



# St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



## Our Lady of Snows Shrine

**November 26, 2017**

**King of the Universe**

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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

Tom is allergic to cats, even when they're not around but once were. His eyes turn red, and he starts to wheeze so that he has to excuse himself and leave. Oddly enough, he has lately befriended a neighborhood stray at his back door. He doesn't touch it, and he won't allow it into his house, but he feeds it regularly and even misses it when it doesn't show up on his stoop. Something moves us to care for the lost among us. It is often instinctive, and at times even contrary to our own best interests, as with Tom and his allergy to cats.

Is such sympathy for the underdog written on the back of our psyches? Are lost souls really long-lost kin? Is it guilt that moves us to contribute to food pantries and bread lines or is it genuine compassion? If we are to believe in the Incarnation, that God has taken form in human flesh, then those instincts to visit shut-ins imprisoned in their own homes and to free those who still find themselves locked into poverty are Godly instincts. It is holiness bred in our bones, incapable of being held in.

Because someone is hungry, we find ourselves giving to a food pantry or volunteering at a soup kitchen. Because someone is a stranger, we welcome them into our neighborhood and seek ways to comfort the immigrant. Because someone is imprisoned by illness or old age, we visit them and check in on them. And because our own individual efforts often seem so meager in the face of so many needs, we seek ways to institutionalize our care through government policy and funding. It is all a Godly instinct.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP November 19, 2017

#### St. Dominic:

**Envelopes\***            \$ 1,626.00  
**Plate**                     \$ 284.80  
**Total:**                 \$ 1,910.80

**Week of Nov. 12**       \$ 3,000.50  
**Week of Nov. 5**        \$ 4,497.20

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

#### St. Francis Xavier:

**Envelopes\***            \$ 1,020.01  
**Plate**                     \$ 86.86  
**Total:**                 \$ 1,106.87

**Week of Nov.12**       \$ 1,956.00  
**Week of Nov. 5**        \$ 2,282.59

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

**Thank you for your  
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Dec. 2-3rd  
Homebound: Marceta Reilly  
Nursing Homes: Jean Lierz

#### Ministry Schedule for the 1st Sunday of Advent

St. Dominic <u>Dec. 2nd~ 5:30 pm</u>	St. Francis Xavier <u>Dec. 3rd~ 8:00 am</u>	St. Dominic <u>Dec. 3rd~ 10:30 am</u>
<b>COMMUNION</b> Pat Doyle	<b>COMMUNION</b> Mary Lou Koch	<b>COMMUNION</b> Michele Haverkamp
<b>LECTOR</b> Mark Pruett	<b>LECTOR</b> Zachary King	<b>LECTOR</b> Dave Schmitz
<b>ACOLYTE</b> Kitrick Jackson Kyler Jackson Cayden Jackson	<b>ACOLYTE</b> Emily Albright Kendon Wege Jase Wege	<b>ACOLYTE</b> Tegan Bowhay Tressa Henry Eric Koon
<b>MUSIC</b> Cathleen Reed Olivia McAsey	<b>MUSIC</b> Joan Hood Joann Walker	<b>MUSIC</b> Cathleen Reed Leigha Sweet
<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b> Alberta Lierz Jean Lierz Dan Doyle Larry Tanking	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b> Ben Ehrhart Steve Ehrhart John Ehrhart Farrel Houthaus	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b> Gary Kelly Debbie Kelly Dan Fiedler Mike Meerpohl

**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

SATURDAY, November 25th~  
 St. D 5:30 PM For All Parishioners  
 SUNDAY, November 26th~  
 St. F 8:00 AM Bob Hood  
 OLS 8:30 AM  
 St. D 10:30 AM Gloria Meerpohl (D)  
 TUESDAY, November 28th~  
 St. F 8:00 AM Don & Dee Hrenchir  
 WEDNESDAY, November 29th~  
 St. D 8:00 AM Genevieve Ludvick (D)  
 THURSDAY, November 30th~  
 St. F 8:00 AM James Fitzgerald (D)  
 FRIDAY, December 1st~  
 St. D 8:00 AM JoRae Krogman (D)

**The First Sunday of Advent**

SATURDAY, December 2nd~  
 St. D 5:30 PM Alisha Quigey (D)  
 SUNDAY, December 3rd~  
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners  
 OLS 8:30 AM  
 St. D 10:30AM Dan Mehringer (D)

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

Nov. 27-Dec. 3 Gary & Annette Schreiber  
 Dec. 4-10 Bertulfo Family  
 Dec. 11-17 Karen Leiker, Kay Ludvick  
 Dec. 18-24 Danelle Shaw  
 Dec. 25-31 Carolyn Koger, Gail Schmitz

**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. Francis Xavier Finance Council**

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 Chris Everts  
 Larry Larkin  
 Kay Andler  
 Damon Putnam

Jackson County Food Pantry is in need of donations of peanut butter, cereal and Mac & Cheese. Please place donations in the container provided. Thanks !

# Youth Ministry

ST. DOMINIC ReEd:

- ReEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Nov. 29th, 6:30-7:45pm
- ReEd Classes PreK-HS, Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 6:30-7:45 pm

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER ReEd:

- NO ReEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Nov.26th Thanksgiving Break
- ReEd Classes PreK-8th, Sunday, Dec. 3rd 9-10:15 am

HIGH SCHOOL:

- High School ReEd Classes, Wednesday, Nov. 29th, 6:30-7:45 pm. Meet at St. Dominic.
- High School ReEd Classes, Wednesday, Dec. 6th, 6:30-7:45pm, Meet at St. Francis Xavier

**Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Store** is requesting donations of 150 boxes of instant mashed potatoes for their annual Christmas Store. Please have donations returned by November 30th. Additional donations for their Essential bag items, food donations and volunteer help would be appreciated. Contact Jennifer Ingels at 785-851-1011 or email at jheringj@hotmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

**RCIA~ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Class Tuesday, November 28th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the meeting room of St. Dominic Church Offices. Topic for the evening: The Church, Seasons of Advent & Christmas. Please enter through the Southwest door. All are welcome.

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

**Zelda Martinez**

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

**Congratulations to St. Francis Xavier...**

Knight and Knight Family for November...  
 Ruben & Malea Zeller and Family



**CHRIST, KING OF ALL**

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation.

At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

## 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; Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvick); Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Todd Fiedler; 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); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Ernest Haug (Brother of Bill Haug); Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Frank Hulsong (Father of Shannon Henry); 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); 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); Bill Schiffbaur (brother of parishioners); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); 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 Teetzel; 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~**

Today, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate Christ as King of the Universe. The readings are replete with images of God and Christ as shepherd and king of all creation.

The reading from the prophet Ezekiel begins at verse 11, after a fiery condemnation of the religious leaders earlier in the chapter. God announces that he himself will shepherd the people of Israel. He will rescue the lost and heal the broken, but he will destroy those he judges to be bad, because he is the defender of justice and protector of the disadvantaged.

In the Second reading, Paul is teaching about resurrection of the body. He likens the resurrected Christ to the first fruits, which the Temple priests offered as a dedication of the entire harvest to God. Thus, as Christ was raised from the dead, we too will be raised. When the end comes Paul says, and Christ has destroyed all of the forces of evil-even death itself-he will hand over the Kingdom to God, who is Lord of all.

In the Gospel, Matthew portrays the returning Christ as a shepherd-king who will separate the good sheep from the bad ones. The imagery is most likely borrowed from Ezekiel 34, but clearly this is a scene of end-time judgment. And what is the measure by which we will be judged? What we did or did not do for the least of God's little ones, Jesus says, we did or did not do for him. Truly, love of God is love of neighbor.

- In the First Reading, what qualities does the prophet ascribe to God as shepherd of the People? How might these be expressed in a godly leader today?
- How do you reconcile the gentle, protective shepherd of Psalm 23 with the judging Lord God (of Ezekiel) and Son of Man (of Matthew)?
- Use the Gospel to reflect on your life choices over the past week. When and how have you ministered or failed to minister to Christ? Resolve to do at least one thing differently as we enter the new liturgical year.



“I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”

— Matthew 25:35

Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future.

—François Fénelon

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Today we have a modern feast, less than a century old, and placed at the very end of the liturgical cycle of Sundays only in 1969. In 1925, the world was in a sorry state from the vantage point of Pope Pius XI. The winds of war had swept the map of Europe raw, and ancient Christian dynasties had fallen in Russia and Spain. Although the Great War had ended, wars were breaking out everywhere. Fascism was already in control in Italy, and Nazism was on the horizon for Germany. The disorder making its claim on the human race was, the pope felt, an insult to the Divine Order. Pius XI designated the last Sunday in October as a day of universal recognition of the kingship of Christ. Creating this feast was an act of bravery by the pope, who was standing up against idolatry of the state and the dehumanizing forces of the modern world, things that are not hard to detect in today's world as well. In 1969 it seemed fitting to move the feast to a place of honor at the end of the year, a way of summing up the whole movement of the liturgical year toward the perfection of the Kingdom of God. In recent decades, many Protestant churches have adopted this day from the new Roman calendar, so it is shared now with the Church of England, the Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and others.

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No one respects a talent that is concealed.

—Desiderius Erasmus

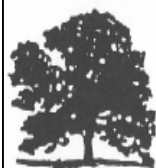
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Nov. 27th	Tuesday, Nov. 28th	Wednesday, Nov. 29th	Thursday, Nov. 30th
St. Dominic K of C Meeting~ 7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-HS. 6:30-7:45 pm.	
St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass		8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm

Friday, Dec. 1st	Saturday, Dec. 2nd	Sunday, Dec. 3rd	Tuesday, Dec. 5th
St. Dominic 8:00 am Mass	5:30 pm Vigil Mass	10:30 am Mass <b>Eucharistic Minister Training following Mass</b>	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 OLS Mass 8:30 am	8:00 am Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 6th	Thursday, Dec. 7th	Friday, Dec. 8th	Saturday, Dec. 9th
St. Dominic 8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-HS 6:30-7:45 pm, HS 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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