



**St. Dominic
St. Francis Xavier
Catholic Church**
Our Lady of Snows Shrine



December 30, 2018

The Holy Family

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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

R E F L E C T I N G O N G O D ' S W O R D

One of the all-time great Christmas movies is *It's a Wonderful Life!* The classic scene is the final one. The townspeople are gathering in George Bailey's living room. They're pouring money onto a table, all with the intention of rescuing George from financial ruin. It's not long before George's brother enters the picture. Having heard of the hard times George had been going through, he secured a leave from the military, hopped a plane, and flew all day and night to make it to Bedford Falls. He wanted to be of help. Seeing the people and the mountain of money, he raises his glass and toasts his brother, "the richest man in the world!" George Bailey was rich, all right, but not because he was suddenly inundated with money. He was rich because he had family and friends who loved him and cared about him. There's much to be said for the benefits and blessings of family.
—Rev. Richard Zajac

L I V I N G G O D ' S W O R D

The feast of the Holy Family gives us pause to ponder the phenomenon of family. If we can duplicate the love Mary and Joseph and Jesus had for each other, there's no telling what the positive and rich effects might be.
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PARISH STEWARDSHIP
December 23, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes*	\$ 2,015.00
Plate	\$ 494.00
Total:	\$ 2,509.00

Week of Dec. 16	\$ 1,762.49
Week of Dec. 9	\$ 2,071.50

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

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes*	\$ 1,289.00
Plate	\$ 151.00
Total:	\$ 1,440.00

Week of Dec. 16	\$ 1,811.00
Week of Dec. 9	\$ 1,879.47

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

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Jan. 5-6th
Homebound: Marceta Reilly
Nursing Homes: Jean Lierz

Ministry Schedule for the The Epiphany of the Lord		
<p>St. Dominic <u>Jan. 5th~ 5:30 pm</u></p> <p>COMMUNION Alberta Tanking</p> <p>LECTOR Jean Lierz</p> <p>ACOLYTE Isaac Utz * Preston Utz Isaac Curtis</p> <p>MUSIC Cathleen Reed Cody Utz, Jeff Erhardt</p> <p>GREETERS / USHERS Rick Heinen Katie Heinen Rick Heinen Larry Tanking</p>	<p>St. Francis Xavier <u>Jan. 6th~ 8:00 am</u></p> <p>COMMUNION Damon Putnam</p> <p>LECTOR Dot Sosna</p> <p>ACOLYTE Colin Everts* Emma Deghand Abigail Everts</p> <p>MUSIC Joan Hood Marguerite Mzhickteno</p> <p>GREETERS / USHERS Larry Reilly Marceta Reilly Damon Putnam Ray Zeller</p>	<p>St. Dominic <u>Jan. 6th~ 10:30 am</u></p> <p>COMMUNION Jenny Lancaster</p> <p>LECTOR Susan Schirmer</p> <p>ACOLYTE Gregory Koon* Emma Sides Madeline Bontrager</p> <p>MUSIC Cathleen Reed Robin Sides</p> <p>GREETERS / USHERS Gary Kelly Debbie Kelly Galen Brucken Mike Meerpohl</p>

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

SATURDAY, December 29th~
 St. D 5:30 PM Al Alcott (D)
 SUNDAY, December 30th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Susan Nelson (D)
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM For All Parishioners
 MONDAY, December 31st~**Vigil of Mary Mother of God**
 St. F 5:30 PM For All Parishioners
 TUESDAY, January 1st~**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
 St. D 10:30 AM Marge Fox (D)
 WEDNESDAY, January 2nd~
 St. D 8:00 AM Gloria Meerpohl (D)
 THURSDAY, January 3rd~
 St. F 8:00 AM NO MASS
 FRIDAY, January 4th~
 St. D 8:00 AM NO MASS
The Epiphany of the Lord
 SATURDAY, January 5th~
 St. D. 5:30 PM Robert & Harriett Buchholz (D)
 SUNDAY, January 6th~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Eldon Harris (D)

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Dec. 31-Jan. 6 Karen Lieker, Kay Ludvick
 Jan. 7-13 Bertulfo Family
 Jan. 14-20 Gail Schmitz, Robin Sides
 Jan. 21-27 Utz Family, Carolyn Kennedy
 Jan. 28-Feb. 3rd Milt & Lila Krainbill

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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 Larry Larkin
 Kay Andler
 Damon Putnam

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. DOMINIC:

- NO RelEd Classes, Jan. 3rd. Christmas Break
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Wednesday, Jan. 9th, 6:30-7:45pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:

- NO RelEd Classes, Sunday, Dec. 30th. Christmas Break
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Jan. 6th, 9-10:15 am

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Next class January 8th . 6:30-8:00 pm. Topic for the evening: Intro. to prayer and the Catechism.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: If you missed the training session and are still interested in serving there will be an additional training session at St. Dominic on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm. St. Francis students see Merlin Nelson to schedule a training time. Parents please remember to fill out the information forms.

**ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE EVENT
 2019 Ignite January 22, 2019
 Topeka Performing Arts Center**

The event begins at 9:00 am with mass at 11:15am concelebrated by Archbishop Naumann, Bishop Brungardt and Bishop Vineke as well as other area Priests.

March to KS Capital Steps and Kansans for Life Rally following Mass.

Please contact the Pro-Life Office at 913-647-3059 or prolife@archkek.org with any questions

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

RESPONSE IN CRISIS WEBSITE

Transparency and accountability are imperative in the Church’s response to the crisis of sexual abuse of minors. In response to current national discussion, our Archdiocese encourages you to visit our website that provides important information, addresses questions and offers an opportunity for parishioners to share their concerns and lend their voices by responding to an online survey. Please visit <https://responseincrisis.archkck.org/> to learn how we actively safeguard the innocent and provide care for those affected by abuse. Please join us in praying to our Blessed Mother, Mary, who feels our sorrow and shares our pain.

This very moment I may, if I desire, become the friend of God.
 St. Augustine of Hippo

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; Warren Fiedler; Alan Fund (brother of Karen McClaskey); 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); 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)

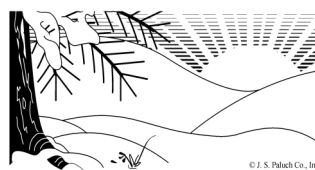
Scripture Insights~

Today we are invited to reflect on what it means to be part of God's family. In the First Reading, we encounter the elderly Hannah, who had been grieving over and dealing with the shame that came with having no children. In desperation, she prayed to God for a son, whom she promised to consecrate to God for life, and indeed Hannah gave birth to a son. When it was time to take him to the temple at Shiloh, the family offered the appropriate sacrifice, and then Hannah—this oppressed woman who had no voice—spoke! Careful attention should be given to her words.

In the Gospel, we learn that the Holy Family went to Jerusalem for Passover. They journeyed in a caravan, because it was the safest way to travel through the countryside. On their way home, when Mary and Joseph realized that their son was not with the caravan, they return to Jerusalem in a panic, only to find him teaching the elders in the Temple. Making the situation even more bizarre, Jesus tells them, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" In the ancient world and in some cultures today, childhood stories are regarded as predictors of the child's destiny.

The Second Reading invites us to reflect on our status as God's children and what it means for us when the salvation story reaches its end. The author of the First Letter of John reminds us that we are already, in this moment, children of God, but, when all is fulfilled, we will experience the incomprehensible. We will see God face-to-face!

- Carefully reread the Gospel and look for indications that Jesus was raised to be a faithful Jew. How did his parents accomplish this task? What relevance, if any, does this story have for Christians today?
- Prayerfully reflect on the First Reading and see if you can identify with Hannah. What do you imagine she was feeling as she gave up her son?
- What does it mean to you to be called a child of God? How does this realization affect the way you live day to day?



Beloved, we are God's
children now;
what we shall be has not yet
been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

It is not wrong to want to live better; what is wrong is a style of life which is presumed to be better when it is directed toward "having" rather than "being." ~Pope St. John Paul II ~

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 31st		Tuesday, Jan. 1st		Wednesday, Jan. 2nd		Thursday, Jan. 3rd	
St. Dominic		Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God Holy day of obligation 10:30 am Mass		8:00 am Mass No RelEd Classes			
St. Francis Xavier	Vigil Mass~ Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 5:30 pm	No Eucharistic Adoration at St. D Office Closed				No am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm	
Friday, Jan. 4th		Saturday, Jan. 5th		Sunday, Jan. 6th		Tuesday, Jan. 8th	
St. Dominic	No am Mass	5:30 pm Vigil Mass		10:30 am Mass		Catholic Charities Bus Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30 pm	
St. Francis Xavier				8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 8:30 am Mass OLS		8:00 am Mass	
Wednesday, Jan. 9th		Thursday, Jan. 10th		Friday, Jan. 11th		Saturday, Jan. 12th	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th			8:00 am Mass		5:30 pm Vigil Mass	
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm					

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