



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Our Lady of Snows Shrine

December 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent

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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

How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember the God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing "a just shoot" (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God's designs that go beyond the surface.

Jesus' words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus' words are strong: Don't cower; stand erect. Don't let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heartbeat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God's love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

—James A. Wallace, C.S.S.R.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

November 25, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes* \$ 1,145.00
Plate \$ 322.00
Total: \$ 1,467.00

Week of Nov. 18 \$ 2,024.44
Week of Nov. 11 \$ 2,164.08

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

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes* \$ 1,200.00
Plate \$ 48.00
Total: \$ 1,248.00

Week of Nov. 18 \$ 1,128.00
Week of Nov. 11 \$ 1,121.00

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

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Dec. 8-9th
Homebound: Annette Schreiber
Nursing Homes: Wayne Leiker

**Ministry Schedule for the
2nd Sunday of Advent**

St. Dominic Dec. 8th~ 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Dec. 9th~ 8:00 am	St. Dominic Dec. 9th~ 10:30 am
COMMUNION Pat Doyle	COMMUNION Mary Lou Koch	COMMUNION Susan Schirmer
LECTOR Jean Lierz	LECTOR Alice Zeller	LECTOR Malea Zeller
ACOLYTE Maxine Bertulfo Isaac Curtis Carter Meerpohl	ACOLYTE Mary Broxterman Hayden Berry Noah Blanchard	ACOLYTE Richard Zeller Sam Zeller Darren Bausch
MUSIC Cathleen Reed Brian Meerpohl	MUSIC Joan Hood Thomas Broxterman	MUSIC Charlene Herbers Connie Schlaegel
GREETERS / USHERS Dan Doyle Pat Doyle Dan Doyle Leon Freel	GREETERS / USHERS Larry Larkin Damon Putnam Ray Zeller Steve Broxterman	GREETERS / USHERS Gary Kelly Debbie Kelly Ralph Herbers Chuck Schlaegel

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The First Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 1st~
 St. D 5:30 PM Dean Lehn (D)
 SUNDAY, December 2nd~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Michael & Laura Alvarez (D)
 TUESDAY, December 4th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Denis Montgomery (D)
 WEDNESDAY, December 5th~
 St. D 8:00 AM Leroy Lierz. (D)
 THURSDAY, December 6th~
 St. F 9:00 AM Haug Family
 FRIDAY, December 7th~Vigil Mass
 St. D 5:30 PM Effie Heller (D)
 SATURDAY, December 8th~ Immaculate Conception
 Holy Day of Obligation
 St. F. 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
The 2nd Sunday of Advent
 SATURDAY, December 8th~
 St. D. 5:30 PM Mark Ingenthrow (D)
 SUNDAY, December 9th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Ethan Everts (D)
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM For All Parishioners

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Dec. 3-9 Kara Hoffman
 Dec. 10-16 Becky Grollmes, Clara Child
 Dec. 17-23 Reith Family
 Dec. 24-30 Gary & Annette Schreiber
 Dec. 31-Jan. 6 Bertulfo Family

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

Jackson County Pastoral Council

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 Pat Doyle

St. Francis Xavier Finance Council

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 Bill Haug
 Chris Everts
 Larry Larkin
 Kay Andler
 Damon Putnam

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. DOMINIC:

- RelEd Classes, Dec. 5th, PreK-8th, 6:30-7:45pm
- RelEd Classes, Dec. 12th, First Reconciliation, 2nd Gr. And 4th Gr.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:

- RelEd Classes, Sunday, December 9th~ First Reconciliation Gr. 2 and 5-8th Gr.
- RelEd Classes, Sunday, Dec. 16th~Reconciliation Gr. 3-4th

ST. DOMINIC

Altar Servers Training Session
 Saturday, December 15, 2018
 9:30-11:30 am

Training is for ALL SERVERS 4th Gr. and above. Please fill out and either return or bring your registration forms.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather any weekend Mass cancelations will be broadcasted on the Topeka TV stations and KNZA radio station. The policy for weekday masses is that if the public schools are canceled then daily mass and any other church activities will be canceled as well. The office will also be closed if schools are closed .

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Tuesday, December 4th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Topic for the evening: Tour of the Church. Everyone welcome!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to clean St. Francis Xavier church in preparation for Christmas following the Holy Day Mass at 8:00 am on Saturday, December 8th.

The St. Dominic, St Francis Xavier &
 Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Communities
 Extend Their Sincerest Sympathies
 And Heartfelt Prayers to the family of

Frank Hulsing

Father of Shannon Tanking
 And

Mary Ellen Nordyke

Grandmother of Timothy Nordyle
 And

Francis E. Wabaunsee

Member of Our Lady of the Snows
 Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord
 And let your perpetual light shine upon them.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS are available at the church entrances to anyone interested.

ADVENT FACTS:

What is the origin of the Advent Wreath?
 The origin dates to pre-Christian Germany and Scandinavia where the people gathered to celebrate the return of the sun after the winter solstice. For us, the lighting of the Advent candles represents the promise of the coming of Jesus, the light of the world.

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); Francis DeVader; 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 Huftles (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; William Steinlage; 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~

On this First Sunday of Advent, the Readings from Jeremiah provides a prophecy of restoration and healing for Judah and the promise of a salvific king from the line of David. This prophecy also notes that Jerusalem will be called by a new name, "the Lord our Justice." The Hebrew *yhwy tzidqenu* is a play on the name *tzidqi-yahu* or Zedekiah, a "puppet" king of Judah who, against the warnings of Jeremiah, revolted against the Babylonians and brought about the destruction of Jerusalem in 587/6 BC. Zedekiah is remembered as the last king of the Davidic line.

For Christians, Zedekiah is not the last king of Judah. In today's Gospel, we hear of the glorious Son of Man, the Risen Christ, whose return will be announced with cosmological signs and who will come in power so great that it will shake the heavens. Those who wait for him need not cower in fear. Instead, they should stand tall because it is the dawn of redemption for those who practice faithful endurance. Yes, the faithful will suffer difficulties, but soon they will experience the justice, mercy, and compassion of God in the presence of the Son of Man.

In the Second Reading, Paul echoes these thoughts about the coming Son of Man and adds an admonition for how we should live in the meantime. Perhaps not surprisingly, he says love is the rule. We are called to grow in love for everyone and thereby have the ability to stand blameless before God when Christ returns.

- What does the metaphor of a shoot being raised up from David suggest to you about God's promised king? (First Reading)
- How can love strengthen the heart for the coming of Christ? (Second Reading)
- How can you remain vigilant for the coming of the Lord? (Gospel)



I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and
just in the land.
— *Jeremiah 33:15*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa's sleigh at the Macy's parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn't catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

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THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 4th		Wednesday, Dec. 5th		Thursday, Dec. 6th		Friday, Dec. 7th	
St. Dominic	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 2nd Gr. First Reconciliation				Holy Day Vigil Mass~ 5:30 pm (does not count as Sunday obligation)
St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass			8:00 am Mass	Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm		
Saturday, Dec. 8th		Sunday, Dec. 9th		Monday, Dec. 10th		Tuesday, Dec. 11th	
St. Dominic	Immaculate Conception~ Holy Day of Obligation 5:30 pm Vigil Mass (Sunday obligation)	St. Francis Xavier	10:30 am Mass 8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 2nd Gr. First Reconciliation 1:00 pm Mass OLS		Altar Society Meeting ~ 6:00 pm		Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm 8:00 am Mass
St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass ~ Immaculate Conception. (does not count as Sunday obligation)						
Wednesday, Dec. 12th		Thursday, Dec. 13th		Friday, Dec. 14th		Saturday, Dec. 15th	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 6:30-7:45pm	St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm		8:00 am Mass		5:30 pm Vigil Mass

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