



Jackson County Catholic Community



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Today's parable from Matthew continues the account of Jesus' confrontation with the religious authorities in Jerusalem (*Matthew 21:23-22:46*). Known as the parable of the tenants (or the vineyard), the parable relies on knowledge of the economic system of absentee landlords letting out their lands to sharecroppers, as well as familiarity with Isaiah's image of Israel as a vineyard.

Taking over Mark's version of the parable (*Mark 12:1-12*), Matthew makes slight changes, concluding with a conversation between Jesus and His rivals. There are obvious allegorical elements: the vineyard is Israel, the tenants are Israel's leaders, God is the landowner, the servants are the prophets, and the son is Jesus. The historical intent of the parable is to interpret the leaders' rejection and treatment of the prophets and of Jesus. Matthew aligns the parable more closely to the historical events than Mark when he notes that they threw the son out of the vineyard, just as Jesus was crucified outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem. Another Matthean addition is the description of the new tenants, who will give the produce to the owner, emphasizing Matthew's theme of producing fruit (see *Matthew 3:8; 3:10; 7:16-20; 12:33; 13:8 and 21:19*).

While the parable's emphasis on producing good fruit is consistent with *Isaiah 5:1-7*, where producing bad fruit resulted in destruction of the vineyard (see today's first reading), the introduction of tenant farmers and the son/heir is not. Regarding the son, Matthew makes use of *Psalms 118:22-23* to identify Jesus' foundational role in God's salvific plan. In terms of the production of fruit, Isaiah's original blamed the lack of good fruit on the nation. In contrast, Jesus' parable accuses the religious leaders of withholding the fruit. They ultimately condemn themselves by identifying their fate, placing it upon the wicked men who will be put "to a wretched death." This tragic distinction is important, as it delegitimizes one of the uses to which this parable has been put by some Christians, to argue that Israel lost its claim as the People of God, having been replaced or superseded by Christians. The parable makes no such claim. Rather, seen historically, it's part of the Gospel tradition that seeks to explain the tensions between Jesus and the religious leaders of His time. Seen from a larger scope, that parable reminds all, Jews and Christians alike, that a faithful and faith-filled relationship with God will always produce the good fruits of righteousness and justice.

~ Fr. Stephen Lampe

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Reading II: *Philippians 4:6-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 21:33-43*

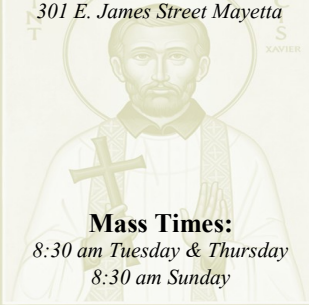
Saint Dominic Church
416 Ohio Avenue Holton



Mass Times:

5:30 pm Wednesday & Saturday
8:30 am Friday
10:30 am Sunday

St. Francis Xavier Church
301 E. James Street Mayetta



Mass Times:

8:30 am Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 am Sunday

Our Lady of Snows Shrine
5971 166th Road Mayetta



Mass Times:

1:00 pm 1st Sunday of the month
8:30 am other Sundays

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CONFESSION Schedule:

Weekdays, Wednesday @ St. Dominic

following 5:30 pm Mass

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

6:00 pm Wednesday @ St. Dominic

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 email the pastor for details.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please call the parish office if you or a loved one has been admitted to the hospital.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill out registration forms located at the entrance of the church. Submit it to the parish office.

REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:

Please notify us of any changes in address or contact number.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10th & 11th	Sat. 10/10 @ 5:30pm SD	Sun. 10/11 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 10/11 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Lori Sohn	Joann Walker	Terry Ludvicek
MUSIC	NONE	Andrea Bailey Patricia Goering	Robin Sides Jenea Chartier
LECTOR	Mark Pruett	Marceta Reilly	Susan Schrimmer
GREETER- USHER	Bob Fox & Kara Hoffman	Chris Harris & Farrell Holthaus	Dale & Kathleen Noel
EMHC	Linda Arnold	Kathy Devlin	Keri Bausch
Acolytes		Lanna Brown Paige Holthaus & Megan Putnam	Ambree Leiker (CB) Calvin Henry & Luis Ramos
Homebound Communion Ministers: Niki Meerpohl (<i>St. Dominic</i>), Marguerite Mzhickteno (<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>), and Annette Schreiber (<i>Nursing Homes</i>)			

CALENDAR of EVENTS

October 5th, Monday

Parish Office is Closed

6:30 p.m. **Rosary Fellowship****St. Dominic Hall****October 6th, Tuesday**8:30 a.m. **MASS****St. Francis Xavier**6:00 p.m. **OCIA****FIAT Room****October 7th, Wednesday**5:30 p.m. **MASS****St. Dominic**6:00 p.m. **Adoration or Confession****St. Dominic**6:30 p.m. **Religious Ed.****St. Dominic Hall****October 8th, Thursday**8:30 a.m. **MASS****St. Francis Xavier****October 9th, Friday**8:30 a.m. **MASS****St. Dominic****October 10th, Saturday**5:00 p.m. **Confession****St. Dominic**5:30 p.m. **MASS****St. Dominic****October 11th, Sunday**8:00 a.m. **Confession****St. Francis Xavier**8:30 a.m. **Mass****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****October 12th, Monday**

Parish Office is Closed

6:00 p.m. **St. D Altar Society Meeting****St. Dominic Hall**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Ross & Connie McClainWho had their marriage convalidated
in the Catholic Church on September 25, 2026

BOX OF JOY

Coming soon to a church near you!

Stay tuned for more details!



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ALL DONORS

If you, or someone you know, plan to donate items for the upcoming Community Harvest Festival, we ask that you please bring them to the parish office ASAP!

If we wait until the day of our event, we will not have a full inventory to work with and promote!

Thank you!!
The Community Harvest Festival Committee

A huge thank you

to all the fabulous individuals who braved the rain last Saturday to help trim trees and clean up the cuttings around St. Dominic's.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Our Lady of The Snows Fall Fest

All are welcome to come join in our celebration!

October 18th @ 1:00pm | 5971 166th Rd, Mayetta, KS 66509

Hayrack Ride
*Weather Permitting

Potluck
Chili and Hotdogs provided. Bring a Fall themed dessert!

Bingo
Bring a \$10 item to participate

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PASTORAL COUNCILS		FINANCE COUNCILS	
St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Darrin Reith	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		
	David Freeland		

PARISH STEWARDSHIP September 26th & 27th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	\$1,681.00	\$850.00
Plate	\$494.00	\$176.25
TOTAL	\$2,175.00	\$1,026.25
<i>Week of September 19th & 20th</i>	\$2,553.00	\$1,313.00
<i>Week of September 12th & 13th</i>	\$2,732.00	\$1,733.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR OCTOBER:

For mental health ministry:

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR OCTOBER:

For Gratitude Sunday (@SFX) and the Community Harvest Festival (@SD). May the success of these events foster deeper community engagement and allow us to be better stewards of our parishes.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Mary Harris Judy Arnold Ray Zeller
Karen McClaskey Bill Berns Leon Becker

Relatives and Friends of Parishioners:

Allan Gibson Gladys Gibson Darlene Glassel Terry Weldin
Jorgan Beck Jacob Hastings Butch Schiffbauer Danyelle Russell

Our Recently Departed: 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

Please submit your prayer intentions either via online method or to the Parish Office. These intentions will be listed for a month. You may request to have them added again. For recently deceased parishioners, they will automatically be listed and will remain there until there's a new one.

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

Michael Francis Willcott

Father of St. Dominic parishioners, Brenda Willcott & Sean Willcott

And former parishioner Audrey Etzel

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

IDEAL CANDIDATE:

- Active Parishioner
- Able to Commit to Meetings
- Knowledgeable in Construction/Design



DEADLINE: MID-OCTOBER

THE PASTOR WILL CHOOSE & ESTABLISH THE ST. DOMINIC BUILDING COMMITTEE.

EMAIL NOMINATIONS TO: jdizon@archkck.org

Weekly Mass Intentions

October 3rd (Sat)

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

October 4th (Sun)

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

October 6th (Tues)

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

October 7th (Wed)

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

October 8th (Thurs)

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

October 9th (Fri)

8:30 a.m. St. Dominic

October 10th (Sat)

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic

October 11th (Sun)

8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier

10:30 a.m. St. Dominic

St. Francis of Assisi Jubilee

Charlene Herbers+

St. Francis of Assisi Jubilee

All Parishioners

Living & Deceased

Dale Reed+

Weekday, Ordinary Time

Harold Walker+

Our Lady of the Rosary

George Brtek+

Weekday, Ordinary Time

Marlene Putnam+

Weekday, Ordinary Time

JoRae Krogman+

28th Sunday, Ordinary Time

Grollmes Family, Living & Deceased

28th Sunday, Ordinary Time

Bob Hood+

All Parishioners Living & Deceased

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE
for 9th Grade Confirmation Candidates
on October 18th, 2026
following the 10:30am Mass

THEMES: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, show God's care and expectations. They also show what happens when people reject His ways.

- **God's Care and Patience:** God nurtures His people like a vineyard owner tends his vines. But when they turn away, He allows them to face the results of their choices.
- **Justice and Accountability:** God expects justice but sees wrongdoing. He holds people responsible for their actions.
- **Rejection of God's Messengers:** The people in the Gospel reject the landowner's servants and son. This points to how many rejected the prophets and Jesus Himself.
- **The Need for Prayer and Trust:** The second reading says not to worry but to pray. Trusting God brings peace.
- **The Kingdom Given to Others:** Jesus warns that those who reject Him will lose their place in God's plan. Others who are faithful will take their place.
- **Gratitude and Right Thinking:** The second reading calls people to focus on what is good. This helps them live in peace and follow God's ways.

God gives every chance to do what is right. Those who listen and follow Him will be blessed.

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This Week on Formed

Week of October 04, 2026



Faustina and the Spread of Divine Mercy

This episode of Divine Mercy and the Second Greatest Story Ever Told, reveals how a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



Into Great Silence

Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grande Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker Philip Gröning wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready.

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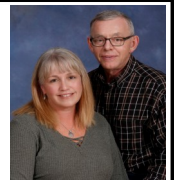
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