

Jackson County Catholic Community

The seed that falls on
good ground will yield
a fruitful harvest



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Today's gospel reading forms part of the third great discourse in Matthew. The Gospel of Matthew can be divided into five great discourses of Jesus that mirror the Pentateuch—that is, the first five books of the Bible, which are also known as the books of Moses. This connection highlights Jesus as the long-awaited prophet-like-Moses from Deuteronomy 18:15-19.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus presents the well-known parable of the sower whose seeds meet with diverse endings. The term "parable" comes from the Greek *parabolē*, meaning "placing beside." Thus, Jesus places the reception of the "word of the kingdom" beside the workings of creation to reveal truths about the kingdom of God. In this way, this parable continues the theme of creation found in both the first and second readings.

While the first half of this reading focuses on the telling of the parable, the second half provides its interpretation. As a result, we know that the seeds are those who hear the word of God. This reveals to us, in turn, the identity of the sower: a prophet, one who speaks God's word. Moreover, we understand that this prophet is Jesus, the anticipated prophet-like-Moses. The identity of Jesus as prophet is further reinforced by Jesus' quote from Isaiah 6:9-10. The prophet Isaiah proclaims repentance to the people of Israel, but the people do not heed his words. Just as the people closed themselves to the proclamation of the prophet Isaiah, this prophecy in Isaiah 6:9-10 finds another layer of fulfillment in the person of Jesus, who proclaims the good news but suffers rejection and, ultimately, death, for so doing.

Yet there are those who are receptive to the word of the kingdom. As in the first reading, the effectiveness of God's word is emphasized, bearing fruit in the one who understands it. But what does it mean to understand the word of the kingdom? As indicated with the reference to bearing fruit, understanding calls for a movement from passive hearing to active processing, integrating, and living out the word. It is only in this way that it bears fruit. Hearing the word of God is not sufficient, as clearly seen in the outcomes of those who hear the word but either do not accept it ("fell on the path") or they reject it because of trials and tribulations ("rocky ground") or worldly concerns ("thorns").

As followers of Christ, we are called to hear the word of God and bear fruit. One way in which this is manifested is in how we treat those around us. Do our actions reflect Christ? Do we nurture the word of God through our prayer life and reception of the sacraments? Do we understand the word of God?

~Maria Enid Barga, PhD, MPhil, MA

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Isaiah 55:10-11

Reading II: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Dizon

jdizon@archkck.org

For sacramental emergencies, please
call the Rectory: (785) 362-7026

PARISH OFFICE:

115 E. 5th St., Holton, KS 66436

Phone: (785) 364-3262

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm Tues — Fri

PARISH E-MAIL and WEBSITE:

parish.jacocatholics@gmail.com

<https://jacocatholics.com>

Director Parish Life & Faith Formation:

Angie Reith

jacocatholicsre@gmail.com

Bookkeeper: Vera Rioux

Business Mngr.: Marilyn Atkinson

acct.jacocatholics@gmail.com

Custodians: Kenyon Moran (St. D)

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

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

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

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

CONFESSION Schedule:

Weekdays, Wednesday, following

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic Mass

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to week-end Masses

ADORATION Schedule:

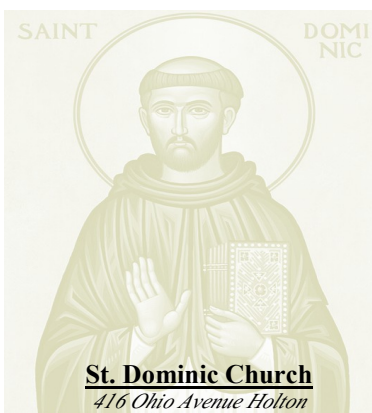
6:00 pm Wednesday

BAPTISM: Those requesting baptism for their children need to be registered parishioners. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents prior to event.

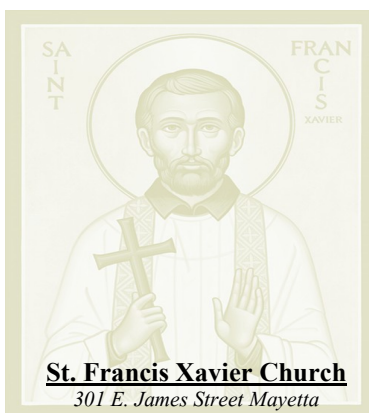
MARRIAGE: Preparation begins with initial consult with parish priest. Please allow at least six months notice to fulfill the Archdiocesan marriage requirements.

ANointing of the SICK: Call the office during business hours. Call the rectory after hours or for emergencies.

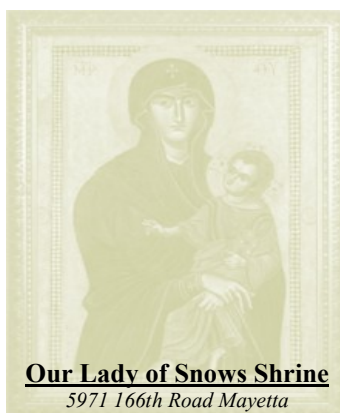
DECLARATION of NULLITY: Please call the parish office for details.



St. Dominic Church
416 Ohio Avenue Holton



St. Francis Xavier Church
301 E. James Street Mayetta



Our Lady of Snows Shrine
5971 166th Road Mayetta

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18th & 19th	Sat. 7/18 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 07/19 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 07/19 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	TBD	Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvick
MUSIC	Cody Utz	Andrea Bailey, Marguerite Mzhickteno, Paige Holthaus, Charlii Brown	Dyann Parks Michelle Niehues
LECTOR	Mark Pruett	Catherine Holthaus	David Schmitz
GREETER- USHER	Gary & Annette Schreiber	Thad Holthaus	Cullen & Nikki Jackson
EMHC	D'Ann Decker	Mary Lou Koch	Wayne Leiker
Acolytes		Nick Rioux, Zack Rioux Hannah Holthaus	Bennett Lancaster (CB) Xavier Howard, Calvin Henry
Homebound Communion Ministers: Niki Meerpohl (St. Dominic), Alice Zeller (St. Francis Xavier), and Jean Lierz (Nursing Homes)			

CALENDAR of EVENTS

July 13th, Monday	
Parish Office is Closed	
6:00 p.m. Altar Society Meeting	St. Dominic Hall
July 14th, Tuesday	
8:30 a.m. MASS	St. Francis Xavier
9:30 a.m.~1:30 p.m. Catholic Charities	St. Dominic Hall
July 15th, Wednesday	
5:30 p.m. MASS	St. Dominic
6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession	
July 16th, Thursday	
8:30 a.m. MASS	St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. Women's Study Group	St. Dominic Hall
July 17th, Friday	
8:30 a.m. MASS	St. Dominic
July 18th, Saturday	
5:00 p.m. Confession	St. Dominic
5:30 p.m. MASS	St. Dominic
July 19th, 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
5:30 p.m. Men's Catholicism Study	St. Francis Xavier
July 20th, Monday	
Parish Office is Closed	
6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship	St. Dominic Hall

WOMEN'S STUDY

HOME: A Study on the Ten Virtues of Mary
Starts this Thursday ~ July 16 @ 6PM
St Dominic Parish Hall



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

catholic  charities
OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

The Catholic Charities
Bus will be present
at the St. Dominic
Parish Hall on
Tuesday,
July 14th, 2026
9:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m.

→ Photo I. D. is required
→ Items will vary depending
on availability

Walk-in services will include:

- ◆ Food
- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Books
- ◆ Personal Hygiene Items
- ◆ Seasonal Items

Resource Bus Hotline:
(913) 433-2039

CATHOLICCHARITIESKS.ORG/BUS

Curious About The Catholic Faith?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

OCIA Is For You If...

- ☐ You have never been baptized.
- ☐ You were baptized in another faith tradition.
- ☐ You are a baptized Catholic but have not received Confirmation and/or First Communion.
- ☐ You are just exploring what it means to be Catholic.

Coming Fall 2026

Contact Person:
Angie Reith
(785) 364-3262
jacocatholiccare@gmail.com

PARISH STEWARDSHIP July 4th & 5th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes (Incl. June Dir. Dep)	\$5,370.00	\$2,945.00
Plate	\$525.06	\$371.00
TOTAL	\$5,895.06	\$3,316.00
Week of June 27th & 28th	\$3,099.85	\$971.00
Week of June 20th & 21st	\$2,558.00	\$1,504.25

PASTORAL COUNCILS

St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
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

St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
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 JULY:

For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR JULY:

For unity, that God may help us to set aside our differences and biases and guide us to building a stronger, more respectful and more compassionate society.

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	Mary Morford	Richard Mulroy
Mike Myers	Joe Purcell	Larry Reilly	Barb Schussler
Kade Sides	Arnel Springer	Evelyn Sullivan	Ray Zeller

Relatives of Parishioners:

Bill Albright	Christopher Brown	Rodney 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
Darlene Glassel	Kase Glassel	Jamie Goldman	Vickie Goodman
Jacob Hastings	Jo Hufford	Floyd Klein	Felicia Nicholes
Lainey Parks	Leonard Riley	Danyell Russell	Anna Segenhagen
Pat Spohn	Hannah VanHorn	Maddie Ward	Ramsey Ward
Terry Weldin	Michael Willcott		

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM:

US Air Force: Andrew Morris, McClain Morris, MSgt. Dylan Parks, TSgt. Nicole Parks

US Army: MP ANG Therron Fox SSgt. Matthew Zeller **US Marines:** Maj. JP Turner

US Navy: E-5 Dennis Reed Potter **KS Air National Guard:** Sadey Gross

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

Pitching for Priests.
The I-435 Series Continues. **July 31, 2026**

Join us for the annual state-line showdown between the priests of the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph, MO and the priests of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

KC Monarchs Stadium – Legends Field Ballpark
located at 1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66111

The event is FREE, however, free-will donations will be accepted at the stadium or catholicradio.com

JACKSON COUNTY CATHOLICS
JOB OPENING
PARISH BOOKKEEPER
PART-TIME POSITION

TO APPLY, PLEASE SEND
EMAIL WITH RESUME TO:
jdizon@archkck.org

Weekend Mass Intentions

July 11th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	15th Sunday, Ordinary Time Ben & Marge Fox+ Bob Krogman+
July 12th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	15th Sunday, Ordinary Time Wayne & Pam Zeller Betty Faqua+ All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
July 14th (Tues) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	St. Kateri Tekakwitha Samantha Justice+ Don Hrenchir+
July 15th (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	St Bonaventure Danielle Nelson+ Dale Reed+
July 16th (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Weekday, Ordinary Time Marcelline Meyer+ Marlene Putnam+
July 17th (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Weekday, Ordinary Time George Brtek+ Darrel Meyer+
July 18th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	16th Sunday, Ordinary Time Pat Hasenkamp+ Charlene Herbers+
July 19th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	16th Sunday, Ordinary Time All Parishioners, Living & Deceased Richard Sudbeck+ Richard Arnold+

Sip. Paint. Relax.

SIP & PAINT
JULY 25 • 7-10PM

RESERVE A SPOT

St. Francis Xavier
301 James, Mayetta

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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

SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 8TH
CATECHIST RETREAT

We will begin our day with breakfast & gathering at 9am at Our Lady of the Snows

TEACHERS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the following positions for our Religious Education for the upcoming Academic Year.

St. Dominic
4th Grade Assistant
5th Grade Teacher & Assistant
St. Francis Xavier
4th Grade Teacher

THEMES: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

The readings for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, focus on God's word and how people receive it. They remind us that God's message is meant to bring life, but it requires open hearts to grow

- **Power of God's Word:** God's word is like rain that nourishes the earth. It always fulfills its purpose, just as the first reading says.
- **Fertile Hearts and Faith:** The parable of the sower shows that people respond to God in different ways. A heart that is open and willing to listen will grow in faith.
- **Challenges to Faith:** Some people struggle to hold on to God's message. Distractions, worries, and hardships can keep faith from growing.
- **Hope in Future Glory:** The second reading reminds us that present struggles are small compared to the joy that will come. This hope helps believers stay strong.
- **God's Generosity in Creation:** The psalm describes the beauty and richness of the earth. It reflects how God provides and blesses those who trust in Him.
- **Call to Listen and Understand:** Jesus explains that not everyone truly listens to God's word. Understanding takes effort and a desire to grow.

God's word is always working, but people must be ready to receive it. The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, calls us to trust, listen, and let faith take root.

(YoungCatholics.com)



This Week on Formed

Week of July 12, 2026



St. Kateri Tekakwitha | God's Princesses

Follow along with Sister Imelda as she tells of the inspiring journey of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a young Mohawk girl who comes to know the Gospel with the help of pioneering priests. Choosing to follow Jesus, Kateri is faced with great challenges as she does her best to bring God's love to her own people! A fun and inspiring example of not giving up!



St. Bonaventure | Catholic Saints

A Franciscan cardinal-bishop and contemporary of St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bonaventure is an excellent example of saintly humility. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor," St. Bonaventure loved God above all else. Join Dr. Chris Mooney and Mary McGeehan as they explore the life of this great saint.



What Catholics Believe About Mary: Immaculate Conception, Virginity

Join Dr. Edward Sri as he answers some of the internet's most asked questions about Mary. Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary? How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Find out answers to these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

Our parish has a Formed subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

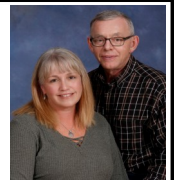
Chapel Oaks Funeral Home

Wayne & Karen Leiker

Holton
524 Pennsylvania Ave.
(785) 364-2141

Nancy Bailey, Sean Cahill, Sharon Gabriel, Shirley Horr, Sarah Milligan,
Jeff Moszeter, Brenda Pahlmhamie, Mike Spade, Kathy Wende
chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

Hoyt
100 Apache Drive
(785) 986-6548



Serving the families of St. Dominic and St. Francis
Xavier Catholic Churches for over 90 years.



Chris & Tracy Mercer
Jim Braum, Kaleb Smith,
Travis Farwell, Alberta Lierz
Linda Beightel, Camille Jones,
Judy Strawn, Phyllis Scott,
Renae Askren, Rita Ent,
Candee Jacobs, Terri Young,
Kathleen Armstrong,
Freda Smith Phil Dunn,
June Huston, Mike Kirby

1101 West 4th St
Holton, Kansas
(785) 364-2626

810 Broadway St
Valley Falls, Kansas
(785) 945-3223

www.mercerfuneralhomes.com



521 N. Arizona
Holton, KS 66436

(785) 364-2111



2404 NE Grantville Rd.
Topeka, Kansas 66608
Office (785) 354-4000
Fax (785) 354-4007

TIM MULROY
President
Call: (785) 640-6401
E-mail tim@blackgoldinc.biz



Chris Gross, Owner
(785) 364-5600



12423 Memory Lane
Holton, Kansas 66436

chrisgrossconstruction.com



Locally
Owned
Long-Term
Care

www.thepinesofholton.com
(785) 364-0106



Local Full-Service Grocery Store
423 Arizona Ave., Holton, KS
(785) 362-7997



2107 Frontage Rd
Holton, KS 66436
785.364.4495

heartlandvetks@yahoo.com • heartlandvetholton.com

Dr. Donald Sunday, DVM
Dr. Amy Sunday, DVM



118 W 5th Street Holton, KS 66436
Business Phone (785) 364 4662
Toll Free: 1 800 569 5198
Fax: 888 541 8017
www.edwardjones.com



Shannon Wright
Financial Advisor
www.edwardjones.com/shannon-wright



Robyn Wright
Financial Advisor
robyn.wright@edwardjones.com