

# Jackson County Catholic Community



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28th, 2025

## REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

This passage from Matthew offers a unique account of the Holy Family's early days. Here we see them flee to Egypt and return to Nazareth. Both migrations, according to Matthew, were anticipated in the Old Testament. Therefore, the Holy Family reflects households of their ancestors. Abraham and Sarah as well as Isaac and Rebecca migrated to Egypt only to return to the Promised Land.

Notably, Matthew's Gospel highlights Joseph's role in the Holy Family. Like his namesake from Genesis, Joseph receives messages from God in dreams. Moreover, like the same patriarch, Joseph rightly interprets the meaning of those heavenly promptings. And yet, while Joseph leads his family into Egypt by God's promptings just as Jacob's son Joseph did many generations prior, this Joseph does not bring any overt division into his family. Instead, the dream, which prompted movements of the Holy Family under Joseph's charge, only result in care and protection. The Holy Family's flight to Egypt protects the child Jesus from being murdered by Herod's royal mandate, which will result in the death of innocent Judean male children who were Jesus' contemporaries. And the return to Nazareth in Galilee comes from a warning that Joseph receives in a dream that cautions against returning to the territory governed by Archelaus, Herod's son. As the Judean royal family proves to be an ongoing threat to the Holy Family, God instructs them to reside further north, in a less hostile region.

Remarkably, Matthew never identifies Jesus or Mary by name here. He refers to them only by their roles in the family. He calls them simply "child" and "mother". Despite the saving work that Jesus will accomplish later in his life, here he is shown totally embracing human lowliness and vulnerability. And beside him always is Mary. Yet, together with Joseph, this family remains quietly obedient to the promptings of God, whose angelic guidance routinely protects them from threats. Accordingly, the Holy Family exemplifies the obedience that is to characterize the behavior of all in God's family.

~Eric J. Wagner CR

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading II: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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### PARISH OFFICE:

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### OFFICE HOURS:

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

9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

### PARISH STAFF:

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Vera Rioux (St. FX)

### 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:

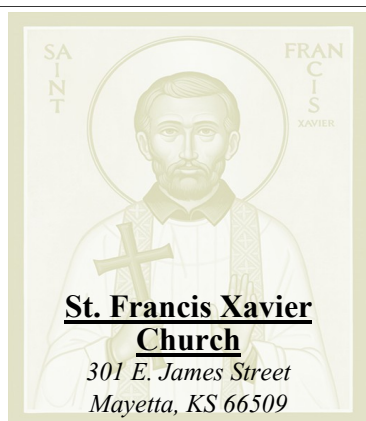
Those requesting baptism for their children need to be registered parishioners. Preparation classes are required for parents and Godparents prior to event.

**MARRIAGE:** Preparation begins with initial consult with parish priest. Please allow at least six months notice to fulfill the Archdiocesan marriage requirements.

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

### DECLARATION of NULLITY:

Please call the parish office for details.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Jan. 3rd & 4th	Sat. 01/03 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 01/04 @ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 01/04 @ 8:30 am SEF	Sun. 01/04 @ 10:30 am SD
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Wanda Weldin		Vera Rioux	Josh Shupe
<b>MUSIC</b>	Cody Utz		Andrea Bailey Patricia Goering	Kenneth Kietzman Dyann Parks
<b>LECTOR</b>	Alberta Lierz	CANCELLED	Catherine Holthaus	Mike Tanking
<b>GREETER- USHER</b>	Rick & Katie Heinen		Thad & Paige Holthaus	Lee & Pam Doyle
<b>EMHC</b>	D'Ann Decker		Joann Walker	Theresa Watkins
<b>Acolytes</b>			Nick Rioux (CB) Zack Rioux, Hannah Holthaus	Julia Keling Jack Keling, Emmy Pruett

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

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

**December 29th, Monday**

**Parish Office is Closed**

**December 30th, Tuesday**

8:30 a.m. **MASS**

**St. Francis Xavier**

**December 31st, Wednesday** (Office Closes at noon)

5:30 p.m. **MASS**

**St. Dominic**

6:00 p.m. NO Adoration OR Reconciliation

**St. Dominic**

6:30 p.m. **NO Religious Ed.**

**St. Dominic Hall**

**January 1st, Thursday** (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Parish Office is Closed**

8:30 a.m. **MASS**

**St. Francis Xavier**

10:30 a.m. **MASS**

**St. Dominic**

6:00 p.m. **NO O.C.I.A.**

**St. Dominic Hall**

**January 2nd, Friday**

8:30 a.m. **MASS**

**St. Dominic**

**January 3rd, Saturday**

5:00 p.m. **Confession**

**St. Dominic**

5:30 p.m. **Mass**

**St. Dominic**

**January 4th, 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**

9:30 a.m. **NO 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**

**January 5th, Monday**

**Parish Office is Closed**

6:30 p.m. **Rosary Fellowship**

**St. Dominic Hall**


## PASTORAL COUNCILS

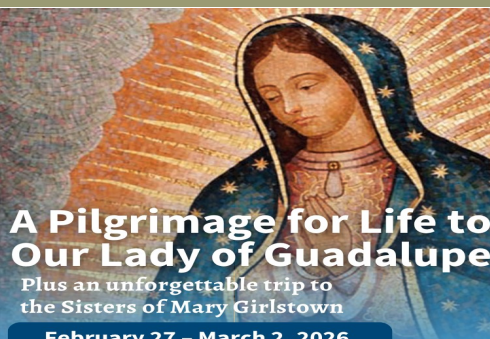
<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Jenea Chartier	Jeri Albright
Jessi Deters	Marie Burdick
Cathy Haug	Ben Ehrhart
Wayne Leiker	Chris Everts
Niki Meerpohl	Mike Henry
Joshua Shupe	Marquerite Mzhickteno
Theresa Watkins	

## FINANCE COUNCILS

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


## NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS






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## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

January 1 (Wednesday)

**St. Francis Xavier: 8:30 a.m.**

**St. Dominic: 10:30 a.m.**

PARISH STEWARDSHIP December 20th & 21st, 2025	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
<b>Envelopes</b>	\$5,255.00	\$1,035.00
<b>Plate</b>	792.21	139.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$6,047.21	\$1,174.00
<i>Week of December 13th &amp; 14th</i>	\$3,141.00	\$1,383.00
<i>Week of December 6th &amp; 7th</i>	\$7,950.50	\$3,593.75



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR DECEMBER:

#### For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

### INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR DECEMBER:

For a meaningful and fruitful observance of the season of Advent.

### PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

#### Parishioners:

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
Arneil Springer	Evelyn Sullivan	Ray Zeller	

#### Relatives of Parishioners:

Jorgan Beck	Christopher Brown	Roger Brown	James DeVader
Don Dillner	Brad Fiedler	Dennis Fiedler	Jennifer Fiedler
Mike Fiedler	Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler	Van Fuqua
Allan Gibson	Gladys Gibson	Kase Glassel	Jamie Goldman
Vickie Goodman	Dan Gruber	Eric Harris	Floyd Klein
Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks	Leonard Riley	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.*

### SPECIAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation	Wednesday, Jan 1st, 2025 8:30 a.m. @ St. Francis X	Wednesday, Jan 1st, 2025 10:30 a.m. @ St. Dominic
SACRISTAN	Matthew Rioux	Terry Ludvicek
MUSIC	Patricia Goering, Andrea Bailey	Michelle Niehues, Leigha Sweet
LECTOR	Marceta Reilly	Jean Lierz
GREETERS/USHERS	TBD	Gary & Debbie Kelly
EMHC	Mike Henry	Gregg Watkins
ACOLYTES	Nick Rioux(CB), Zack Rioux, Paige and Hannah Holthaus	Westin Tanking Kyla Tanking, Amelia Larkins

### Christmas Flowers In Memory/Honor of...

Richard Arnold	Jake & Maude Bausch
The Brown Family	Lewis Butts and Cleo
Ed & Martina Gros	Mary Kaiser
Dean Lehn	Novena Newman
Leonard & Margorie	Bob & Dot Sosna
Schuler	Melinda Wareham

## MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

<b>December 27th (Sat)</b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b>
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Ben & Marge Fox+
<b>December 28th (Sun)</b>	<b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b>
7:00 a.m. St. Dominic	NO MASS
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Dan Henry Family, Living & Deceased
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Jerry McGuffin+ All Parish Members, Living & Deceased
<b>December 30th (Tues)</b>	<b>6th Day Octave of the Navity of the Lord</b>
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Wayne & Pam Zeller Larry Larkin
<b>December 31st (Wed)</b>	<b>7th Day Octave of the Navity of the Lord</b>
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Joan Schiffbauer+ Bob Vinduska+
<b>January 1st (Thurs)</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	George Bolz+ Marcelline Meyer+ Lane Pruett+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	
<b>January 2nd (Fri)</b>	<b>Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors</b>
8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Janet Fearer Family
<b>January 3rd (Sat)</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Bob & Harriet Buchholz+ All Parish Members, Living & Deceased
<b>January 4th (Sun)</b>	<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
7:00 a.m. St. Dominic	NO MASS
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Corky Albright+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Mary Harris

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

**Angie Reith**, Director of Religious Education  
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### CLASS TIMES

**St. Dominic:**

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier:**

Sundays 9:30–10:30 a.m.

### UPCOMING DATES OF IMPORTANCE...

*Christmas Break:*

**NO Religious Ed. Classes or OCIA**  
on the following dates...

December 24th, 2025 - January 8th, 2026

Class will resume...

Jan. 11th → **St. FX** and Jan. 14th → **St. D**

**January 7th, 2025:**

**Catechists' Appreciation Dinner**

Please, RSVP to Angie by January 1st

## THEMES: THE HOLY FAMILY, YEAR A

*This week's themes celebrate love and unity found in the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It invites reflection on family life and the values that strengthen these bonds.*

- ♦ **Honor and Respect in Families:** The first reading emphasizes honoring parents, showing that respect within families brings blessings and strengthens relationships. Caring for parents, especially in their old age, is a way to live out God's commandment.
- ♦ **Love and Kindness at Home:** Today's second reading calls for compassion, kindness, and patience within families. These virtues build harmony and reflect Christ's love in daily life.
- ♦ **Forgiveness and Peace:** Families are encouraged to forgive one another and live in peace. This echoes the call to let Christ's peace rule in hearts, fostering unity and understanding.
- ♦ **Obedience and Guidance:** Joseph's obedience to God's Guidance in the Gospel shows the importance of trusting God's plan for the family. His example of leadership and protection inspires responsible and loving parenthood.
- ♦ **Faith and Trust in God:** The Holy Family's Journey to Egypt demonstrates faith and trust in God's protection during hardships. Families are reminded to rely on God during difficult times.
- ♦ **Roles of Parents and Children:** The readings highlight the roles of parents as caregivers and teachers, and children as respectful and obedient. These roles support a nurturing and loving home environment.

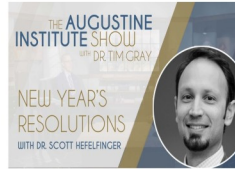
*The Feast of the Holy Family invites reflection on the values that create strong and loving families. By looking to the Holy Family as a model, we can find guidance and inspiration to live in love, faith, and unity.*

(YoungCatholics.com)



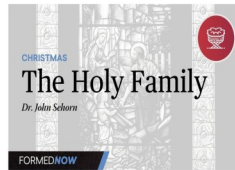
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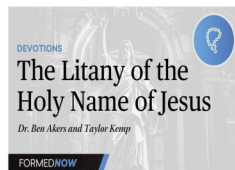
### New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!



### The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



### Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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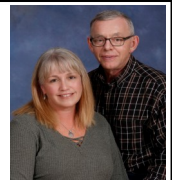
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