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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Exodus 17:8-13 As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.
Reading 2: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 One who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work.
Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 God will secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	19	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	20	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	20	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	22	9:00 a.m.	ML	Laura Seiler	✠ Tuesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	23	7:00 p.m.	SH	Betty Ricke	✠ Wednesday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	24	8:30 a.m.	KW	For Vocations	Thursday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	25	9:00 a.m.	ML	Hugh Rankin	Friday of the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	26	5:00 p.m.	SH	Mary Traffas	✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	27	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	27	10:30 a.m.	KW	Corona Hoch	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Until Justice Is Done I don't know. I have reservations about equating the judge in today's gospel with God. After all, the Bible is full of lines saying that God hears the cry of the poor, that God is eager and willing to give good things to those who ask. So it's hard, when you really look at it, to equate the insensitive judge with God. Besides, is the message that if you badger God long enough you can eventually wear God down and get what you want? I suggest there is a more fruitful and less obvious—and unexpected—way to understand this gospel. Why not see the widow, not the judge, as the image of God? Once you reverse characters, then a whole new perspective emerges. That is to say, when the widow is seen as a God-like figure, then the message of the parable becomes crystal clear: Anyone who determinedly resists injustice—faces it, names it, and denounces it until right is achieved—is acting as God does, is God-like. Powerless as Jesus on the cross who defeats the power of death, the widow achieves victory for right. Through her persistence the widow becomes a kind of Gandhi or Martin Luther King figure. Against all odds she will endure until justice is done and God will be present. This parable is not about strategies to wear down a reluctant God with non-stop prayer. It is about us little people who act like God whenever we persistently seek, often against terrible odds, to have justice done: whenever we hold self-serving politicians' feet to the fire, when we work to have children insured and free of violence, when we uncover the greed and corruption that siphon off money from the poor, when we work to improve education and to break down barriers that separate people. This is a parable about justice. ~~ Fr. William Bausch

Word of Life

"This year's theme, Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life, is particularly suited for the times in which we live. The attacks against human life seem to grow more numerous and callous by the day. Despite these challenges, we know that Christ has conquered sin and death once and for all. Through our Christian hope in the Resurrection, we are given the grace to persevere in faith. Our sacrifices on behalf of the Gospel of Life can contribute to the redemption of this current culture of death."

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman <https://www.respectlife.org/letter-from-our-chairman>

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Vonda Landwehr, 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:

Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak, Herb Durant 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

Around the Diocese

ACTS Retreat for Men at Heartland Center for Spirituality

An ACTS retreat for men will be held November 21-24 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.

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas Free Counseling Services

Need to talk? Catholic Charities is offering free counseling for those who do not have insurance. We're here to help. Call Amy at 620-227-1590

Weekly Rosary Opportunity

Join other Catholics in praying a weekly Rosary. Sign up

by emailing: respectlifeswkansas@gmail.com. You will get a weekly email with the date and time of the Rosary. In the email you receive it will have the instructions for joining the Zoom meeting. You will then be connected with other prayer warriors throughout the diocese.

March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC January 22-26, 2020

Join the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City on the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC, January 22-26. Trip will include a public Rosary at Planned Parenthood, daily Mass, including Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, "Life is Very Good" rally, tour of Arlington National Cemetery and monuments. Cost per participant is \$450 which includes the cost of the hotel accommodations and transportation. Cost does not include meals. For more information, contact Tom or Lisa Ridder at lrider68@gmail.com or call 620-874-0447 or 620-874-8599. Last year the bus filled quickly so make your plans soon.

March for Life Topeka

Stand up for life in our state and join us on the 47th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka. The bus will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe parking lot at 5pm on January 21 and travel to Prince of Peace in Great Bend to pick up additional passengers and then arrive in Topeka for an overnight stay. On January 22, the day begins with the Ignite Event at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, march to the Capitol steps and tours of the Capitol. There will be a dinner stop in Salina and the group should arrive back in Dodge City around 10pm. Cost is only \$65. The dinner stop and additional snacks are additional cost. Please contact the Respect Life coordinator in your parish, your DRE and or go online to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> and fill out the registration form. Deadline is January 13. For more information call Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life Ministry, at 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

Ministry Schedule October 26th – 27th

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