

# Jackson County Catholic Community



First Sunday of Lent

February 22nd, 2026

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

The three Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke, follow a similar pattern at the beginning of their Gospels. Following His baptism, Jesus is led into the wilderness to be tested. Then, having been tested, Jesus begins His public ministry. Matthew and Luke offer similar, nearly identical accounts, which for Matthew's community would have resonated deeply with its Jewish Christian roots.

Today's Gospel reading can be broken into two sections. The frame (the first two sentences and the last sentence of the reading) outlines the basic story and surrounds the three dialogues between the tempter and Jesus. Each section is significant and each reveals Jesus' true identity as the Son of God who, unlike His nation (Israel), passes the test of obedience.

The frame creates a kind of typology similar to that seen in today's second reading. Israel was brought out to the wilderness by God, where Israel wandered for forty years and was tested, a test that it usually failed. In contrast, the newly baptized Jesus is led into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tested for forty days and nights. Not only does this testing recall Israel's testing, against which Israel famously rebelled at Meribah and Massah (Exodus 17:1-7), but also the forty-day fasts of Moses and Elijah. Where Israel failed, Jesus passes, showing Himself as the Son of God.

Equally dramatic are the dialogues between Jesus and the tempter. In the New Testament, the Devil is synonymous with Satan, whose very name means "tester" and "tempter". And although Satan is powerful, he is subordinate to God. Each dialogue follows the same pattern: a test is proposed by the devil and Jesus responds with a quotation from Deuteronomy 6-8. The dialogues are similar to the debates between great teachers who used quotations from sacred writings to settle an argument. In His choice of quotations, Jesus demonstrates His complete and total obedience to God's commands, and His faithful trust in God's providence. In this way, Jesus does not reject His Jewish heritage, but rather He demonstrates what true covenant obedience and trust look like.

For Christians at the beginning of the Lenten season, it is Jesus' obedience to God's will that shines forth in today's readings. Furthermore, sin is exposed as anything that undermines such obedience. And implied in all of it is a turn and return to the Lord.

~Stephan J. Lampe

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

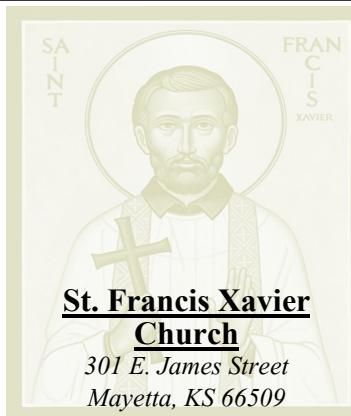
Reading II: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11



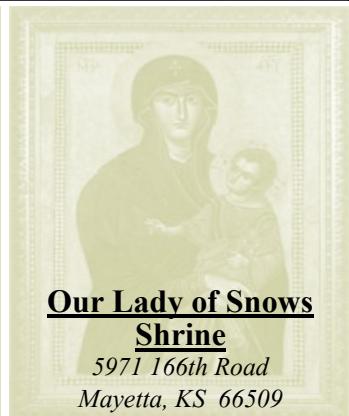
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9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

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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. D: *Cancelled until further notice.*

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 St. FX  
and St. D weekend Masses

### 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 of Lent

Feb 28 & Mar 1st	Sat. 02/28 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 03/01 @7:00 am SD	Sun. 03/01 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 03/01 @ 10:30 am SD
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Wanda Weldin		Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvicek
<b>MUSIC</b>	Cody Utz	CANCELLED until further notice	Marguerite Mzhickteno	Kenneth Kietzman Leigha Sweet
<b>LECTOR</b>	Mark Pruett		Zachary King	Niki Meerpohl
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Dan & Pat Doyle		Chris Harris, Farrell Holthaus	Dale & Kathleen Noel
<b>EMHC</b>	Gregg Watkins		Marceta Reilly	D'Ann Decker
<b>Acolytes</b>			Lanna Brown (CB) Charlii Brown, Megan Putnam	Julie Keling (CB) Jack Keling, Xavier Howard

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

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**February 23rd, Monday**

**Parish Office is Closed**  
7:00 p.m. K of C Mtg.

**February 24th, Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. MASS

**February 25th, Wednesday**

5:30 p.m. MASS  
6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession  
6:30 p.m. Religious Ed.

St. Dominic Hall

**February 26th, Thursday**

8:30 a.m. MASS  
6:00 p.m. No O.C.I.A. Class

St. Francis Xavier

**February 27th, Friday**

8:30 a.m. MASS  
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
5:00 p.m. Fish Fry

St. Dominic

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**February 28th, Saturday**

5:00 p.m. Confession  
5:30 p.m. MASS

St. Francis Xavier

St. Dominic Office

**March 1st, Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Confession  
8:30 a.m. Mass

St. Dominic

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9:30 a.m. Religious Ed.  
8:30 a.m. Mass

St. Dominic

St. Dominic

10:00 a.m. Confession  
10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier

**March 2nd, Monday**

**Parish Office is Closed**  
6:00 p.m. BEATITUDES from the Heartland

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier

Our Lady of Snows

St. Dominic

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR FEBRUARY:

#### For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray, that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing hope and strength.

#### INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR FEBRUARY:

For all catechumens and candidates making final preparations to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, that they may persevere and find prayerful support from their parish communities.

#### 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:

Bill Albright	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:** Andrew Morris, McClain Morris  
MSgt. Dylan Parks, TSgt. Nicole Parks

To place or remove someone's name on the prayer list, please call the Parish Office.



## BEATITUDES from the HEARTLAND

JOIN US THIS LENT FOR A FOUR-PART SMALL-GROUP EXPERIENCE  
DESIGNED TO DEEPEN YOUR ENGAGEMENT IN THE FAITH AND OUR PARISH

### ST. DOMINIC

MARCH 2, 9, 16 & 23 (MONDAYS @ 6PM) SD PARISH HALL

### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MARCH 8, 15, 22 & 29 (SUNDAYS @ 9:30AM) SFX PARISH HALL

Parishioners are welcome to form their own small groups and meet on their own.

Please contact Angie Reith ([jacocatholicsre@gmail.com](mailto:jacocatholicsre@gmail.com)) for instructions and materials by March 1.



### BLEST ART

A US-based retailer of religious items, including handcrafted goods made from olive wood from the Holy Land will be visiting us next weekend. They will set up at both parish halls and be available after Masses. Their ministry supports the small remaining population of Christians in the Holy Land

## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

February 21st (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	1st Sunday of Lent All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
February 22nd (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	1st Sunday of Lent Betty Fuqua+ All OCIA Catechumens and Candidates
February 24th (Tues.) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Lenten Weekday John Walsh Family Don Hrenchir+
February 25th (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Lenten Weekday Charlene Herbers+ Alice Kerr+
February 26th (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Lenten Weekday Bob Hood+ Floyd Teetzel+
February 27th (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor Suffering Souls in Purgatory+
February 28th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	2nd Sunday of Lent All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
March 1st (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	2nd Sunday of Lent Anna Wilder+ Alisha Quigley+

### St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus

February 2026 Knight Family

Michael Bailey



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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### Upcoming Dates

March 15: Spring Break- No Class @ St. FX

March 18: Spring Break- No Class @ St. D

April 11: 1st Communion Retreat, BOTH Parishes, @ St. Dominic Parish Hall

April 25: First Communion @ St. Dominic

April 26: First Communion @ St. Francis

## CLASS TIMES

### St. Dominic:

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

### St. Francis Xavier:

Sundays 9:30–10:30 a.m.

## THEMES: 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

This week's themes invites reflection on human weakness and God's saving grace. It shows the struggle with temptation and the hope of new life through Jesus.

- ◆ **Temptation and Choice:** Temptation is a test of loyalty to God. In Eden, Adam and Eve failed, but Jesus stood firm in the desert.
- ◆ **Obedience vs. Disobedience:** Adam's disobedience brought sin, while Jesus' obedience brings life. This contrast shows the impact of our choices.
- ◆ **Sin and its Consequences:** Sin brings shame and separation from God, as seen with Adam and Eve. But through Jesus, there is hope for reconciliation.
- ◆ **Grace and Redemption:** Through Jesus' sacrifice, grace overcomes sin. This offers a path to righteousness for all who believe.
- ◆ **Scripture as Strength:** Jesus used Scripture to resist temptation. This shows the power of God's Word in facing challenges.
- ◆ **Victory Over Evil:** Jesus defeated the devil's temptations. This victory gives confidence that evil can be overcome.

The 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A, highlights the human struggle with sin and the hope found in Jesus. It encourages trust in God's mercy and strength to resist temptation.

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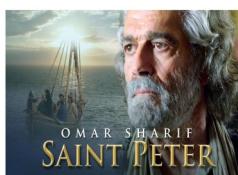
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Week of February 22, 2026



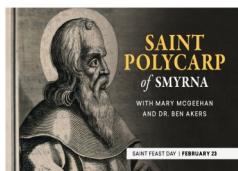
### Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



### Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.



### St. Polycarp | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of St. Polycarp, a second century bishop and martyr. St. Polycarp was a student of St. John the Apostle, defended the faith against early heresies, and offered his life like Christ as a martyr.

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