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Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Exodus 22:20-26 If you wrong the widow and the orphan, my wrath will flare up against you.

Reading 2: Thessalonians 1:5c-10 You turned from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	24	5:00 p.m.	ML	Floyd Spade	†	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	25	8:30 a.m.	KW	Holy Souls of Purgatory	†	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	25	10:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	27	9:00 a.m.	ML	Art Junger	†	30th Tuesday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	28	5:30 p.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	†	Feast of St. Simon and Jude
Thursday	29	8:30 a.m.	KW	Special Intentions		30th Thursday in Ordinary Time
Friday	30	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		30th Friday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	31	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ernie Young	†	Solemnity of All Saints
Sunday	1	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Solemnity of All Saints
Sunday	1	10:30 a.m.	SH	Phyllis Lightfoot	†	Solemnity of All Saints

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Who Is This God?

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." We can imagine the crowd listening to Jesus and nodding in approval. Who doesn't understand that gods demand such all-encompassing love? But Jesus continues to surprise them, and us. He says the second commandment "is like" this "greatest and first commandment." It is the commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus takes God's words to the Israelites—"You shall not wrong any widow or orphan"—and helps us to see that an offense against the poor and helpless is an offense against God.

Who is this God, concerned that the neighbor who has given his only cloak as collateral for a loan has nothing else for cover in the cold? Who is this God, linking our welcome of the alien with our duty of love to Him? Who is this God, bending down from heaven to hear the cry of the oppressed and the molested? This is God the Father revealed in Christ Jesus the Son, who says, "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Jesus links love of God with love of neighbor in such a way that the two commandments cannot be severed. Love of neighbor that is not rooted in love of God will find roots in something less, often in the desire that the rescued worship the rescuer. And love of God that does not manifest in love of neighbor will manifest in empty rites, untethered to the world God made and tends and acts to save. Melissa Musick Nussbaum

Word of Life

"The Gospel of Life is at the *heart* of Jesus' saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. ... Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Gerald Ricke, Eileen Schmidt, 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, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Evan Withrow, Gladys Christensen, Victor Blick, 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

Diocesan Youth Bible Study via Zoom

Will be on Thursdays at 7 p.m. this school year. This is for any high schooler in the diocese. There is a 12 student limit per cycle, so please register as soon as possible at this link. <https://form.jotform.com/70245772477160>.

There will be 4 cycles of the same Bible study, so please register for whichever is most convenient for you. Sessions are as follows:

Last Session: Jan. 7-Feb. 18 Session 4: Mar. 4-May 22 (excluding Holy Thursday)
Contact Emma Showalter at dcyouth@dcdiocese.org for questions.

Vote!

Pickup a copy of “Kansas Catholics and the 2020 election”. They are next to the bulletins on your way out.

A Message from Bishop Paproci, Springfield IL

You need to **think** and **pray** very carefully about your vote, because a vote for a candidate who **promotes** actions or behaviors that are intrinsically **evil** and gravely **sinful** makes you **morally complicit** and places the **eternal salvation of** your own soul in serious **jeopardy**.

Ministry Schedule October 31st – November 1st

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	Volunteer
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Michael Lynch Myra Dick Kayla Zerr Marge Wright Nathan Honas
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Volunteers
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Marge Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright