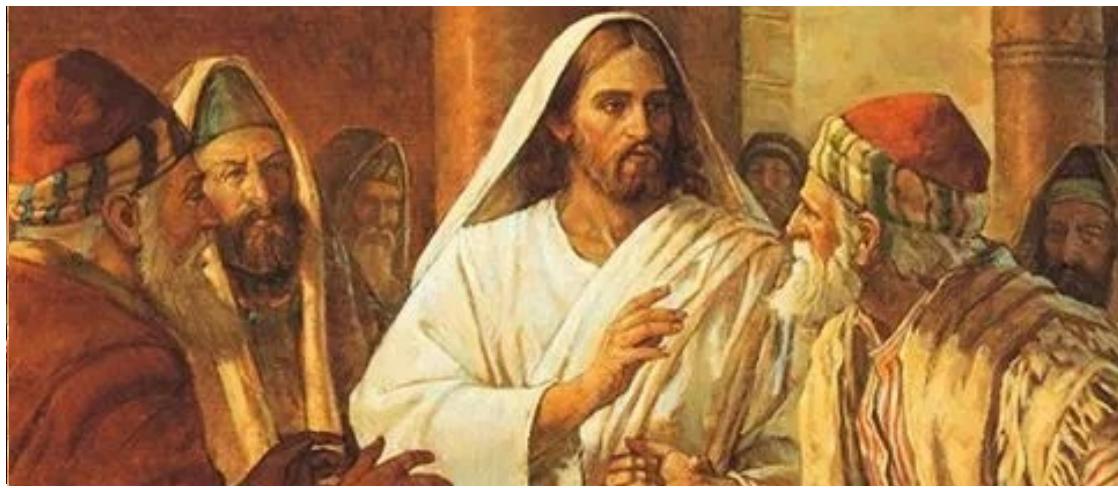


Jackson County Catholic Community



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

As the Word of God incarnate, Jesus shows Himself to be the consummate keeper of and commentator on God's commands in Torah.

Jesus begins His commentary on the law with some fundamental, general principles. God's law is to be fulfilled. Teachers of God's law shall obey it and teach others to do likewise. Keeping God's law should be demonstrated through rigorous and exceptional behavior that differs even from those who are steeped in the law (scribes and Pharisees).

After enumerating His basic principles, Jesus then shows how they function by applying them to some representative, fundamental commandments. Beginning with the command to avoid wrongfully taking life (killing or murder), Jesus recalls the commandment and then names the interior disposition that makes the behavior wrong, anger. This disposition, He says, is what must be avoided in every way; wrongfully taking a life is merely one example. The command to avoid adultery, in Jesus' commentary, similarly expands in rigor. More than simply an exhortation to avoid one behavior, internal promptings at odds with purity are shown to contradict God's intention behind the law. Thus, avoiding adultery becomes a rigorous call to purity. Similarly, Jesus' comment on Torah's law permitting divorce indicates that a failed marriage is more than just a tragedy for the couple, it has broader negative ramifications on society, which are to be avoided. And the divine mandate to avoid false testimony becomes an instruction to develop a reputation for unfailing honesty. For Jesus, such rigorous integrity becomes the means of potentially avoiding court in the first place. If one is known for rigorous integrity, there arises little need for legal interventions and their accompanying oaths.

Thus, Jesus' interpretive principles and commentary on select laws give a clear picture as to how we are to approach God's laws in our lives. Rather than accommodating them to suit our circumstances, we are exhorted to find and apply the underlying kernel that directs us toward bringing about the greater good.

~Eric J. Wagner CR

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Sirach 15:15-20

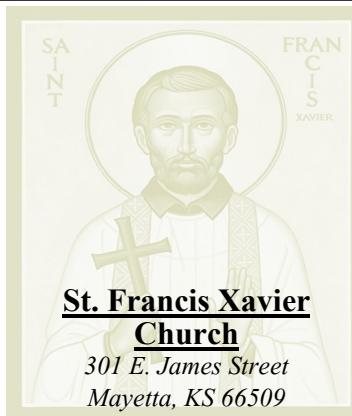
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

+ Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37



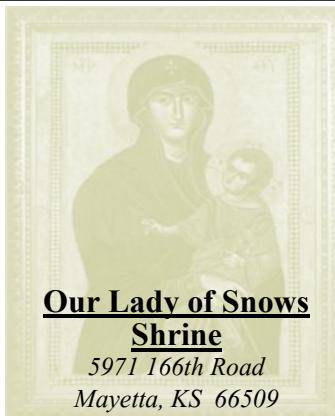
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9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

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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. D: *Cancelled until further notice.*

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

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

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

CONFESION Schedule:

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

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to St. FX
and St. D weekend Masses

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

1st Sunday of Lent				
Feb 21st & 22nd	Sat. 02/21 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 02/22 @ 7:00 am SD	Sun. 02/22 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 02/22 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	<i>Wanda Weldon</i>		<i>Joann Walker</i>	<i>Darrin Reith</i>
MUSIC	<i>Kenneth Kietzman Dyann Parks</i>		<i>Andrea Bailey Patricia Goering</i>	<i>Jenea Chartier Leigha Sweet</i>
LECTOR	<i>Alberta Lierz</i>	<i>CANCELLED</i>	<i>Catherine Holthaus</i>	<i>Zach Lancaster</i>
GREETER- USHER	<i>Gary & Annette Schreiber</i>		<i>Steve Devlin, Ben Ehrhart</i>	<i>Cullen & Nikki Jackson</i>
EMHC	<i>Vickie Pruett</i>		<i>Mary Lou Koch</i>	<i>Mike Meerpohl</i>
Acolytes			<i>Paige Holthaus (CB), Maddie Everts, Hannah Holthaus</i>	<i>Ambree Leiker (CB) Calvin Henry, Emmy Pruett</i>

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

CALENDAR of EVENTS

February 16th, Monday

Parish Office is Closed

6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship

St. Dominic Hall

February 17th, Tuesday

8:30 a.m. MASS

St. Francis Xavier

February 18th, Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday MASS

St. Francis Xavier

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday MASS

St. Dominic

6:30 p.m. NO Religious Ed.

St. Dominic Hall

February 19th, Thursday

8:30 a.m. MASS

St. Francis Xavier

6:00 p.m. O.C.I.A.

St. Dominic Office

February 20th, Friday

8:30 a.m. MASS

St. Dominic

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

St. Dominic

5:00-7:00 p.m. Fish Fry

St. Francis Xavier Parish Hall

February 21st, Saturday

5:00 p.m. Confession

St. Dominic

5:30 p.m. MASS

St. Dominic

February 22nd, 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

8:30 a.m. Mass

Our Lady of Snows

10:00 a.m. Confession

St. Dominic

10:30 a.m. Mass

St. Dominic

1:00 p.m. OCIA Rite of Send. & Elect. Christ the King Church

February 23rd, Monday

Parish Office is Closed

7:00 p.m. K of C Mtg.

St. Dominic Hall

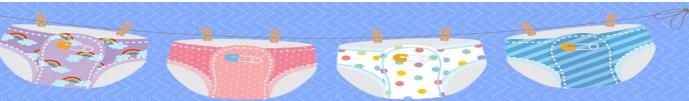
NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Gary Dee Schlaegel

**Father of St. Dominic parishioner,
Jason Yingst**

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



A Diaper Drive, through the month of February!!

The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Jackson County is asking for donations of diapers, wipes, baby toiletries, clothes and nursery supplies. Monetary donations are also acceptable. Please see the sign in the narthex of St. Dominic and St. Francis Xavier for more details, and for drop offs.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Mass Schedule: February 18th, 2026



St Francis Xavier: 7:00 AM

St Dominic: 6:00 PM

PASTORAL COUNCILS

St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Jenea Chartier	Jeri Albright
Jessi Deters	Marie Burdiek
Cathy Haug	Ben Ehrhart
Wayne Leiker	Chris Everts
Niki Meerpohl	Mike Henry
Joshua Shupe	Marquerite
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St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Barb Heideman	Mary Lou Koch
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Mark Starr	Donald Sunday

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

February 7th & 8th, 2026

	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes (Inc. Jan '26 Dir. Dep.)	\$5,875.20	\$2,595.00
Plate	580.00	230.00
	TOTAL	\$6,455.20
		\$2,825.00
<i>Week of Jan. 31st & Feb. 1st</i>	\$3,725.00	\$7,019.00
<i>Week of January 24th & 25th</i>	\$1,763.00	\$427.50

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR FEBRUARY:

For Children with Incurable Diseases

Let us pray, that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing hope and strength.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR FEBRUARY:

For all catechumens and candidates making final preparations to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, that they may persevere and find prayerful support from their parish communities.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Barbara Bausch	Bill Berns	Jim Bowhay	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:

Bill Albright	Jordan 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.

This Lent, let's
BE THE
CHURCH
Together

Join us for Beatitudes from the Heartland, a four-part
 small-group experience designed to help you grow in
 faith and community.



MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

February 14th (Sat)	6th Sunday Ordinary Time
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Joan Schiffbauer+
February 15th (Sun)	6th Sunday Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	George Brtek+
February 17th (Tues.)	Shrove Tuesday
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Janie Teetzel+ Jack Fuqua+
February 18th (Wed)	Ash Wednesday
7:00 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Marlene Putnam+
6:00 p.m. St. Dominic	Richard Leiker+
February 19th (Thurs)	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Charlene Zeller
February 20th (Fri)	Friday after Ash Wednesday
8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Heather Browning+ Sondra Harkness Family
February 21st (Sat)	1st Sunday of Lent
5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
February 22nd (Sun)	1st Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Betty Fuqua+
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	All OCIA Catechumens & Candidates at St FX & St. D.

St. Dominic Knights of Columbus

February Knight and Family

Terry & Lisa Lierz

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Upcoming Dates

February 18: Ash Wednesday— No Class @ St. D

March 15: Spring Break— No Class @ St. FX

March 18: Spring Break— No Class @ St. D

April 11: 1st Communion Retreat, BOTH
 Parishes, @ St. Dominic Parish Hall

April 25: First Communion @ St. Dominic

April 26: First Communion @ St. Francis

CLASS TIMES

St. Dominic:

Wednesdays 6:30 — 7:30 p.m.

St. Francis Xavier:

Sundays 9:30—10:30 a.m.

THEMES: 6TH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

This week's themes focus on choices, wisdom, and living a good life. Jesus teaches that following God's law is not just about rules but about having the right attitude and actions.

- ♦ **Free Will and Choice:** God gives people the ability to choose between good and evil. The first reading reminds everyone that their choices lead to life or death.
- ♦ **Following God's Wisdom:** The second reading speaks of God's wisdom, which is different from human wisdom. People who love God receive His wisdom through the Spirit.
- ♦ **Obeying the Commandments:** Jesus teaches that obeying God's law is more than just following rules. It means living with honesty, love, and self-control.
- ♦ **Avoiding Anger and Hate:** Jesus says anger can lead to harm, just like murder. He calls His followers to seek peace and forgiveness instead.
- ♦ **Purity in Thoughts and Actions:** Jesus warns against lustful thoughts and actions. He teaches that purity starts in the heart, not just in outward behavior.
- ♦ **Speaking Truthfully:** Jesus tells His followers not to swear oaths but to be honest in everything they say. Truthfulness should be part of daily life.

God sees everything and wants people to choose good over evil. The readings on the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, remind everyone that faith is not just about laws but about living with love, wisdom, and truth.

(YoungCatholics.com)



This Week on Formed

Week of February 15, 2026



Lent | What Catholics Believe

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Whole 40

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss the purpose of the season of Lent, how to prepare for it, and why it is such a fruitful season in our life of faith.



Heart of Prayer

Heart of Prayer invites participants into an intimate and peaceful retreat with Bishop Andrew Cozzens. Set in the beautiful Chateau on the Augustine Institute Campus, Heart of Prayer reveals the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, as Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to offer guidance that is practical and down-to-earth.

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