Jackson County Catholic Community



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — November 15th, 2026

Reflecting On God's Word

The parable of the talents explores God's kingdom in light of ancient economic realities which are now quite foreign. Notably, the parable presumes knowledge of master-slave relationships, the meaning of currency, and the nature of trade and banking in antiquity.

Ancient masters and slaves were profoundly unequal. Masters held most rights and privileges; the master could assign tasks, make demands, and otherwise use their slaves. Slaves had few rights and little recourse when wronged. While slaves could earn wages and even buy their freedom (if they were particularly frugal and industrious), many fell into slavery due to economic catastrophe or were simply born into it. In general, poverty defined slaves' lives, and upward mobility was basically unavailable.

Currency was based on weights of precious metals like silver or gold. A talent's weight (and therefore value) varied by time and place, but it was always large. To a slave, it would have been staggering. Given ancient inequalities, the idea that a master might give a slave such an amount was effectively unimaginable. Even if one did, a slave's typically limited means meant limited trade and banking experience, making such a gift a terrifying responsibility. Yet, in today's gospel, the slaves receive such a staggering sum from their master, along with its corresponding responsibilities. Additionally, since their master is not virtuous (exacting returns on investments one way or another), the timid slave's burial of his talent seems reasonable. He is cutting potential losses and accepting the harsh treatment a slave might ordinarily expect. But in doing so, he fails to seize an opportunity. For his master, loss and non-gain are identical. To be well positioned upon the master's return, the slaves must increase his wealth. They must risk their talents in an unpredictable (and perhaps unfamiliar) world of trade. But such daring offers a possible share in the master's joy, which may allude to his freedom.

To transfer the story to the spiritual life, the master-slave inequality reflects the divine-human divide, and the talents represent unearned gifts that have corresponding responsibilities. Instead of money, think of fundamental gifts like life and those unique trait and abilities we have innately. These, our spiritual currency, are to be developed and used for the greater good. If we dare to do so, we stand to enjoy the perfect freedom of our master's joy.

~ Eric J. Wagner, CR

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: **Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20 30-31** Reading II: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6** Gospel: **Matt 25:14-30**

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

EUCHARISTIC 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 church entrances. Submit it to the parish office.*

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 21st & 22nd	Sat. 11/21 @ 5:30pm SD	Sun. 11/22 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 11/22 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	*Lori Sohn*	*Vera Rioux*	*Terry Ludvicek*
MUSIC	*Cody Utz*	*Andrea Bailey* *Marguerite Mzhickteno*	*Dyann Parks* *Jenea Chartier*
LECTOR	*Tim Henry*	*Jonathan Goering*	*Tena Brucken*
GREETER- USHER	*Dan & Pat Doyle*	*Larry & Jolene Larkin*	*Galen Brucken & Jim Childs*
EMHC	*Theresa Watkins*	*Sharon Cole*	*Keri Bausch*
Acolytes		*Nick & Zack Rioux* *Paige Holthaus & Charlii Brown*	*Colton Grisell (CB)* *Colbey Grisell, Amelia Larkins*

Homebound Communion Ministers: Louise Tanking (*St. Dominic*), Marceta Reilly (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Angie Reith (*Nursing Homes*)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 16th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed
6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship — St. Dominic Hall

Novermber 17th, Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Mass — St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. OCIA — St. Dominic Hall

November 18th, Wednesday
5:30 p.m. Mass — St. Dominic
6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession — St. Dominic
6:30 p.m. Religious Ed. — St. Dominic Hall

November 19th, Thursday
8:30 a.m. Mass — St. Francis Xavier

November 20th, Friday
8:30 a.m. Mass — St. Dominic

November 21st, Saturday
5:00 p.m. Confession — St. Dominic
5:30 p.m. Mass — St. Dominic

November 22nd, 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
9:30 a.m. Religious Ed. — St. Francis Xavier
10:00 a.m. Confession — St. Dominic
10:30 a.m. Mass — St. Dominic

November 23rd, Monday
Parish Office is Closed
7:00 p.m. St. D K of C Meeting — St. Dominic Hall

Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Essential Bags Items NEEDED!

Please consider donating the following: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Dish Soap, Razors, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and Liquid Hand Soap

Donations may be placed in the tub at **St. Francis Xavier**

PASTORAL COUNCILS

St. Dominic	*St. Francis Xavier*
Darrin Reith	Ben Ehrhart
Bethany Henry	Marie Burdiek
Leigha Sweet	Chris Everts
Cody Utz	Marguerite Mzhickteno
Niki Meerpohl	Jeri Albright
Joshua Shupe	Mike Henry
Theresa Watkins	Tina Bailey
	David Freeland

FINANCE COUNCILS

St. Dominic	*St. Francis Xavier*
Barb Heideman	Mary Lou Koch
David Ashcraft	Sharon Cole
Diane Gross	Farrell Holthaus
Mark Starr	Donald Sunday

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



JCMA Store Restocking

December is the month for St. Dominic to restock the supply store for Jackson County Ministerial Alliance.

Items Needed:

- Canned Meats
- Powdered Milk
- Evaporated Milk
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Potato Flakes
- Spaghetti O's
- Ravioli
- Brownie & Cake Mixes
- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- Fruit Juice
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese

Please place donations in the tubs at the back of St Dominic Church or bring to the office during normal business hours.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP November 7th & 8th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	$3,26500	$1,945.00
Plate	$458.00	$282.80
TOTAL	$3,723.00	$2,227.80
Week of Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st	$7,813.00	$3,107.00
Week of October 24th & 25th	$2,088.00	$864.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR NOVEMBER:

Proper Use of Wealth: For the responsible use of wealth and economic resources to promote the common good

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR NOVEMBER:

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed members of Saint Dominic, Saint Francis Xavier and Our Lady of Snows, especially those whom we lost this year.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Kalena Tannahill	Ray Zeller	Leon Becker
Karen McClaskey	Bill Berns	Mary Harris
Candy Childs	Joan Hood	Colleen Clements

Relatives and Friends of Parishioners:

Terry Weldin	Danyelle Russell	Teresa Rioux
Jorgan Beck	Jacob Hastings	Lainey Parks

Our Recently Departed: Laurel Ann Collins (+Oct 21)

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

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

Weekly Mass Intentions

November 14th (Sat)	**33rd Sunday in OT**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Timothy Lierz+
November 15th (Sun)	**33rd Sunday in OT**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Dolores Brucken+
November 17th (Tues)	**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Dot Sosna+
November 18th (Wed)	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Gail Schmitz+
November 19th (Thurs)	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Kirt & Bernadette Stevens
November 20th (Fri)	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Elmer & Joyce Howell+
November 21st (Sat)	**Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
November 22nd (Sun)	**Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Don & Dolores Holthaus+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Matt & Lauren Hall









RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER







Themes: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, reminds people to use their gifts wisely and be ready for God's coming. The readings talk about trust, hard work, and being prepared.

- **Using God's Gifts Well**: The Gospel shows how people should use what God gives them. The two servants who worked with their money were rewarded, while the one who hid his was punished.
- **Being Ready for God**: The second reading warns that God's time is unknown. People should stay awake and live in a way that prepares them for God.
- **Hard Work and Effort**: The first reading praises a hard-working wife. The Gospel also shows that effort and responsibility are important.
- **Trust and Responsibility**: The good wife is trusted by her husband, and the master in the Gospel trusts his servants. Trust comes with responsibility, and people should use it wisely.
- **Fear of the Lord**: The first reading says a woman's fear of the Lord is what truly matters. Respecting and following God is more important than outside success.
- **Judgment and Consequences**: The Gospel teaches that actions have results. Those who use their gifts well are rewarded, while those who do nothing lose what they have.

The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, encourages people to be responsible with what God gives them. It reminds them to stay prepared, work hard, and trust in God's plan. ***(YoungCatholics.com)***

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This Week on Formed

Week of November 15, 2026



How to Advent | Episode 3

The often-forgotten Jesse tree reminds us of God's faithful fulfillment of all his promises (of which there are so many throughout all of salvation history!). In Christ, he keeps every promise he has made, from Adam and Eve to John the Baptist. His promises of peace and salvation apply not just to ancient Israel, but to all of us today. Join us in learning about this hidden gem of an Advent tradition and how it can help you and your family walk through Advent in the light of Sacred Scripture.



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



Lectio: Mary

Join Dr. Brant Pitre in this 8-part Bible Study on Mary, the Mother of God.

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