

# Jackson County Catholic Community



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 26th, 2025

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Toward the end of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, there are two uniquely Lucan parables: the persistent widow (last week's Gospel reading, Luke 18:1-8) and the Pharisee and the tax collector (today's Gospel reading). Each offers insight into Jesus' teaching regarding prayer. In spite of their clear historical context, the two parables also invite readers in every age to take their challenging teachings to heart.

For example, the contrast between a Pharisee and a tax collector in today's reading can be understood as the contrast between two attitudes of prayer that transcend time and culture and the effectiveness of each. The first individual's attitude is rooted in comparison and contrast. Implying his near perfection, the Pharisee reminds God that he leads an exemplary life in what he does and in the ways that he is not like others. Thanking God for this contrast, it seems that he needs nothing from God other than to remind God of the failings of others. The prayer uttered by the second individual is very different. He embodies humility: he stands far off, refuses to look up, beats his breast, and pleads with God for mercy. There is no comparison or contrast in this man's prayer. His very posture identifies him as a sinful person in need of mercy.

The effectiveness of each prayer follows logically. Since the first man is filled with his own righteousness, he has no need of God's righteousness. Thus, God's righteousness cannot be offered as the man cannot receive it—there is no room for it! The second man, who is clearly aware of his need for God's righteousness, humbly begs for it. He is the one whose prayer is heard. Like the orphans, widows, and lowly of today's first reading, the tax collector finds a champion in the God of justice.

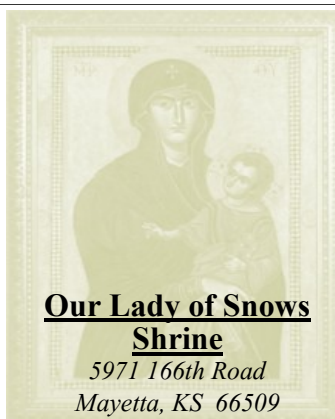
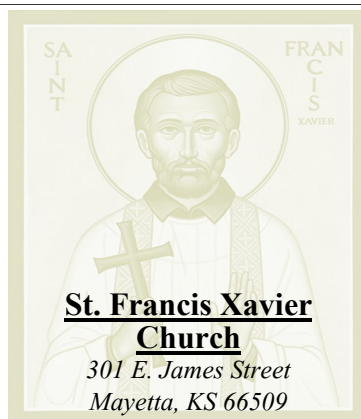
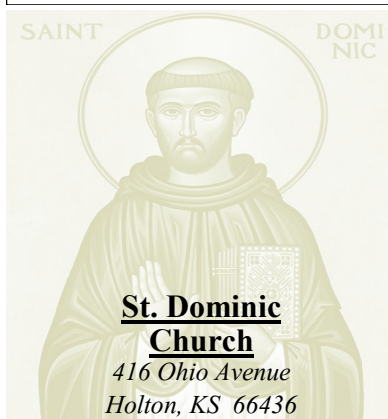
~Fr. Stephen Lampe

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Reading II: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14



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### OFFICE HOURS:

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

9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

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### 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

All Souls' Day

Nov. 1st & 2nd	Sat. 11/01 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 11/02 @ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 11/02 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 11/02 @ 10:30 am SD
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Wanda Weldin		Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvicek
<b>MUSIC</b>	Cody Utz		Ken Kietzman, Marguerite Mzhickteno, Charlii Brown	Jenea Chartier Leigha Sweet
<b>LECTOR</b>	Maggie Schiefelbein	Barbara Berg	Thad Holthaus	Mike Tanking
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Bob Fox, Kara Hoffman	Jim Childs	Larry & Jolene Larkin	Lee & Pam Doyle
<b>EMHC</b>	Vickie Pruett		Joann Walker	Gregg Watkins
<b>Acolytes</b>			Nick Rioux (CB) Zack Rioux, Hannah Holthaus	Julie Keling (CB) Amelia Larkins, Jack Keling

**Homebound Communion Ministers:** Nicole Meerpohl (*St. Dominic*), Joann Walker (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Jean Lierz (*Nursing Homes*)

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

<b>October 27th, Monday</b>	
<b>Parish Office is Closed</b>	
7:00 p.m. <b>Knights of Columbus</b>	<b>St. Dominic Parish Hall</b>
<b>October 28th, Tuesday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>NO Mass</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
7:00 p.m. <b>Spiritual Mentor Mtg.</b>	<b>St. Dominic Parish Hall</b>
<b>October 29th, Wednesday</b>	
5:30 p.m. <b>NO Mass</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
6:00 p.m. NO Adoration and Reconciliation	<b>St. Dominic</b>
6:30 p.m. <b>Religious Ed</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>October 30th, Thursday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>NO Mass</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
6:00 p.m. <b>OCIA (Adult Faith Formation)</b>	<b>St. D Parish OFFICE</b>
<b>October 31st, Friday</b>	
8:30 a.m. <b>NO Mass</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>November 1st, 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>November 2nd, Sunday</b>	
7:00 a.m. <b>Mass Resumes</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>
<b>November 3rd, 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



*We would like to recognize our Veterans, past and present, in conjunction with Veterans' Day, on November 11th.*

Please **submit** the above information to [bethnelsonmk@yahoo.com](mailto:bethnelsonmk@yahoo.com)

\*Name \*Branch of Military

**Due date for Submissions...**

\*Rank \*Years Served

*Friday, October 31st,*  
for publication in the  
November 9th  
bulletin

\*Special recognition  
earned, if applicable

**FR. JONATHAN WILL RETURN SOON!!**

Regular Weekday Mass Times for both parishes, Reconciliation, Adoration and Weekend 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Dominic will resume the week of November 2nd, following the return of Fr. Jonathan from his homeland.



Gratitude Sunday 2025 St. Francis Xavier	
Envelopes	\$11,892.00
Auction Items	5,570.00
Total (as of 10/19/25)	\$17,462.00

PARISH STEWARDSHIP  
October 18th & 19th, 2025

	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,425.00	\$1,110.00
<b>Plate</b>	363.50	165.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,788.50	\$1,275.00
<i>Week of October 11th &amp; 12th</i>	\$2,841.00	\$1,380.50
<i>Week of October 4th &amp; 5th</i>	\$5,044.10	\$2,619.75

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR OCTOBER:

#### *For collaboration between different religious traditions*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

### INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR OCTOBER:

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
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	Leann Decker
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.*

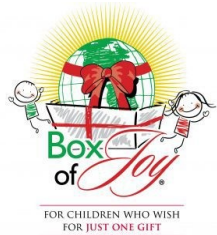


### St. Dominic Knights of Columbus

#### Scholarship Application

*The deadline for submission = November 1st, 2025.*

Applicants need to have completed at least one year of post-high school education: ie, college, trade school or apprenticeship. Forms are available in the entrance of St. Dominic Church, or the Parish Office, during business hours.



### BOX OF JOY KICK-OFF!

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this worthwhile endeavor. Boxes are available in the vestibules of both parishes and shrine.

**BOXES ARE DUE OCTOBER 29TH**

*"Our hearts are restless until they rest in you" - St. Augustine*

**OCIA Religious Education** classes have begun, but any and all are welcome to come and learn about the Catholic faith.

**THURSDAYS, 6:00 PM, AT ST. DOMINIC PARISH OFFICE**

For more information, please call **(785) 364 3262**  
 or email **parish.jacocatholics@gmail.com**

## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

<b>October 25th (Sat)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>30th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> Ben & Marge Fox+
<b>October 26th (Sun)</b> 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>30th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS Debbie Larkin+ All Parishioners Living & Deceased+
<b>October 28th (Tues)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS
<b>October 29th (Wed)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS
<b>October 30th (Thurs)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS
<b>October 31st (Fri)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>Weekday, Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS
<b>November 1st (Sat)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>All Souls' Day</b> Kay Ludvick+
<b>November 2nd (Sun)</b> 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>All Souls' Day</b> All Parishioners Living & Deceased+ Ann Ruhlman+ All Knights of Columbus Members Living & Deceased+

### St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus



*Knight & Family of the Month  
For October*

**Matt & Christina Henry**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10/26: Confirmation Retreat**  
*for those being confirmed this fall.*  
 10:00 am~6:30 pm, @ St Isidore's,  
 Manhattan, KS
- 10/29: Box of Joy Donations = DUE**  
 \*\*ALL of Jackson County Parish  
 Communities\*\*
- 11/02: CONFIRMATION Practice**  
*after 10:30 am Mass at St. D*  
 Practice & Interviews, with Fr. Jonathan
- 11/04: CONFIRMATION 6:30 pm @ St. D:**  
 Reception following @ St. D Parish Hall
- 11/05: MEAL provided before religious**  
 education, at St. Dominic Parish Hall

### 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 October 26, 2025



### Practicing Catholic Podcast

A weekly podcast for everyday holiness featuring real conversations and practical wisdom to arm you in the ordinary pursuit of sanctification.



### All Saints Day

Join Brother Francis in this special episode as he explores the lives of the saints.



### Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

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## SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS:

### 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

*This week's readings focus on God's mercy for the poor and the humble. In the first reading we are told that God hears those who cry out in pain. And the psalm echoes this sentiment. In the second reading, Paul speaks of feeling deserted by all those around him, but the Lord stood by him. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.*

- ♦ **God Hears the Humble:** God listens closely to those who are humble and oppressed. In the first reading, we learn that God does not ignore their pleas; instead, He ensures justice for them.
- ♦ **Value of Humility:** Humility is key to being right with God. The Gospel shows that self-righteousness is not the way to God's heart, but humility and repentance are.
- ♦ **Faithfulness Rewarded:** Staying true to God's way leads to eternal rewards. In the second reading, even though others abandoned him, Paul is confident that God will bring him safely into His kingdom because of his faithfulness.
- ♦ **Strength in Trials:** God provides strength in difficult times. Paul speaks about being deserted by friends but supported by the Lord, highlighting that God helps us through our trials.
- ♦ **Prayer from the Heart:** Sincere prayer is more valued by God than boastful displays. The Gospel contrasts the prayers of two men, teaching us that a simple, heartfelt prayer is better than one filled with self-praise.

*These themes guide us on how to approach our relationship with God and with others. They encourage us to be humble, sincere, and steadfast in our faith.*

(Young-Catholics.com)

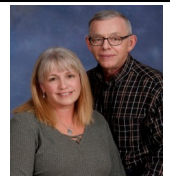
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