Jackson County Catholic Community



First Sunday of Advent — November 29th, 2026

Reflecting On God's Word

Today's Gospel reading from Mark is short and to the point. It comes from chapter 13, which is sometimes called the "Marcan apocalypse" or the "eschatological discourse" of Mark's gospel. The chapter began with Jesus referring to the coming destruction of the Temple *(Mark 13:2)* and then built up to descriptions of the second coming and final judgment *(Mark 13:26-27)*. It is especially with regard to these latter elements, mentioned immediately before today's reading, that Jesus says, "You do not know when the time will come."

Like the first and second readings, the gospel directs our attention to the future intervention of God in human history. The focus on this First Sunday of Advent is on the second coming of Christ at the end of time, but it is not limited to that. There is an appropriate ambiguity in Jesus' words about the time that will come. For there is an end to all things, whether the Temple, or our own lives, or the entire world.

The certainty of these events combined with the uncertainty over their timing provides the rational for Jesus' words to His disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert!" and "Watch!" These words serve also as a reminder to us at the start of a new Church year to watch and pray at all times, for we do no know when the time will come.

~ Paul Niskanen, PhD

TODAY'S READINGS:
Reading I: **Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7** Reading II: **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** Gospel: **Mark 13:33-37**

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 — Second Sunday of Advent

December 5th & 6th	Sat. 12/5 @ 5:30pm SD	Sun. 12/6 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 12/6 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	*Lori Sohn*	*Vera Rioux*	*Terry Ludvicek*
MUSIC	*Robin Sides*	*Andrea Bailey, Paige Holthaus* *Marguerite Mzhickteno*	*Elizabeth Connor* *Jenea Chartier*
LECTOR	*Barb Heideman*	*Catherine Holthaus*	*Niki Meerpohl*
GREETER- USHER	*Kenyon & Carolyn Moran*	*Chris Harris & Ben Ehrhart*	*Cullen & Nikki Jackson*
EMHC	*Tom Heideman*	*Steve Devlin*	*Karen Leiker*
Acolytes		*Nick Rioux* *Zack Rioux & Dalton Cole*	*Julia Keling (CB)* *Jack Keling & Rhett Doyle*

Homebound Communion Ministers: David Schmitz (*St. Dominic*), Joann Walker (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Jean Lierz (*Nursing Homes*)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

November 30th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed

December 1st, Tuesday
8:30 a.m. Mass — St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. OCIA — St. Dominic Hall

December 2nd, 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

December 3rd, Thursday
8:30 a.m. Mass — St. Francis Xavier
6:00 p.m. Renewal in the Heartland — St. Dominic Hall

December 4th, Friday
8:30 a.m. Mass — St. Dominic

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

December 6th, 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
9:30 a.m. Renewal in the Heartland — St. Francis Xavier
10:00 a.m. Confession — St. Dominic
10:30 a.m. Mass — St. Dominic
1:00 p.m. Mass — Our Lady of Snows
5:00 p.m. H.S. Youth Group — Fiat Room
6:00 p.m. Advent by Candlelight — St. Dominic Hall

December 7th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed
6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship — 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
- 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 21st & 22nd, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	$2,460.00	$835.00
Plate	$512.00	$231.00
TOTAL	$2,972.00	$1,066.00
Week of November 14th & 15th	$2,330.00	$1,456.25
Week of November 7th & 8th	$3,723.00	$2,227.80

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.

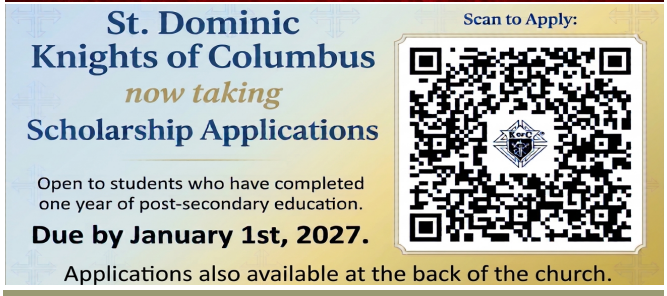
Weekly Mass Intentions

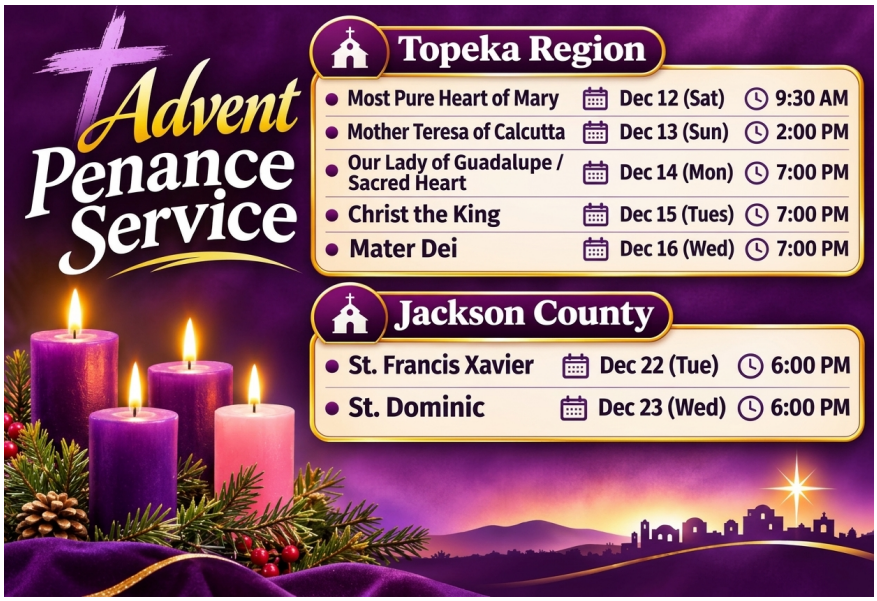
November 28th(Sat)	**First Sunday of Advent**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Larry & Alberta Tanking
November 29th (Sun)	**First Sunday of Advent**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Edward & Dorothy Bausch+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	All Parishioners
	Living & Deceased
December 1st (Tues)	**Advent Weekday**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Bob Hood+
December 2nd (Wed)	**Advent Weekday**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Richard Arnold+
December 3rd (Thurs)	**St. Francis Xavier, Priest**
9:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Don Hrenchir+
December 4th (Fri)	**Advent Weekday**
8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Gail Schmitz+
December 5th (Sat)	**Second Sunday of Advent**
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	All Parishioners
	Living & Deceased
December 6th (Sun)	**Second Sunday of Advent**
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Bob Bausch+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Don Morford+











RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER



Themes: First Sunday of Advent, Yr B

The readings for the First Sunday in Advent Year B are a call to be alert in waiting for the coming of the Lord. The first reading begs the Lord to return to us and save us. The psalm also asks God to look upon us and have mercy. The second reading calls us to remain steadfast in our discipleship. And in the gospel, Jesus warns us to be watchful. Not everyone will be ready in the final hour.

- **The Unpredictability of God's Timing**: The text stresses that the timing of divine actions is not for humans to know. It challenges believers to trust in God's timing and plan, despite not knowing the details.
- **Vigilance**: The passage emphasizes the importance of being watchful and alert. It suggests that one must always be prepared for significant events or the return of Christ, as the exact time is unknown.
- **Preparedness**: The theme of preparedness is linked to the concept of vigilance. It implies that one should live in a state of readiness, both spiritually and morally, for the end times or second coming.
- **Accountability**: The passage indicates that there will be a time of reckoning. It teaches that individuals are responsible for their actions and must be ready to account for them at any unexpected moment.
- **Faithfulness in Duty:** Servants are instructed to carry out their tasks diligently. This reflects the broader spiritual principle that followers should be consistent in their responsibilities and faithful in their duties.

On the First Sunday in Advent Year B we remember that we do not know when Jesus will come again, so we must always be ready. By staying faithful and alert, we can face that day with hope and trust in God. that leads to eternal life.

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This Week on Formed

Week of November 29, 2026



Adventus: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

This Advent, make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ's coming so you can enter more deeply into this season.



Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

You have a choice this Advent: Get caught up in the annual rush of shopping, decorating, and parties or slow down and take a few minutes each day to remember who this season is really about—Jesus. In Adore, Fr. John Burns will help you reclaim the sacred sense of longing and joyful hope at the heart of Advent.

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