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Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:6-9 My thoughts are not your thoughts

Reading 2: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a For me to live is Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a Are you envious because I am generous?

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	19	5:00 p.m.	ML	Christina Hagood	✠	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	20	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	20	10:30 a.m.	SH	Phyllis Lightfoot	✠	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	22	9:00 a.m.	ML	Betty Ricke	✠	25th Tuesday of Ordinary Time
Wednesday	23	5:30 p.m.	ML	Mary Ann Mantooth	✠	Memorial of St. St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Thursday	24	8:30 a.m.	KW	Charles & Josephine Inslee	✠	25th Thursday in Ordinary Time
Friday	25	8:30 a.m.	SH	Brian Traffas	✠	25th Friday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	26	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	27	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sally and Boyd Forester	✠	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	27	10:30 a.m.	SH	Special Intentions		26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: At the End of the Day It sounds lovely when the Lord says in Isaiah, "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts." When Jesus gives us an image of God's generosity and forgiveness, though, we may balk.

As Christians, our calling is to be stewards for this God of excessive, even reckless, mercy. The modern rise of underemployment—our own city center in the middle of the day—shows us the futility of human thoughts: "No one has hired us." God, the vineyard owner, has a higher thought: for God, every creature has a purpose. God calls them, "You too, go into my vineyard," where there is an abundant harvest, enough for all to find meaningful work.

At the end of the day, we see the futility of human ways. Human pride demands a greater reward merely to distinguish us from those for whom we feel contempt. We not only feel self-satisfied, we ask God for a false vindication. Our ways can become like God's ways if we feel ourselves to be the latecomers, grateful to have our share of the kingdom's work and table, and grateful therefore for God's goodness to our companions, too.

It takes conversion to feel, as Paul does, that "life is Christ, and death is gain," that the sweetness of existence comes from working in the kingdom, that our experience of mercy comes from extending mercy outward to others. Let our prayer today ask God to raise our thoughts to his thoughts, that we too may be slow to anger, compassionate and good to all. If we rest in God's thoughts, our ways, +too, will honor the inestimable purpose of each one of God's creatures. Kimberly Hope Belcher

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'."

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Joe Hrencher, Jerome Ricke, Charlotte A. Ringer, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Mike Lynch, Ronald Ringer, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Roman Blick Jr, Eulanda (Butch) Criser, Steve Eck, Ernest Young, Deven Leis, Art Junger, Ted Hauser, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Nick Noland, Jackson Petit, Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Link of the Week: Catholic news. Founded by the U.S. Bishops in 1920
Check out: www.catholicnews.com

Parish Council Meeting

The St Boniface parish/finance council will meet Tuesday, September 22 at 7 pm in the parish center.

Adoration and Reconciliation

Come and spent an hour with the Lord in Kiowa. We will be offering adoration and reconciliation on September 23 beginning at 7 pm.

Concept of Freedom

Fr Anselm Eke, MSP, pastor of St John the Evangelist in Hoisington and St Ann's in Olmitz has recently published a new book "Concept of Freedom". The books are for sale for \$15.00 plus shipping. If you are interested, please call the parish office in Hoisington at 620-653-2963.

Mark your calendar

Bishop John will join us for Mass October 24th and 25th.

Ministry Schedule September 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 Dohrmann Marge Wright Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Allie Hoch	Derrek Randels Emma Randels
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