



Jackson County Catholic Community



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 25th, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

In Jesus' day, the laws in Torah (the first five books of the Bible) were recognized as gifts from God, the means of living the good life, and the way of abiding in union with the Lord. At the same time, because these laws were numerous, questions and debates transpired over which enjoyed greater significance in everyday life. Thus, the question posed to Jesus in today's reading exemplified the concerns faced when trying to live God's law.

Showing Himself to be the embodiment of God's law – the Word Incarnate – Jesus distills the whole collection of laws into two basic tenets, each coming from a biblical passage. The first comes from Deuteronomy 6:4-5. This passage – a prayer called the “Shema” – was and is recited by devout Jews multiple times each day. At its core, the Shema emphasizes the necessity of loving God. This is to be the central principle of one's life. The whole of one's being should aim at loving God.

Alongside the Shema and inextricably linked to it, Jesus presents Leviticus 19:18, which entails loving one's neighbor as oneself. The passage He cites follows an extensive list of laws aimed at fostering a just and equitable society. The focus directs attention to interpersonal justice and, inasmuch as it follows from and is bound to the love of God, highlights the indivisible link between care and regard for humanity on the one hand, and honor and love of God on the other. To love one's neighbor expresses one's love of God, and to love God calls for loving one's neighbor. This is Torah's core.

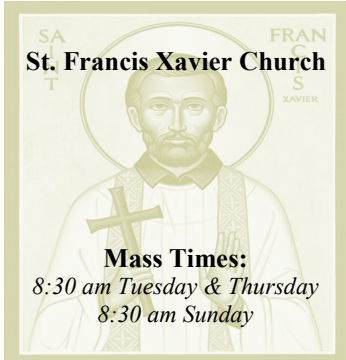
~ Eric J. Wagner, CR

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Exodus 22:20-26

Reading II: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40



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CONFESSION Schedule:

Weekdays, Wednesday @ St. Dominic following 5:30 pm Mass

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to Mass

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Solemnity of All Saints

Oct 31st & November 1st	Sat. 10/31@ 5:30pm SD	Sun. 11/1 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 11/1 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Katie Heinen	Vera Rioux	Terry Ludvick
MUSIC	Cody Utz	Andrea Bailey, Marguerite Mzhickteno & Paige Holthaus	Robin Sides
LECTOR	Lori Sohn	Joann Walker	Zach Lancaster
GREETER- USHER	Kenyon Moran & Carolyn Kennedy	Jim & Marsha Seematter	Cullen & Nikki Jackson
EMHC	Pat Doyle	May Lou Koch	Wayne Leiker
Acolytes		Nick Rioux, Zack Rioux & Dalton Cole	Julia Keling (CB) Jack Keling & Axyl Deters
Homebound Communion Ministers: Dave Schmitz (<i>St. Dominic</i>), Joann Walker (<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>), and Jean Lierz (<i>Nursing Homes</i>)			

CALENDAR of EVENTS

October 26th, Monday Parish Office is Closed 7:00 p.m. St D. K of C Meeting	St. Dominic Hall
October 27th, Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. OCIA	St. Francis Xavier FIAT Room
October 28th, Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:00 p.m. Adoration or Confession 6:30 p.m. Religious Ed.	St. Dominic St. Dominic St. Dominic Hall
October 29th, Thursday 8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Francis Xavier
October 30th, Friday 8:30 a.m. Mass	St. Dominic
October 31st, Saturday 5:00 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. Mass	St. Dominic St. Dominic
November 1st, Sunday 8:00 a.m. Confession 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed. 10:00 a.m. Confession 10:30 a.m. Mass 11:30 a.m. Gather & Grow 1:00 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m. H.S. Youth Group	St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier St. Dominic St. Dominic St. Dominic Hall Our Lady of Snows FIAT Room /Cemetery
November 2nd, Monday Parish Office is Closed 6:00 p.m. All Souls Mass 7:00 p.m. Rosary Fellowship	St. Dominic St. Dominic Hall

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

Laurel Ann Collins

St. Dominic parishioner

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

PASTORAL COUNCILS		FINANCE COUNCILS	
St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
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NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



OCTOBER 2026

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Director of Parish Life & Faith Formation oversees all aspects of lifelong Catholic faith formation (children, youth, and adults) while fostering community connection, sacramental preparation, and parish fellowship to build a vibrant, Christ-centered community across our cluster of parishes.

ACCOUNTABILITY CLASSIFICATION

Pastor
Full Time (30 hrs/wk), Salaried, Exempt



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:



Faith Formation

- Oversee comprehensive catechetical programs, sacramental preparation, youth and adult formation, and Christian initiation for all age groups.



Parish Life

- Oversee outreach to the sick and homebound, social justice initiatives, hospitality and newcomer integration, parish event and wedding coordination, and support for liturgy and the worship environment.



Pastoral Administration

- Manage volunteers, conduct VIRTUS training, assist with tribunal advocacy, maintain effective sacramental records, and participate in leadership meetings.



QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES



Faith & Character

- Fully initiated, practicing Roman Catholic in good standing with strong personal integrity and a love for the Gospel.



Education & Experience

- Degree in a theology-related field (or equivalent experience) paired with 2+ years of experience in parish faith formation, youth ministry, or Catholic education.



Skills & Competencies

- Strong public speaking, writing, interpersonal, organizational, and technical proficiency (Office, databases, social media).



Leadership & Clearances

- Warm, relational leadership with the ability to inspire and delegate to volunteers, alongside required background checks and Safe Environment compliance.



WORK SCHEDULE & CONDITIONS

A 30-hour weekly schedule (classified as full-time with benefits) with some evening and weekends required, standard office duties with periodic light lifting, and the ability to travel between parish sites and archdiocesan offices.



COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

A salary commensurate with experience and diocesan guidelines, a full-time benefits package (healthcare/dental options, retirement plan, PTO, and paid holidays/holy days), and professional development opportunities.



To apply: Send cover letter and resume to

jdizon@archkck.org



PARISH STEWARDSHIP
October 17th & 18th, 2026

St. Dominic

St. Francis Xavier

Envelopes	\$2,177.00	\$750.00
Plate	\$554.60	\$347.00
TOTAL	\$2,731.60	\$1,097.00
<i>Week of October 10th & 11th</i>	\$3,874.31	\$1,335.11
<i>Week of October 4th & 5th</i>	\$6,265.00	\$1,987.00

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR OCTOBER:

For mental health ministry:

Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR OCTOBER:

For Gratitude Sunday (@SFX) and the Community Harvest Festival (@SD). May the success of these events foster deeper community engagement and allow us to be better stewards of our parishes.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Kalena Tannahill Ray Zeller Leon Becker
Karen McClaskey Bill Berns Mary Harris

Relatives and Friends of Parishioners:

Terry Weldin Danyelle Russell Teresa Rioux
Jorgan Beck Jacob Hastings

Our Recently Departed: Robert Atkinson (+July 29), Joy Faulkner (+July 29)

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

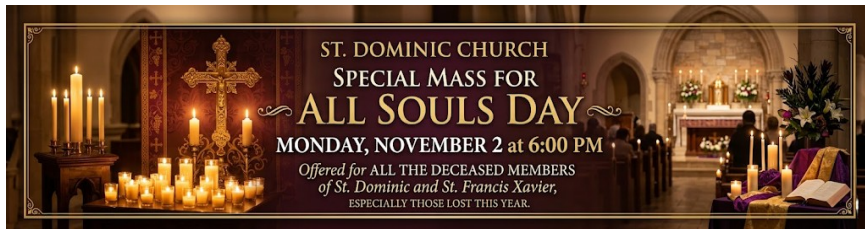
October 24th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	30th Sunday, Ordinary Time Ben & Marge Fox+
October 25th (Sun) 7:00 a.m. St. Dominic 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	30th Sunday, Ordinary Time Robert Atkinson+ All Parishioners, Living & Deceased The Confirmandi
October 27th (Tues) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Weekday, Ordinary Time Don Hrenchir+
October 28th (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles Joy Faulkner+
October 29th (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Weekday, Ordinary Time Anna Wilder+
October 30th (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Weekday, Ordinary Time Kay Ludvicek+
October 31st (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	All Saints
November 1st (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	All Saints SFX Knights of Columbus Living & Deceased SD Knights of Columbus Living & Deceased
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

CONGRATULATIONS! CONFIRMANDI

JENNIFER BAILEY – St. Mary
KARSON CLARKE – St. Isidore
PAYTON CRAWFORD – St. Anne
COLTON GRISELL – St. Jude
BENNETT LANCASTER – St. Augustine
NORA NORDYKE – St. Luke
KREIGHTON ROUSH – St. Michael
KINLEY STEVENS – St. Elizabeth
WESTIN TANKING – St. Sebastian

May God's Blessings Be Upon You
on Your Confirmation Day



Themes: 30th Sunday in Ordinary time, Year A

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, focus on love, justice, and faithfulness. They teach about caring for others, staying faithful to God, and living with compassion.

- **Love for God and Neighbor:** Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love God fully and love others as yourself. This shows that faith is not just about rules but about relationships.
- **Compassion for the Vulnerable:** God tells His people not to mistreat outsiders, widows, or orphans. He listens to their cries and expects His people to care for them.
- **Justice and Fairness:** The first reading warns against taking advantage of the poor. God wants people to act fairly and show kindness in their dealings.
- **Faith in Hardship:** The second reading praises believers who remained faithful despite struggles. Their strong faith became an example for others.
- **Turning Away from Idols:** The Thessalonians left behind false gods to serve the true God. This reminds people to put God first in their lives.
- **The Law Fulfilled in Love:** Jesus says all laws come from loving God and loving others. Following this commandment sums up what God wants from us.

The readings for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, remind people to love, be fair, and stay faithful. God sees how people treat others and calls them to live with kindness and justice.

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This Week on Formed

Week of October 25, 2026



What Catholics Believe About Halloween

Is Halloween really a pagan holiday—or is it deeply Christian? In this episode of What Catholics Believe, Dr. Ben Akers explains the Catholic roots of Halloween, its connection to All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and how Catholics can celebrate it faithfully. Discover the history of trick-or-treating, the dangers of the occult, the meaning behind costumes, and even the Catholic perspective on vampires and zombies.



Eternal Rest

We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? Explore the mystery of death, dying, and everlasting life through Eternal Rest, a new offering of the Augustine Institute.



Who is St. Jude? | Catholic Saints

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. James Prothro discuss this lesser-known apostle St. Jude.

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