

# Jackson County Catholic Community



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19th, 2026

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

The passage in today's gospel immediately follows the reading from last week. Today's passage presents three parables of growth followed by an explanation of the parable of the weeds. The parable of the weeds is unique to Matthew's gospel. In this parable, a man who sowed good seed in his field discovers the treachery of his enemy who came at night and sowed weeds, in this case dandel, among the good seed. In its initial growth dandel is indistinguishable from wheat. By the time its presence is detected, it is too late to remove because it has entangled itself with the wheat. The sabotaging of a man's field in this way is so detrimental that there was a Roman law that forbade sowing such weeds in another's land.

The wisdom of the landowner is clear as he keeps a level head and formulates a plan so that his crop is not lost but produces the anticipated yield. Furthermore, he recognizes that the weeds are useful as a source of fuel and thus orders them to be bundled for burning later. It seems, then, that the message of the parable is to patiently wait for the day of the harvest, the day of judgement, to sort out the wheat from the weeds.

This differs from Jesus' explanation of the parable later in the reading. The interpretation of the parable of the weeds ends with the wicked - the weeds - being burned in a fiery furnace. While the parable itself advocates for patience in awaiting the day of judgement, the interpretation of the parable plays out the long-awaited justice. It presents the final vindication of the faithful persecuted on earth for the sake of the kingdom; at that time, the righteous "will shine like the sun." Along with presenting a positive outcome for the faithful, this reward echoes Daniel 12:3, in which "those with insight shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." This verse follows Daniel's reference to the resurrection of the dead on the last day (*Dan. 12:2*). The context of final judgment, in these verses in Daniel and in today's gospel reading, reinforces the allusion to Daniel in which the reward of the faithful is eternal life.

In between the parable of the weeds and its explanation, Jesus proclaims two more parables. In the second parable, the kingdom of heaven is likened to a mustard seed. This parable is also found in Mark 4:30-32 and Luke 13:18-19. This parable emphasizes that small beginnings can lead to great expansions.

The third parable, on the yeast, also found in Luke 13:20-21, continues with this theme of small beginnings leading to abundant growth. Unlike references to the yeast of the Pharisees, the reference to yeast in this parable has a positive connotation. The small amount of yeast is mixed into three measures of flour. Three measures of flour constitute a very large amount, the equivalent of 60 pounds, which would be enough to feed over 100 people. This excessive amount points toward the greatness of the kingdom. Or perhaps it is not excessive, but a preparation for a banquet, another image implemented by Matthew in his gospel to refer to the kingdom of God (see 22:1-14 and 25:1-13)

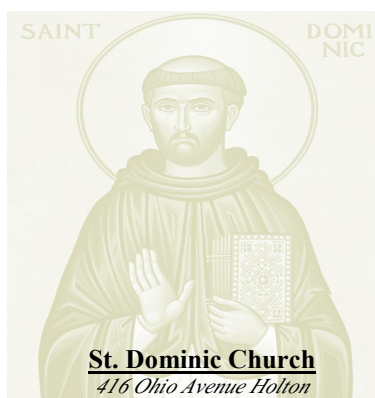
~Maria Enid Barga, PhD, MPhil, MA

### TODAY'S READINGS:

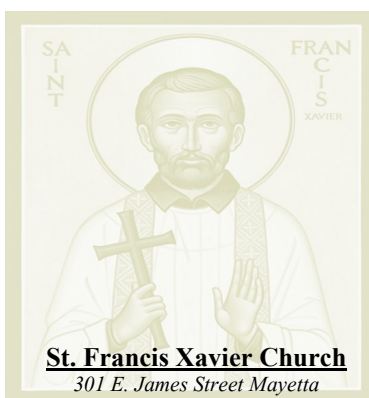
Reading I: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Reading II: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



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416 Ohio Avenue Holton



**St. Francis Xavier Church**  
301 E. James Street Mayetta



**Our Lady of Snows Shrine**  
5971 166th Road Mayetta

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### OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm Tues — Fri

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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

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.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| July 25th & 26th                                                                                                                                            | Sat. 7/25 @ 5:30 pm SD | Sun. 07/26 @ 8:30 am SFX                       | Sun. 07/26 @ 10:30 am SD                          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| SACRISTAN                                                                                                                                                   | Josh Shupe             | Joann Walker                                   | Terry Ludvick                                     |
| MUSIC                                                                                                                                                       | Robin Sides            | Andrea Bailey, Alyse Berns<br>Patricia Goering | Leigha Sweet<br>Janea Chartier                    |
| LECTOR                                                                                                                                                      | Vickie Pruett          | Alice Zeller                                   | Susan Schirmer                                    |
| GREETER- USHER                                                                                                                                              | Bob Fox & Kara Hoffman | Chris Harris & Farrell Holthaus                | Gary & Debbie Kelly                               |
| EMHC                                                                                                                                                        | Pat Doyle              | Marceta Reilly                                 | Keri Bausch                                       |
| Acolytes                                                                                                                                                    |                        | Dalton Cole, Paige Holthaus<br>Megan Putnam    | Colton Grisell (CB)<br>Colby Grisell, Emmy Pruett |
| Homebound Communion Ministers: Niki Meerpohl ( <i>St. Dominic</i> ), Marceta Reilly ( <i>St. Francis Xavier</i> ), and Angie Reith ( <i>Nursing Homes</i> ) |                        |                                                |                                                   |

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

|                                                     |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>July 20th, Monday</u><br>Parish Office is Closed |                    |
| 6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship                         | St. Dominic Hall   |
| <u>July 21st, Tuesday</u><br>8:30 a.m. NO MASS      |                    |
|                                                     | St. Francis Xavier |
| <u>July 22nd, Wednesday</u><br>5:30 p.m. NO MASS    |                    |
|                                                     | St. Dominic        |
| 6:00 p.m. NO Adoration and Confession               |                    |
| <u>July 23rd, Thursday</u><br>8:30 a.m. NO MASS     |                    |
|                                                     | St. Francis Xavier |
| 6:00 p.m. Women's Study Group                       | St. Dominic Hall   |
| <u>July 24th, Friday</u><br>8:30 a.m. MASS          |                    |
|                                                     | St. Dominic        |
| <u>July 25th, Saturday</u><br>5:00 p.m. Confession  |                    |
|                                                     | St. Dominic        |
| 5:30 p.m. MASS                                      | St. Dominic        |
| 7:00 p.m. Sip & Paint                               | St. Francis Xavier |
| <u>July 26th, Sunday</u><br>8:00 a.m. Confession    |                    |
|                                                     | St. Francis Xavier |
| 8:30 a.m. Mass                                      | St. Francis Xavier |
| 9:30 a.m. Fellowship Sunday                         | 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 |
| <u>July 27th, Monday</u><br>Parish Office is Closed |                    |
| 7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting                            | St. Dominic Hall   |



## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Rayleigh Pius Cati-el

Son of Blair &amp; Ohrly Cati-el

Baptized on July 12th, 2026

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

## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus  
Knight & Family for the month of July

Chris & Dana Harris

## MISSION APPEAL

Archdiocese of Kumasi (Ghana)

Fr. Michael Kantanka, currently pastor of St. Ann's in Hiawatha and St. Leo's in Horton, is a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi in Western Ghana. **He will visit our parishes next weekend (July 24 and 25)** to make a mission appeal on behalf of his archdiocese.



Over the years, the Archdiocese of Kumasi has not only proclaimed the Good News but also established health facilities, founded educational institutions and provided clean drinking water to improve the lives of those in need. Your generosity would ensure the continued offering of these charitable services. Thank you.

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

Sandra Jean Copley

Former St. Dominic parishioner.

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



St Dominic Knights of Columbus

Knight & Family for the month of July

Lee & Pam Doyle

| PARISH STEWARDSHIP<br>July 11th & 12th, 2026 | St. Dominic | St. Francis Xavier |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes                                    | \$2,460.00  | \$970.00           |
| Plate                                        | \$447.00    | \$209.00           |
| TOTAL                                        | \$2,907.00  | \$1,179.00         |
| Week of July 4th & 5th                       | \$5,895.06  | \$3,316.00         |
| Week of June 27th & 28th                     | \$3,099.85  | \$971.00           |



## 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     | Arneil Springer  | Evelyn Sullivan    | Ray Zeller      |

#### Relatives of Parishioners:

|                  |                 |                   |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Bill Albright    | Jorgan Beck     | 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 at 6:30pm  
Gates open at 5pm

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

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## Weekend Mass Intentions

|                                                                                      |                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>July 18th (Sat)</b><br>5:30 p.m. St. Dominic                                      | <b>16th Sunday, Ordinary Time</b><br>Pat Hasenkamp+<br>Charlene Herbers+                                           |
| <b>July 19th (Sun)</b><br>8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier<br><br>10:30 a.m. St. Dominic | <b>16th Sunday, Ordinary Time</b><br>All Parishioners,<br>Living & Deceased<br>Richard Sudbeck+<br>Richard Arnold+ |
| <b>July 21st (Tues)</b><br>8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier                              | <b>Weekday, Ordinary Time</b><br>NO MASS                                                                           |
| <b>July 22nd (Wed)</b><br>5:30 p.m. St. Dominic                                      | <b>St Mary Magdalene</b><br>NO MASS                                                                                |
| <b>July 23rd (Thurs)</b><br>8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier                             | <b>Weekday, Ordinary Time</b><br>NO MASS                                                                           |
| <b>July 24th (Fri)</b><br>8:30 a.m. St. Dominic                                      | <b>Weekday, Ordinary Time</b><br>JoRae Krogman+<br>T.A. Parks+                                                     |
| <b>July 25th (Sat)</b><br>5:30 p.m. St. Dominic                                      | <b>17th Sunday, Ordinary Time</b><br>All Parishioners,<br>Living & Deceased                                        |
| <b>July 26th (Sun)</b><br>8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier<br><br>10:30 a.m. St. Dominic | <b>17th Sunday, Ordinary Time</b><br>Bob Hood +<br>Rae Lynn Cole<br>Don Morford+<br>Dolores Brucken+               |

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  
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**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**

## THEMES: 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

*The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, focuses on God's patience, mercy, and the growth of His kingdom. The readings show how God gives people time to change and how His kingdom grows in unexpected ways.*

- **God's Justice and Mercy:** God is strong but also kind. He gives people time to turn back to Him instead of punishing them right away.
- **Patience in Growth:** The parable of the wheat and weeds teaches that good and bad exist together for now. God waits until the right time to separate them.
- **Power of Small Beginnings:** The mustard seed and yeast show that God's kingdom starts small but grows. What seems unimportant can have a big impact.
- **The Spirit's Help in Prayer:** The Holy Spirit helps when people do not know what to say in prayer. God understands even when words fail.
- **Hope for Repentance:** God does not rush to punish but gives people chances to change. He wants them to turn back to Him.
- **Trust in God's Timing:** The farmer in the parable waits for the right time to gather the harvest. God knows the right time to act in the world and in people's lives.

*The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds people that God is patient and merciful. He gives time for growth and change, and His kingdom will grow in ways they may not expect.*

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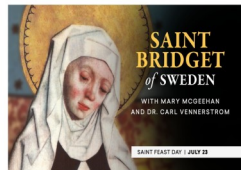
## This Week on Formed

Week of July 19, 2026



### St. James the Greater | Catholic Saints

On this episode of Catholic Saints, join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life of one of Jesus' inner circle disciples, St. James the Greater.



### St. Bridget of Sweden | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Carl Vinnerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother, and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. St. Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!



### Saint Mary Magdalene | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.

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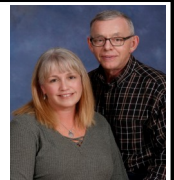
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