

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas
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September 24th, 2023
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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	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
Tuesday	26	8:30 a.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Tuesday of the 25 th Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	27	6:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Wednesday of the 25 th Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	28	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sandy Blick	✠	Thursday of the 25 th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	29	8:30 a.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	✠	Friday of the 25 th Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	30	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		The 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	01	8:30 a.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	The 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	01	10:30 a.m.	KW	George Holder	✠	The 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

God is faithful to the promise he has made to us in Christ Jesus; salvation and nothing else. In discharging our duties as people called to be at work with Christ, there is no need to compare ourselves with others or compete with anyone. Our competition should rather be with ourselves, making sure that we improve upon our daily performances, looking at our performances in Christ, who is the mirror that reflects the standard performance of those who are called to serve his Father, the landowner. This is why St. Paul, giving himself to us as an example, tells us in the second reading that his desired goal is that Christ will be magnified in his body, whether by life or by death. **“My eager expectation and hope is that I shall not be put shame in any way, but that with all boldness...Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.”** (Phil. 1:20) What Paul is actually saying here is that his outmost desire is to make his love for the people he was ministering to grow more and more, even if he had to lose his life for the faith. There is, therefore, the need for us to make progress, to grow and keep on growing towards the perfection that we are called to attain in Christ Jesus.

The Prophet Isaiah cautions us to avoid wasting our time on things that are inimical to our salvation. **“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.”** (Is. 55:6) There is the need for **introspection**. If we find ourselves to be wayward and not doing what is expected of us, then we need to pay particular attention to the words of the prophet, **“Let the scoundrel forsake his way and the wicked his thoughts; let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God who is generous in forgiving.”** (Is.55:7) – Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **NCYC Fundraisers:** Please plan to support the youth by attending the upcoming fundraisers for NCYC! St. Boniface will be hosting a soup supper fundraiser event after Mass on **Saturday, Sept. 30th**. There will also be a biscuits and gravy breakfast fundraiser following Mass at Holy Rosary on **Sunday, October 15th**. Both events will be free will donation. All funds go to support the kids attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November.
- **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, which is a great 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.
- **Attention to all Parishes:** The Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass will be celebrated Oct. 22, 3:00 pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Bishop John Brungardt invites couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, or other significant anniversary in 2023, and guests, to this special Matrimony Anniversary Mass and dinner. Register by Oct. 9 online at <https://form.jotform.com/90425952763160>.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Raeann Rucker, 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, Juanita 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: Trude Mayfield (September 25th), Braden Fischer (September 26th), Ken Ricke (September 27th), Leigh Schreiner (September 28th), Lawrence Smith (September 29th), Paul Totty (September 29th), Lisa Fischer (October 1st)

Anniversaries: Tim & Pat Traffas (September 25th), Roger & Twila Angell (September 30th)

Ministry Schedule for September 30th-October 1st

Week 5	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	John Miller	Nathan Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Margie Eck	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Elaine Trantham	Tom Tharp	Judd Dohrmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Jacque Totty Paul Totty Scott Dohm	Yvonne Harbaugh Delores Moreno John Forester	John Hagood Leroy Seiler Daryl Honas
Servers	Drake Schmidt Ashtyn Schmidt Sidney Swingle	Volunteer	Tony Miller
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			K of C Members
Sacristan	Jacque Totty	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

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