

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas
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September 17th, 2023
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Sirach 27:30-28:7 Forgive you neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.

Reading 2: Romans 14:7-9 Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	16	5:00 p.m.	SH	Kasondra Hern Mantey	✠	The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17	10:30 a.m.	KW	Jerry LeClair Family		The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	19	8:30 a.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Tuesday of the 24 th Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	20	6:00 p.m.	ML	Herbie Landwehr	✠	Wednesday of the 24 th Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester		Thursday of the 24 th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	22	8:30 a.m.	SH	Steve M. Eck & Family		Friday of the 24 th Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	23	5:00 p.m.	SH	Helen Eck	✠	The 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	8:30 a.m.	ML	Floyd Spade	✠	The 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		The 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Jesus encourages us in the gospel to be relentless in forgiving one another. To Peter's question **"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"** Jesus answered, **"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."** In scripture, the number seven often symbolizes completion or perfection. Hence, in the mind of Peter, being able to forgive one's neighbor seven times meant achieving the best, or the ultimate, and he should be applauded. Jesus however thinks that there is no limit to being good to our neighbors. We just have to continue forgiving one another because God's forgiveness is limitless, and his mercy and love endure forever. This is what we Christians are called to demonstrate to the world. **"Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."** (Lk. 11:14)

If we fail to do so, then the fate of the servant who refused to forgive the debt of his fellow servant, despite the fact that he has been early on forgiving a higher debt, will be ours. **"Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults."** (Sir. 28:7). – Fr. Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **NCYC Fundraiser:** Please remember that the youth will continue to sell raffle tickets for a chance to win \$1,000! The drawing will take place on September 24th after Mass at Holy Rosary. Tickets are \$20 a piece or six for \$100. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming fundraiser events.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Please join us for a come-and-go reception honoring Ellis & Trude Mayfield's 75th Wedding Anniversary. The reception will take place on September 23rd, 2023 from 9 a.m. – noon at Holy Rosary Parish.
- **Attention Holy Rosary:** We are in need of a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade PSR teacher. Classes are on Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., and multiple people could fill in the opening and only have to take one or two weeks a month if that is an option for folks who aren't available every week. Please contact PSR Director, Cheri Dohrmann, at 620-886-1574, or email at cdohrmann@usd254.org if you need more information.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Ken Ricke, The Ringer Family, Jim Pulliam, Kelli Young, Vonda Landwehr, Kathy & John Dohm, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Jaunita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick.

For the Faithful Departed:

Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Mabel Boor, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Shirley LeClair, Norman Fischer, Peyton Theis, Sandy Blick, George Holder, Herbie Landwehr, Dennis Boor, Kenny Larkin, Londa Fischer, Ronald Ringer, 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, Luke Fisher.

THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Kathy Dohm (September 21st), Kay Dohm (September 22nd), Ron Ricke (September 22nd), Sheila Ricke (September 22nd), Wanda Harding (September 23rd)

Anniversaries: Ellis & Trude Mayfield (September 23rd)

Ministry Schedule for September 23rd-24th

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Amanda Ricke	Darryl Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Darryl Honas
General Intercessions	John Hern	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Darryl Honas Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler
Servers	Jacob Eck Brandon Fischer	Volunteer	Derrek Randels
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteers
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Steve Eck		Volunteer

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