



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Our Lady of Snows Shrine

September 30, 2018

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES

5:30 pm Sat. Vigil @ St. Dominic
8:00 am Sun. @ St. Francis Xavier
10:30 am Sunday @ St. Dominic

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Wed. 8am @ St. Dominic
Thu. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Fri. 8am @ St. Dominic
No Mass Mon. or Sat.. Morning

RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes prior to
5:30 pm and 8:00 am Mass
Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish 9 months prior to
preferred wedding date

BAPTISM

Contact the office after
birth of the child

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Focus on God's agenda, not your own. This message could be the link between the reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the two men who are suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop them, Moses asks, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people . . . were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29). And Jesus responds to his disciple John, also upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God's spirit blows where it will. It sometimes ends up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, no one can presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful of trying to box in or corral the spirit of God.

Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus' hard words about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. Most say this is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. I think Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their lives and face whatever it is that leads them away from God. "Deal with it," he says. We must always watch what we hold, the path we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us.

Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with, go off the path that takes us to the kingdom. And they can take others with them. What matters is that God's work be done. God will see to it; don't get in the way. —James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

September 23, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes* \$ 1,590.00
Plate \$ 271.00
Total: \$ 1,861.00

Week of Sept. 16 \$ 2,179.97
Week of Sept. 9 \$ 2,580.01

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$2,719.11

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes* \$ 1,643.00
Plate \$ 98.01
Total: \$ 1,741.01

Week of Sept. 16 \$ 1,126.00
Week of Sept. 9 \$ 2,220.51

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$1,971.04

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of October 6-7th
Homebound: Marceta Reilly
Nursing Homes: Jean Lierz

**Ministry Schedule for the
The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

| St. Dominic Oct. 6th~ 5:30 pm | St. Francis Xavier Oct. 7th~ 8:00 am | St. Dominic Oct. 7th~ 10:30 am |
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| COMMUNION Mark Pruett Vickie Pruett D'Ann Decker Larry Tanking Alberta Tanking | COMMUNION Ray Zeller Bob Butts Joann Walker Steve Devlin Kathy Devlin | COMMUNION Terry Ludvicek Kay Ludvicek Greg Maxwell Linda Maxwell Jackie McAsey |
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LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, September 29th~
 St. D 5:30 PM For All Parishioners
 SUNDAY, September 30th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Joel David Barta (D)
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Mary Doyle Fitch (D)
 TUESDAY, October 2nd~
 St. F 8:00 AM NO MASS
 WEDNESDAY, October 3rd~
 St. D 8:00 AM NO MASS
 THURSDAY, October 4th~
 St. F 8:00 AM NO MASS
 FRIDAY, October 5th~
 St. D 8:00 AM NO MASS

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 6th~
 St. D. 5:30 PM Harold Phillips (D)
 SUNDAY, October 7th~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Allen Gross (D)

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Oct. 1-7 Reith Family
 Oct. 8-14 Gary & Annette Schreiber
 Oct. 15-21 Bertulfo Family
 Oct. 22-28 Karen Leiker, Kay Ludvick
 Oct. 29-Nov. 4 Gail Schmitz, Danella Shaw

Please contact the office ahead of time and let us know when you are planning on cleaning so that the church will be unlocked and the lights can be turned on for you.

Thank you for your service to your parish. You can still volunteer by calling the office at 364-3262

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 Chris Everts
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 Damon Putnam

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.
 —Marcus Aurelius

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. DOMINIC:

- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Wednesday, October 3rd, 6:30-7:45pm,
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th Wednesday, October 10th 6:30-7:45 pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:

- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, October 7th, 9-10:15 am
 - RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, October 14th, 9-10:15 am
- 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat, Sunday, October 14th**

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE: November 17-18, 2018. Topeka Plaza Hotel for Grades 9-12. Conference includes speakers, breakout sessions, evening social, mass, prayer and adoration. Registrations are available at the church vestibule and are due by October 14th. The parish will contribute \$50.00 of the \$125.00 registration IF they are returned to Barbara Berg by the 14th. For more information please check the flyer included in this bulletin.

On Sunday, October 7th at 7 p.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary in Topeka there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and rosary for Church healing and guidance for Church Leaders in response to the sexual abuse in the Church with Archbishop Naumann. The Archbishop will also give a brief catechetical talk on Mary as Mother of the Church. All are welcome.

You are invited to participate in a nationwide rosary and then a documentary featuring testimonies about the rosary at St. Francis Xavier in Mayetta on Sunday, October 7th from 2-4:00 pm. For more information please contact Pam Zeller at 785-224-7829. All are welcome.

FAITH WALK— Looking for some good Catholic materials to help you in your spiritual growth? Go on line and take a look at Faith Walk (www.myfaithwalk.org). It has some wonderful materials for Sunday liturgy preparation and personal and small group spiritual growth. The site is very easily accessible and provides a lot of helpful Catholic faith formation.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Tuesday, September 25th, 6:30-8:00 pm at St. Dominic Church Offices. Topic for the evening: Human Desire, Revelation and Faith. Everyone is welcome!

JOIN St. Aloysius Catholic Church, Meriden for **the National Life Chain** on October 7, 2018 from 2-3:00 pm. Meet at 1:45 pm in the parking lot of the Country Harvest Grocery Store to organize.

You are also invited to a Holy Hour for Life on October 16th from 7-8:00 pm at the church.

Congratulations to St. Francis Xavier...
 Knight and Knight Family for September...
Michael & Andrea Bailey & Family



PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Estelle Danner; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Sam Gerry; Brad Gould; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Mary Ann Grollmes (mother of Vic Grollmes); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Jerry Huffles (father of Jackie McAsey); Frank Hulsing (Father of Shannon Henry); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; Rheva Korte; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mike McClaskey; Mary Morford; Don Morris; Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Calvin Page; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Amy Reese (daughter of John & Susan Stallbaumer); Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Brad Schiefelbein (son of Gene Schiefelbein); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzel; Melinda Wareham; James Wecker

*We pray for those among us who are ill, their families and for their care-giver, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty;
and for those in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom.*

To place someone's name on the prayer list or to remove a name, please call the Parish Office (364-3262)

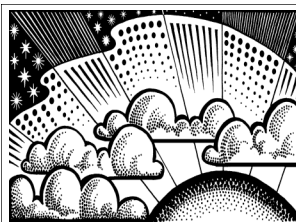
Scripture Insights~

God's work in the world cannot be the exclusive domain of only one group of people. A reading from the Book of Numbers relates that some Israelites wanted Moses to stop outsiders from prophesying. Similarly, the disciples in today's Gospel ask Jesus to stop an outsider from driving out demons. Both Moses and Jesus, however, welcome the good actions of these outsiders. As Jesus says, "Whoever is not against us is for us!" It is not for us to decide where and how God works. We are called to embrace the good no matter its origin!

When evil is perpetrated, however, we must identify it. Speaking like the Old Testament prophets, James condemns the uncaring rich. He does not, however, rail against the wealthy as such. Rather, James condemns those who live in luxury with no thought for the poor; he condemns those who profit at the expense of the poor, those who refuse to pay their laborers. (Workers were paid daily, so their families were dependent on that wage.)

The Gospel reading continues to offer significant wisdom advice for avoiding the destructive power of sin. Speaking metaphorically, Jesus says that whatever becomes an obstacle to following God's will must be eliminated—"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off." And anyone who causes a new, vulnerable Christian to sin deserves the worst punishment. *Gehenna*, to which Jesus refers, has become for Christians a traditional symbol for hell. The word comes from the Valley of *Hinnom* outside Jerusalem where the city refuse waste was thrown and burned. This foul smelling and smoldering valley became a symbol for a place of punishment for those who do not live according to God's will. Good and evil are realities in our world. The readings in the liturgy call us to stand united with those who are on the side of goodness.

- How would you describe the tone of James' condemnation of the rich?
- Where do you see God working in the world around you, even if not through your group?
- Which group experiencing economic discrimination weighs heaviest on your heart?



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The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is
trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

— *Psalms 19:8*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith.

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen,
they are present with you. —St. Francis de Sales

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Tuesday, Oct. 2nd | | Wednesday, Oct. 3rd | | Thursday, Oct. 4th | | Friday, Oct. 5th | |
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| St. Dominic | Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm | NO MASS | RelEd Classes PreK-8th 6:30-7:45pm | | | NO MASS | |
| St. Francis Xavier | NO MASS | | | NO MASS | Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm | | |
| Saturday, Oct. 6th | | Sunday, Oct. 7th | | Monday, Oct. 8th | | Tuesday, Oct. 9th | |
| St. Dominic | 5:30 pm Vigil Mass | 10:30 am Mass | | Altar Society Meeting ~ 6:00 pm | | Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm | |
| St. Francis Xavier | | 8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 9-10:15 am OLS 8:30 am Mass | | | | NO MASS | |
| Wednesday, Oct. 10th | | Thursday, Oct. 11th | | Friday, Oct. 12th | | Saturday, Oct. 13th | |
| St. Dominic | NO MASS RelEd Classes PreK-8th 6:30-7:45pm | | | NO MASS | | 5:30 pm Vigil Mass | |
| St. Francis Xavier | | NO MASS Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm | | | | | |

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