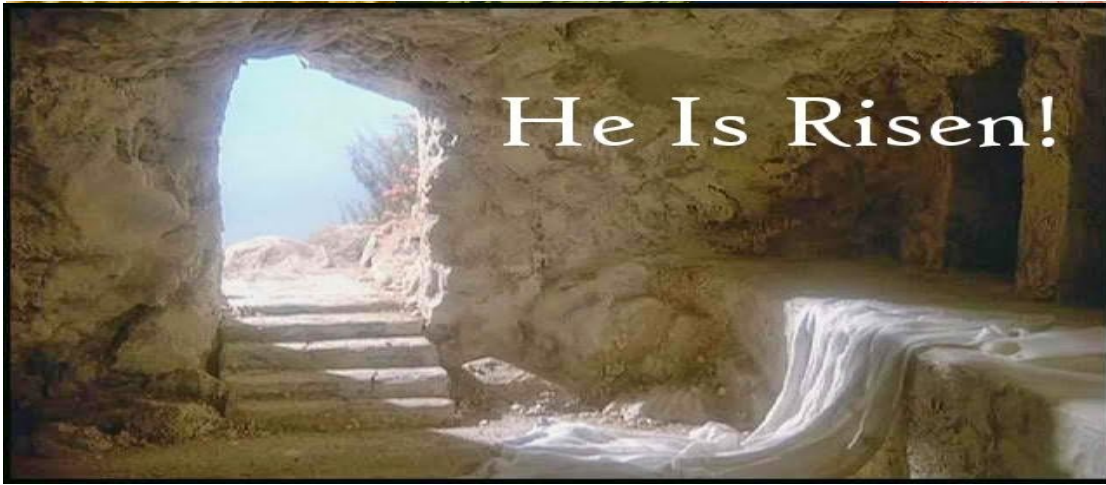


# Jackson County Catholic Community



Easter Sunday

April 5th, 2026

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

**John.** We see in today's Gospel a mix of reactions to the fact of Jesus' resurrection. The account begins with Mary Magdalene going alone to Jesus' tomb and finding it open. Her first reaction is one of fear. She thinks that Jesus' body has been stolen and she quickly shares her concerns with Peter and the Beloved Disciple. While both disciples immediately run to the tomb, only Peter is bold enough to enter despite coming in second in the footrace. Peter's boldness is contagious, and the Beloved Disciple quickly follows his lead. They confirm Jesus' absence, but it is not a scene of chaos or even of simple theft. If someone had stolen Jesus' body, why would they take the time to remove the burial cloths and neatly roll up the cloth that had covered his head? Instead, the scene is one of order and intentionality.

This leads to two different responses in the disciples since only the Beloved Disciple "saw and believed", implying that Peter does not yet believe. This does not mean the Beloved Disciple understood exactly what had occurred, as we hear that "they did not yet understand", indicating the Beloved Disciple's lack in the midst of his belief.

This reading invites us to consider our response to Jesus' resurrection. Are we like Mary, Peter, or the Beloved Disciple when we encounter God's unexpected movement in our lives?

**Luke.** Today's reading from the Gospel of Luke fast forwards from the resurrection account to Jesus' appearance to Cleopas and another disciple later that day. Despite their being engrossed in a discussion of what had occurred to Jesus in Jerusalem, they fail to recognize him as he joins them on their journey to Emmaus. Jesus' feigned ignorance of what has transpired leads to a concise retelling of the passion and resurrection narrative. They do not share the story out of a desire to gossip about recent events; rather, Jesus' question is an invitation for them to unburden their hearts.

Jesus' exclamation "how foolish you are" is not derogatory or a way to dismiss their concerns. Rather it taps into the motif of Jesus as a teacher of wisdom that runs throughout Luke's Gospel. Within the biblical books that focus on the study of wisdom (for example, Proverbs, Job, and Sirach), the juxtaposition of wisdom and foolishness is a common theme. Thus, Jesus' words introduce the wisdom that he imparts as he breaks open scripture for these disciples.

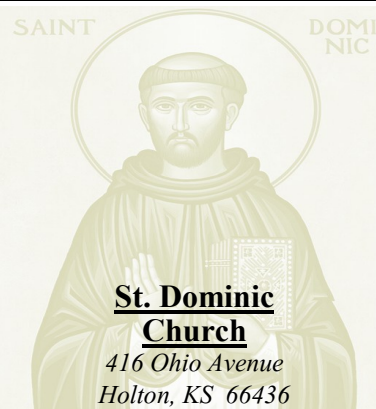
While the disciples were receptive to Jesus' teachings on the road, they did not recognize him until he broke bread with them in the evening. The description of taking, blessing, breaking, and giving the bread mirrors Jesus' actions in the Last Supper. Then the disciples recognized and understood the miraculous encounter they'd just had.

This encounter is the same one we experience each time we come to Mass. We listen to God's words during the Liturgy of the Word and witness the breaking of the bread during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Each time, we should ask ourselves, "Are our hearts not burning within us?"

~Maria Enid Barga, PhD, MPhil, MA

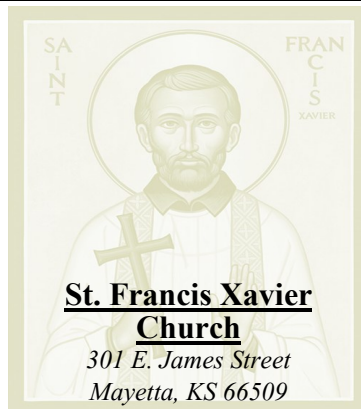
### TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Acts 10:34, 37-43    Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4    Gospel: John 20:1-9, Luke 24:13-35



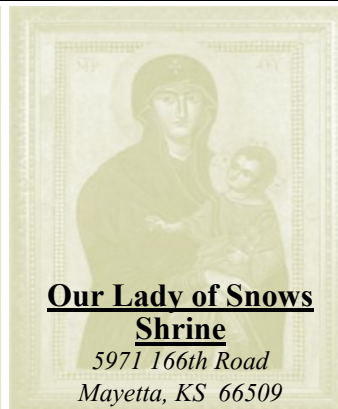
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9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

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**Custodians:** Kenyon Moran (St. D)

Vera Rioux (St. FX)

### WEEKDAY MASS Schedule:

St. Francis Xavier:

8:30 a.m. ~ ~~Cancelled until June 9~~

St. Dominic:

5:30 p.m. ~ ~~Cancelled until June 10~~

8:30 a.m. ~ ~~Cancelled until June 12~~

### WEEKEND MASS Schedule:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 p.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

Sunday

8:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m. ~ @ Our Lady of Snows

10:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

### CONFESSION Schedule:

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to St. FX and St. D weekend Masses

### ADORATION Schedule:

~~CANCELLED, until June 10th~~

**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

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11th & 12th	Sat. 04/11 @ 5:30 pm SD	7:00 am SD	Sun. 04/12 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 04/12 @ 10:30 am SD
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Terry Ludvicek	Cancelled	Joann Walker	Josh Shupe
<b>MUSIC</b>	No Music		Andrea Bailey, Tony Rioux	Leigha Sweet, Jenea Chartier
<b>LECTOR</b>	Vickie Pruett		Alice Zeller	Cullen Jackson
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Dan & Pat Doyle		Farrell Holthaus, Thad Holthaus	Gary & Debbie Kelly
<b>EMHC</b>	Linda Arnold		Marceta Reilly	Judy Arnold
<b>Acolytes</b>			Lana Brown (CB) Charlii Brown Dalton Cole, Paige Holthaus	Bennett Lancaster (CB) Emmy Pruett, Calvin Henry

**Homebound Communion Ministers:** Niki Meerpohl (*St. Dominic*), Sharon Cole (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Annette Schrieber (*Nursing Homes*)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

<b>April 6th, Monday</b> <b>Parish Office is Closed</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Rosary Fellowship</b>	<b>St. Dominic Hall</b>
<b>April 7th, Tuesday</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>
<b>April 8th, Wednesday</b> 5:30 p.m. <b>NO MASS, Adoration, or Confession</b> 6:30 p.m. <b>Religious Ed.</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b> <b>St. Dominic Hall</b>
<b>April 9th, Thursday</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>NO MASS</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>NO O.C.I.A. Class:</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>April 10th, Friday</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>NO MASS</b>	<b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>April 11th, Saturday</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Clean-Up Day</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>1st Communion Retreat</b> 5:00 p.m. <b>Confession</b> 5:30 p.m. <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Dominic Hall</b> <b>St. Dominic</b> <b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>April 12th, Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m. <b>Confession</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b> 9:30 a.m. <b>Religious Ed.</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Mass</b> 10:00 a.m. <b>Confession</b> 10:30 a.m. <b>MASS</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>Our Lady of Snows</b> <b>St. Dominic</b> <b>St. Dominic</b>
<b>April 13th, Monday</b> <b>Parish Office is Closed</b> 6:00 p.m. <b>Altar Society Mtg.</b>	<b>St. Dominic Hall</b>

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The St. Dominic, St Francis Xavier & Our Lady of Snows Catholic Communities extend their sincerest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to the families of

**Susana Dizon**  
Mother of Fr. Jonathan Dizon

**Pat Hasenkamp**  
St. Dominic parishioner

**Harold Walker**  
Brother of St. Francis Xavier  
parishioner, Joann Walker

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*




<b>ACTS ARCHDIOCESAN CALL to SHARE</b> <small>ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE as of March 20th, 2026)</small>	Saint Dominic	St Francis Xavier
Target Goal	\$18,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Committed	\$19,060.00	\$3,280.00
Goal Progress	106%	66%
Participation %	29%	24%



**CONGRATULATIONS!!**  
**Paisley Piper Roles**  
Daughter of Wyatt & Cortlin Roles  
Baptized on April 4th, 2026

PASTORAL COUNCILS		FINANCE COUNCILS	
<i>St. Dominic</i> Wayne Leiker Bethany Henry Leigha Sweet Cody Utz Niki Meerpohl Joshua Shupe Theresa Watkins	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i> Ben Ehrhart Marie Burdick Chris Everts Marguerite Mzhickteno Jeri Albright Mike Henry Tina Bailey	<i>St. Dominic</i> Barb Heideman David Ashcraft Diane Gross Mark Starr	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i> Mary Lou Koch Sharon Cole Farrell Holthaus Donald Sunday

 PARISH STEWARDSHIP March 28th & 29th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,375.00	\$1,045.00
<b>Plate</b>	545.25	298.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,920.25	\$1,343.00
<i>Week of March 21st &amp; 22nd</i>	\$2,483.00	\$1,496.25
<i>Week of March 14th &amp; 15th</i>	\$8,629.00	\$2,113.00

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR APRIL:

#### For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

### INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR APRIL:

#### 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	Ed Hrenchir
Carolyn Koger	Karen 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	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	Floyd Klein	Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks
Leonard Riley	Danyell Russell	Linda Schiffbauer	Anna Segenhagen
Hannah VanHorn			

#### 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.*

The Jackson County Catholic Communities joyfully acknowledge the following individuals who received the Sacraments of Initiation and welcomed into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil

**April 4th, 2026**

**Chase Jerome Eugene Pio Eck**

Confirmation, 1st Communion

Sponsor: Brad Weilert

**Brooke Marie Teresa Doyle**

Confirmation, 1st Communion

Sponsor: Teresa Arnold

**Connie Sue Zita McClain**

Confirmation, 1st Communion

Sponsor: Pat Gould

**Cortlin Page Martha Roles**

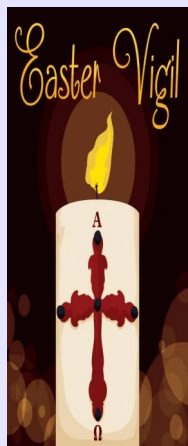
Baptism, Confirmation, 1st Communion

Sponsor: Amy Pruyser

**John Wyatt Joseph Roles**

Confirmation, 1st Communion

Sponsor: Benjamin Ehrhart



A special **THANK YOU** to the **Arts & Environment Committee** and the **Altar Societies** for hosting and sponsoring the reception for our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

## Weekend Mass Intentions

<b>April 4th (Sat)</b> 8:00 p.m. St. Dominic	LeRoy "Whitey" Lehmkuhl+	<b>Easter Vigil</b>
<b>April 5th (Sun)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Larry & Marguerite Mzhickteno	<b>Easter Sunday</b>
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased	
<b>April 11th (Sat)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic		<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>
		All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
<b>April 12th (Sun)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Don Hrenchir+	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Kay Ludvicek+	

### IMPORTANT MASS SCHEDULE NOTICES

**Fr. Jonathan will be gone until the end of May. There will be no daily Mass until June 9th.**

*Mass Intentions will be rescheduled.*

### easter flowers

*In Memory/Honor of...*

**Richard Arnold**

**Irwin & Ida Bloom**

**Leeroy Bloom**

**Adolph & Felicia Boeckmann**

**Micheal Boeckmann**

**Rick Cole**

**Elmer Deters**

**Ben & Marge Fox**

**Ernest & Dolores Hoffman**

**Curt & Catherine Ingels**

**Samantha Justice**

**Mary Kaiser**

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### Upcoming Dates

April 11, 8:30 a.m.: 1st Communion Retreat, BOTH Parishes, @ St. Dominic Parish Hall

April 25: First Communion @ St. Dominic 5:30 p.m. For BOTH Parishes

April 29th: 1st Class @ St. Dominic  
 May 3rd: 1st Class @ St. Francis Xavier,  
 May 3rd; Graduation Sunday,  
 May 3rd; May Crowning

## THEMES: EASTER SUNDAY, YEAR A

Easter, as the central feast in the Christian liturgical calendar, encompasses several profound themes that underscore its significance. These themes not only reflect on the resurrection of Jesus Christ but also on the wider implications for humanity and individual believers.

- ◆ **Resurrection:** The cornerstone of Easter, celebrating Jesus Christ's victory over death and his resurrection, symbolizing hope and the promise of eternal life for all believers.
- ◆ **Renewal and Rebirth:** Easter signifies a time of new beginnings, spiritual renewal, and the rebirth of faith, inviting Christians to rejuvenate their lives.
- ◆ **Redemption:** The celebration emphasizes Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, highlighting the theme of redemption and the forgiveness of sins for humanity.
- ◆ **Victory over Sin and Death:** Easter underlines the triumph of Jesus over the powers of sin and death, offering believers freedom from sin and the promise of salvation.
- ◆ **Eternal Life:** The resurrection of Jesus opens the way for believers to eternal life with God, stressing the theme of hope for the future beyond death.
- ◆ **Faith and Belief:** Easter is a call to deepen one's faith and trust in the power of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, reinforcing the foundation of Christian belief.
- ◆ **Joy and Celebration:** Marking the joy of Jesus' resurrection, Easter is a time of celebration, characterized by joyous liturgies, music, and the proclamation of the "Alleluia", expressing the happiness of salvation.
- ◆ **Transformation and Conversion:** Reflecting on the transformative power of Jesus' resurrection, Easter encourages believers to turn away from sin and embrace a life transformed by God's grace.

Easter Sunday themes weave together to form the rich tapestry of Easter's significance, each contributing to the deeper understanding and celebration of this pivotal event in Christian faith. (YoungCatholics.com)



## This Week on Formed

Week of April 05, 2026



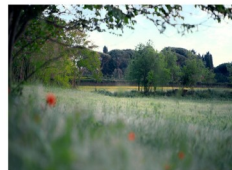
### What Catholics Believe About the Resurrection: Was Jesus a Ghost?

Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?



### Easter and the Resurrection | The Augustine Institute Show

Alleluia! He is Risen! Join Fr. Brian Larkin, Pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Denver, Colorado, as he discusses the Resurrection and the Easter season with Dr. Tim Gray on the Augustine Institute Show.



### The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.

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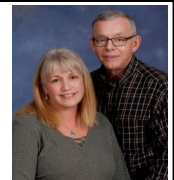
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