



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Our Lady of Snows Shrine

October 8, 2017

27th 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

God's relationship with people is at the heart of both the first reading and the Gospel, but there is a difference. In Isaiah, destruction comes to the vineyard; in the Gospel, it comes to those entrusted with the care of the vineyard.

Isaiah's song highlights the people's failure—the house of Israel and the people of Judah—to bear fruit, to provide the Lord who has lovingly tended this vineyard with anything more than wild grapes, that is, bloodshed and violence against each other. Because of this, the owner will turn his back on them, no longer giving care but letting it be trampled underfoot, no longer pruning or hoeing, but allowing thorns and briars to take over. This song is demanding conversion.

In Jesus' parable, the focus is on those entrusted with the care of the vineyard. Jesus addresses the chief priests and the elders in Jerusalem, not only criticizing their failure to care for the people adequately, but also their rejection of those God sent to call them to conversion. The parable calls all religious leaders to remember that authority is for service.

Bearing fruit in our lives, being true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious is the fruit God desires from all, as Paul reminds the Philippians. God's people, but especially their leaders, have a responsibility to bear fruit. No one is let off the hook. God expects a return for love so lavishly given.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

October 1, 2017

St. Dominic:

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| Envelopes* | \$ 5,756.00 |
| Plate | <u>\$ 257.00</u> |
| Total: | \$ 6,013.00 |

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| Week of Sept. 24 | \$ 1,423.00 |
| Week of Sept. 17 | \$ 1,200.97 |

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

St. Francis Xavier:

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| Envelopes* | \$ 2,405.00 |
| Plate | <u>\$ 168.00</u> |
| Total: | \$ 2,573.00 |

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| Week of Sept. 24 | \$ 712.00 |
| Week of Sept. 17 | \$ 2,142.29 |

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

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Oct. 14-15th

Homebound: Alberta Lierz

Nursing Homes: Gene & Maggie Schiefelbein

Ministry Schedule for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| St. Dominic <u>Oct. 14th~ 5:30 pm</u> | St. Francis Xavier <u>Oct. 15th~ 8:00 am</u> | St. Dominic <u>Oct. 15th~ 10:30 am</u> |
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| COMMUNION Larry Tanking Alberta Tanking Theresa Watkins Galen Brucken D'Ann Decker | COMMUNION Hrenchir Family | COMMUNION Mary Patterson Dave Schmitz Gail Schmitz Gene Schiefelbein Maggie Schiefelbein |
| LECTOR Alberta Lierz | LECTOR Hrenchir Family | LECTOR Susan Schirmer |
| ACOLYTE Kitrick Jackson Kyler Jackson Cayden Jackson | ACOLYTE Hrenchir Family | ACOLYTE Eric Koon Gregory Koon Olivia McAsey |
| MUSIC Joan Hood Marguerite Mzhickteno | MUSIC Hrenchir Family | MUSIC Cathleen Reed Leigha Sweet |
| GREETERS / USHERS Alberta Lierz Jean Lierz Tom McAsey Larry Tanking | GREETERS / USHERS Hrenchir Family | GREETERS / USHERS Dennis Tegethoff Kim Tegethoff Dennis Tegethoff Dan Fiedler |

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 7th~
 St. D 5:30 PM Eldon Mulroy (D)
 SUNDAY, October 8th~
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30 AM JoRae Krogman (D)
 TUESDAY, October 10th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Special Intention
 WEDNESDAY, October 11th~
 St. D 7:00 PM Confirmation Candidates
 THURSDAY, October 12th~
 St. F 8:00 AM James Fitzgerald (D)
 FRIDAY, October 13th~
 St. D 8:00 AM NO MASS

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SATURDAY, October 14th~
 St. D 5:30 PM For All Parishioners
 SUNDAY, October 15th~
 St. F 8:00 AM Don & Dee Hrenchir
 OLS 8:30 AM
 St. D 10:30AM Alisha Quigley (D)

CHURCH CLEANERS

Oct. 9-15 Utz Family, Carolyn Kennedy
 Oct. 16-22 Milt & Lila Krainbill
 Oct. 23-29 Mandala Family
 Oct. 30-Nov. 5 Kara Hoffman
 Nov. 6-12 Becky Grollmes, Clara Child

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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St. Dominic Finance Council

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St. Francis Xavier Finance Council

Elsie Beam—Chair
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 Chris Everts
 Larry Larkin
 Kay Andler
 Damon Putnam

Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

—Anonymous

Youth Ministry

ST. DOMINIC ReEd:

- NO ReEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Oct. 11th CONFIRMATION 7:00pm
- ReEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Oct. 18th , 6:30-7:45pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ReEd:

- ReEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Oct. 8th, 9-10:15 am
- ReEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Oct. 15th, 9-10:15 am

HIGH SCHOOL:

- No High School Classes Wednesday, October 11th
- High School classes Wednesday, Oct. 18th , 6:30-7:45pm, meet at St. Francis

RCIA~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults , Tuesday October 10th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the meeting room of St. Dominic Church Offices. Topic for the evening Scripture and Tradition Please enter through the Southwest door. All are welcome.

If you have questions please contact:
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**St. Dominic Fall Festival
 Sunday, October 29, 2017**

Chicken Dinner Served from 11:00-1:00

Raffle prizes of a guilt and cash, drawing at 1:15pm, need not be present . Silent Auction: Bidding open at 10:00 am and closed at 1:00 pm. Again this year there will be the Saint guessing jar.

Anyone interested in providing meals for **Gregg and Theresa Watkins** can go to the on-line sign up at:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/3oe084ca4a72fabfb6-dinner>

COATS FOR KIDS

Coats for Kids annual event will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017. If you are interested in either donating a coat or a monetary donation you can contact Sarah DeDonder at 620-272-3251 or sarah.dedonder@gmail.com. Deadline is October 27th.

JACKSON COUNTY FOOD PANTRY is in need of canned fruits and vegetables. Please place donations in the container provided at the entrance of St. Dominic. Thank you!

Rural Youth Ministry Outreach:

All parish adults are invited to attend a fall training session presented by the Rural Youth Ministry Outreach on Sunday, October 29th at St. Ann's in Effingham from 1-3:30 pm. The training will discuss how building relationships will earn us the right to be heard, so we can help our kinds embrace the truth and beauty of our Catholic Faith. The session includes snacks and giveaways and your attendance will earn grant money for your parish youth program. No RSVP needed.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Decklyn Adame; Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Vickie Barr; Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; Cindy (Sands) Berry; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Leann Decker (mother of Doug Decker); Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvick); 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; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mary Morford; Don Morris; 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); Linda Schiffbauer (sister-in-law of parishioners); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Cliff Spelts (brother-in-law of Terry Ludvick); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzal; Rose Toledo; Margaret Waggoner (sister of Kay Ludvick); 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.

Scripture Insights~

People often associate vineyards and wine with vacations and wedding celebrations. In the Bible, the vineyard is a metaphor for the riches and delights that God's holy ones will enjoy in the end-time (see, for example, Isaiah 25:6). But today's readings give a different take on the vineyard imagery.

In the First Reading, Isaiah uses a parable about a vineyard to deliver God's judgment on the kingdoms of Judah and Israel, at that time, (eighth century BC) being invaded by Assyria. In the story, a landowner planted a vineyard on fertile land and did everything he could to make it productive and keep it safe, but the vines refused to produce good fruit. Therefore the owner stopped caring for the vines and let the vineyard return to the wild.

In the Second Reading, Paul makes no mention of the vineyard, but his exhortation to the Philippians expresses well what the good fruit symbolizes—everything that is honorable, just, pure, and gracious.

Today's Gospel describes Jesus using a similar vineyard parable to condemn the chief priests and elders who were supposed to be taking care of God's people. The landowner's son represents Jesus, who would be put to death because of the jealousy and greed of the religious leaders. Remember that the Gospel accounts were written after the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The quotation from Psalm 118:22, used by Mark and Luke as well as Matthew, must have helped the early Christians to make sense of the Crucifixion.

- Create an allegorical interpretation of the Gospel parable by answering these questions: Whom does the absentee landlord represent? Who are the tenants? Who are the landlord's servants? What is the message of the story?
- How does the Responsorial Psalm relate to the parables in today's readings?
- If you imagine yourself as a vine in God's vineyard, what "good fruit" would you like to offer to God?

St. Dominic /St. Francis Xavier Ministry Fair

October 14-15th

Non-liturgical Ministries:

Church cleaners (St. D.): Cleaning the church usually takes approximately 1-1 1/2 hr. and less if there are two of you. The rotation is approximately every 12 weeks and would be less if more people signed up.

Snow removal (St. D): There will be a sign up sheet at the beginning of winter and is as needed.

Money counters (must be approved by the office): Money counters meet on Monday mornings at the bank to count the weekend collection. Counters are assigned on a monthly basis approximately every 3 months. We could use volunteers from both parishes.

Altar Society: The ladies can always use help with the various activities they sponsor that all benefit the parish.

Knights of Columbus: The men of our parishes continue to provide much needed services to our parishes through this organization, your help is always appreciated.

BEARING THE RIGHT KIND OF FRUIT

Today's readings focus our attention on vineyards. Isaiah's song concerning his friend's vineyard begins with inspiring and poetic images of an idyllic vineyard where the choicest harvest is expected. Instead, the vineyard yields wild grapes, which causes the owner to abandon it. The psalmist cries out to God, asking that God once again take care of the vineyard, which is the house of Israel. The parable told in today's Gospel offers a stern warning that those who commit treachery in the hopes of attaining personal wealth will be "put . . . to a wretched death" (Matthew 21:41). Jesus warns his listeners not to act like the murderous tenants in the vineyard. Instead he exhorts them to produce the kind of fruit that will lead them to the kingdom of God.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Monday, Oct. 9th | | Tuesday, Oct. 10th | | Wednesday, Oct. 11th | | Thursday, Oct. 12th | |
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| St. Dominic | Altar Society Meeting~ 6:00 pm | Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA ~6:30-8:00 pm | | NO AM Mass No RelED Classes CONFIRMATION ~7:00 pm | | | |
| St. Francis Xavier | | 8:00 am Mass | | | | 8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm | |
| Friday, Oct. 13th | | Saturday, Oct. 14th | | Sunday, Oct. 15th | | Tuesday, Oct. 17th | |
| St. Dominic | NO AM Mass Office Closed~ Staff Meeting in KC | 5:30 pm Vigil Mass | | 10:30 am Mass Ministry Fair | | Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm | |
| St. Francis Xavier | | | | 8:00 am Mass RelED Classes 9-10:15 am Ministry Fair OLS 8:30 am Mass | | 8:00 am Mass | |
| Wednesday, Oct. 18th | | Thursday, Oct. 19th | | Friday, Oct. 20th | | Saturday, Oct. 21st | |
| St. Dominic | 8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes 6:30-7:45 pm High School Meets at St. Francis | | | 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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