

Jackson County Catholic Community



The Baptism of the Lord

January 11th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Matthew provides a familiar account of Jesus' baptism. Jesus seeks out John for baptism at the Jordan. John recognizes him and resists. The Baptist's logic is apparent: Jesus is sinless and therefore has no need of John's baptism of repentance. Instead, in Jesus' presence, John recognizes his own unworthiness. From John's perspective, it would be proper if Jesus were to baptize him. As John stated a few verses before this passage, such a baptism would result in him sharing in the Holy Spirit and fire (Matthew 3:11).

Despite John's resistance, Jesus declares it fitting for him to be baptized by John. Jesus' baptism, we learn, aims to fulfill righteousness. The language of righteousness here recalls the definitive purpose of the law, which was also to produce obedience to God. In sum, Jesus highlights the worthiness of John's baptism and its integral role in God's broader plan of salvation.

As Jesus emerges from the water, the fittingness of the event is made plain. Through his baptism, Jesus demonstrates his obedience to the Father's plan and his perfect union with both the Spirit and the Father. The Spirit symbolically descends on him in the form of a dove while the Father proclaims delight in him. Therefore, we can identify Jesus with the servant anticipated by Isaiah. But he is more than a delight-inducing servant of God. Jesus is God's beloved Son who renders God intimately present and accessible. Our baptism, which entails entry into Christ's life, also draws us into the life of God. *~Eric J. Wagner CR*

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: *Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7*

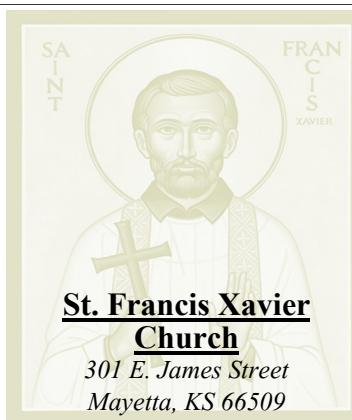
Reading II: *Acts 10:34-38*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*



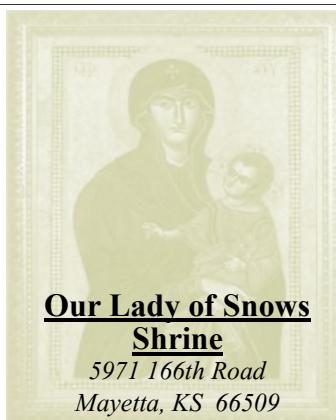
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**St. Francis Xavier
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Mayetta, KS 66509



**Our Lady of Snows
Shrine**

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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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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

CONFESION 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

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time				
Jan. 17th & 18th	Sat. 01/17 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 01/18 @ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 01/18 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 01/18 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Wanda Weldin		Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvicek
MUSIC	Robin Sides		Kenneth Kietzman Marguerite Mzhickteno	Kenneth Kietzman Dyann Parks
LECTOR	Vickie Pruett	CANCELLED	Marceta Reilly	Niki Meerpohl
GREETER- USHER	Gary & Annette Schreiber		Steve Devlin, Ben Ehrhart	Cullen & Nikki Jackson
EMHC	Mark Pruett		Joann Walker	Keri Bausch
Acolytes			Nick Rioux (CB) Zack Rioux, Maddie Everts	Ambree Leiker (CB) Axyl Deters, Amelia Larkins

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

January 12th, Monday	
Parish Office is Closed	
6:00 p.m. Altar Society Mtg.	St. Dominic Hall
January 13th, Tuesday	
8:30 a.m. NO MASS	St. Francis Xavier
January 14th, Wednesday	
5:30 p.m. NO MASS	St. Dominic
6:00 p.m. NO Adoration OR Reconciliation	St. Dominic
6:30 p.m. Religious Ed.	St. Dominic Hall
January 15th, Thursday	
8:30 a.m. NO MASS	St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. O.C.I.A.	St. Dominic Office
January 16th, Friday	
8:30 a.m. NO MASS	St. Dominic
January 17th, Saturday	
5:00 p.m. Confession	St. Dominic
5:30 p.m. MASS	St. Dominic
January 18th, 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. 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
January 19th, Monday	
Parish Office is Closed	St. Dominic Hall
6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship	

PASTORAL COUNCILS

St. Dominic Jenea Chartier Jessi Deters Cathy Haug Wayne Leiker Niki Meerpohl Joshua Shupe Theresa Watkins	St. Francis Xavier Jeri Albright Marie Burdiek Ben Ehrhart Chris Everts Mike Henry Marquerite Mzhickteno
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FINANCE COUNCILS

St. Dominic Barb Heideman David Ashcraft Diane Gross Mark Starr	St. Francis Xavier Mary Lou Koch Sharon Cole Farrell Holthaus Donald Sunday
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NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

IGNITE FOR LIFE & KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE

Topeka Performing Arts Center
JANUARY 28, 2026

Come Holy Spirit, enflame our hearts to protect the lives of unborn children and expectant women!



IGNITE for Life
9:00am



KS Mass for Life
10:30am



KS March for Life
12:00pm

REGISTER TODAY! archkck.org/ignite
All events are free.

ATTENTION:

Father Jonathan will be visiting the Philippines, and will return at the end of January.

During this time, there will be no daily Masses, adoration, or Confession times, during the week.

Please consider making donations...

Jackson Co. Ministerial Alliance
Essential Bags Items for January:

*LAUNDRY DETERGENT *DRYER SHEETS
Items can be dropped off in the designated tub in the lobby area of **St. Francis Xavier**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP January 3rd & 4th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	\$3,750.00	\$1,850.00
Plate	820.30	371.45
	TOTAL	\$4,570.30
		\$2,221.45
<i>Week of December 27th & 28th</i>	\$7,504.00	\$2,006.45
<i>Week of December 20th & 21st</i>	\$6,047.21	\$1,174.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR JANUARY:

For Prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray, that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR JANUARY:

That the new calendar year would bring joy, inspiration and hope to all.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Barbara Bausch	Bill Berns	Jim Bowhay	Bob Butts
Mary Devader	Steve Devlin	Mildred Eisenbarth	Sheila Fernkopf
Freida 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:

Jordan Beck	Christopher Brown	Roger Brown	James DeVader
Don Dillner	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
Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks	Leonard Riley	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.



A Day for Catholic Men, Fathers, and Sons
 Men Under Construction is designed to help you deepen your relationship with Christ through the celebration of the sacraments and engaging talks to strengthen your faith.
 This year's theme: Why Catholic?

Fr. Luke Doyle
 Catholic Center @ KU

Tony Monetti
 USAF - Retired

Steve Minnis
 Benedictine College

Joe Heschmeyer
 Catholic Answers

Anthony Fortunato
 Augustine Institute

Bp. Jerry Vincke
 Diocese of Salina

\$40 per person
Includes Light Breakfast & Lunch
February 21, 2026
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
St. Bernard Catholic Church
Wamego, Kansas

Register here: <https://flinthills.menunderconstruction.org>

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

January 10th (Sat)
 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

The Baptism of the Lord
 John & Barbara Grau
 Family Members,
 Living & Deceased

January 11th (Sun)
 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier
 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

The Baptism of the Lord
 NO MASS
 Marcelline Meyer+
 All Parishioners,
 Living & Deceased

January 13th (Tues.)
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor
 NO MASS

January 14th (Wed)
 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

Weekday Ordinary Time
 NO MASS

January 15th (Thurs)
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

Weekday Ordinary Time
 NO MASS

January 16th (Fri)
 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic

Weekday Ordinary Time
 NO MASS

January 17th (Sat)
 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
 All Parishioners,
 Living & Deceased

January 18th (Sun)
 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic
 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier
 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
 NO MASS
 Don & Lori Koon
 Richard Arnold+



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

**St. Francis Xavier
 Knights of Columbus**

*Please join the Knights for
 doughnuts and coffee,
 immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
 on January 11th,
 at the St. FX. Parish Hall.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!!

Reminder: We use the [REMIND App](#) to help facilitate communication regarding important updates and announcements for Religious Education.

*If you are not using it and would like to join,
 please contact Angie at
jacocatholicsre@gmail.com*

CLASS TIMES

St. Dominic:

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier:

Sundays 9:30–10:30 a.m.

THEMES: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR A

This week's readings remind us of Jesus' mission and God's saving plan. It shows us how Jesus was chosen and sent to bring light and salvation to all people.

- ♦ **Jesus as God's Servant:** Jesus is revealed as the chosen servant, sent to bring justice and peace. The 1st reading shows God's delight in His servant who brings hope to the nations.
- ♦ **The Anointing of Jesus:** Jesus is anointed by the Holy Spirit to carry out His mission. The second reading highlights how God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and power to heal and bring peace.
- ♦ **The Call to Humility:** Jesus' baptism shows His humility as He steps into the water with sinners. The Gospel shows Jesus identifying with those He came to save.
- ♦ **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** The Spirit comes upon Jesus to strengthen Him for His mission. The Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit plays an important role in Jesus' work.
- ♦ **The Father's Love and Approval:** God the Father declares His love for His Son. This moment shows Jesus as the beloved Son, fulfilling His mission with the Father's approval.
- ♦ **Light for All People:** Jesus is sent to open the eyes of the blind and free the oppressed. The first reading points to His mission to bring light to those in darkness.

The Baptism of the Lord teaches us about Jesus' mission and our call to follow Him. It reminds us of the Father's love, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the hope Jesus brings to all.

(YoungCatholics.com)



This Week on Formed

Week of January 11, 2026



Reborn

Reborn explores the deeply personal power of Baptism, bringing to light the spiritual reality for parents and godparents and, most importantly, the child being baptized. Rendered with a cinematic beauty that's become the hallmark of the Augustine Institute's film productions, Reborn presents the foundation of the Church's teaching on Baptism, with a step-by-step explanation of the rite itself, including its profound place in Scripture and Tradition.



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In this special two-part episode, we follow the stories of three famous desert fathers—St. Anthony the Great, St. Macarius, and St. John the Dwarf—as they navigate the perils of the desert in search of its great spiritual riches.



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