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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 1, 2026

Ministries for November 8, 2026

Sacristan / **EMHC**	June Furmanic / **K of C**
Proclaimers of the Word	K of C
Prayers of the Faithful	K of C
Altar Servers	K of C
Cross Bearer	K of C
Gift Bearers	K of C
Welcomers	K of C
Coffee before/after Mass	K of C/K of C

READINGS FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 6:12–16
Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is…found by those who seek her.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18
If we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Matthew 25:1-13
[Jesus said,] "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

WHO WANTS TO BE A SAINT?

By: Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA



This question can be understood in two very different ways. On the one hand, it asks: Who might step forward to accomplish this feat? On the other hand, it wonders: Who wants to bother putting forth the effort? Perhaps we have read too much about the lives of the saints to want to be one of them. So often, those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. But anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St. Irenaeus of Lyons. He insists, "The glory of God is man [Christ] fully alive." Sainthood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive—Jesus Christ. However, what does "fully alive" really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the wondrous creation of nature and that we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us to be fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out, and that is where the struggle comes in. We don't have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn't it?

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.

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

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**.

A CONTEMPLATIVE MASS led by Fr. Kevin McGee will be held at 5 p.m. **Friday, Nov. 6** 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.

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.

Mark your calendar. The next **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** will be held **November 22nd** at **St. Joseph's Hall** on 8th Street from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

AXIOS CONCERT: Experience the Juno-award-winning **Ukrainian War Requiem** in Saskatoon at **3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at Knox United Church**, 838 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. The Axios Men's Ensemble presents this special performance of Benedict Sheehan's Ukrainian War Requiem as part of a nine-city national tour. The Saskatoon performance will feature a choir of over 50 performers, including members of Axios, Pro Coro Canada, and select soloists from across Europe, North America, and Ukraine, under the musical direction of conductor Michael Zaugg. Tickets are available online at www.axiosmensensemble.com.

A Word from Pope Leo XIV



The mystery of the communion of saints…reminds us of the final destiny of humanity: a great celebration in which we rejoice together…admiring the multifaceted beauty of faces, all different and all resembling the face of Christ…. How this contrasts with the tragedies that the human family is suffering because of injustice and war.

Angelus
Rome, November 1, 2025