



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Our Lady of Snows Shrine



August 13, 2017

18th 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

This Sunday's Gospel features Jesus picking his way to a boat of disciples through a storm of windy darkness over a sea of nighttime waves. At three in the morning, he finds them being tossed about in their own storm of windy fear. Then Peter, who always seems to say the right thing by saying the wrong thing at the right time, calls out across the tumult, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you across the water." So Jesus calls back and says, "Come."

That is when Peter must decide if he will step off the platform and into the roller coaster, or if he will play it safe. Amazingly, Peter decides not to play it safe but rather steps into the swirling storm of life. There he begins to sink and drown, but it's also there that he discovers God reaching out and grasping him. Had he played it safe and stayed in the boat, he might never have known God's saving hand. He also realizes that what Jesus came preaching was not an amusement park of fun and games but rather a kingdom where life is known only through great risk.

Such is the story of all of our lives when we must choose between a life of apparent security and the real life that is always revealed through risk and trust. Such choices may arise when we face the prospect of marriage counseling or first-time parenting or late-life parenting or job loss or spouse loss or health loss or even what may appear to be loss of faith. At these times, not to step out of the boat and into the swirling storm, not to risk all for the sake of all is to lose all. On the other hand, to step out, even though it be with great fear, is to meet our saving God.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

August 6, 2017

St. Dominic:

Envelopes*	\$ 2,728.00
Plate	\$ 257.30
Total:	\$ 2,985.30

Week of July 30	\$ 3,073.75
Week of July 23	\$ 2,669.10

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

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes*	\$ 1,590.00
Plate	\$ 164.00
Total:	\$ 1,754.00

Week of July 30	\$ 1,474.00
Week of July 23	\$ 1,110.00

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

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Aug. 19-20th

Homebound: Alberta Lierz

Nursing Homes: Gene & Maggie Schifelbein



Ministry Schedule for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Dominic <u>Aug. 19th~ 5:30 pm</u>	St. Francis Xavier <u>Aug. 20th~ 10:30 am</u>	St. Dominic <u>Aug. 20th~ 8:00 am</u>
COMMUNION Larry Tanking Alberta Tanking Gregg Watkins Theresa Watkins D'Ann Decker	COMMUNION Merlin Nelson Damon Putnam Joann Walker Ray Zeller Bob Butts	COMMUNION Jenny Lancaster Karen Leiker Terry Ludvicek Kay Ludvicek Galen Brucken
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MUSIC Cathleen Reed Olivia McAsey	MUSIC Joan Hood Nelson, Koch, Poort	MUSIC Cathleen Reed Cody Utz
GREETERS / USHERS Rick Heinen Katie Heinen Larry Tanking Tom McAsey	GREETERS / USHERS Ben Ehrhart John Ehrhart Mike Henry Ed Hrenchir	GREETERS / USHERS Zeller Family Dan Fiedler Galen Brucken

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, August 12th~
 St. D 4:00 PM For All Parishioners
 SUNDAY, August 13th~
 St. F 8:00 AM NO MASS
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM Gloria Meerpohl (D)

TUESDAY, Aug. 15th~
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

St. F 8:00 AM Virginia Albright (D)
 St. D 6:30 PM For All Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 16th~
 St. D 8:00 AM Ed Blocker (D)

THURSDAY, Aug. 17th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Debbie Larkin (D)

FRIDAY, Aug. 18th~
 St. D 8:00 AM Peace

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, Aug. 19th~
 St. D 5:30 PM Leroy Bloom (D)

SUNDAY, Aug. 20th~
 St. F 10:30 AM Ethan Everts (D)
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 8:00AM For All Parishioners

CHURCH CLEANERS

Aug. 14-20 Becky Grollmes, Clara Childs
 Aug. 21-27 Alberta Lierz, Jean Lierz
 Aug. 28-Sept. 3 Reith Family
 Sept. 4-10 Gary & Annette Schreiber
 Sept. 11-17 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 364-3

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Youth Ministry

Religious Education Registration Packets were mailed on Thursday. Please have them returned by August 20th. IF your children are new to the Religious Education Program there are extra packets available at both church entrances. Classes start Wednesday, September 6th at St. Dominic and Sunday, September 10th at St. Francis Xavier. If you have any questions contact Barbara Berg at 210-621-3796 or at the office at 785-364-3262.

ANNUAL ORDINATION CELEBRATION

For Fr. Marianand
 August 20, 2017 at St. Francis Xavier
 Mass will be at 10:30 am at St. Francis Xavier followed by a Pot Luck Dinner.
 Everyone is invited to attend
(8:00 am Mass will be at St. Dominic on that Sunday)

St. Francis Xavier Cantors if you would like to sing August 20th at the 10:30 am Mass join us when we practice Wednesday, August 16th at 6:30 pm in the church.

Archbishop Naumann will be making his annual Pastoral Visit to St. Dominic on Sunday, August 27th. He will preside at the 10:30 am Mass and meet with parish leadership from both parishes following Mass at the hall.

Hospice Training

Saturday, October 7 (8:00 am-4:30 pm)
 Monday, October 9 (4:45-9:00 pm)
 Hutchins Building, 406 New York

Training is for those who would like to learn more about hospice and/ or become a volunteer.

For applications and further information contact Ester Ideker at 785-364-9617 Ext. 1620 or Nicole Wilson at 785-364-9611. Please have registration completed by September 18th.

Marriage Minute~

How do you make decisions as a couple?

In this week's readings, God speaks to Elijah in a whisper, while he gives an unmistakable bold call to Peter. If you are married, God will speak to you through your spouse. Here are a few principles of couple decision making that will help you hear his voice:

- Remember that your relationship is more important than any decision.
- Share your feelings on the decision ahead of time so they don't interfere with your reasoning.
- Ask yourselves, "Which option will be in the best interest of our marriage?"
- Be sure both spouses will back the decision if the consequences are bad.

Learn more about couple decision-making at "Every Day in Love!" www.JoyfulMarriageProject.com

"It is God who gives life. Let us respect and love human life, especially vulnerable life in a Mother's womb." ~Pope Francis

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Decklyn Adame; Vickie Barr; Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; Cindy (Sands) Berry; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Ed Bryan (friend of Tom McAsey); Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Leann Decker (mother of Doug Decker); Ron Dees (friend of Fred & Sheila Fernkopf); Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvicek); Sheila Fernkopf; Janie Garza (Friend of Vickie Barr); Sam Gerry; Ann Glassman (Mother of Mary Wahlmeier); Vivian Gonzalas; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Pat Hasenkamp; Ernest Haug (Brother of Bill Haug) ; Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; JoRae Krogman; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mary Morford; Colette McAfee (sister of St. Dominic parishioners); Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Susan Nelson; Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Gean O'Toole (Mother of Jim O'Toole); Calvin Page; 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); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Maggie Schiefelbein; Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton; Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzel; Rose Toledo; Maragaret Waggoner (sister of Kay Ludvicek); Laveda Wahweotten (mother of Tina Wahweotten); 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.

Scripture Insights~

Today's readings speak of humanity's direct encounters with God. Christian mystics describe these experiences as moments of unspeakable joy, but also as times of great pain. As God told Moses on Mount Sinai, "You cannot see my face, for no one can see me and live" (Exodus 33:20).

The first Reading describes Elijah's encounter with God at Mount Horeb (also known as Sinai). Jezebel, the pagan wife of Israel's King Ahab, has threatened to kill him, and he has escaped to the mountain. As he shelters in a cave, he hears a voice: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" The prophet says he has always done what God told him to do, but the Israelites have abandoned the covenant, and people are out to kill him. In the midst of this complaint, God appears to him.

In the Second Reading, Paul pours out his concern about the Jews rejecting Christ, who, Paul believes, has been given to them by God because they are the Chosen People. Paul himself is a Jew so this causes him great grief, but after along debate with himself (Romans 9-11), he concludes that it was God's plan that many Jews would not accept Jesus so that the Good News would be preached to Gentiles, too. One day everyone would enjoy covenant relationship with God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus has arrived at an unnamed mountain. Perhaps Matthew wants his hearers to think of Sinai and Elijah's encounter with God in that place. When Jesus comes to the rescue of the disciples and calms the sea, the disciples proclaim Jesus to be the Son of God. Why? Ancients thought that humans could be healers, but only gods could control the cosmos.

- What echoes do you find between the Psalm, the First Readings, and the Gospel?
- Elijah knew God's presence in the "tiny whispering sound." How does this story relate to your own experiences of God?
- Consider the story of Peter walking on the water. What does it tell you about him? Have you or would you ever do something comparable?



Truth shall spring out of
the earth,
and justice shall
look down from heaven.
— Psalm 85:12

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Roman Canon, called Eucharistic Prayer I, is probably seldom heard in your parish. Some priests will choose it for at least one of the Masses of Christmas, or the Easter Vigil. Such sparing use of this prayer seems strange, especially since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite for many centuries, from as long ago as 500 right up to 1970.

In 1965, the vernacular language was approved for the canon of the Mass. Almost immediately, some experimental texts began to surface in the Netherlands, and priests began to use new Dutch texts without permission. By 1966, Pope Paul VI had set up a committee to consider whether or not it was time to approve such experimentation and extend it to non-Dutch churches. No sooner had the committee been formed than other individuals copied the Dutch by just plunging on ahead. The Dutch bishops had approved the use of the new prayers nationwide in 1968, and Flemish bishops in Belgium quickly agreed. By then, German translations of the Dutch prayers were in wide use, and before long nearly one hundred Eucharistic Prayers, all unapproved, were in circulation in France. The Vatican heard the widespread desire for more variety in Eucharistic Prayer forms, and, with the pope's approval, the process of creating new official prayers began.

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Each person marvels to find in the divine scriptures truths which they themselves have thought out.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Aug. 14th		Tuesday, Aug. 15		Wednesday, Aug. 16th		Thursday, Aug. 17th	
St. Dominic	Altar Society Meeting~ 6:00 pm	The Assumption Holy Day of Obligation Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00pm Mass at St. D. 6:30 pm		8:00 am Mass			
St. Francis Xavier		St. F 8:00 am Mass				8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm	

Friday, August 18th		Saturday, Aug. 19th		Sunday, Aug. 20th		Tuesday, Aug. 22nd	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass	5:30 pm Vigil Mass		8:00 am Mass		Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm	
St. Francis Xavier				10:30 am Mass Fr. M. Anniversary Dinner		8:00 am Mass	

Wednesday, Aug. 23rd		Thursday, Aug. 24th		Friday, Aug. 25th		Saturday, Aug. 26th	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass			8:00 am Mass		5:30 pm Vigil Mass	
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4 pm					



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