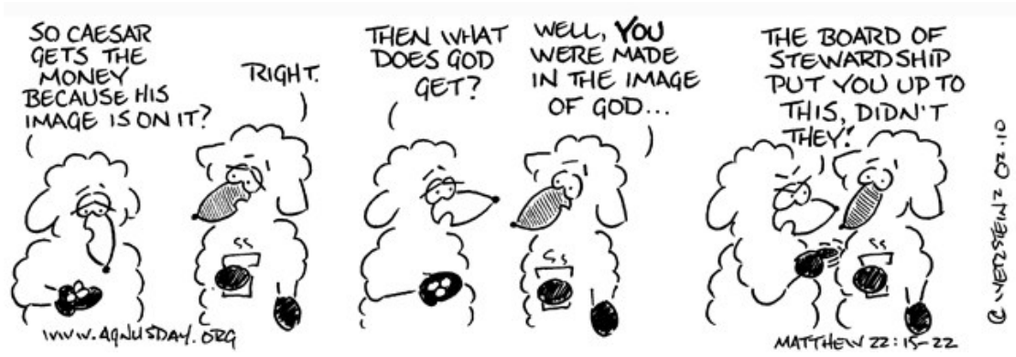
BIBLES, HOLY CARDS, ROSARIES, CROSSES – The diocesan Hospital Chaplaincy Office is seeking donations of materials to assist with spiritual care outreach to patients at hospitals in Saskatoon. If you have Bibles, holy cards, rosaries, crosses or other small sacred items that would be appropriate to share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

The **CWL CLOTHING DEPOT** is requesting gently-used donations of men's clothing-winter/fall coats, jeans, shoes. Also, good condition towels and small appliances like toasters, coffee pots and frying pans. Drop-off times for donations are Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the back door in alley of the CWL Clothing Depot building, 619-20th Street, Saskatoon – ring the bell. Donations will be much appreciated. For donation inquiries or to become a volunteer, call (306) 242-5042.



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**
Total Income for Jan—Sep 2026 **$132,760.96**
Total Expenses for Jan—Sep 2026 **$ 84,517.16**
Operating Profit for Jan-Sep 2026 **$ 48,243.80**

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2026

Ministries for October 25, 2026

Sacristan / **EMHC**	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle / **Gloria McGee**
Proclaimers of the Word	Noah Foster & Jane Isinger
Prayers of the Faithful	Karen Omelan-Davis
Altar Servers	Arlene Hodges & Rosalyn Kohle
Cross Bearer	Lane Foster
Gift Bearers	Rediger Family
Welcomers	Dave & Betty Schurman
Coffee before/after Mass	June Furmanic & Gloria McGee / June Fumanic & Nicky Curtis

READINGS FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exodus 22:20-26
You shall not oppress or afflict a resident alien, for you were once aliens residing in the land of Egypt.

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
And you became imitators of us and of the Lord.

Matthew 22:34-40
[Jesus said,] "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind."

NIGHT GOGGLES

By: Fr. Joseph Jukinalis



It was a gathering of long-time friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, "Can you name the wisdom in the others?" "There isn't any," came someone's swift reply. "But surely there is," the questioner persisted. "No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom." What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew "You're only OK if you think the way I do." It's a hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it's OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God's wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition.

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.

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.

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.

The **BOOK OF LIFE** has been placed in the welcoming area. We welcome you to write the names of those loved ones who have passed away since November 1, 2025. We will read out the names at the Mass on **All Souls Day and on Sunday, November 8th**.

The Mass for **ALL SOULS DAY** will be held on **Monday, November 2** at **9:00 am** at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

We will be having a display for the month of November to pray for and to remember those loved ones who have passed away. We invite parishioners to bring photos of deceased family and friends to be included in the display. Photos can be left in the kitchen area or sacristy.

The **MINISTRY SCHEDULES** for the months of November and December are ready for pick up in the welcoming area this weekend.

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.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV



Today let us ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to be able to serve, with Jesus and like Jesus, those men and women thirsting for truth and justice. This is not the time for opposition between one church and another, between "us" and "them"—those who worship God seek to be men and women of peace, who worship him in Spirit and in truth.

Angelus, Rome,

March 8, 2026