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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 The Lord relented in the punishment he had threatened to inflict on his people.

Reading 2: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Christ came to save sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 There will be great joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	14	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	15	8:30 a.m.	ML	Laura Seiler	✠	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	15	10:30 a.m.	KW	Corona Hoch		Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	17	9:00 a.m.	ML	No Mass		Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	18	7:00 p.m.	SH	For PSR Students & Teachers		Mass in the Park at Sharon
Thursday	19	8:30 a.m.	KW	Anita Patterson	✠	Thursday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	20	8:30 a.m.	SH	Betty Ricke	✠	Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	21	5:00 p.m.	SH	Mary Traffas	✠	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	22	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	22	10:30 a.m.	KW	Corona Hoch		Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Two Sons

There was a time when the story of the younger son in today's Gospel spoke to me powerfully. In my teens, I drifted away from the Church. Although my carousing ways in those years fell short of those described in the parable, there was still much of which I needed to repent. In my early twenties, I had a powerful conversion experience that led me back to the practice of my faith. I lived the story of returning from a "distant country" to find forgiveness, joy, and celebration. Some three decades on, however, the story of the older son has begun to resonate more deeply. As we age, every choice we make seems to limit the horizon of the infinite freedom we once enjoyed. I have chosen to be faithful to many of these choices: my faith, my wife and family, my community, my chosen field of work. They have allowed me to grow and change in ways I scarcely thought possible. But there are moments when I bridle at the loss of my liberty and look with envy and even resentment at those who seem less bound to these traditional commitments. We often call this the parable of the Prodigal Son, but Jesus begins it simply: "A man had two sons." Two sons, two paths, two ways we can be led astray. The sins of the younger son may generate more headlines, but it may be the sins of the older son that are the most spiritually damaging. They make us blind to the generosity of the Father who tells us "everything I have is yours." ~ J. Peter Nixon

Word of Life

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO WALINDA BY NOON TUESDAY TO secretary@barbercountycatholic.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Steve Eck, Helen Eck, Betty Schmidt, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Miles Sheldon, Edna Swayden

For the Faithful Departed:

Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak, Herb Durant, Bishop Gerber, Sister Philamenia Hrencher and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Nicholas Noland, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis

Church News

Free Movie Night

The ministerial alliance is sponsoring a movie night in Kiowa on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:30pm to watch the movie "Overcomer". The movie will be free for the first 100 students 7th-12th grades. Parents and other guests will be \$5.00. Bring money for popcorn and drinks.

PSR Kick Off

The St. Boniface parish will kick off the 2019-2020 school year with Mass in the park on September 18th, at 7:00 pm. Please come join us as we begin another year of classes. Bring a chair! Cookies will be served following Mass.

Youth Rally

Attention all 6th, 7th & 8th graders: There is going to be a youth rally in Dodge City on October 13, 2019. There is more information at <https://www.dcyouth.org/middle->

school-youth-rally. If we have enough interest, we are planning on providing transportation. Parents are welcome to attend also. Please let Sharon know if you plan on attending ASAP at 620-886-0265. Registration deadline is October 4th, 2019.

Around the Diocese

Life Chain Sunday

Sunday, October 6 is Life Chain Sunday. The prayer chain will be held from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. along North 14th Ave. Pick up a prolife/prayer sign in the Ziegler Funeral Chapel parking area located at 1901 N. 14th. Please join fellow parishioners and neighboring churches for this annual event. There will be thousands of LIFE CHAINS all across America on October 6, and over 80 in Kansas and over 1,500 nationwide. Please join us in making a visible statement by standing for LIFE, and in opposition to abortion. Life is a precious gift from God.

Women's ACTS Retreat at Heartland Center for Spirituality

An ACTS retreat for women will be held October 17-20 at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. Registration forms are on the Diocesan website under "Retreats" or at greatbendcatholic.com. ACTS retreats are active, busy and community-building meant to bring us more fully into our faith and parish life. Many witness that their attendance at an ACTS retreat has been instrumental in changing their lives and leading them to become better friends, parents and spouses. These retreats are for adults of all ages. For more information, contact Paula Brozek at 620-703-8172 or Dan Thompson at 620-797-4685.

Ministry Schedule September 21st – 22nd

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Londa Fischer	Loretta Boor
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Steve Roberts	Daryl Honas
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Steve Roberts	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Margie Eck Anne Schreiner Todd Fischer Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrman Marge Wright Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Allie Hoch	Derrek Randels Emma Randels Kassidy Rambat
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		McMoran Family	Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Volunteer		Charlotte Ringer