

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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July 21st, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Jeramiah 23-6 "I will gather the remnant of my flock and appoint shepherds for them."

Reading 2: Ephesians 2:13-18 "Christ is our peace who made both one."

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34 "They were like sheep without a shepherd."

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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	20	5:00 p.m.	ML	Rob Koger		Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	21	10:30 a.m.	SH	Rayann Rucker	✠	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	23	8:30 a.m.	ML	Joe & Jana Strecker 50 th Wedding Anniverary		Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Wednesday	24	6:00 p.m.	ML	Jacqueline Wood	✠	Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Thursday	25	8:30 a.m.	KW	Norman Fischer	✠	Thursday of the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Friday	26	8:30 a.m.	SH	Sandy Ricke	✠	Friday of the Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time
Saturday	27	5:00 p.m.	ML	Walter Gruenbacher	✠	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	28	8:30 a.m.	KW	Londa Fischer	✠	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	28	10:30 a.m.	SH	Ron Noland	✠	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

St. Paul makes it clear to us in the second reading from his letter to the Ephesians that in Christ all of us who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ. Brothers and sisters, sin has scattered us far away from God our Father. We have been taken into slavery by sin, but the blood of Christ has cleansed us and brought us back into the love of God so as to have peace in him. **Christ came to preach peace to humanity and has given us a share in the Spirit of the Father through his redemptive acts of death and resurrection.** It is incumbent on us to take advantage of the opportunity given to us as Christians to fully share in peace of God brought to us by Christ. We therefore need to open our ears of faith and respond to the invitation of Christ and journey with him into the love and peace of the Father. Jesus says: **"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (Jn. 10:27)**

Are we sure our ears are actually opened to hear the invitation of the good shepherd so as to follow him? If we do thorough introspection and find out that we have been impervious to the invitation of God through Jesus, then we cannot say with the Psalmist today that: **The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want**, because by our own actions, we have decided to forfeit the verdant pastures where Jesus will give us repose and refresh our souls. When Jesus the good shepherd has brought us to himself, he feeds us with the good news, refreshes us and sends us to share the love and peace of God to the whole world. As we gather around the Lord today and are being fed by his word and sacrament, he will once again send us into our homes, communities and work places to spread the good news of his love to others. Will our reports be satisfactory like those of the apostles? Will Jesus invite us also to come with him and rest for a while because he is pleased with us? Will others be encouraged to accompany us to Jesus because they identify us as the bearers of the good news? How much is our faith drawing others to Christ?

-Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **Catholic Family Conference:** We have programs and speakers for all ages at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference August 2-4, in Wichita, KS. Help your child explore how to bring the light of Christ into their hearts and their future in the children's, middle school, and high school programs. Registration available on-site or online at www.catholicfamilyconference.org or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to info@catholicfamilyconference.org
- **Totus Tuus:** The success of Totus Tuus was made possible by the efforts of many volunteers. Fr. Emmanuel, thank you for your presence and for the masses, confessions and adoration; you are greatly appreciated! Thank you to all those who provided lunches for the team and Fr. Emmanuel. Daryl and Margie, thank you for housing Jorge. To all those who provided the delicious evening dinners, thank you. A BIG thank you to Shirley Ditgen and Kathy Dohm for their daily help with the elementary students. Thank you also to Aaron Schreiner for the water tank and Dave & Carol Scripsick for the fire truck for the closing activities. Thank you to the students and their parents who gave support to the program. To those parents who were unable to bring their children: we hope you are able to join in on the opportunity to learn and share our faith next year! It was a joyful week!
- **St. Boniface Cemetery Notice:** All items that impede mowing and trimming must be moved from the cemetery for the summer mowing season.
- **Diocesan Eucharistic Congress:** All are invited to attend the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress (bilingual) September 13-15, 2024 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. The weekend will include prayer, adoration, witness talks, the Holy Mass, an outdoor Eucharistic Procession and more. There will be a special youth event as well. For more information or to register, please visit <https://www.dcdiocese.org/40hours>

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Jim Pulliam, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck and Herbie Landwehr.

For the Faithful Departed:

Bill Nittler, Beatrice Ricke, Dennis & Mabel Boor, Ruth Blick, John Dohm, Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Alicia J. Widdows, Jacqueline Woods, Kelly Capansky, Rayann Rucker 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, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for July 27th-28th

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/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler
Servers	Ashtyn Schmidt Lane Crenner Dexton Schmidt	Volunteer	Derrek Randels
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteers
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Darryl Honas
Rosary	Steve Eck		Charlotte Ringer

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