

Jackson County Catholic Community



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17th, 2025

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Today's Gospel continues the theme of conflict seen in the first two readings. Jesus' fiery speech to the disciples can be understood in several ways. First, the reference to setting the earth on fire could be an indication of the eschatological end of days. It could also refer to the coming of the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire at Pentecost. Or it could be multivalent and allude to both events.

Whether a reference to the last days and/or Pentecost, the fact remains that Jesus brings division. The popular image of Jesus only proclaiming peace and nice things is contradicted here by these difficult words. This passage is not the first time Jesus speaks of division among the people. In His Sermon on the Plain, Jesus pronounced an eschatological division marked by the four blessings and the four woes (Luke 6:20-26). However, the division is not restricted to future events. In the present, household will be divided because of him. Jesus' warning here reminds us of the words of Simeon the prophet that Jesus would cause division among the people as their reactions to him would be mixed (Luke 2:34-35). Jesus reinforces this prediction with His own words in today's Gospel.

As troubling as the passage may seem to some, these words are actually an encouragement to those who are rejected for the sake of following Christ. They are reminded that Jesus Himself predicted the division they experience, sometimes in their own household. This one form of suffering involved with following Christ that is alluded to in the second reading. The message remains the same: we must persevere in our belief, keeping the fire of faith alive and burning brightly.

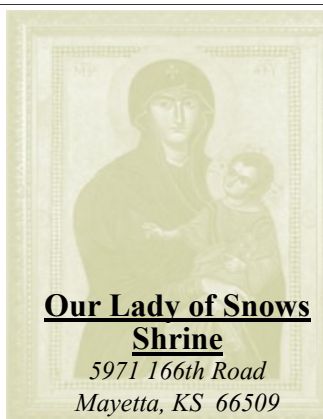
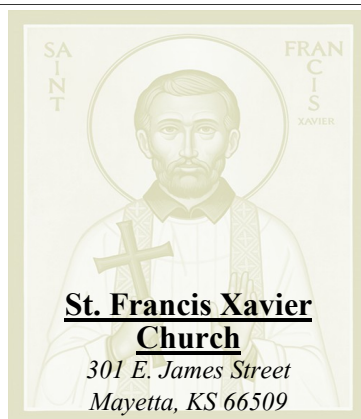
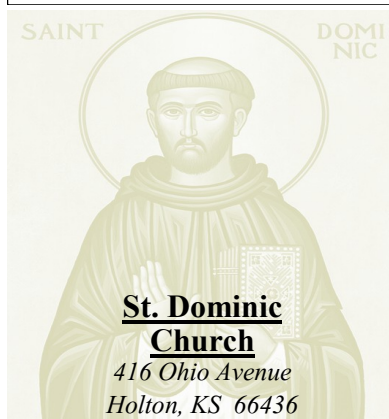
~Eric J. Wagner, CR

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: *Jeremiah* 38:4-6, 9-10

Reading II: *Hebrews* 12:1-4

Gospel: *Luke* 12:49-53



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OFFICE HOURS:

8:30 a.m. ~ 1:30 p.m. Tues.~Thurs.

9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

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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

7:00 a.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

8:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m. ~ @ Our Lady of Snows

10:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

CONFESSION Schedule:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. @ St. Dominic

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to each
weekend Mass

(excluding 7:00 a.m. Mass)

ADORATION Schedule:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. @ 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 re-
quirements.

ANointing of the SICK: Call
the office during business hours. Call
the rectory after hours or for emergen-
cies. If no answer, call (785) 364-7402.

DECLARATION of NULLITY:
Please call the parish office for details.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug. 23rd & 24th	PARISH PICNIC @ 4:00 pm	Sun. 08/24 @ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 08/24 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 08/24 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Wanda Weldin		Vera Rioux	Josh Shupe
MUSIC	Marguerite Mzhickteno & volunteers		Andrea Bailey Tony Rioux	Leigha Sweet Jenea Chartier
LECTOR	Vickie Pruett	NO MASS	Joann Walker	David Schmitz
GREETER- USHER	Jean Lierz & Bob Fox	NO MASS	Larry & Jolene Larkin	Gary & Debbie Kelly
EMHC	Linda Arnold		Mike Henry	Theresa Watkins
Acolytes			Nick Rioux (CB) Zack Rioux, Dalton Cole	Bennett Lancaster (CB) Xavier Howard, Emmy Pruett
Homebound Communion Ministers: Alberta Lierz (<i>St. Dominic</i>), Marceta Reilly (<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>), and Angie Reith (<i>Nursing Homes</i>)				

CALENDAR of EVENTS

August 18th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed
 6:00 p.m. **Rosary Fellowship** **St. Dominic Parish Hall**

August 19th, Tuesday
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** **St. Francis Xavier**
 6:00 p.m. **AFF: Transgender Movement** **St. Dominic Parish Hall**

August 20th, Wednesday
 5:30 p.m. **Mass** **St. Dominic**
 6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession **St. Dominic**

August 21st, Thursday
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** **St. Francis Xavier**

August 22nd, Friday
 8:30 a.m. **Mass** **St. Dominic**

August 23rd, Saturday
 4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass / Picnic @ BANNER CREEK LAKE**

August 24th, Sunday
 7:00 a.m. **NO Mass** **St. Dominic**
 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**

August 25th, Monday
Parish Office is Closed
 7:00 p.m. **K of C Holton Mtg.** **St. Dominic Parish Hall**

Jackson County Ministerial Alliance

Please consider donations...

August/September — Toilet Paper, Paper Towels,
 Kleenex, Napkins

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St. Francis Xavier

PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Jenea Chartier	Jeri Albright
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Cathy Haug	Ben Ehrhart
Wayne Leiker	Chris Everts
Niki Meerpohl	Mike Henry
Joshua Shupe	Marquerite Mzhickteno
Theresa Watkins	Dot Sosna

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

Altar
Server
TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 6 & 13
9:00 - 11:00 AM

SAINT DOMINIC CHURCH



RETURNING AND NEW SERVERS
(4TH - 7TH GRADE)

Please join us in one of the scheduled training sessions. Snacks will be provided.



"Our hearts are restless until they rest in you" - St. Augustine

If you or someone you know have an interest in
 exploring or deepening your knowledge of the
 Catholic faith, please join us. All are welcome!

Early September 2025

To sign up, please call **(785) 364 3262**
 or email **parish.jacocatholics@gmail.com**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP Aug 9th & 10th, 2025	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	\$2,310.00	\$1,125.00
Plate	491.00	117.00
TOTAL	\$2,801.00	\$1,242.00
<i>Week of Aug 2nd & 3rd</i>	\$6,915.00	\$2,969.25
<i>Week of July 26th & 27th</i>	\$1,874.00	\$1,232.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR AUGUST:

For mutual coexistence. Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR AUGUST:

For all members of our parishes, that we may find ways to engage, support and build up our communities through our presence and stewardship.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Richard Arnold	Barbara Bausch	Bill Berns	Bob Butts
Mary Devader	Steve Devlin	Mildred Eisenbarth	Sheila Fernkopf
Freda Galer	Martin John Hamm	Mary Harris	Pat Hasenkamp
Ed Hrenchir	Carolyn Koger	Karen McClaskey	Mike McClaskey
Don Morford	Mary Morford	Richard Mulroy	Mike Myers
Joe Purcell	Larry Reilly	Ramona Robinson	Barb Schussler
Kade Sides	Evelyn Sullivan	Ray Zeller	

Relatives of Parishioners:

Donna Andriano	Christopher Brown	Roger Brown	Leann Decker
James DeVader	Brad Fiedler	Dennis Fiedler	Jennifer Fiedler
Mike Fiedler	Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler	Van Fuqua
Allan Gibson	Gladys Gibson	Kase Glassel	Jamie Goldman
Vickie Goodman	Floyd Klein	Felicia Nicholes	Danyell Russell
Butch Schiffbauer	Linda Schiffbauer	Anna Segenhagen	

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM:

US Army: MP ANG Therron Fox SSgt. Matthew Zeller **US Marines:** Maj. JP Turner
US Navy: E-5 Dennis Reed Potter **US Air Force:** MSgt. Dylan Parks, TSgt. Nicole Parks

To place or remove someone's name on the prayer list, please call the Parish Office.

The St. Dominic, St Francis Xavier & Our Lady of Snows Catholic Communities
 Extend Their Sincerest Sympathies And Heartfelt Prayers to the families of

Randy Eisenbarth *Brother of Annette Schreiber*

Alice Ann Kerr *Sister of Wayne Leiker*

Charlotte Utz *Mother of Aaron Utz*

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD AND LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

August 16th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Leroy Lehmkuhl+
August 17th (Sun) 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Irene Rethman+ All Parishioners, Living & Deceased Kay Ludvick+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	
August 19th (Tues) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	St. John Eudes, Priest Corky Albright+
August 20th (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor Fr. Brandon Berg, OFM Cap
August 21st (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	St. Pius, X, Pope Rick Cole+
August 22nd (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Amy Geer Family
August 23rd (Sat) 4:00 p.m. PARISH PICNIC @ BANNER CREEK Joe Kennedy & Cathleen Reed+	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24th (Sun) 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time NO MASS Bob Hood+ Ernest & Dolores Hoffman+

St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus

Knight & Family of the Month For July

Ben & Wendy Ehrhart

St. Dominic Knights of Columbus

Knight & Family of the Month For August

Mark & Vicki Pruett

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Angie Reith, Director of Religious Education
 (785) 364-5941 or jacocatholicsre@gmail.com

First Day of Classes,
 for Religious Education

St. D Wed. **9/03/25**: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

St. FX Sun. **9/07/25**: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION KICK-OFF EVENT

September 3 (Wednesday)

Children and parents of both parishes are invited to
 join us as we start the academic year with Mass,
 dinner and tons of "bouncy" FUN!

Confirmation Service Hours
Opportunity for Youth

Wednesday, August 20th @ 6:15 p.m.

Meet downstairs in the St. Dominic Parish Hall

Pizza will be provided!

Jackson County Catholic Community
2025 Annual Parish Picnic

August 23rd (Saturday)-4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Banner Creek Reservoir EVENT CENTER

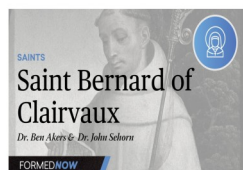
Begins with Mass at the outdoor chapel.

Pot Luck Meal & fellowship to follow.

Last Name food request: If last name starts with A-M: Side Dish, N-Z: Dessert.

This Week on Formed

Week of August 17, 2025



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.



Mary, Queen of Heaven | Brother Francis

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

SCRIPTURE INSIGHTS:

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

This week's readings highlight the challenges of living out the faith. They show how faith can bring division, suffering, and the need for perseverance.

- ♦ **Faith and Conflict:** Jesus speaks of bringing division, not peace. Faith can lead to disagreements and even conflict within families and communities.
- ♦ **Perseverance in Suffering:** Jeremiah suffers for speaking God's truth. The reading from Hebrews calls us to persevere like Jesus, who endured the cross.
- ♦ **The Cost of Discipleship:** Following Jesus is not easy. It may mean facing opposition, even from those closest to us.
- ♦ **The Role of Prophets:** Jeremiah was persecuted for his message. Prophets often face rejection because they speak the truth.
- ♦ **Endurance in the Race:** The reading from Hebrews encourages us to run the race with endurance. We are called to keep our eyes on Jesus and not give up, even when it is hard.
- ♦ **Fire in the Gospel:** Jesus says He came to bring fire on earth. The Gospel challenges us and calls for a passionate response.

These themes for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us that following Jesus requires courage and endurance. The readings encourage us to stay faithful, even when it is difficult.

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