



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



January 14, 2018

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary

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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

Once more we stand with John the Baptist and learn from what he does. Watching Jesus walk by, he says to two of his disciples, "Behold, the Lamb of God." And "the two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:36-37). One was Andrew, who, in turn, goes to his brother Simon and brings him to Jesus. And Jesus gives him a new name, Cephas, which means "rock."

A new life begins for Andrew and Simon, and most likely for the other disciple as well, possibly either James or John (both were fishermen with Peter and Andrew). It was clear to Jesus that they were searching for something: "What are you looking for?" They answered, "Teacher, where are you staying?" implying that it was going to take more than a few minutes to answer that question. Jesus took them in immediately: "Come, and you will see . . . And they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39).

As we return to Ordinary Time, which comes from the Latin *ordo* ("numbered"), we count the weeks off by numbers: Second Sunday, Third Sunday, and so on. But "ordinary time" is lived in a world touched by God's grace. God continues to come into our lives, if we would notice.

Like John pointing out Jesus to his two disciples, the old priest Eli helps Samuel to understand that the Lord is entering the boy's life and tells him to respond, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). We bring each other to God, to Jesus Christ, by being attentive to how God is at work among us. God continues to work through each of us, and that is what makes "ordinary time" continuously extraordinary.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

January 7, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes* \$ 2,769.00
Plate \$ 286.10
Total: \$ 3,055.10

Week of Dec. 31 \$ 4,462.00
Week of Dec. 24 \$ 2,554.00

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

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes* \$ 1,670.00
Plate \$ 106.00
Total: \$ 1,776.00

Week of Dec. 31 \$ 3,715.00
Week of Dec. 24 \$ 2,021.00

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

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Jan. 20-21st

Homebound: Alberta Lierz

Nursing Homes: Gene & Maggie Schiefelbein

Ministry Schedule for the

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Dominic Jan. 20th~ 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Jan. 21st~ 8:00 am	St. Dominic Jan. 21st~ 10:30 am
COMMUNION Barb Heideman	COMMUNION Mike McClaskey	COMMUNION Susan Schirmer
LECTOR Alberta Lierz	LECTOR Alice Zeller	LECTOR Malea Zeller
ACOLYTE Maxine Bertulfo Doni Bertulfo Marcus Purett	ACOLYTE Emma Poort Gavin Akins Carson Beam	ACOLYTE Erica White Jodi White Jason White
MUSIC Cathleen Reed Mark & Vickie Purett	MUSIC Joan Hood Thomas Broxterman	MUSIC Cathleen Reed Jenea Chartier
GREETERS / USHERS Dan Doyle Pat Doyle Larry Tanking Whity Lehmkuhl	GREETERS / USHERS Jim Seematter Marsha Seematter Steve Broxterman, Bob Butts	GREETERS / USHERS Gary Kelly Debbie Kelly Galen Brucken Dan Fiedler

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, January 13th~
 St. D 5:30 PM Robert Buchholz (D)
 SUNDAY, January 14th~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Gloria Meerpohl (D)
 TUESDAY, January 16th~
 St. F 8:00 AM No Mass
 WEDNESDAY, January 17th~
 St. D 8:00 AM No Mass
 THURSDAY, January 18th~
 St. F 8:00 AM No Mass
 FRIDAY, January 19th~
 St. D 8:00 AM No Mass

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, January 20th~
 St. D. 5:30 PM Leroy Bloom (D)
 SUNDAY, January 21st~
 St. F 8:00 AM Bob Hood (D)
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM For All Parishioners

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Jan. 15-21 Linda Crabill, Sheila Springer
 Jan. 22-28 Robin Sides
 Jan. 29-Feb.4 Kara Hoffman
 Feb. 5-11 Becky Grollmes, Clara Child
 Feb. 12-18 Reith 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

**Natural Family Planning—
 The Creighton Model System**

Introductory Sessions to NFP will be available on the following dates:

Kelly—Sunday, January 14th at 5:00 pm, at the Parish House

Holton—Monday, January 29th at 6:30pm Parish Office Meeting Room

Corning—Sunday, February 4th at 5:00pm Church Basement

Onaga—Sunday, March 4th at 5:00pm Church Basement

These sessions are free to attend. To register or to get more information contact Katrina Larkins, FertilityCare Practitioner Intern, at 785-294-2948 or larkins-farms@gmail.com. For more information about the Creighton Model, please see the brochures at the back of church.

Youth Ministry

ST. DOMINIC RelEd:

- RelEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Jan. 17th
- RelEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Jan. 24th
- RelEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Jan. 31st, 2nd Grade Parents Meeting ~First Communion, 6:30pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER RelEd:

- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Jan. 14th
- RelEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Jan. 21st
- 2nd Grade Parents Meeting Jan. 31st at St. Dominic, 6:30pm

HIGH SCHOOL:

- High School RelEd Classes, Jan. 17th, Meet at St. Dominic
- High School RelEd Classes, Jan. 24th, Meet at St. Dominic

CAMP KATERI TEKAKWITHA - Yes, it is time to start thinking about Camp Tekakwitha for this summer. Scholarship applications are due on January 22, 2018 and must be completed and signed by Barbara before being mailed. Information packets with dates, prices, and scholarship applications are now available in the church vestibules.

RCIA~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Class Tuesday, January 16th from 6:30-8:00 pm meet at church office. Topic for the evening: Sacraments of Initiation: The Eucharist All are welcome.

Purified

A Life-changing event for families (ages 13+)
 Sunday, February 4th Noon to 4:00pm
 Holton, High School

All are welcome to “Purified” with Jason Evert a bestselling author on the message of chastity. Hosted by Rural YM Outreach. Parents, grandparents and youth grades 7-12 are welcome. There will be sessions for adults and youth as well as materials for each family to take home. There is no fee but donations are welcome. Rural parishes earn grant money based on attendance. For more information: www.archkck.org/rural-outreach

Kansas Mass and Rally for Life

Monday, January 22, 2018

Topeka Performing Arts Center

Mass at 11:00 am Doors open at 8:30 am
 For more information visitarchkck.org/ignite

9 Days for Life

January 21-28, 2018

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. The US bishops invite us to pray for the protection of all human life especially during the month of January. Join many around the archdiocese in a digital pilgrimage of prayer on your phone or online. Visit www.usccb.org/prolife

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; Cindy (Sands) Berry; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Marlene Carson; Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvicek); Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Sam Gerry; Ann Glassman (Mother of Mary Wahlmeier); Vivian Gonzalas; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Ernest Haug (Brother of Bill Haug); 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; 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); Gean O'Toole (Mother of Jim O'Toole); Calvin Page; Ken Phillips; J.R. Pickett; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey); Virginia Ryan (Grandmother of Scott Bond); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Cliff Spelts (brother-in-law of Terry Ludvicek); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzel; Rose Toledo; Margaret Waggoner (sister of Kay Ludvicek); Laveda Wahweotten (mother of Tina Wahweotten); Gregg Watkins; Max Wichman (Son of Jeanette Wichman)

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)

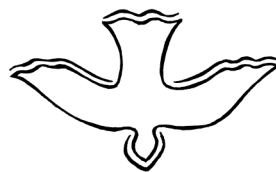
Scripture Insights~

Christmas Time ended with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, January 8, and now we enter "Ordinary Time," a time to reflect on the life of Jesus and commit ourselves to following him. Appropriately, then, the theme of today's Scripture reading is God's invitation and our response.

The First Reading tells the story of young Samuel who was serving in the Israelite sanctuary in Shiloh under the priest, Eli. During the night Samuel was sleeping in the temple when he heard someone call, "Samuel!" He ran to Eli saying, "Here I am," but Eli had not called him. Three times Samuel heard the voice, until Eli realized that God was calling his servant. He instructed Samuel to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." From that time, we are told, God was with Samuel, making all of his words effective.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on another calling—that of Jesus' disciples. In this call story it is John the Baptist who helps two of his own disciples recognize the Lord. When they go to Jesus, he initiates the encounter by asking, "What are you looking for?"—a key question for any seeker. Their response—"Where are you saying?"—has profound implications. The Greek word *menein* means "to remain" or "to stay with," and in John's Gospel it also describes the divine dwelling within a person, like the relationship that Jesus has with the Father (see John 14:9-11; 15:4). The seeking and finding theme is also important here. Like those who seek Lady Wisdom in the Old Testament books of Wisdom and Proverbs, those who seek Jesus will find him and become one with him as he is one with the Father.

- Why was Samuel so slow in recognizing the voice that was calling him? How was he helped to understand?
- How might Paul's words, "Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him" (Second Reading), relate to today's theme of invitation and response.
- Reflect on your own call to discipleship with Jesus. In what ways do you feel you are abiding with Christ?



Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.
— 1 Corinthians 6:19a

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 16th		Wednesday, Jan. 17th		Thursday, Jan. 18th		Friday, Jan. 19th	
St. Dominic	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm	RelEd Classes PreK-HS 6:30-7:45pm High School Meets at St. Dominic			Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm		
St. Francis Xavier							
Saturday, Jan. 20th		Sunday, Jan. 21st		Monday, Jan. 22nd		Tuesday, Jan. 23rd	
St. Dominic	5:30 pm Vigil Mass	10:30 am Mass		K of C Meeting 7:00 pm		Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm	
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 8:30 am Mass OLS					
Wednesday, Jan. 24th		Thursday, Jan. 25th		Friday, Jan. 26th		Saturday, Jan. 27th	
St. Dominic	RelEd Classes PreK-HS 6:30-7:45pm HS Meets at St. Dominic					5:30 pm Vigil Mass	
St. Francis Xavier		Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm					



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