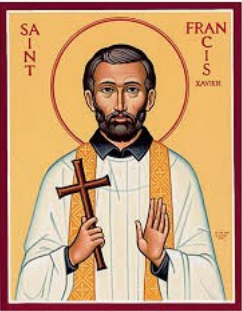


CONTEMPLATIVE MASS: A Contemplative Mass led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. on First **Friday, Oct. 2** at St. Mary Parish, 211 Avenue O South, Saskatoon. The rhythm of the Contemplative Mass is a gentle steady flow, marked by 20 minutes of silence after communion to allow space for reflection and recognition of the intimate presence of Christ

BIBLES, HOLY CARDS, ROSARIES, CROSSES – The diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Office is seeking donations of materials to assist with spiritual care outreach to patients at hospitals in Saskatoon. If you have Bibles, holy cards, rosaries, crosses or other small sacred items that would be appropriate to share with those facing illness, please consider donating them “Attention to Jackie Saretsky, Hospital Chaplaincy” at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 2nd floor of the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, or call (306) 659-5839 for information. (Hospital Chaplaincy is supported by gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.)



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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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2026

Ministries for October 4, 2026

Sacristan / EMHC	June Furmanic / Gloria McGee
Proclaimers of the Word	Brenda Ritz & Brian Colquhoun
Prayers of the Faithful	Jane Isinger
Altar Servers	June Furmanic & Noah Foster
Cross Bearer	Ron Ritz
Gift Bearers	Ron & Brend Ritz
Welcomers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Coffee before/after Mass	June Furmanic & Gloria McGee/ Nicky Curtis

READINGS FOR THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 5:1-7
The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, the people of Judah, his cherished plant.

Philippians 4:6-9
Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Matthew 21:33-43
[Jesus said,] “I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	May	June	July	August
Collections	\$7,722.80	\$7,238.00	\$5,362.85	\$8,520.00
Diocesan Collections	\$195.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$705.65	\$7303.61	\$12,481.95	\$60.20
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$14,023.49	\$14,550.61	\$17,844.80	\$8,580.20

Total Collections for Jan—Aug 2026	\$ 71,152.71	If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca
Total Income for Jan—Aug 2026	\$122,717.06	
Total Expenses for Jan—Aug 2026	\$ 70,822.37	
Operating Profit for Jan-Aug 2026	\$ 51,894.69	

BEING EMPTIED

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



In his book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum lists those basic qualities that enable us to negotiate the rest of life somewhat successfully. It's what you might expect the curriculum of kindergarten to be about: being kind, saying you're sorry, getting along with others, and sharing. In short, what we learned in kindergarten is about putting others' needs ahead of our own comfort. It's a kind of emptying of our selfishness that seems to take place.

Unfortunately, the process isn't finished by the time we reach adulthood. We still tend to hoard, slam one another with insults, cheat in business, and neglect to apologize. In spite of that

extended learning curve, we slowly do take on those attitudes noted by Fulghum. Marriage can smooth our rough edges. Children's needs call for self-sacrifice. Aging tends to mellow us. And somewhere along the line, we learn that talking things out works better than hitting.

Saint Paul encouraged the Philippians to take on the attitude of the Lord Jesus, who emptied himself for our sake. Still, I think much of that emptying takes place in us unconsciously. Some would say it is simply the process of life. Maybe—but, then again, it may be the gentle hand of God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is said to have commented that even God can't fill what is already full. So then maybe that emptying is God's way of making room for God.

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: 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.

A huge thank you to Fr. April for filling in for the past 4 weeks. We really appreciate your efforts, your wonderful and thought-provoking homilies and your stewardship.

On the third Wednesday of each month, which for October is October 21, there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation beginning at 5:30 pm followed by mass at 6:30 pm. On those Wednesdays, there is no morning mass at 9:00 am.

FR HOANG WILL BE ON HOLIDAYS from **September 2 through September 28**. During this period, Wednesday morning Masses will be canceled. Weekly Masses will resume September 30.

The annual **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY APPEAL TICKETS** are on sale. They are \$1.00 each or a booklet of 10 for \$10. Proceeds go to charities such as Coats for Kids, Teen Life and Pro Life. If you are interested in purchasing any, please see Ron Ritz in the Welcoming Area after mass. This is the last week that tickets are available.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **WELCOME BACK PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on **Sunday, September 27th** in the St. Francis Welcoming Area following Mass.

DONATIONS NEEDED: The emergency food pantry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Indigenous Catholic Parish in Saskatoon is appealing for donations to assist some of the most vulnerable in our community. Donations of food staples are greatly needed, including powdered milk, peanut butter (small sizes preferred), 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 Avenue J South, Saskatoon.

The **CWL CLOTHING DEPOT** in Saskatoon is requesting donations of much-needed items in order to provide affordable good quality household items and clothing to community members with limited funds. Items needed include summer clothing (any age), jeans, kitchenware, cutlery, working toasters, kettles, and coffee makers, pots and pans, clocks, sheets, comforters, and towels. Drop off donations at the CWL Clothing Depot, 619 20th St. W., Saskatoon (located on lower level of Friendship Inn). please ring the bell at the back door in the alley of the depot; drop off times are 10:30 a.m. to 3: p.m. Monday-Friday. For donation inquiries contact Bea at (306) 242-5042.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord's instruments.

MESSAGE TO FADICA NETWORK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

