</b>	<b>St. D Parish OFFICE</b>
<b>December 12th, Friday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>MASS</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>December 13th, 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>December 14th, Sunday</b>	
7:00 a.m. <b>NO 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>
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>
10:30 a.m. <b>O.C.I.A. Rite of Welcoming</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>December 15th, Monday</b>	
<b>Parish Office is Closed</b>	
6:30 p.m. <b>Rosary Fellowship</b>	<b>St. Dominic Parish Hall</b>

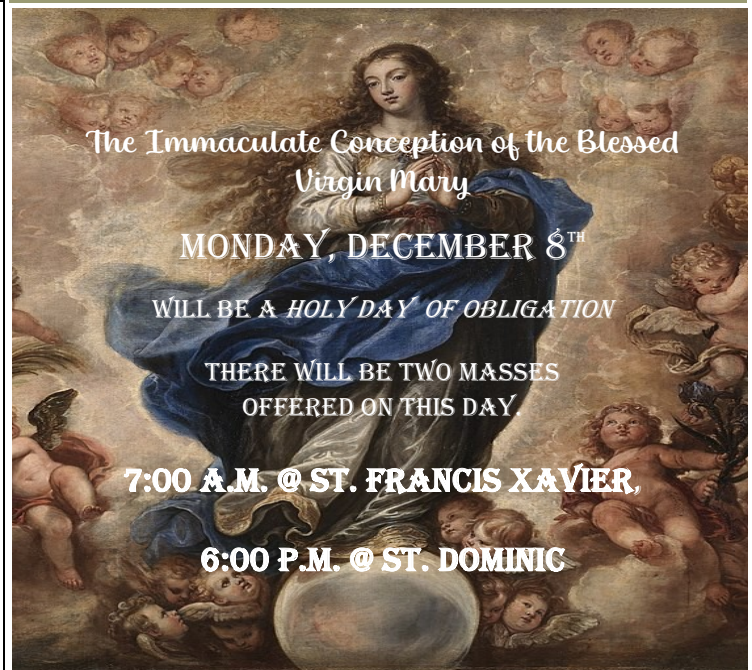
## PASTORAL COUNCILS

<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Jenea Chartier	Jeri Albright
Jessi Deters	Marie Burdick
Cathy Haug	Ben Ehrhart
Wayne Leiker	Chris Everts
Niki Meerpohl	Mike Henry
Joshua Shupe	Marquerite Mzhickteno
Theresa Watkins	Dot Sosna

## FINANCE COUNCILS

<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Barb Heideman	Mary Lou Koch
David Ashcraft	Sharon Cole
Diane Gross	Farrell Holthaus
Mark Starr	Donald Sunday

## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



**DAILY MASSES** will resume beginning December 8th, which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

**7:00 a.m Sunday Masses have been cancelled until further notice.**

*Missed Daily Mass Intentions are being reassigned in 2026.*



PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
November 29th & 30th, 2025

	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,840.00	\$1,145.00
<b>Plate</b>	349.48	252.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$3,189.48	\$1,397.00
<i>Week of November 22nd &amp; 23rd</i>	\$3,476.50	\$1,271.00
<i>Week of November 15th &amp; 16th</i>	\$3,083.00	\$1,709.31



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR DECEMBER:

#### **For Christians in areas of conflict**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR DECEMBER:

For a meaningful and fruitful observance of the season of Advent.

### PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

#### **Parishioners:**

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

#### **Relatives of Parishioners:**

Jorgan Beck	Christopher Brown	Roger Brown	James DeVader
Brad Fiedler	Dennis Fiedler	Jennifer Fiedler	Mike Fiedler
Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler	Van Fuqua	Allan Gibson
Gladys Gibson	Kase Glassel	Jamie Goldman	Vickie Goodman
Dan Gruber	Eric Harris	Floyd Klein	Carrie Lierz
Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks	Danyell Russell	Butch Schiffbauer
Linda Schiffbauer	Anna Segenhagen		

### 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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

### December 6th (Sat)

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

### December 7th (Sun)

7:00 a.m. St. Dominic

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Kirt & Bernadette Stevens

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NO MASS

Larry & Jolene Larkin

Bob Bausch+

All Parishioners

Living & Deceased

### December 8th (Mon) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

Bob Sosna+

6:00 p.m. St. Dominic

Larry & Alberta Tanking

### December 9th (Tues)

### St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

Barbara Sieve-Martin+

Marcelline Meyer+

### December 10th (Wed)

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

### Our Lady of Loreto

Danielle Nelson+

### December 11th (Thurs)

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

### St Damasus I, Pope

Phyllis Edith Sieve+

### December 12th (Fri)

8:30 a.m. St. Dominic

### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Lane Pruett+

Rita Alcott+

### December 13th (Sat)

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

All Parishioners

Living & Deceased

### December 14th (Sun)

7:00 a.m. St. Dominic

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

NO MASS

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

Betty Fuqua+

10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

Cooper Zeller+

### Snow Removal Bids

*There is a need for snow removal for the St. Dominic grounds which includes the sidewalks for the church, the office, and Fr. Jonathan's house, as well as the small parking lot behind the church to the southeast, and the parking lot across the street to the west of the church.*

Please submit bids by December 14th to the Parish Office.

**Mailing address** is: 115 East 5th St., Holton, KS 66436

**e-mail address** is: parish.jacocatholics@gmail.com



## CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Addison Mae Nelson**

*Daughter of Michael & Sheila Nelson*

**Baptized on December 7th, 2025**

### 2025 SCHEDULE

#### TOPEKA REGION

Dec 13 Sat	9:30AM	Most Pure Heart of Mary
Dec 14 Sun	2:00PM	Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Dec 15 Mon	7:00PM	Sacred Heart/ Our Lady of Guadalupe
Dec 16 Tue	7:00PM	Christ the King
Dec 17 Wed	7:00PM	Saint Matthew
Dec 18 Thur	7:00PM	Mater Dei

#### JACKSON COUNTY

Dec 16 Tue	6:00PM	Saint Francis Xavier
Dec 18 Thur	6:00PM	Saint Dominic



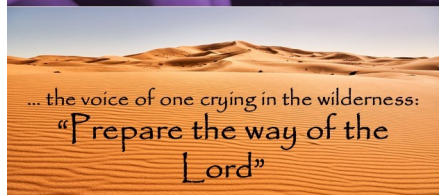
### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

**Angie Reith**, Director of Religious Education  
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### IF YOU KNOW OF A HOMEBOUND PERSON THAT WOULD APPRECIATE A VISIT FROM OUR YOUTH...

Our St. Dominic 7th & 8th grade Religious Ed. students will be making the rounds, singing Christmas Carols on Wednesday, December 17th. Please contact Angie Reith for more information, or to make a request for a visit!



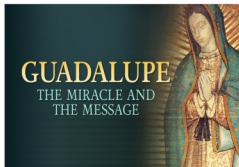
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Week of December 07, 2025



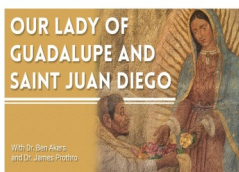
### What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



### Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message

Enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, an encounter that has influenced the conversion of millions of people.



### Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego | Catholic Saints

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. James Prothro to discuss Mary's apparition to Saint Juan Diego on Tepeyac hill under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

## THEMES: SECOND WEEKEND OF ADVENT, YEAR A

*The 2nd Sunday of Advent focuses on preparing for Christ's coming. It invites us to reflect on hope, repentance, and God's promises.*

- ♦ **Hope and Expectation:** Isaiah speaks of a future leader bringing peace and justice. This reminds us to hope for God's kingdom and trust in His promises.
- ♦ **Repentance and Conversion:** John the Baptist calls for repentance. Advent encourages us to change our hearts and live better lives.
- ♦ **Harmony and Unity:** Paul urges harmony among believers. This reflects the call to live in peace with others as we wait for Christ.
- ♦ **God's Faithfulness:** Paul shows how Christ fulfills God's promises. This reminds us of God's faithfulness to His people.
- ♦ **Judgment and Accountability:** John warns of judgment for those who do not bear good fruit. This challenges us to examine our actions and live faithfully.
- ♦ **Preparation for Christ:** John prepares the way for Jesus. Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

*The 2nd Sunday of Advent encourages reflection and readiness. It reminds us to live with hope, repentance, and unity as we await the Savior.*

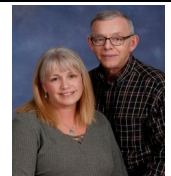
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