

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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August 25th, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b "We will serve the Lord, for He is our God."

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:21-32 "This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the Church."

Gospel: John 6:60-69 "To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	24	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	25	8:30 a.m.	KW	Norman Fischer	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	25	10:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	27	8:30 a.m.	ML	Herb Durant		Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	28	6:00 p.m.	ML	Eric & Corona Hoch Anniversary		Wednesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	29	8:30 a.m.	KW	Rayann Rucker	✠	Thursday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	30	8:30 a.m.	SH	Steve Eck	✠	Friday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	31	5:00 p.m.	ML	Bob & Pat Graves (71 st Anniversary)	✠	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	01	8:30 a.m.	KW	For an increase in religious vocations in Diocese of Dodge City		Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	01	10:30 a.m.	SH	Casey Eck (Birthday)		Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

In our first reading of today, Joshua, the successor of Moses, invited the leaders of the twelve tribes of Israel to the presence of God in Shechem. The reason being that the people of Israel needed a renewal of heart for them to be able to possess the promised land. This was because some of their ancestors sinned by drifting from the covenant they made with God. In the meeting, Joshua drew their attention to all that the Lord did for them. Despite this, some turned away from God and worshiped other gods. To continue, Joshua asked them to decide to honor and serve God sincerely before they entered the promised Land. So, he asked them to make a choice. "Decide today whom you will serve; the gods your fathers served beyond the river or the gods of Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Jos24: 15). It must be noted that life is all about the choices we make. Like Joshua, we are all encouraged to make the right choice of serving the Lord sincerely.

In the gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples that **"My flesh is the real food; my blood is the real drink. Those who eat my flesh live in me, and I live in them"**. Many of his disciples said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (Jn 6:60). Because of that many of them left him and went away. Jesus then turned to the twelve disciples and asked them, **"Do you also want to leave?"** (Jn 6:67). Here, Jesus gave them the opportunity to also make a choice. Peter therefore responded on behalf of the twelve disciples saying, **"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"**. As Catholics, do we really believe that the Bread we eat, and the Cup we drink are indeed **the Body and Blood of Jesus?** I wish to remind all of us that, on Holy Thursday, before his arrest, Jesus instituted Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our faith. **The Holy Eucharist is the real presence of Jesus.** Let us join the Diocese of Dodge City in the celebration of the Eucharistic Congress, to tell the whole world that, **Jesus is the Bread of Life, he lives among us.** -Fr. Patrick

CHURCH NEWS

- **Seeking PSR DRE:** St. Boniface PSR program is seeking a PSR DRE for the 2024-2025 school year. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Mary Pat Eck, the parish secretary, by email at secretary@barbercountycatholic.org or phone at 314-681-0255.
- **Fr. Emmanuel's Trip to Ghana:** Attention all Parishioners, Fr. Emmanuel will be leaving for Ghana on September 13th and returning October 22nd. If there is anything that needs to be brought to Fr. Emmanuel's attention please do so soon, before he leaves for his trip.
- **Dechant Foundation Golf Classic for Priest Retirement:** Join us at Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City. This 4-person scramble will be Friday September 6, with shotgun start at 10:30 am. Not a golfer? There are sponsorship opportunities, learn more at dcdiocese.org/dechant or email ehaselhorst@dcdiocese.org
- **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>
- **Etiquette for Readers:** When it is your time to read or Proclaim the Old & New Testament, if you come down the middle aisle, approach the Altar and bow. If you come from the side aisle, you step over to the middle, approach the altar and bow from there. After reading, reverse your steps and return to your seat.

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 August 31st-September 1st

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Elaine Trantham	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Kay Koger
General Intercessions	Lane Crenner/John Hern	Rick Hitchcock	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Brenda Wright Kay Koger Nathan Honas
Servers	Lane Crenner Sidney Swingle Ashtyn Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteer
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Brenda Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright

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