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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin.

Reading 2: Corinthians 7:32-35 Paul wants the Corinthians to be free of anxieties.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 Jesus drives an unclean spirit out of a man.

Theme: Jesus' teaching is a new teaching with authority.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	27	5:30 p.m.	ML	Frances Larkin	✠	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	28	8:30 a.m.	SH	Eddie Schmidt	✠	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	28	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	30	9:00 a.m.	ML	Elmer Becker	✠	
Wednesday	31	8:30 a.m.	SH	Eddie Schmidt	✠	
Thursday	1	8:30 a.m.	KW	All the Souls in purgatory	✠	
Friday	2	9:00 a.m.	ML	Darlene Becker	✠	
Saturday	3	5:30 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	4	8:30 a.m.	SH	Eddie Schmidt	✠	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	4	10:30 a.m.	KW	For rain		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: A Dance of Desire and Defiance. Do you ever harden your heart when you approach Jesus in prayer? I do. Once, wanting to let go of a long-standing resentment, I confessed the sin at the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayed for the person whenever I found myself remembering the litany of wrongs he had done. (And why was I reciting the litany, anyway, which only nestled the unclean spirit deeper into my heart?) The more I asked Jesus to remove the stubborn sin and its handmaidens (pride, self-pity, righteousness, envy), the more barriers I put in Jesus' way. If I sensed Jesus preparing to speak his word of healing, I redoubled my grievance. As if he didn't know how I felt. I know my unclean spirits, and they know me. Certain sins trail and tempt me, and if I am not vigilant they cling to my heart. They are the familiar contours that shape the false self I present to the world. I harden my heart because if Jesus expels the unclean spirits, I will be empty. We are caught in a dance, Jesus and I; desire and defiance. He woos me, and I long to say yes, but then I cling to what I know. Jesus is more patient than I am. Maybe I will spend years in purgatory before I am cleansed. But I want my unclean spirits expelled long before I die, so that I can be free to do Jesus' work in the world, to fulfill my baptismal call, to sing joyfully to him, to offer true thanksgiving. If only I don't harden my heart. ~Rachelle Linner

VIBRANT MINISTRIES

Response to call. Appeal reaches \$9.6 million. Holy Rosary Catholic Church reached 65%, 55 gifts totaling \$66,820. St. Boniface reached 47%, 46 gifts totaling \$61,200. St. John reached 48%, 32 gifts totaling \$82,860. To offer a gift: online donations, go to www.dcdiocese.org/vibrant-ministries or you can mail your pledge to Vibrant Ministries Appeal, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, 910 Central Avenue, Dodge City, KS. For donations of grain or stock contact Mark Roth at 620-227-1535 or mroth@dcdiocese.org

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Marilyn Eck, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Sister Catherine Therese, Laurie Hiltner, Sue Smith, Miles Sheldon, Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Cindy Archuleta

For the Faithful Departed:

Eddie Schmidt, Grace Burenheide, Elmer Angell Jr., Frances Larkin, Art Tatera, Gary Noland, Ray Schmidt, Ted Brown, Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Luke Hendricks, Omah Tatera and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

Southwest Kansas Young Adult Conference

The third annual Southwest Kansas Young Adult Conference will be held on Sunday, March 4th beginning with 9:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, Kansas! It is created specifically for those between the ages of 18-39 and will have engaging guest speakers, ample time to meet with other young Catholics, and even free babysitting for the kiddos! The cost is \$30 for single registrations or \$55 for married couples, and the registration deadline is February 14th. (More information and online registration at dcyoungadult.com/skyac)

Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” ~1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won’t necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future.

QUEST 2018

QUEST 2018 for all Catholic Boy and Girl Scouts (age 11 and older) will be held February 16-18, at the Sacred Heart School, Dodge City. Throughout the three-day camp the Scouts will participate in various workshops relating to the Catholic religious emblems program for their age, do a lot of fun activities, grow in their faith, hear some awesome speakers and make lifelong friends with other Catholic scouts from across the diocese. Deadline for registration is February 6th. Contact your scout leader for more information and registration form or Dave Geist, (620)430-2123 or dave.geist@swksaging.org.

Ministry Schedule February 3-4

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Rory Traffas
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Anita Patterson Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Rory Traffas Jacque Traffas Michael Lynch Myra Dick Volunteer
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Matthew Piper
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Jacque Traffas
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright

CHURCH NEWS

Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus Council 6618 will be holding its annual Free Throw Championship on Sunday, January 28th starting at 1:00 pm at the Medicine Lodge High School Gym. Doors will be open at 12:00. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this local competition. For more information contact Lloyd Ohl at (620)213-0828

Mardi Gras Dinner

St. John will host a Mardi Gras Dinner for all parishioners on February 11th after Mass. Meat and beverages will be provided, and parishioners are asked to bring a dessert and/or salad.

Holy Rosary Honoring Marriages

In February, the Church celebrates The Holy Family and St. Valentine’s Day. Saturday, February 10th, at the 5:30 Mass Holy Rosary will honor the Sacrament of Marriage and our married and widowed parishioners. Everyone is invited to stay for Chili and Cinnamon Rolls after Mass—all are welcome!

Sunday Evenings with Bishop Barron

Adult faith formation class, “Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues” offered at St. Boniface Parish Center in Sharon from 6:00-7:00 pm on Sunday evenings, January 21st through March 18th. Parishioners are invited to attend any or all of the sessions.

Website Sponsorships Available

~~ In the weeks ahead, our parish representative from Solutio, Inc., will be setting up the advertising for our website for the year.

~~Please consider participating in this effort since the revenue from the ads is what makes the website possible at **no cost** to the parish.

~~It’s a great way to get your name in front of the families in the parish. Advertisements may be purchased for a business, family memorial, or you can sponsor an ad supporting Catholic Charities, Knights of Columbus, Vocations, etc.

~~Please give these ideas some thought. We need and appreciate your help! If you are interested or just curious as to prices and want more information, please contact 620.213.4162 or Sponsorship@SolutioSoftware.com.