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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Even if a mother forgets her infant, I will never forget you

Reading 2: Do not make any judgment before the appointed time

Gospel: Do not worry about your life

Theme: Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given to you

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat.	25	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Eighth Sun. in Ordinary Time
Sun	26	8:30 a.m.	KW	Robert Loewenstein	✠	Eighth Sun. in Ordinary Time
Sun	26	10:30 a.m.	ML	Art & Omaha Tatera	✠	Eighth Sun. in Ordinary Time
Tue	28	9:00 a.m.	ML	David Rausch	✠	
Wed	1	8:00 a.m.	SH	Intention of celebrant		ASH WEDNESDAY
		6:00 p.m.	KW	Deceased women of St John Parish	✠	
		7:30 p.m.	ML	Intention of celebrant		
Thur.	2	6:00 p.m.	KW	Virgil & Allen Dean Unrein	✠	<i>Stations of the Cross then Mass</i>
Fri.	3	5:30 p.m.	SH	Larry Traffas	✠	<i>Stations of the Cross then Mass</i>
Sat.	4	5:00 p.m.	SH	Agnes Eck	✠	First Sunday of Lent
Sun	5	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		First Sunday of Lent
Sun	5	10:30 a.m.	ML	Albert Blahut	✠	First Sunday of Lent

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 4/5 – 1st Sunday

First Sunday of Lent

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March 11/12 – 2nd Sunday

Second Sunday of Lent

SHARON 5:00 p.m.	KIOWA 8:30 a.m.	Medicine Lodge 10:30 a.m.
Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Rory Traffas
Choir	Choir	Joe Hagood
Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Rory Traffas
Maddie Wells	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Anita Patterson Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Volunteer Michael Lynch Rory Traffas Jacque Traffas Myra Dick
Maddie Wells Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Matthew Piper
Ruth/Kathy	Donita Ragan	Ruth/Kathy
	Graves Family	Miles & Linda Sheldon
Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Jacque Traffas
Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright
	Paul Harbaugh	

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Lector	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
CANTOR	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrman
Lector	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
GEN INT	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
OEM	Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke Robin Inslee Marilyn Traffas Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Lisa Withrow Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
SERVERS	Brayden Schmidt Cali Scripsick Cauy Scripsick	Bailey Roberts	Dasik Clouse Grady Clouse
MUSIC	Ruth/Kathy	Donita Ragan	Ruth /Kathy
GREETER		Hoch Family	Norman and Becki Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
ROSARY	John Hern		Leroy or Diane Seiler
Collection		Chris Tharp	

Reflection: Why are ashes so popular? Their popularity, I suspect, comes from the fact that, as a symbol, they are blunt, primal, archetypal, and speak the language of the soul. We begin the season of lent with ashes on our foreheads. What is symbolized by this smudging? Perhaps the heart understands better than the head because more people go to church on Ash Wednesday than on any other day of the year, including Christmas. Lines to receive the ashes in many churches are endless. **Why?** Something inside each of us knows exactly why we take the ashes: “Dust thou art and into dust thou shalt return!” No doctor of metaphysics need explain this. Ashes are dust and dust is soil, humus; humanity and humility come from there. It is no accident that ashes have always been a major symbol within all religions. To put on ashes, to sit in ashes, is to say publicly and to yourself that you are reflective, in a penitential mode, that this is not “ordinary time” for you, that you are not in a season of celebration, that you are grieving some of the things you have done and lost, that some important work is going on silently inside you, and that you are, metaphorically and really, in the cinders of a dead fire, waiting for a fuller day in your life. Lent is a season for each of us to sit in the ashes, to spend our time, working and sitting among the cinders of the fire – grieving what we’ve done wrong, renouncing the dance, refraining from the banquet, refusing to do business as usual, waiting while some silent growth takes place within us, and simply being still so that the ashes can do their work in us.

Prayer Intentions for the Sick and Shut-Ins: Ella Rundle, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Elizabeth Terry, Lori (Hughes) Wilcox, Gary Noland, Raymond Schmidt, Cindy Archuleta

Prayer Intentions: for the members of our parish family who are serving our country in the armed forces.

For the Faithful Departed: Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Dwayne Kruckenberg, Luke Hendricks, Fern Beckerman, Omaha Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut, Richard Jaso, Gene Garrett, Max Rynerson, Floyd Spade, Elizabeth Schreiner and the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace, Amen

Parish News:

ST BONIFACE PARISH COMMITTEE: Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 1--SEE ABOVE MASS SCHEDULE!
NO regular religion classes at St Boniface or Holy Rosary. Students attend Mass with family.
(Full Lenten schedule on website calendar)

YES, LENT IS COMING: As the persons who are distributing the ashes make the Sign of the Cross on our forehead, they say: *Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel* (adapted from Mark 1:15) or *Remember, man, you*

are dust and to dust you will return (adapted from Genesis 3:19). **(The ashes are made of the palm remaining from the previous year's Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion).** Social scientists say it takes 28 days to change a habit. Lent asks us to change more than a habit. We're invited to change our priorities and the focus of our lives. Maybe that's why Lent takes a full 40 days and happens every year. There are other reasons that our Lenten journey lasts 40 days. Throughout the Bible, the number 40 holds special meaning, indicating a span of time when significant events took place. It rained on Noah and his ark for 40 days and 40 nights. Moses spent 40 days and nights with God on Mount Sinai. The Hebrew people spent 40 years wandering in the desert upon their deliverance from slavery to the Promised Land. Jonah gave the city of Nineveh 40 days in which to repent. And Jesus fasted in the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. Our time of preparation in Lent is akin to Jesus' preparation for his work. We spend 40 days fasting, praying, and giving. “By the solemn 40 days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert,” the Catechism of the Catholic Church says. We are called to live as representatives of Jesus today—even when the ashes have been washed away, even when no one is looking.

Feel free to take any of the Lenten material available in the entryway to the church.

REMINDER --LENTEN PRACTICES: Fasting and abstinence are two obligations that we accept during Lent. These are two opportunities to deepen our spiritual lives, as well.

Abstinence requires Catholics fourteen and older to abstain from eating meat on all Fridays during Lent. (Meat includes both mammals and fowl, such as chicken).

*Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means **partaking of only one full meal.** Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.*

*Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.***

STATIONS OF THE CROSS help us to reflect on the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Passion of our Lord as revealed to us in the four Gospels would offer us food for thought in understanding the immense love that Christ has for us. As our Lord was suffering on the cross, he prayed, “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” Reconciliation with others could be a good source of sanctification for us. Consider Stations as a Lenten exercise.

VOCATION VIEWS: God promises never to forget us. Choosing the God who can never forget us leads to nothing less than riches beyond measure (*Matthew 6:24-34*). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

POTATO BAR: March 19 – Fundraiser at Leisure Center 11:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Potato and fixings, salad, dessert for a free will offering.

hmmm . . . and yet another day has passed and I did not use algebra once . . . very interesting.