

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, October 19** 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.

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.

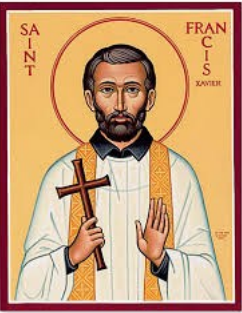
FOOD PANTRY APPEAL: The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is appealing for donations to assist some of the most vulnerable in our community, including those who came to Saskatoon because of wildfires in our northern communities. Donations of food staples are greatly needed, including powdered milk, peanut butter (small sizes), coffee, tea, canned beans, meat and fish, canned soups and vegetables, pasta sauce, pasta, rice, and ramen noodles. Monetary donations permit the parish to purchase exactly what is needed. Contact Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish at (306) 653-4945; the parish office is located at 426 Ave. J S., Saskatoon

St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	April	May	June	July	August	Sept.
Collections	\$5,795.40	\$5,691.90	\$6,719.30	\$7,275.00	\$5,356.60	\$8,287.00
Diocesan Collections	\$1,045.80	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$91.40	\$93.50	\$2,248.71	\$38.15	\$11,560.54	\$309.95
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Collections	\$6,932.60	\$5,920.40	\$9,093.07	\$7,313.15	\$16,957.14	\$8,596.35

Total Collections for Jan—Sept 2025	\$65,201.55
Total Income for Jan—Sept 2025	\$89,636.22
Total Expenses for Jan—Sept 2025	\$88,023.74
Operating Profit for Jan-Sept 2025	\$1,612.48

If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca



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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

Ministries for October 19, 2025

Sacristan	Irene LeGatt
Proclaimers of the Word	Kiply Yaworski & Nicky Curtis
Prayers of the Faithful	Jo-Anne Lund
Altar Servers	Irene LeGatt & June Furmanic
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Gift Bearers	Barker Family
Welcomers	Jane Isinger & Guy Belliveau
EMHC	Brenda Ritz

READINGS FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 17:8-13: Moses’ hands, however grew tired ... Aaron and Hur supported his hands ... so that his hands remained steady until sunset.

2 Timothy 3:14—4:2: Proclaim the word; be persistent.

Luke 18:1-8: [Jesus] told them a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary.

THEY WERE CLEANSED

By: Sr. Dianne Bergant

The men in today's passages were considered outside the realm of God's concern. First, they were foreigners. Naaman was from Syria, a frequent enemy of ancient Israel. One of the healed men in the gospel passage was a Samaritan, a descendant of marriage between Israelites and foreign people who were exiled to northern Israel around 722 BC. These men were outsiders, distrusted, even despised because they were not Israelites who believed that only they were "a kingdom of priests, a holy nation" (Exodus 19:6).

Besides their foreign affiliation, these men suffered from the dreaded disease of leprosy. Their affliction might not have been the disease we know by that name today, but perhaps a skin condition such as psoriasis or eczema. Whatever the case, Israel held that any form of skin flare-up rendered the sufferer unclean or unfit to participate in public ritual. Furthermore, contact with lepers threatened the religious status of others. It was for religious, more than hygienic, reasons that lepers were shunned.

It appears that God is not inhibited by human customs, even religious customs. Both men are healed of their ailment, one by the prophet Elisha and the other by Jesus. This alone would make both stories remarkable. But there is more: both returned to express their profound gratitude to the agent of God through whom they had been healed. Naaman was willing to transfer his religious allegiance to the God of Israel, and the Samaritan fell at the knees of Jesus, a hated Jew. Surely, God works in mysterious ways.



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.

THANK YOU: A huge thank you to Ron Ritz and the San Lorenzo Ruiz Knights of Columbus Council #11429 for putting on a delicious pancake breakfast last Sunday. It was enjoyed by everyone. Thank you.

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 **November 13, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBIT, DESIGNED AND CREATED BY ST. CARLO ACUTIS will be presented from 7 p.m. to 9:30 pm on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon (corner of Attridge Drive and Forestry Farm Drive). The schedule includes: 7 p.m. presentation and guest speakers, 7:45 p.m. musical Eucharistic Adoration, 8 p.m. viewing exhibit with wine and cheese. This event is presented by the St. Joseph High School Community Council and the Cathedral of the Holy Family to highlight the devotion of the recently canonized young "millennial saint," St. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006).

