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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:4-7a The ears of those who are deaf will be cleared; and the tongue of those who are mute will sing.

Reading 2: James 2:1-5 Did not God choose the poor to be heirs of the kingdom?

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	4	5:00 p.m.	SH	Steve Eck	✠	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	5	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners	✠	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	5	10:30 a.m.	ML	Gladys Christiansen	✠	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	7	9:00 a.m.	ML	No Mass		23 rd Tuesday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	8	5:30 p.m.	ML	No Mass		Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday	9	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass		Memorial of St. Peter Claver
Friday	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		23 rd Friday in Ordinary Time
Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	SH	Vic Blick	✠	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	KW	Homebound		24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners	✠	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

Reflection: Sheltered and Shaken When I hear of the “kingdom of God” it is easy to just imagine a much better, kinder version of the world that surrounds me; I imagine the world as *I* would have it be. In that world everyone would navigate the roadways with courtesy, volunteer for local charities, and give spare change to panhandlers. We would all treat others with respect and look for respect to be returned in kind.

So, the words of the prophet hit hard. Isaiah pronounces not a significantly improved version of *my* world, but a radically transformed creation wherein the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and creation itself bursts forth with extravagant fecundity. The psalmist chimes in, singing of a world in which God liberates the oppressed, feeds the hungry, and protects strangers.

The prophet's transformed world was no utopian fantasy. It was already breaking into human history centuries ago in ancient Palestine. There, moved by the infirmity of another, a Galilean Jew groaned to heaven and offered a healing touch that, like everything he did, announced the dramatic coming of God's shalom—the world as *God* would have it be.

Yet, just a few decades later, the Letter of James tells us, a more comfortable, less unsettling world prevailed among Jesus' followers. Gathered for worship, the well-coiffed were seated prominently, as surely was their due. It's understandable; I too have earned a certain deference appropriate to my education and social standing. But the question I can't shake is this: Could it be that in my yearning for respect and respectability I am missing the great reversal? Could it really be the ones deprived of all privilege and deference who will inherit the kingdom “promised to those who love him”? Richard R. Gaillardetz

Word of Life

“The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Another Look at Abortion”

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Dohm, The Ringer Family, Earl Kuhn, Cortlyn Hill, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, John Harding, Pete Eck, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William “Bud” Becker, Gwen Spade, Vernon Rinke, Joe Hrencher, Gerard Ricke, 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:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Church News

Altaration of the Mass

Altaration at St. John Harish Hall in Kiowa beginning September 19th at 9:30am after mass and continuing every third Sunday. We are inviting the whole parish to attend and help support our 1 high school teen. The class will be on the 3rd Sunday of each Month. For more information or to register for the study, call Lindsey McMoran at 620-960-5154. Or if you are interested in any PSR Class please call.

New Phone System

The new phone system has been installed in Medicine Lodge. Eventually all calls will go through the Medicine Lodge office. The system will be programmed next week.

St. Boniface PSR

St. Boniface is currently looking for an additional PSR teacher. Please contact Shelon Schmidt if interested at 620-886-0265

Tacos in the Park

Make the park in Kiowa your lunch destination on September 6th. St John the Apostle will be having their annual fund raiser. Tacos will be served beginning at 11:00 and will continue until they are all gone.

Special Thanks

Thanks to Fr Ted for celebrating Mass in Barber county this weekend.

Ministry Schedule September 11th – 12th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Hannah Schmidt
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Ricke Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Lisa Withrow Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Vondie Landwehr Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Volunteers
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler