

Jackson County Catholic Community



First Sunday of Advent

November 30th, 2025

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Similar to the passage from Romans, Jesus presents a series of images that call for wakefulness while anticipating the Lord's return in today's Gospel reading. First, he recalls the long-ago time of Noah and the events of the flood. Prior to the flood, Jesus reminds His audience, people were living normal lives—eating, drinking, marrying, and so forth. But then suddenly, there was a flood, and all was wiped away. Next, Jesus looks to an unknown future moment. He describes the “coming of the Son of Man”. Similar suddenness marks the scene. Field hands and millworkers will be abruptly taken amid their labors. Finally, Jesus gives an image from His own time. Someone in charge of a household is faced with a nighttime thief. As Jesus explains, if the thief's plan had been known, surely the responsible party would have taken proper precautions. Thus, using imagery that repeatedly conveys sudden changes, Jesus urges His audience to be properly vigilant with regard to the Lord's return. Like Paul, Jesus uses “wakefulness” language to describe the spiritual state proper for one who, as a follower of Jesus, awaits His coming.

As we begin Advent, we strive to renew the fervor of our hope as we await the Lord's coming. Thus, our waiting takes on a twofold character. On one hand, we prepare to joyously celebrate at Christmas the Lord's first coming among us. On the other hand, we also wait in hope for the Lord's return at the end of time—His second coming. Thus, Advent helps us renew our interior attentiveness to the Lord and opens us to God's grace.

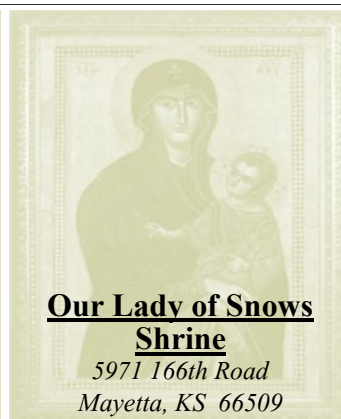
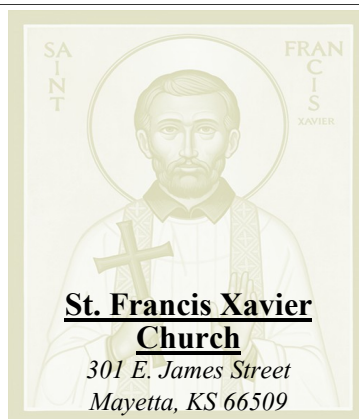
~Eric J. Wagner CR

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Isaiah 2:1-5

Reading II: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44



PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Dizon

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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 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

1st Sunday of Advent

Nov. 29th & 30th	Sat. 11/29 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 11/30 @ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 11/30 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 11/30 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Wanda Weldin		Joann Walker	Terry Ludvicek
MUSIC	Cody Utz		Andrea Bailey Patricia Goering	Jenea Chartier Leigha Sweet
LECTOR	Barb Heideman	CANCELLED	Marceta Reilly	David Schmitz
GREETER- USHER	Kenyon & Carolyn Moran		Thad & Paige Holthaus	Lee & Pam Doyle
EMHC	Tom Heideman		Mike Henry	Karen Leiker
Acolytes			Dalton Cole (CB) Paige and Hannah Holthaus	Westin Tanking (CB) Kyla Tanking, Calvin Henry

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

December 1st, Monday	
Parish Office is Closed	
6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship	St. Dominic Parish Hall
December 2nd, Tuesday	
8:30 a.m. NO MASS	St. Francis Xavier
9:30 a.m. Catholic Charities	St. Dominic Parish Hall
December 3rd, Wednesday	
5:30 p.m. NO MASS	St. Dominic
6:00 p.m. NO Adoration and Reconciliation	St. Dominic
6:00 p.m. MEAL for ALL Rel. Ed.	St. Dominic Hall
6:30 p.m. Religious Ed	St. Dominic Hall
December 4th, Thursday	
8:30 a.m. NO MASS	St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. O.C.I.A.	St. D Parish OFFICE
December 5th, Friday	
8:30 a.m. NO MASS	St. Dominic
December 6th, Saturday	
5:00 p.m. Confession	St. Dominic
5:30 p.m. Mass	St. Dominic
December 7th, Sunday	
7:00 a.m. NO MASS	St. Dominic
8:00 a.m. Confession	St. Francis Xavier
8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Francis Xavier
9:30 a.m. NO Religious Ed.	St. Francis Xavier
8:30 a.m. Mass	Our Lady of Snows
10:00 a.m. Confession	St. Dominic
10:30 a.m. Mass	St. Dominic
6:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight	St. Dominic Parish Hall
December 8th, Monday Holy Day of Obligation	
Parish Office is Closed	
7:00 a.m. MASS	St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. MASS	St. Dominic

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

The Jackson County Ministerial Alliance is getting ready for the annual

JCMA CHRISTMAS STORE

Once again, our parishes and shrine are being asked to donate the following items...

You may drop off your donation at either church or shrine, or at the parish office,

by Sunday, December 1st.

ST. DOMINIC

175 boxes of brownie mix

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

75 boxes of cereal

OUR LADY OF SNOWS

30 bottles Pancake Syrup



catholiccharitiesks.org/bus

Resource Bus Hotline:

(913) 433-2039

Catholic Charities Bus will be present at the Saint Dominic Parish Hall on

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025

9:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

Walk-in services will include:

- *Food *Clothing
- *Seasonal Items
- *Books *Diapers
- *Personal Hygiene Items

Photo I. D. is required. Items will vary depending on availability

PARISH STEWARDSHIP November 22nd & 23rd, 2025	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	\$2,875.00	\$1,070.00
Plate	601.50	201.00
TOTAL	\$3,476.50	\$1,271.00
<i>Week of November 15th & 16th</i>	\$3,083.00	\$1,709.31
<i>Week of November 8th</i>	\$1,527.00	\$0.00

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

November 29th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	1st Sunday of Advent All Parishioners Living & Deceased
November 30th (Sun) 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	1st Sunday of Advent NO MASS George Bolz+ Dale Reed+
December 2nd (Tues) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Advent Weekday NO MASS
December 3rd (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	St Francis Xavier, Priest NO MASS
December 4th (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	St John Damascene, Priest, Doctor NO MASS
December 5th (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	First Friday, Advent Weekday NO MASS
December 6th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	2nd Sunday of Advent Kirt & Bernadette Stevens
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 NO MASS Larry & Jolene Larken All Parishioners Living & Deceased

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.

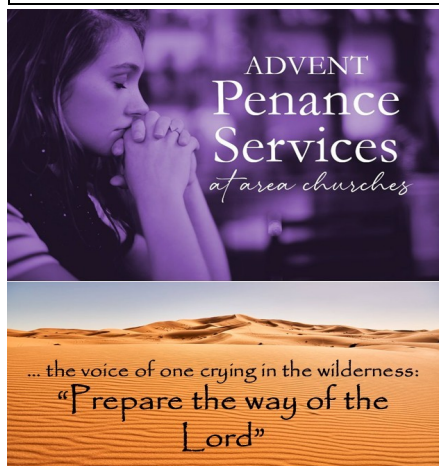
2025 SCHEDULE

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



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 south-east, and the parking lot across the street to the west of the church.

Please submit bids by December 15th to the Parish Office.

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Angie Reith, Director of Religious Education
(785) 364-5941 or jacocatholicsre@gmail.com

12/03- 6:00 pm @ St. Dominic Hall

Meal provided for all St. Dominic and St. Francis families before Religious Ed.

REMINDER:

T-shirt orders for Religious Ed. are due December 1st.

Please thoughtfully consider ordering, as this is the main fundraiser for the Religious Ed. program. Thank You!

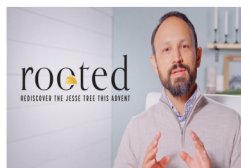
Religious Education (CCD) Times:

St. D Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

St. FX Sundays: 9:30-10:30a.m.

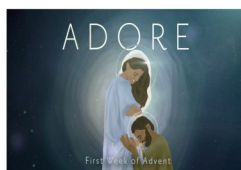
This Week on Formed

Week of November 30, 2025



Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.



Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

THEMES: FIRST WEEKEND OF ADVENT, YEAR A

We are starting a new season of hope and preparation. Advent is a time for watching, waiting, and preparing for Christ. The readings call us to stay alert, live with purpose, and seek peace.

- ♦ **Staying Awake for Christ:** Advent reminds us to stay watchful and ready. Jesus urges us to be aware and prepared, not caught off guard by His coming.
- ♦ **Hope and Anticipation:** Advent brings a season of hope for what is to come. This hope pushes us to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of Christ.
- ♦ **Living in the Light:** Paul's letter encourages us to live in the light and leave behind actions that keep us in darkness. Advent is a time to step forward with kindness, honesty, and peace.
- ♦ **Embracing Peace:** Isaiah's vision of nations gathering in peace shows God's hope for a world united. We are reminded to be peacemakers, especially as we prepare for Christ's coming.
- ♦ **Turning from Distractions:** The Gospel warns of the dangers of letting daily life distract us from Christ's arrival. Advent is a call to put aside what pulls us from God and make room for Him.
- ♦ **Beginning Again with Faith:** Advent opens a new church year and invites us to refresh our faith. We are called to enter the season with hearts open to grow closer to God.

The 1st Sunday of Advent invites us to slow down and focus on God. As Advent begins, we are called to prepare, stay alert, and live with hope. (Young-Catholics.com)

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