

# 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.

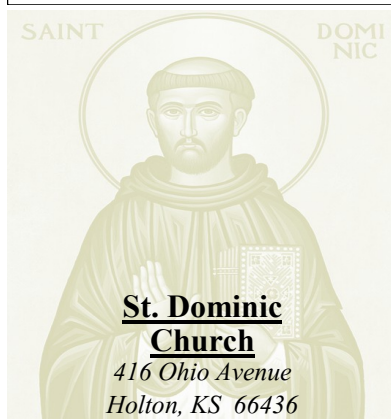
As Jesus emerges from the water, the fittingness of the event is made plain. Through his baptism, Jesus demonstrates his obedience to the Father's plan and his perfect union with both the Spirit and the Father. The Spirit symbolically descends on him in the form of a dove while the Father proclaims delight 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*

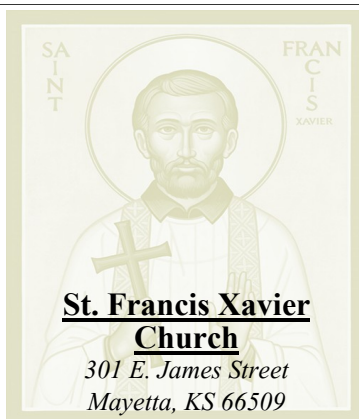
Reading II: *Acts 10:34-38*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*



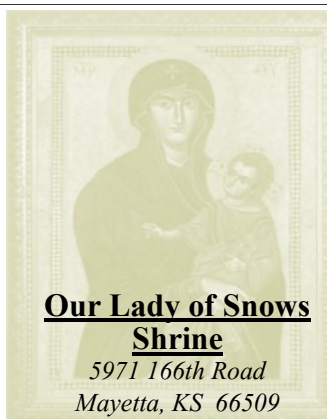
### St. Dominic Church

416 Ohio Avenue  
Holton, KS 66436



### St. Francis Xavier Church

301 E. James Street  
Mayetta, KS 66509



### Our Lady of Snows Shrine

5971 166th Road  
Mayetta, KS 66509

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### PARISH OFFICE:

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Website: <https://jacocatholics.com>

### 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

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
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Wanda Weldin		Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvick
<b>MUSIC</b>	Robin Sides		Kenneth Kietzman Marguerite Mzhickteno	Kenneth Kietzman Dyann Parks
<b>LECTOR</b>	Vickie Pruett	CANCELLED	Marceta Reilly	Niki Meerpohl
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Gary & Annette Schreiber		Steve Devlin, Ben Ehrhart	Cullen & Nikki Jackson
<b>EMHC</b>	Mark Pruett		Joann Walker	Keri Bausch
<b>Acolytes</b>			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, Tuesday8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

St. Francis Xavier

January 14th, Wednesday5:30 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, Thursday8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

St. Francis Xavier

6:00 p.m. **O.C.I.A.**

St. Dominic Office

January 16th, Friday8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

St. Dominic

January 17th, Saturday5:00 p.m. **Confession**

St. Dominic

5:30 p.m. **MASS**

St. Dominic

January 18th, Sunday7:00 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

6:30 p.m. **Rosary Fellowship**

St. Dominic Hall

## 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
Theresa Watkins	Mzhickteno

## 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

# IGNITE FOR LIFE & KANSAS MARCH FOR LIFE

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JANUARY 28, 2026

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



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10:30am



KS March for Life  
12:00pm



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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

Week of December 27th &amp; 28th

\$7,504.00

\$2,006.45

Week of December 20th &amp; 21st

\$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
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
Don Dillner	Brad Fiedler	Dennis Fiedler	Jennifer Fiedler
Mike Fiedler	Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler	Van Fuqua
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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.*

## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

<b>January 10th (Sat)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> John & Barbara Grau Family Members, Living & Deceased
<b>January 11th (Sun)</b> 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> NO MASS Marcelline Meyer+ All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
<b>January 13th (Tues.)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	<b>St Hilary, Bishop and Doctor</b> NO MASS
<b>January 14th (Wed)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>Weekday Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS
<b>January 15th (Thurs)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	<b>Weekday Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS
<b>January 16th (Fri)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>Weekday Ordinary Time</b> NO MASS
<b>January 17th (Sat)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
<b>January 18th (Sun)</b> 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>2nd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> 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.*



### 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>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

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## 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.



### The Desert Fathers (Part 1) | Littlest Saints

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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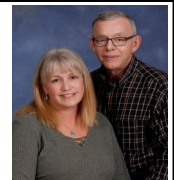
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