

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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September 14th, 2025

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Numbers 21:4b-9 "Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived."

Reading 2: Philippians 2:6-11 "He humbled himself; because of this God greatly exalted him."

Gospel: John 3:13-17 "So the Son of Man must be lifted up."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	13	5:00 p.m.	SH	Vernon Eck Family		Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	14	10:30 a.m.	ML	Brad Mantooth	✠	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	16	8:30 a.m.	ML	Greg Shinliver	✠	Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	17	6:00 p.m.	ML	Souls in Purgatory to be Released to Heaven	✠	Wednesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	18	8:30 a.m.	KW	Bob and Lori Schrock	✠	Thursday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	19	8:30 a.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	✠	Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	20	5:00 p.m.	SH	Helen Eck	✠	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Rosella Meitl	✠	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	21	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

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While the fruit of the forbidden tree caused the fall of man, its wood was used for the Cross on which Christ died to save the world. Conscious of her salvation through the death of Christ, the Church exalts the Holy Cross as the symbol of hope. The reality which the Cross shows symbolically is the sacrifice of Christ for our salvation. Christ took this sacrifice upon himself out of humility, as we heard in our second reading: "**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.**" (Phil. 2: 6-8) Christ's sacrifice is the expression of the Father's love us: "**For God so love the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.**" (Jn. 3:16) We can therefore deduce from this, that the love we have for God, which we show in the sacrifices we make for others, is the perfect way we carry our crosses and follow Christ. In doing this, we individually exalt the Cross of Christ.

As we celebrate this feast today, let us remember that the Cross is the apex of God's love for humanity. it is the instrument on which the horrible history of sinful humanity has been rewritten in words of love. We should not be afraid to look at the cross, as it is a true sign of victory against sin and death. The cross once bore the fruit of death; today, it bears life for those who desire to savor its fruits. Fear not, therefore, brothers and sisters, to look at the cross, hang it on the doorpost of your home, offices, or around your neck. We draw strength from it when the challenges and setbacks of this world outweigh us. Looking at our Savior bearing our death, we triumph with and through him. -*Father Emmanuel*

CHURCH NEWS

- **Fr. Emmanuel's Trip to Ghana** - Fr. Emmanuel will be leaving for Ghana on October 1st and returning November 7th. If there is anything that needs brought to Fr. Emmanuel's attention please do so soon, before he leaves for his trip.
- **Heartland Center for Spirituality Presents: Ordinary Faith: The Story of Ruth, Naomi (and Boaz)** Join presenters Ann Axman, Dyan Axman, and Jeff Koch for an enriching day of reflection on the story of Ruth and Naomi. This timeless biblical narrative offers inspiration and practical wisdom for today, reminding us how ordinary life is interwoven with God's purpose—often revealed in unexpected ways. On Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Register is \$60 per person with lunch included and the deadline is September 26th.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Carol Walker, Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, and Mary Eck.

For the Faithful Departed:

Brad Mantooth, Bob and Lori Schrock, Eileen Schmidt, Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, Londa Fischer, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, 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, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for September 20th – 21st

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Randie Landwehr	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Lawrence Smith Scott Dohm	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Jerome Ricke
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	Lawrence Smith	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke