

Jackson County Catholic Community



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Today's Gospel reading presents the last three parables from Matthew 13. In the parables of the buried treasure and the pearl of great price, Jesus conveys a sense of urgency to respond to the good news of the kingdom. Just as the apostles left everything behind to follow Christ (see *Matthew 4:20, 22*), so too the men who found the buried treasure and the pearl sell all they have to obtain and, in a sense, follow these items. Both parables emphasize the value and joy of the kingdom of heaven.

The last parable explores the outcome for those who do not accept the kingdom of heaven. Like in the parable of the weeds that we heard last week, the good and the bad are mixed together and will be separated out on the day of judgment. Those who reject the kingdom, the bad fish, will suffer final exclusion from the kingdom of heaven, experiencing instead burning and wailing and grinding of teeth.

Jesus concludes the series of parables by comparing those instructed in the kingdom of heaven to a head of a household, "who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." Jesus' use of "new" and "old" are understood as references to His ministry (the "new") and to the Old Testament (the "old"). Thus, the scribe's treasure is understanding both Christ's ministry and the Old Testament, valuing what each reveal, and seeing Christ's ministry as a fulfillment of the Old Testament

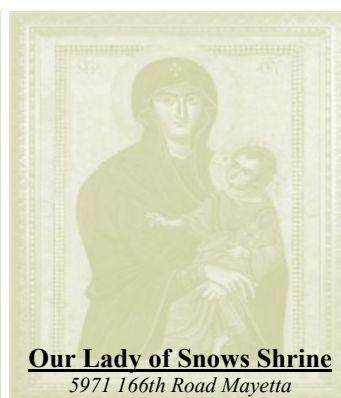
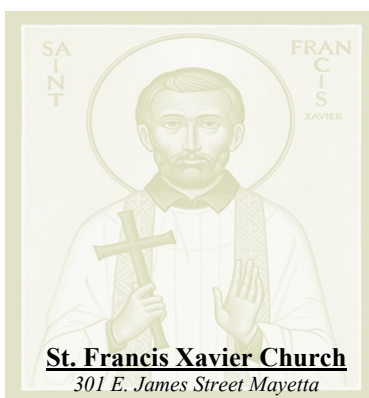
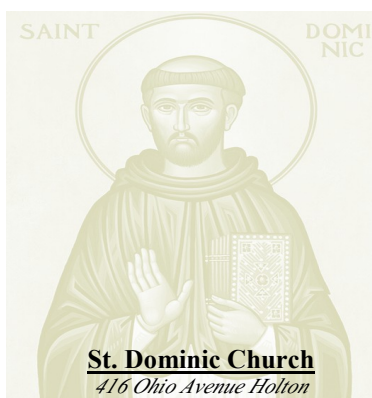
~Maria Enid Barga, PhD, MPhil, MA

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: *Kings 3:5, 7-12*

Reading II: *Romans 8:28-30*

Gospel: *Matthew 13:44-52*



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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

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

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

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

CONFESSION Schedule:

Weekdays, Wednesday, following

5:30 p.m. St. Dominic Mass

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to weekend Masses

ADORATION Schedule:

6:00 pm Wednesday

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 call the parish office for details.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1st & 2nd	Sat. 08/01 @ 5:30 pm SD	Sun. 8/02 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 08/02 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Judy Arnold	Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvick
MUSIC	Cody Utz	Andrea Bailey Marguerite Mzhickteno	Leigha Sweet Jenea Chartier
LECTOR	Jean Lierz	Kathy Devlin	Mike Tanking
GREETER- USHER	Dan & Pat Doyle	Thad & Paige Holthaus	Dale & Kathleen Noel
EMHC	Gregg Watkins	Joanne Walker	Jenny Lancaster
Acolytes		Nick Rioux, Zack Rioux Hanah Holthaus	Ambree Leiker Amelia Larkins, Calvin Henry
Homebound Communion Ministers: Niki Meerpohl (<i>St. Dominic</i>), Joann Walker (<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>), and Jean Lierz (<i>Nursing Homes</i>)			

CALENDAR of EVENTS

July 27th, Monday Parish Office is Closed 7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting	St. Dominic Hall
July 28th, Tuesday 8:30 a.m. MASS	St. Francis Xavier
July 29th, Wednesday 5:30 p.m. MASS 6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession	St. Dominic St. Dominic
July 30th, Thursday 8:30 a.m. MASS 6:00 p.m. Women's Study Group	St. Francis Xavier St. Dominic Hall
July 31st, Friday 8:30 a.m. MASS	St. Dominic
August 1st Saturday 5:00 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. MASS	St. Dominic St. Dominic
August 2nd, Sunday 8:00 a.m. Confession 8:30 a.m. Mass 1:00 p.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Confession 10:30 a.m. MASS 11:30 a.m. "Gather & Grow" 5:30 p.m. Men's Catholicism Study	St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier Our Lady of Snows St. Dominic St. Dominic St. Dominic Hall St. Francis Xavier
August 3rd, Monday Parish Office is Closed 6:30 p.m. Rosary Fellowship	St. Dominic Hall



NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Curious About The Catholic Faith?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

OCIA Is For You If...

- ☐ You have never been baptized.
- ☐ You were baptized in another faith tradition.
- ☐ You are a baptized Catholic but have not received Confirmation and/or First Communion.
- ☐ You are just exploring what it means to be Catholic.

Coming Fall 2026

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

Clifford L Beard

Former St. Dominic parishioner & brother-in-law to Vickie Pruett

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

YOU ARE INVITED!

SERVE THE LORD WITH JOY!

SERVER TRAINING

LEARN TO SERVE! / MAKE NEW FRIENDS! / GROW IN FAITH!

CALLING ALL 4th, 5th, & 6th GRADERS!

CURRENT SERVERS WELCOME TO PRACTICE!

ATTEND ONLY ONE SESSION!

SESSION 1: SATURDAY, AUGUST 8th

SESSION 2: SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

TIME: 4:00 PM LOCATION: ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH

PASTORAL COUNCILS		FINANCE COUNCILS	
St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Wayne Leiker	Ben Ehrhart	Barb Heideman	Mary Lou Koch
Bethany Henry	Marie Burdick	David Ashcraft	Sharon Cole
Leigha Sweet	Chris Everts	Diane Gross	Farrell Holthaus
Cody Utz	Marguerite Mzhickteno	Mark Starr	Donald Sunday
Niki Meerpohl	Jeri Albright		
Joshua Shupe	Mike Henry		
Theresa Watkins	Tina Bailey		

PARISH STEWARDSHIP July 18th & 19th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
Envelopes	\$2,950.00	\$1,735.00
Plate	\$441.11	\$218.10
TOTAL	\$3,391.11	\$1,953.10
Week of July 11th & 12th	\$2,907.00	\$1,179.00
Week of July 4th & 5th	\$5,895.06	\$3,316.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR JULY:

For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR JULY:

For unity, that God may help us to set aside our differences and biases and guide us to building a stronger, more respectful and more compassionate society.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Robert Atkinson	Barbara Bausch	Bill Berns	Jim Bowhay
Bob Butts	Mary Devader	Steve Devlin	Mildred Eisenbarth
Joy Faulkner	Sheila Fernkopf	Freda Galer	Martin John Hamm
Mary Harris	Ed Hrenchir	Carolyn Koger	Alberta Lierz
Karen McClaskey	Mary Morford	Richard Mulroy	Mike Myers
Joe Purcell	Larry Reilly	Barb Schussler	Kade Sides
Arneil Springer	Evelyn Sullivan	Ray Zeller	

Relatives of Parishioners:

Bill Albright	Jorgan Beck	Christopher Brown	Rodney Brown
Roger Brown	Donald Deters	James DeVader	Don Dillner
Brad Fiedler	Dennis Fiedler	Jennifer Fiedler	Mike Fiedler
Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler	Van Fuqua	Allan Gibson
Gladys Gibson	Darlene Glassel	Kase Glassel	Jamie Goldman
Vickie Goodman	Sondra Harkness	Jacob Hastings	Jo Hufford
Floyd Klein	Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks	Leonard Riley
Danyell Russell	Anna Segenhagen	Pat Spohn	Hannah VanHorn
Maddie Ward	Ramsey Ward	Terry Weldin	Michael Willcott

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM:

US Air Force: Andrew Morris, McClain Morris, MSgt. Dylan Parks, TSgt. Nicole Parks

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

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

Pitching for Priests.
The I-435 Series Continues. July 31, 2026 at 6:30pm
Gates open at 5pm

Join us for the annual state-line showdown between the priests of the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, MO and the priests of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

KC Monarchs Stadium - Legends Field Ballpark
located at 1800 Village West Pkwy, Kansas City, KS 66111

The event is FREE, however, free-will donations will be accepted at the stadium or catholicradio.com

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Weekend Mass Intentions

July 25th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	17th Sunday, Ordinary Time All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
July 26th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	17th Sunday, Ordinary Time Bob Hood + Rae Lynn Cole Don Morford+ Dolores Brucken+
July 28th (Tues) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Weekday, Ordinary Time Dot Sosna+
July 29th (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	St Mary Magdalene Brent Nelson+
July 30th (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Weekday, Ordinary Time Harold Walker+
July 31st (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Weekday, Ordinary Time Joseph & Elizabeth Kennedy
August 1st (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	18th Sunday, Ordinary Time Living & Deceased Members of Grollmes Family
August 2nd (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier 10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	18th Sunday, Ordinary Time All parishioners Living & Deceased Susana Dizon+

2026 Parish Picnic

August 22nd
(Saturday) 4 - 8 PM

Banner Creek EVENT CENTER

Join us for our annual joint parish picnic!!
We'll start with a Eucharistic celebration at the chapel followed by a meal and fellowship.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Angie Reith, Director of Parish Life & Faith Formation
(785) 364-5941 or jacocatholicsre@gmail.com

CATECHIST RETREAT
Saturday, August 8th, 2026
9:00 a.m. @
Our Lady of the Snows

Day begins with breakfast & fellowship

TEACHERS NEEDED

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for the following positions for our Religious Education for the upcoming Academic Year.

St. Dominic

4th Grade Assistant

5th Grade Teacher & Assistant

THEMES: 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, focuses on wisdom, God's plan, and the great value of His kingdom. The readings show how people should seek what truly matters and trust in God's guidance.

- **Seeking Wisdom:** Solomon asks God for wisdom instead of riches or power. This shows that true success comes from knowing right from wrong and making good choices.
- **God's Plan for Us:** God works in the lives of those who love Him. He calls people, makes them right with Him, and helps them become more like His Son.
- **True Treasure:** Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to hidden treasure and a valuable pearl. These stories teach that God's kingdom is worth more than anything else.
- **Sacrifice for What Matters:** The people in Jesus' parables give up everything to gain the treasure or pearl. This reminds believers to let go of what is less important to follow God.
- **Judgment and Separation:** Jesus tells a story about a fishing net catching all kinds of fish. He warns that in the end, good and bad will be separated.
- **Wisdom in Teaching:** Jesus says that wise teachers use both old and new lessons. This means faith should be built on past truth while still growing in new understanding.

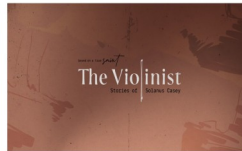
The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, teaches that God's wisdom and kingdom are more valuable than anything else. Those who seek them will find true purpose and lasting joy.

(YoungCatholics.com)



This Week on Formed

Week of July 26, 2026



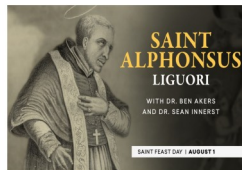
The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Bl. Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.



Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances," St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



St. Alphonsus Liguori | Catholic Saints

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.

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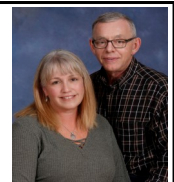
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