

# Jackson County Catholic Community



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26th, 2026

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

The passage we hear in today's Gospel lays the groundwork for understanding what Christ means when he declares, "I am the good shepherd (John 10:11), which immediately follows today's reading. Twice in these verses we hear Jesus say, "Amen, amen". In John's Gospel, this phrase occurs at key moments in Jesus' teaching to reinforce a new concept he is presenting. In today's case, Jesus stresses the qualities of a good shepherd in two distinct yet complementary images, introducing each of them with this unique phrasing.

In the first occurrence, Jesus notes that only the shepherd enters the sheepfold through the gate, while thieves climb over the fence. Furthermore, the sheep recognize his voice as he calls them by name. This statement takes on poignant significance later in John when Mary Magdalene is unaware that she is speaking with the risen Christ until he calls her name. Upon hearing her name, she instantly recognizes Jesus, and she is receptive to his commission to spread the good news. In a similar way in today's reading, the sheep follow the shepherd, whose voice they recognize.

The second instance of "Amen, amen" introduces Jesus as the gate to the sheep-fold, keeping thieves out. Jesus thus depicts himself via these two distinct images: as the shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Both images reinforce the concept of protection: one active and one passive. Additionally, the gate is how the sheep enter and return as they go to pasture, linking the concept of sustenance to the image. Thus, the Good Shepherd both protects and nourishes.

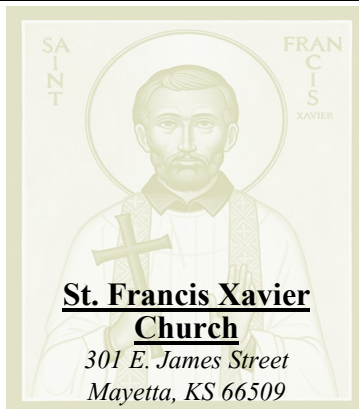
~Maria Enid Barga, PhD, MPhil, MA

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10



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### OFFICE HOURS:

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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. ~ *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

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2nd & 3rd	Sat. 05/02 @ 5:30 pm SD	7:00 am SD	Sun. 05/03 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 05/03 @ 10:30 am SD
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Wanda Weldin	Cancelled	Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvicek
<b>MUSIC</b>	Cody Utz		Andrea Bailey, Paige Holthaus Marguerite Mzhickteno	Michelle Niehues Leigha Sweet
<b>LECTOR</b>	Jean Lierz		Catherine Holthaus	Mike Tanking
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Bob Fox, Kara Hoffman		Chris Harris, Farrell Holthaus	Galen Brucken, Jim Childs
<b>EMHC</b>	Gregg Watkins		Kathy Devlin	Karen Leiker
<b>Acolytes</b>			Nick Rioux (CB) Zach Rioux, Dalton Cole	Westin Tanking (CB) Kyla Tanking, Amelia Larkins

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

**April 27th, Monday**  
**Parish Office is Closed**  
 7:00 p.m. **K of C Mtg.** (Election of officers) **St. Dominic Hall**

**April 28th, Tuesday**  
 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS** **St. Francis Xavier**

**April 29th, Wednesday**  
 5:30 p.m. **NO MASS, Adoration, or Confession** **St. Dominic**  
 6:30 p.m. **NO Religious Ed.** (Remaining classes canceled) **St. Dominic Hall**

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

**May 1st, Friday**  
 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS** **St. Dominic**

**May 2nd, Saturday**  
 5:00 p.m. **Confession** **St. Dominic**  
 5:30 p.m. **MASS** **St. Dominic**

**May 3rd, Sunday May Crowning & Graduation Sunday**  
 8:00 a.m. **Confession** **St. Francis Xavier**  
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** **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**

**May 4th, Monday**  
**Parish Office is Closed**  
 6:30 p.m. **Rosary Fellowship** **St. Dominic Hall**

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Dominic Knights of Columbus**



*April Knight & Family*  
**Landon & Kallie Bagby**

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

**Vickie Barr**

*St. Francis Xavier parishioner.*

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

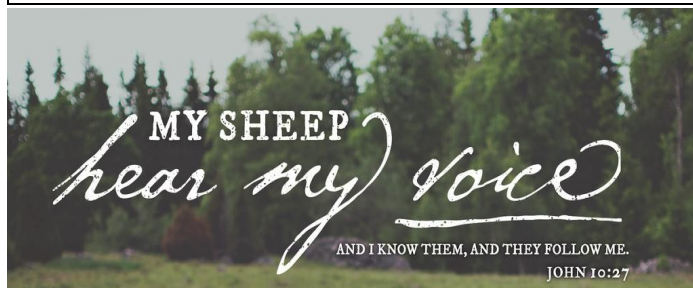
**IMPORTANT MASS SCHEDULE NOTICE**

*Fr. Jonathan will be visiting his homeland until the end of May.*

**There will be no Daily Masses until**

**June 9th at St. FX, June 10th at St. D**

*Daily Mass intentions are being rescheduled.*



<b>ACTS</b> ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE (as of April 15, 2026)	Saint Dominic	St Francis Xavier
Target Goal	\$18,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Committed	\$20,185.00	\$3,625.00
Goal Progress	112%	73%
Participation %	33%	29%

<b>PARISH STEWARDSHIP</b> April 18th & 19th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$2,300.00	\$1,615.00
<b>Plate</b>	460.50	255.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,760.50</b>	<b>\$1,870.00</b>
<i>Week of April 11th &amp; 12th</i>	\$4,450.00	\$1,046.00
<i>Week of April 3rd, 4th, 5th</i>	\$8,598.13	\$3,471.00

**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	Donald Deters
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	Pat Spohn	Hannah VanHorn	Terry Weldin

#### 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.*

## FINAL CALL!

### Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2026

(Deadline = May 1st, 2026)

#### Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

June 7th, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

Church of the Nativity/Leawood

*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/1FAIpQLSdgmGRXBJAvnbFMBtJfGrPjyhI4OzGwF7OD5kXHLTrouy-few/viewform?usp=header>

## Weekend Mass Intentions

<b>April 25th (Sat)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Cathleen Reed+
<b>April 26th (Sun)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Melinda Wareham+ All Parishioners, especially Altar Society members, Living & Deceased
<b>May 2nd (Sat)</b> 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
<b>May 3rd (Sun)</b> 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> Bob Bausch+ Melinda Wareham+

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

**Angie Reith**, Director of Parish Life & Faith Formation  
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### Upcoming Dates

#### May 3rd; Graduation Sunday

**LAST CALL: DEADLINE** for registering your graduate with Angie **MUST** be turned in by Tuesday, April 28th, by 1:30 p.m., for recognition on May 3rd.

#### May 3rd: May Crowning

Religious Education has come to an end for the remainder of the year.

Thank you for a wonderful year, and have a great summer!



#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES SUMMER 2026

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

#### Youth Class Times:

**St. Dominic:**  
 Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier:**  
 Sundays 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**THEMES: 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A**

The 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, highlights Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for his flock. The readings emphasize the themes of guidance, protection, and the call to follow Christ.

- ◆ **Jesus as the Good Shepherd:** Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and lays down his life for them. This image shows his deep care and willingness to sacrifice for us.
- ◆ **Repentance and Baptism:** In Acts, Peter calls for repentance and baptism in the name of Jesus. This theme emphasizes turning away from sin and beginning a new life in Christ.
- ◆ **Following Christ's Example:** Peter's letter urges us to follow Christ's example of suffering patiently. This teaches us to endure hardships with trust in God.
- ◆ **Hearing God's Voice:** Jesus says his sheep hear his voice and follow him. This highlights the importance of listening to Jesus and discerning his guidance in our lives.
- ◆ **New Life in Christ:** Peter speaks of dying to sin and living for righteousness. This theme stresses the new life we receive through Christ's sacrifice and resurrection.
- ◆ **Conversion and Salvation:** Acts recounts the conversion of many who heard Peter's message. This shows the power of the Gospel to change hearts and bring salvation.

The themes of the 4th Sunday of Easter, Year A, remind us of Jesus' care and guidance as our Shepherd. We are called to listen to His voice, follow Him, and live out our faith daily. (YoungCatholics.com)

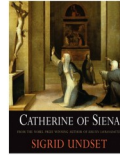


**This Week on Formed**  
Week of April 26, 2026



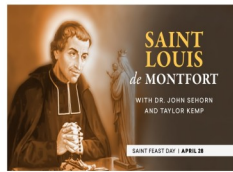
**Joseph of Nazareth**

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



**Catherine of Siena**

Sigrid Undset's Catherine of Siena is critically acclaimed as one of the best biographies of this well-known and amazing fourteenth-century saint.



**St. Louis de Montfort | Catholic Saints**

Dr. John Sehorn joins Taylor Kemp to discuss the life of St. Louis de Montfort. Born in western France, St. Louis had a great love for Mary and the Rosary. His work True Devotion to Mary helps Catholics grow in their relationship with Jesus through his Mother, Mary.

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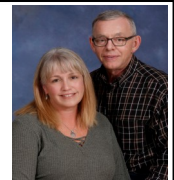
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