



Jackson County Catholic Community



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Matthew's version of a Marcan healing story provides insight into a burning question in Matthew's Christian community: the relative positions of Jews and Gentiles in God's salvific plan. Matthew alters the original in three significant ways, while keeping the basic healing story and preserving the Gentile identity of the mother.

First, the woman's demeanor toward Jesus is that of a prayerful supplicant (she calls Him "Lord" and "Son of David"), leading Jesus to remark, "great is your faith." Matthew implies that the girl's healing is due to the mother's faith. Second, while Mark clearly places Jesus in Gentile territory, Matthew's account is unclear, leading one to question if Jesus perhaps meets the woman on Jewish soil on His way to Tyre and Sidon, thus preserving the Matthean directive to "not go into pagan territory" (*Matthew 10:5*). Third, the expanded dialogue affirms Jesus' mission to the lost sheep of Israel even as Jesus considers the place of the Gentiles in God's plan.

While Judaism had long mused about Gentile salvation, it was always presumed that it would be *through* Israel that others would approach God (see *Zechariah 8:20-23*). Matthew affirms that tradition by asserting that a Gentile girl comes to God's healing through Jesus, the Jew. One final note to keep in mind as we consider this passage is that while Jesus' behavior and characterization of the woman are offensive to our sensibilities, they do reflect the style of the era. They are best understood in the context of Matthew's community working out a difficult issue.

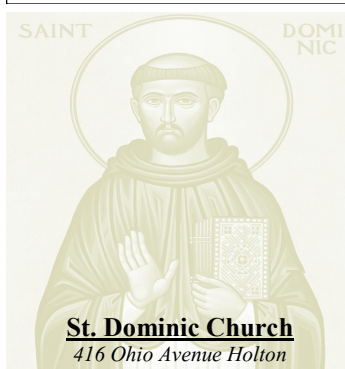
~ Fr. Stephen J. Lampe

TODAY'S READINGS:

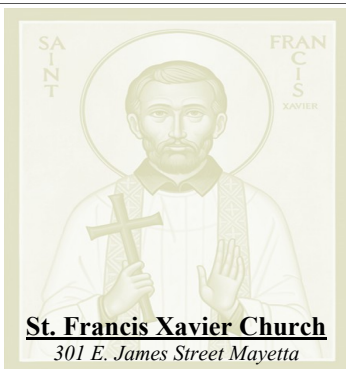
Reading I: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Reading II: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

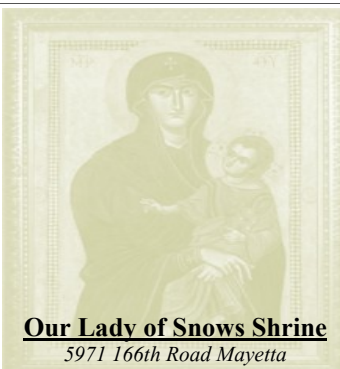
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28



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Our Lady of Snows Shrine
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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 weekend 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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22nd & 23rd	Sat. 08/22 @ 4pm Banner Creek	Sun. 8/23 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 08/23 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN		Joann Walker	Terry Ludvick
MUSIC	PARISH PICNIC	Andrea Bailey Paige Holthaus	Leigha Sweet Janea Chartier
LECTOR		Zachary King	Zach Lancaster
GREETER- USHER		Chris Harris & Farrell Holthaus	Cullen & Nikki Jackson
EMHC		Steve Devlin	Wayne Leiker
Acolytes		Lanna Brown, Maddie Everts Megan Putnam	Bennett Lancaster (CB) Xavier Howard, Calvin Henry
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

August 17th, Monday

Parish Office is Closed

6:30 p.m. **Rosary Fellowship****St. Dominic Hall****August 18th, Tuesday**8:30 a.m. **MASS****St. Francis Xavier****August 19th, Wednesday**5:30 p.m. **MASS****St. Dominic**6:00 p.m. **Adoration and Confession****St. Dominic****August 20th, Thursday**8:30 a.m. **MASS****St. Francis Xavier**6:00 p.m. **Women's Study Group****St. Dominic Hall****August 21st, Friday**8:30 a.m. **MASS****St. Dominic****August 22nd, Saturday**4:00 p.m. **MASS****Banner Creek Chapel**5:00 p.m. **PARISH PICNIC****Banner Creek Event Center****August 23rd, 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. **HS Youth Group****Rafter's Park****August 24th, Monday**

Parish Office is Closed

7:00 p.m. **St D. K of C Meeting****St. Dominic Hall**


YOUTH KICK-OFF EVENT
AUGUST 23rd
SUNDAY
5:30pm
RAFTER'S PARK PICKLEBALL COURT
CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH! BRING A FRIEND!

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Knights of Columbus



Knight & Family for the month of August
St Dominic ~ David & Debbie Ashcraft
St Francis Xavier ~ Farrell Holthaus




Join us next
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND
for our annual
PARISH PICNIC!

We begin with *Mass* at 4:00 PM at Banner Creek Chapel, followed by *food and fellowship* at the Event Center.

Bring a *side dish* (last names A-M) or a *dessert* (last names N-Z) to share.

Good Food
Great Friends
Stronger Together

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.



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starts Sept 10, 2026

PASTORAL COUNCILS		FINANCE COUNCILS	
St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
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		

PARISH STEWARDSHIP August 8th & 9th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	\$2,200.00	\$710.00
Plate	\$442.00	\$213.00
TOTAL	\$2,642.00	\$923.00
<i>Week of August 1st & 2nd</i>	\$6,915.00	\$2,484.30
<i>Week of July 25th & 26th</i>	\$2,452.00	\$1,580.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR AUGUST:

For evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR AUGUST:

For the young people in our parish as they prepare to go back to school, may they be inspired and encouraged to pursue knowledge sincerely and diligently.

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	Alberta Lierz	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	Sondra Harkness	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

Our Recently Departed:

Clifford Beard (+July 19) Robert Atkinson (+July 29) Joy Faulkner (+July 29)

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.

Weekly Mass Intentions

August 15th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	20th Sunday, Ordinary Time All parishioners Living & Deceased
August 16th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	20th Sunday, Ordinary Time Colby Harris+ Marilyn Atkinson
August 18th (Tues) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Weekday, Ordinary Time Mike McClaskey+
August 19th (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Weekday, Ordinary Time Fr. Brandon Berg
August 20th (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	St Bernard, Abbott Jason Seematter+
August 21st (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	St Pius X, Pope Leo Ehrhart+
August 22nd (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	21st Sunday, Ordinary Time Cathleen Reed+
August 23rd (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	21st Sunday, Ordinary Time All parishioners Living & Deceased
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	JoRae Krogman+



A 10-Day Pilgrimage to
ROME & ASSISI
with Fr. Jonathan Dizon
July 19-28, 2027

ST. CHARLES
Catholic Pilgrimages

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
September 3 (Thurs) 7pm
@ St Dominic Parish Hall

Register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/dizon
Even if you are only remotely interested, please consider attending the meeting to learn more about the pilgrimage.




St. Dominic COMMUNITY Harvest Festival:
VOLUNTEER LEADS & NEEDS

Help us make this year's St. Dominic Community Harvest Festival a huge success by stepping up as an activity lead or contributing needed items and equipment!

PRIORITY VOLUNTEER AREA LEADS NEEDED

- Cake Walk / Cookie Walk
- Bingo Cards
- Lawn Games (Bags, ladders, etc.)
- Face Painting / Duck Pond / Bounce House
- Dime Toss
- Farmers Market / Homemade Goods
- Hayrides / Horse Leads
- Beer Garden
- Non-Alcoholic Station (Coffee, tea, etc.)
- Silent Auction
- Large Item Auction
- Welcome / Entry Table
- Live Music / Band Support

EQUIPMENT NEEDS

- Tower Lights:** We are in urgent need of at least 2 generator-powered tower lights (similar to a street light in size).
- Folding tables and chairs.** (Large quantity from single source preferred)
- Small square haybales, 30-40.**

AUCTION & RAFFLE DONATIONS

Our live auction, silent auction, and raffles are accepting new or like-new items. We welcome a wide variety of contributions, including:

- Gift Baskets
- Tools & Equipment
- Home Décor
- Outdoor / Yard Items
- Gift Cards / Certificates
- Sports Memorabilia
- Experiences & More!

Want to Help?

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED, PLEASE CONTACT:

Aaron & Jessi Deters: 785-738-8778

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

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Virtus Training

Protecting God's Children

Wednesday August 26, 2026

A MUST-HAVE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

If you have a calling to take Holy Communion to homebound or to volunteer to work with the youth, please consider taking this class.

Contact Angie Reith for more details.

Coming Soon!

ONLINE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT
for Religious Education



Watch for email with more details.

THEMES: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

The readings for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, show that God welcomes all who follow Him. They also teach about faith, mercy, and perseverance.

- **God welcomes all people:** Isaiah speaks of foreigners being accepted if they follow God's ways. Jesus helps a Gentile woman, showing that God's love is for everyone.
- **Faith moves Jesus:** The Canaanite woman does not give up. Her strong faith leads Jesus to heal her daughter.
- **God's mercy is for all:** Paul explains that God's mercy is not just for one group. He shows kindness to everyone, even when they fail.
- **Persistence in prayer:** The woman keeps asking Jesus for help. Her persistence shows the power of not giving up in prayer.
- **Obedience to God matters:** Isaiah says those who keep God's covenant will be accepted. Following God's ways leads to blessings.
- **God's promises never change:** Paul says God's gifts and call last forever. His love and plan stay the same.

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, reminds us that God does not turn away those who seek Him. Faith and perseverance open the way to His blessings.

(YoungCatholics.com)



This Week on Formed

Week of August 16, 2026



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | Catholic Saints

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



The Queen Mother | Lectio: Mary | Episode 4

Mary serves as our Queen Mother. What does that mean? Join Dr. Brant Pitre as he explores the scriptural roots of this title.



Pope Saint Pius X | Catholic Saints

Join Dr. Ben Akers with Lucas Pollice as they discuss the life of Pope St. Pius X and his work to restore all things in Christ.

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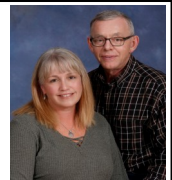
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