

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL – The San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 pancake breakfast is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Sunday, September 21** at St. Joseph Parish Hall on the corner of Broadway Avenue and 8th Street East in Saskatoon. Adults: \$10; Children 5-15 years: \$5, Family \$35.

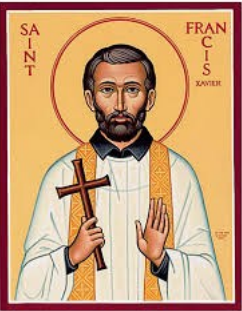
DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS is held at 7:45 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon, including on Tuesday, Sept. 2. The devotion consists of the Chaplet of the Holy Face, and prayers of reparation, followed by a time of personal meditation.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS led by Fr. Kevin McGee, will be held 5 p.m. on First Friday, Sept. 5, 2025 at St. Mary’s Parish, 211 Ave. O S. Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle, steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ who comes to us through scripture and the Eucharist. Silence in this form of worship can feel uncomfortable or awkward, especially when experienced for the first time. We encourage you to relax and rest in the abiding presence of God.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The CWL Clothing Depot is always in need of volunteers who would be willing to help on the floor during store hours. This is only a three-hour commitment, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and/or 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the store located on the lower level of the Friendship Inn building, 619-20th Street West, Saskatoon. Your much-needed support as a volunteer would contribute to the continued operation of the non-profit CWL Clothing Depot where you would be warmly welcomed, much appreciated and part of a great service the depot provides to financially challenged members of our community. Volunteers do not have to be CWL members, and can be men or women. Call Bea at (306) 242-5042 for more information.

	January	February	March	April	May	June
Collections	\$4,473	\$2,782	\$18,821	\$5,795	\$4,691.90	\$6,719.30
Diocesan Collections	\$0.00	\$410	\$0.00	\$1,046	\$135.00	\$125.00
Miscellaneous	\$26	\$56	\$2,690	\$91.40	\$93.50.	\$1,780.48
Reimbursements	\$2,122	\$1,901	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Collections	\$6,621	\$5,149	\$21,512	\$6,933	\$4,920.40	\$8,624.78

Total Collections for Jan—June 2025	\$44,282.95	If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca
Total Income for Jan—June 2025	\$56,301.29	
Total Expenses for Jan—June 2025	\$58,732.37	
Operating Profit for Jan-June 2025	\$-2,431.08	



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MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
“A welcoming community, empowered by baptism, committed to the Gospel”

Sacrament of Penance:	30 minutes before Mass or by appointment
Weekday Liturgies:	Wednesdays at 9:00am (except 3rd Wednesday of the month: Adoration and Confession at 5:30pm and Mass at 6:30pm)
Eucharistic Liturgies:	Sundays at 9:00am

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

Ministries for September 7, 2025

Sacristan & EMHC	June Furmanic
Proclaimers of the Word	Jo-Ann Lund & Jane Isinger
Prayers of the Faithful	Guy Belliveau
Altar Servers	Noah Foster & Anna Vu
Cross Bearer	Gawain Koshinsky
Gift Bearers	Rediger Family
Welcomers	Dave & Betty Schurman

READINGS FOR THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 9:13-18b: Scarcely can we guess the things on earth and only with difficulty grasp what is at hand; but things in heaven, who can search them out?

Philemon 9-10, 12-17: So if you regard me [St. Paul] as a partner, welcome [Onesimus] as you would me.

Luke 14:25-33: Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

I'M NOBODY! WHO ARE YOU?

Sr. Diane Bergent, CSA



This is the title of one of Emily Dickinson's most beloved poems. Did she really think she was nobody? Probably not. But neither was she eager to get bogged down by the approval of others. She seems to have been satisfied with who she was and how she lived her life.

Unlike Dickinson, many of us live for the approval of others. In fact, we almost glorify celebrities—and not simply for their accomplishments. Their taste becomes our choice in buying clothes; their opinions shape our thinking; their social lives become our entertainment. This is a strange turnaround, for the only reason they are famous is that we have given them our approval. We made them celebrities.

We all know people who, in the eyes of the broader society, might be considered “nobodies” but who really are the “somebodies.” They are like Dickinson. They know who they are and do not pretend to be someone or something else. They do not put on airs; they do not expect to be treated better than others. They simply are who they are. These are the people described in today's readings. They have lived as Sirach counsels: “Humble yourself” (Sirach 3:18). This does not mean humiliate yourself or put yourself down. It means be who you are: the you that God made. Don't try to be someone else. The gospel story shows what might happen if you think you are more than you really are. The proud man was literally put in his place.

So, who are you?

A **PARISH TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE (TRC) GATHERING** will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Bishop Klein Room of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon. A meal will be provided for participants at no cost. These ongoing gatherings are for parishes who have, are beginning, or would like to increase networks with other parishes to advance TRC efforts. For smaller parishes that may not have the capacity to create a TRC committee, the event is an opportunity to draw attention available opportunities to join the church in this historic journey. To assist with meal planning, please register before Sept. 22 online at: <https://form.jotform.com/252118673131249> or for more information, contact Myron Rogal at (306) 659-5841 or mrogal@rcdos.ca. (Office of Justice and Peace is supported by the BAA.)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER encourages a scent free atmosphere for the comfort of those with sensitivities and allergies to perfumes. We ask that parishioners refrain from wearing products with fragrances to mass.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the foreseeable future, Ryan will be in the parish office Thursdays from 8:00am until 3:00pm.

E-TRANSFERS: Should you wish to donate to St. Francis Xavier Parish by using E-transfers, please use the following instructions:

1. Send an e-transfer using the following e-mail: sfxsaskatoon@rcdos.ca
2. Use the following question: What is the name of our favorite shrub? The answer is willow.
3. If you wish to use your own questions, please send an email to rnbaker@rcdos.ca with the answer. Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier Parish.

K OF C CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS: Starting June 8, Ron Ritz will be selling K of C Charity Appeal Tickets after Mass. Tickets are \$1.00 each or \$10.00 for a booklet. For more information, please see Ron Ritz.

Fr. Hoang will be away until the end of September for holidays. We will still have Sunday morning Mass as usual, but there will be no Wednesday morning Masses or Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in September.

St. Francis Xavier has resumed holding **MASS AT SUNNYSIDE CARE CENTRE** on St. Henry Avenue on the **second Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm**. The next Mass is scheduled for **September 11, 2025**. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the mass. Volunteers would serve as lectors and music ministers amongst other duties. If you are interested in volunteering or participating, please speak to Fr. Hoang or Jo-Anne Lund for details. All are welcomed to attend.

As many of the volunteers in the different ministries are away during the month of September, it won't be possible to offer coffee after Mass during the month of September unless there are additional volunteers. If you are able to help out during the month of September, please talk to June Furmanic.

