

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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October 15th, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 25:6-10a The Lord will prepare a feast and wipe away the tears from every face.

Reading 2: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 I can do all things in him who strengthens me.

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 Invite to the wedding feast whomever you find.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	14	5:00 p.m.	SH	KaSondra Hern Mantey	✠	The 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	15	8:30 a.m.	ML	Zailynn Glen & Family		The 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	15	10:30 a.m.	KW	Travis & Cayla Hoch		The 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	17	8:30 a.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	Tuesday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	18	6:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Wednesday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	19	8:30 a.m.	KW	Ig & Martina Flax	✠	Thursday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	20	8:30 a.m.	SH	Herbie Landwehr	✠	Friday of the 28 th Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	21	5:00 p.m.	SH	For the Seminarians of the Dodge City Diocese		The 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	22	8:30 a.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	The 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	22	10:30 a.m.	KW	Londa Fischer	✠	The 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

The scripture readings of today express the universal nature of salvation of humanity through Jesus Christ our Lord. Even though scripture indicates the choice of Israel as the first nation to be called by Yahweh to be his people, this invitation is extended to all humanity through Jesus Christ. The refusal of the Jews to accept the invitation through Christ, as shown by the attitude of the invited guests who gave flimsy excuses, opened the way for the entire humanity to be invited to share in the salvation of God through Jesus Christ. Even though all are meant to benefit from the benevolence of God and finally share in his salvation, everyone needs to be worthy of it. We cannot take God's generosity for granted; it is a merited generosity which should be earned meritoriously.

Once we have accepted the invitation of God through Christ, our former state of life is not so much important. That was the reason why the servants of the king gathered all they found, the bad and good alike. What is necessary is a change of attitude and a change of heart, so that we will be found worthy of attendance at the feast and sharing in the riches of the kingdom. This is what is alluded to as a wedding garment in the parable. The wedding garment that is required of us is the manifestation of a proper attitude to life and a life of righteousness. Even though the one who was thrown out had accepted the invitation and went to the feast, he was still clothed with an attitude of arrogance and its related characteristic traits that did not befit a guest of the king. Once we accept God's invitation to be part of his kingdom, once we become Christians, we need to work on ourselves by the grace of God in order to be fit for the kingdom. Like the underdressed guest we can still be judged unfit for the banquet if we fail to work on our character for it to correspond with the parameters with which we are to be measured, and we will be thrown out. We will miss the Kingdom of God. – Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Blessing of the Animals will take place on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Rosary parking lot. Please bring your pets and join us for a special blessing.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** If you notice that your birthday/anniversary is wrong or is missing in the celebration section of the bulletin, please email the correction to secretary@barbercountycatholic.org. Thank you!
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Everyone is invited to join the Prayer Line via email for needed prayers for our community of parishioners when they are in need. The email address is: cdohrmann@usd254.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

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

For the Faithful Departed:

Ruth Blick, John Dohm, 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: Mary Ohl (October 16th), Ryan Dohm (October 16th), Phil Wagner (October 17th), Jacob Eck (October 18th), Casey Randels (October 19th)

Anniversaries: Travis & Cayla Hoch (October 15th), Jeremy & Julie Thompson (October 16th), Danny & Katie Hayes (October 18th)

Ministry Schedule for October 21st – October 22nd

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	Darryl Honas
Rosary	Steve Eck		Volunteer

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