Jackson County Catholic Community



Solemnity of Christ the King — November 22nd, 2026

Reflecting On God's Word

Today's gospel employs shepherding imagery similar to what we encountered in Ezekiel to remind us that, as King of the Universe, Christ is simultaneously our gentle shepherd and the final, cosmic judge. The reading also echoes Paul's message in 1 Corinthians by assuring us that resurrection is real and that we can be confident of having a share in it.

In a quasi-parable Jesus describes what the resurrection at the end of time will be like. Using shepherding imagery and the title "Son of Man" (which first appears in Ezekiel), Jesus begins by depicting Himself in glory as the final judge of all nations. This is a modification of Ezekiel's picture. The scope of Jesus' final reign is greater than what Ezekiel indicated. Instead, reflecting Paul's image of the end, Jesus informs us that He will sit as judge and king not only of God's chosen people, but of all people. Accordingly, His rule and judgment will not only be final, but comprehensive.

Jesus indicates that a single, fundamental distinction will be made at the last judgment. Some will be sheep who are worthy of the Father's kingdom. As such, they will enjoy blessedness and eternal life. Others will be goats and destined for eternal punishment. In either case, resurrection extends to all, not just the blessed. However, the quality of one's resurrection will vary.

Strikingly, regardless of whether one's judgment leads to eternal beatitude or eternal punishment, the decision surprises all. We might anticipate that only those destined for torment would be confused by their verdict. After all, it is easy (and common) to convince ourselves of our own righteousness. But, while the puzzling of the accursed "goats" smacks of self-righteousness, the blessed are also left puzzling. They do not understand how they can be counted among the blessed. Their quizzical reply is humble honesty as they struggle to see how they helped Christ in the needy and least of their day. Yet the Lord sees the truth of their actions. Their inability to recognize Christ in others did not keep them from caring for those in need. This picture of the blessed we might note, suggests that attaining heaven has less to do with earning it and more to do with having a generous heart rooted in gratitude. For in the same way God gives generously to us in our need, so too the blessed help the needy regardless of any thought of reward.

~ Eric J. Wagner, CR

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17** Reading II: **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28** Gospel: **Matt 25:31-46**

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 — First Sunday of Advent

November 28th & 29th	Sat. 11/28 @ 5:30pm SD	Sun. 11/29 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 11/29 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	*Terry Ludvicek*	*Joann Walker*	*Darrin Reith*
MUSIC	*Cody Utz*	*Andrea Bailey* *Patricia Goering & Alysse Berns*	*Leigha Sweet* *Jenea Chartier*
LECTOR	*Jean Lierz*	*Thad Holthaus*	*David Schmitz*
GREETER- USHER	*Rick & Katie Heinen*	*Jim & Marsha Seematter*	*Lee & Pam Doyle*
EMHC	*Linda Arnold*	*Kathy Devlin*	*Jenny Lancaster*
Acolytes		*Lanna Brown* *Charlii Brown & Madee Everts*	*Ambree Leiker (CB)* *Emmy Pruett & Calvin Henry*

Homebound Communion Ministers: Niki Meerpohl (*St. Dominic*), Joann Walker (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Darrin Reith (*Nursing Homes*)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

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

Novermber 24th, Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Mass — St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. OCIA — St. Dominic Hall

November 25th, Wednesday
5:30 p.m. Mass — St. Dominic
6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession — St. Dominic
6:30 p.m. NO Religious Ed. — St. Dominic Hall

November 26th, Thursday
Parish Office is Closed
9:30 a.m. Mass — St. Dominic

November 27th, Friday
Parish Office is Closed
8:30 a.m. NO Mass — St. Dominic

November 28th, Saturday
5:00 p.m. Confession — St. Dominic
5:30 p.m. Mass — St. Dominic

November 29th, 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. NO Religious Ed. — St. Francis Xavier
10:00 a.m. Confession — St. Dominic
10:30 a.m. Mass — St. Dominic

November 30th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed

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

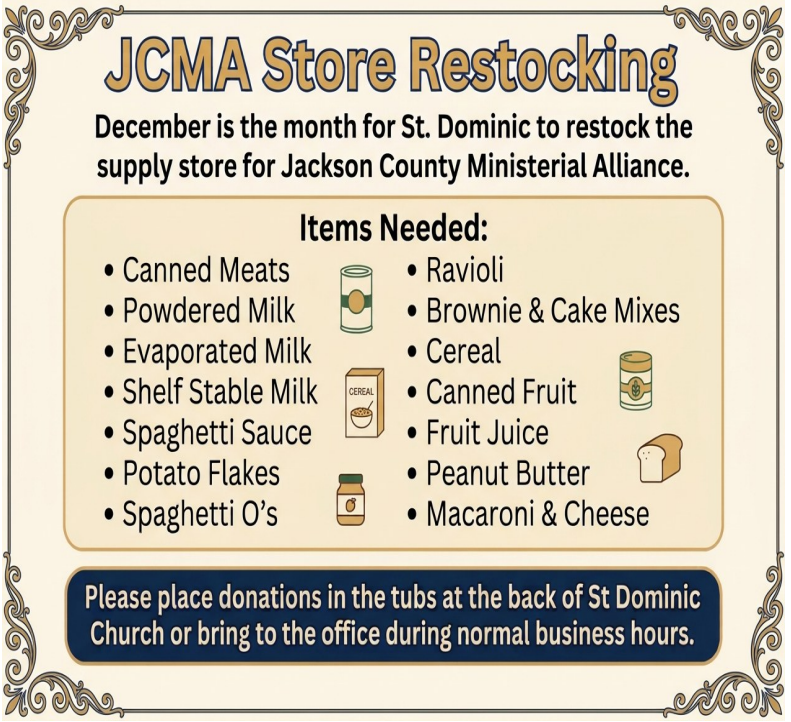
St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
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NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS





PARISH STEWARDSHIP November 14th & 15th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	$1,850.00	$1,260.00
Plate	$480.00	$196.25
TOTAL	$2,330.00	$1,456.25
Week of November 7th & 8th	$3,723.00	$2,227.80
Week of Oct. 31st & Nov. 1st	$7,813.00	$3,107.00

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:

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

Relatives and Friends of Parishioners:

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

Our Recently Departed: Lester Lee BigGoose, JR (+Nov. 15)

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 21st (Sat)	**Solemnity of Christ the King**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	All Parishioners
	Living & Deceased
November 22nd (Sun)	**Solemnity of Christ the King**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Don & Dolores Holthaus+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Matt & Lauren Hall
November 24th (Tues)	**St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Samantha Justice+
November 25th (Wed)	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Charlene Herbers+
	Maggie Schiefelbein
November 26th (Thurs)	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**
9:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Robert Atkinson+
November 27th (Fri)	**Weekday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	NO MASS
November 28th(Sat)	**First Sunday of Advent**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Larry & Alberta Tanking
November 29th (Sun)	**First Sunday of Advent**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Edward & Dorothy Bausch+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	All Parishioners
	Living & Deceased



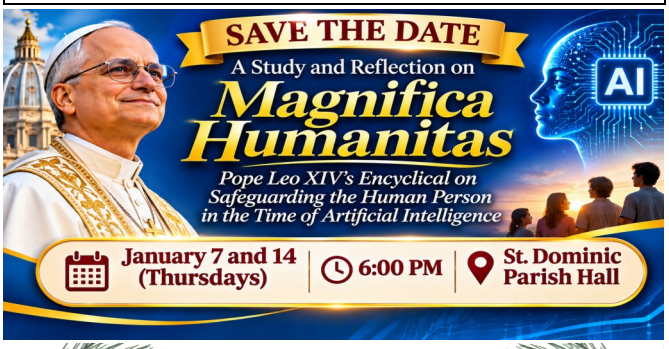
The St. Dominic, St Francis Xavier & Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Communities extend their sincerest sympathies and heartfelt prayers to the family of

Lester Lee BigGoose, Jr.

Member of Our Lady of the Snows

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

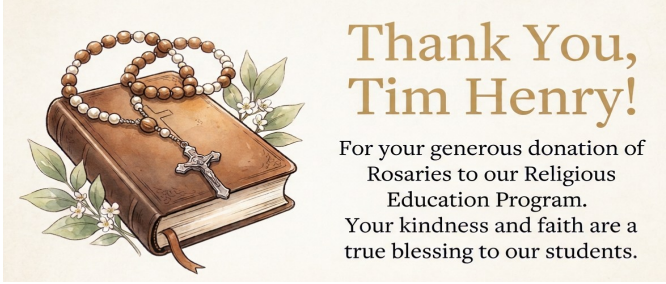








RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER



Themes: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A

The Solemnity of Christ the King, Year A celebrates Jesus as the ruler of all. The readings show his care for his people and his role as judge at the end of time.

- **Jesus as Shepherd**: God cares for his people like a shepherd cares for his flock. He seeks the lost, heals the injured, and provides for them.
- **Jesus as Judge**: At the final judgment, Jesus will separate people like a shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will reward those who helped others and punish those who ignored the needy.
- **Care for the Needy**: Jesus teaches that helping the poor and suffering is the same as helping him. Kindness and mercy toward others lead to eternal life.
- **Resurrection and Victory**: Jesus has risen and will defeat all enemies, including death. In the end, he will hand everything over to God.
- **God's Justice**: God sees how people live and will judge fairly. He will not ignore sin, but he will reward those who do good.
- **Christ's Kingship**: Jesus is the true king, not ruling by force, but by love and service. His kingdom is for those who follow his ways.

The Solemnity of Christ the King, Year A, reminds people that Jesus is both a loving shepherd and a just ruler. He calls his followers to serve others and live in a way that leads to eternal life. ***YoungCatholics.com)***

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This Week on Formed

Week of November 22, 2026



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4

What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



How to Advent | Episode 4

In this episode, we explore the incarnational meaning of the nativity set, traditions to follow within your own family, and how we're not only preparing for the birth of Christ that happened 2000 years ago – but the present reality that Christ will one day come again for us. Are you ready?

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