

Jackson County Catholic Community

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



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April 12th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Today's Gospel reading immediately follows Jesus' first resurrection appearance, which was to Mary Magdalene at the tomb. The apostles heard the good news from her, but we see at the beginning of today's reading that they remain behind locked doors, paralyzed by fear. It is in this state that they first lay eyes on the risen Christ, witnessing a double miracle. Not only is Christ alive – a fact made more tangible by his showing them his wounds – but he also appears before them despite the locked doors, pointing to his transcendence from the mere physical. Thus, they witness both the physical, bodily reality of Jesus' resurrection as well as his divinity that breaks through laws of physics.

His first words, "Peace be with you", are both a blessing and a reminder that the apostles are not at peace. Jesus knows their fears and reassures them first before commissioning them, giving them the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that emboldens the apostles, filling them with courage to fulfill their commission. Jesus' words highlight that action is only possible through peace, through the quieting of the heart and confidence in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and around us.

Unfortunately for Thomas, he was not present for this appearance, although we do not know what he was doing. Perhaps we can infer that Thomas was not so stricken with fear that he restricted his movements, hiding behind locked doors. Whatever the case may be, he expresses his doubts regarding the other apostles' reports of their encounter with the risen Lord. While his words have memorialized him as "Doubting Thomas", the truth is that he merely stated the reality experienced by the other apostles. They had heard Mary's witness of the resurrection, but they, too, did not believe until they saw Jesus' wounds. What is different is Thomas' response, one of full confession of belief: "My Lord and my God!" It is a confession we proclaim today as we, who believe without having seen, are emboldened by the Spirit to rejoice in and proclaim the good news of our salvation.

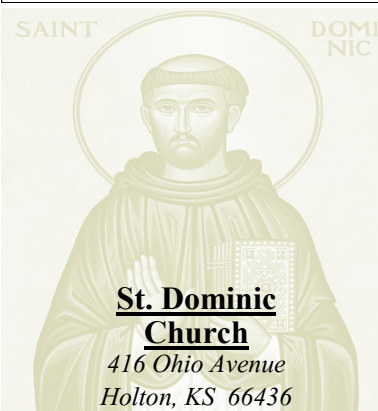
~Maria Enid Barga, PhD, MPhil, MA

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Acts 2:42-47

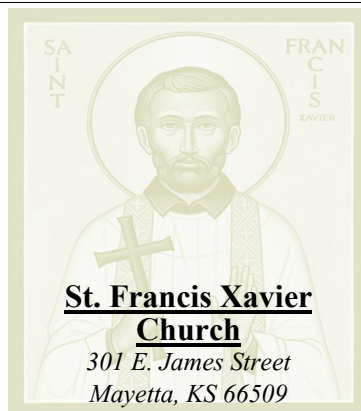
Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31



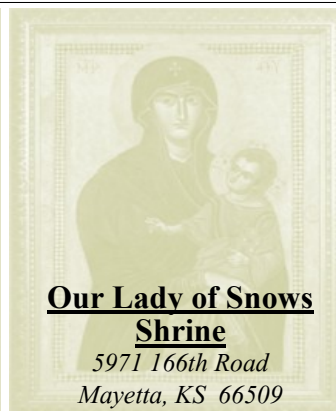
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OFFICE HOURS:

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. ~ ~~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

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 18th & 19th	Sat. 04/18 @ 5:30 pm SD	7:00 am SD	Sun. 04/19 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 04/19 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Darrin Reith	Cancelled	Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvicek
MUSIC	Robin Sides		Andrea Bailey, Marguerite Mzhickteno	Michelle Niehues Dyann Parks
LECTOR	Darrin Reith		Kathy Devlin	Zach Lancaster
GREETER- USHER	Jean Lierz, Kara Hoffman		Jim & Marsha Seematter	Dale & Kathleen Noel
EMHC	Theresa Watkins		Joann Walker	Keri Bausch
Acolytes			Nick Rioux (CB) Dalton Cole, Zack Rioux	Colton Grisell (CB) Colby Grisell, Amelia Larkins

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

April 13th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed
 6:00 p.m. **Altar Society Mtg.** **St. Dominic Hall**

April 14th, Tuesday
 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS** **St. Francis Xavier**

April 15th, Wednesday
 5:30 p.m. **NO MASS, Adoration, or Confession** **St. Dominic**
 6:30 p.m. **Religious Ed.** **St. Dominic Hall**

April 16th, Thursday
 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS** **St. Francis Xavier**
 6:00 p.m. **LAST O.C.I.A. Class: Dinner & Reflections** **St. Dominic**

April 17th, Friday
 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS** **St. Dominic**

April 18th, Saturday
 5:00 p.m. **Confession** **St. Dominic**
 5:30 p.m. **VIGIL MASS** **St. Dominic**

April 19th, Sunday
 8:00 a.m. **Confession** **St. Francis Xavier**
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** **St. Francis Xavier**
 9:30 a.m. **Altar Society & K of C Mtgs.** **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**

April 20th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary Fellowship** **St. Dominic Hall**

BLESSED ARE THOSE
 WHO HAVE NOT SEEN
 AND YET BELIEVE.
 JOHN 20:29

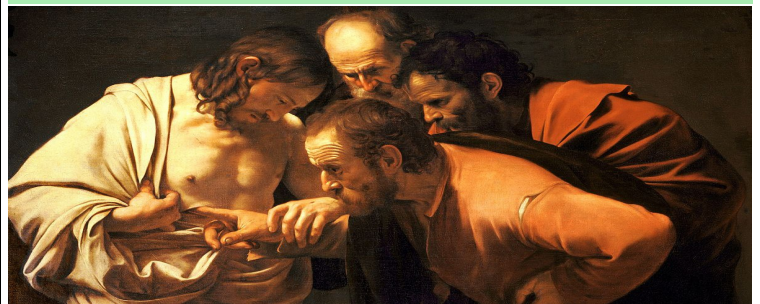
NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2026 (Deadline = May 1st, 2026)


*Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
 June 7th, 2026, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity/Leewood*

*To receive your invitation from Archbishop McKnight,
 Please call the parish office and give us your name, address,
 phone number and date of your wedding.
 Please do this as soon as possible.*

Couple Response Google Form - This link is available for couples, if they would like to submit their information to the archdiocese office.
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgmGRXBJAvnbFMBtJfGrPjyhI4OzGwF7OD5kXHLTro-y-few/viewform?usp=header>



ACTS ARCHDIOCESAN CALL to SHARE <small>ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE as of March 31st, 2026</small>	Saint Dominic	St Francis Xavier
Target Goal	\$18,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Committed	\$19,660.00	\$3,380.00
Goal Progress	109%	68%
Participation %	31%	25%

 PARISH STEWARDSHIP April 3rd, 4th, & 5th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes (including March Direct Depo.)	\$7,519.13	\$2,752.00
Plate	1,079.00	719.00
TOTAL	\$8,598.13	\$3,471.00
<i>Week of March 28th & 29th</i>	\$2,920.25	\$1,343.00
<i>Week of March 21st & 22nd</i>	\$2,483.00	\$1,496.25

PASTORAL COUNCILS

<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Wayne Leiker	Ben Ehrhart
Bethany Henry	Marie Burdick
Leigha Sweet	Chris Everts
Cody Utz	Marguerite Mzhickteno
Niki Meerpohl	Jeri Albright
Joshua Shupe	Mike Henry
Theresa Watkins	Tina Bailey

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

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 Paige Martha Roles

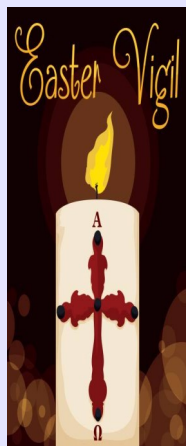
Baptism, Confirmation, 1st Communion

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

April 11th (Sat)
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

April 12th (Sun)
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

April 18th (Sat)
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

April 19th (Sun)
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

2nd Sunday of Easter
All Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

2nd Sunday of Easter
Don Hrenchir+
Kay Ludvicek+

3rd Sunday of Easter
Justin Kennedy+

3rd Sunday of Easter
Oliver Schiffbauer+
All Parishioners,
Living & Deceased

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.

Rekindle the love and joy, the hopes and dreams that you and your spouse cherished on your wedding day by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience**.

"It was amazing! The most fruitful weekend my wife and I have ever had. Do whatever it takes and schedule yours now!" - Bruce R.

Visit www.WWME.org, scan the QR code or email greaterkc.wwme@gmail.com for registration & information!

worldwide marriage encounter

Save the Date
 June 19-21, 2026 in Kansas City, KS
 Sept 18-20, 2026 in Carthage, MO
 Oct. 23-25, 2026 in Kansas City, KS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Angie Reith, Director of Parish Life & Faith Formation
 (785) 364-5941 or jacocatholicsre@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates

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

April 29th: **LAST CLASS @ St. Dominic**
 May 3rd: **LAST CLASS @ St. Francis Xavier,**
 May 3rd; **Graduation Sunday,**
 May 3rd: **May Crowning**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

SUMMER 2026
 Monday, July 6th ~ Thursday, July 9th
 More details to come...

THEMES: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, YEAR A

This Sunday's themes celebrate God's mercy and the hope we receive through Christ's resurrection. The readings highlight forgiveness, faith, and the joy of new life in Christ.

- ◆ **God's Mercy and Forgiveness:** Jesus gives his disciples the power to forgive sins, showing God's endless mercy. This gift invites us to seek forgiveness and extend mercy to others.
- ◆ **Faith Amid Doubt:** Thomas doubts the resurrection until he sees Jesus' wounds. His journey shows that faith can grow through questions and honest seeking.
- ◆ **Peace Through Christ:** Jesus greets his disciples with peace, calming their fear. His presence brings peace that conquers fear and doubt.
- ◆ **The Power of Community:** The early Christians prayed, shared resources, and grew together in faith. This shows the importance of supporting each other in living out the Gospel.
- ◆ **Hope Through Resurrection:** Christ's resurrection gives us a living hope and an eternal inheritance. This hope sustains us, even through trials and challenges.
- ◆ **Joy in Belief:** Although we cannot see Jesus, faith brings joy and purpose. Believing without seeing is blessed, as Jesus teaches Thomas.

Divine Mercy Sunday, Year A, invites us to embrace God's mercy and live in hope and faith. It calls us to be merciful, to believe with joy, and to support each other as a community of believers.
(YoungCatholics.com)



This Week on Formed
Week of April 12, 2026



Divine Mercy Chaplet | Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Consider praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in a new way with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. This video on Formed includes breathtaking footage of Catholics across the world performing works of mercy and asking God to have mercy on us.



Pope John Paul II

Starring Jon Voight and Cary Elwes, this epic film follows Karol Wojtyla's journey from his youth in Poland through his late days on the Chair of St. Peter.



Divine Mercy with Fr. Michael Gaitley

Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II.

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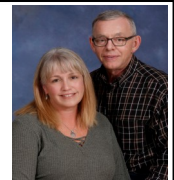
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