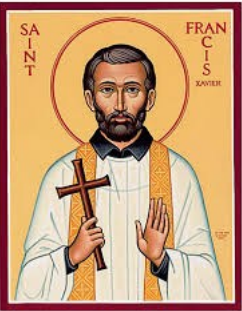


BIBLES, HOLY CARDS, ROSARIES, CROSSES – The diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Office is seeking donations of materials to assist with spiritual care outreach to patients at hospitals in Saskatoon. If you have Bibles, holy cards, rosaries, crosses or other small sacred items that would be appropriate to share 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.)

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 18** 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.



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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 11, 2026

Ministries for October 18, 2026

Sacristan / EMHC	Irene LeGatt / Brenda Ritz
Proclaimers of the Word	Kiply Yaworski & Jim Moorhead
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Irene LeGatt & Gloria McGee
Cross Bearer	Dave Schurman
Gift Bearers	Karen Omelan-Davis & Ross Davis
Welcomers	Jo-Anne Lund & Marilyn Kowalski
Coffee before/after Mass	No Coffee due to K of C Pancake Breakfast

READINGS FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
I am the LORD, there is no other.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers.

Matthew 22:15-21
[Jesus asked,] “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

St. Francis Xavier Parish Financial Update

	June	July	August	September
Collections	\$7,238.00	\$5,362.85	\$8,520.00	\$7,610.55
Diocesan Collections	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$7,303.61	\$12,481.95	\$60.20	\$2,433.55
Reimbursements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Income	\$14,550.61	\$17,844.80	\$8,580.20	\$10,043.90

Total Collections for Jan—Sep 2026	\$ 78,763.26	If you have any questions regarding the financial information, please email Ryan at rnbaker@rcdos.ca
Total Income for Jan—Sep 2026	\$132,760.96	
Total Expenses for Jan—Sep 2026	\$ 79,467.17	
Operating Profit for Jan-Sep 2026	\$ 53,293.79	

YES OR NO?

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



Confronted by a social obligation I would prefer to avoid, I frequently find myself musing that the timing is right for me to break a leg or get the flu. Yet more often than not, once I go, I find myself enjoying the gathering. Not all invitations are exciting or even desirable, but many become the building blocks of our lives.

When the parable of Jesus tells of an invitation to come to a wedding feast, it's really a story of our invitation to the kingdom of heaven, where, if we accept, we will dwell in the divine presence and enjoy the peace, joy, and love of God. Heaven is not only where we are but also how we are. It's an invitation to deeper and richer life—a taste of heaven, even in this life.

So it's good to consider going where we'd rather not go. It's not simply about social gatherings, though a social gathering may be the event where you meet the person you fall in love with. It also may mean going for counseling when that may be a bit scary, or confronting one's addiction, or moving to a new city, or accepting serious and lifelong illness, or saying yes to having a child with special needs, or not getting the job you hoped for. Saying yes to what life brings may be the wedding garment that enriches our lives. It may be saying yes to 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.

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.

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.

"PREPARING THE WAY: THE CHURCH'S MISSION FOR 2023" - The Diocesan Fall Congress will be held Thursday, Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Road, Saskatoon, with keynote speakers Brett Powell and Eric Myatt of Divine Renovation. This diocesan inspirational formation event is open to clergy, staff, religious, lay leadership, and the general public! All are welcome to come and learn more about preparing for Jubilee 2023 – marking 2000 years since the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ! To register for Fall Congress, please go to: <https://form.jotform.com/262037155248254>. Cost: \$30 (includes lunch). For more info contact Director of Ministry Services Marilyn Jackson, mjackson@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5836. (Supported by gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal)

A Word from Pope Leo XIV

In the face of...the tragic situations of injustice, violence, and suffering that mark our time, it is essential that our faith be alert, attentive, and prophetic. It should likewise open our eyes to the darkness of the world and bring to others the light of the gospel through our commitment to peace, justice, and solidarity.

Angelus, Rome,
March 15, 2026

