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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Ezekiel must warn God's people of their sinful ways.

Reading 2: Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another.

Gospel: Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am amid them.

Theme: Our shared responsibility in humanity's journey to holiness.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	09	5:00 p.m.	SH	Ray Schmidt	✠	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	10	8:30 a.m.	KW	For the sick		Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	10	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	12	9:00 a.m.	ML	For all the souls in Purgatory	✠	
Wednesday	13	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ray Schmidt	✠	
Thursday	14	8:30 a.m.	KW	For all the souls in Purgatory	✠	
Friday	15	9:00 a.m.	ML	For all the souls in Purgatory	✠	
Saturday	16	5:00 p.m.	SH	Ray Schmidt	✠	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	17	10:30 a.m.	ML	Floyd Spade	✠	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Owe Nothing But Love. Many years ago a close friend betrayed me. A teaching position I'd long been aiming for suddenly opened up at the university where I taught, but when I turned to my friend and colleague for advice on how to get the job, he was evasive and noncommittal. Only when someone else had been hired did I find out why: my colleague had recommended I not even be considered for the post. Baffled and furious, I took an early retirement, declaring to myself that I never wanted to see him or the campus again. Fifteen years later, I bumped into him at a funeral. I was shocked at how old and careworn he looked. Before I could stop myself, I was embracing him, my eyes filling with tears of...what? Could this be love I was feeling? Love is the energizing force behind biblical teachings that forbid us from harming others. At first, we try our best to obey those rules because we are afraid of what will happen if we don't. Then, after what seems a lifetime of learning how to set aside our temptations toward envy, vengefulness, and self-pity, something new begins to reveal itself in us. We realize that we are no longer capable of wishing evil upon our neighbor, no matter what he has done. The law has been fulfilled in us. As I hugged the friend who had once betrayed me, the room seemed suddenly awash in the light of Christ. ~~Paula Huston

VIBRANT MINISTRIES

WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US MEET OUR GOAL? If you have yet to share your gifts for this vital effort in our diocese, please pray about the many blessings God has placed in your life and the sacrifice you can make to support the work of our Priests who serve us, those in need, our faith and our God. Together with your help we can reach our goal.

Response to call. Appeal reaches \$9.1 million. Holy Rosary Catholic Church reached 62%, 32 gifts totaling \$55,645. St. Boniface reached 51%, 33 gifts totaling \$58,800. St. John reached 55%, 29 gifts totaling \$77,670. To offer a gift: online donations, go to www.dcdiocese.org/vibrant-ministries or you can mail your pledge to Vibrant Ministries Appeal, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City,

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO WALINDA BY NOON TUESDAY TO ccbc@sctelcom.net

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Sister Catherine Therese, Laurie Hiltner, Sue Smith, Miles Sheldon, Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Cindy Archuleta

For the Faithful Departed:

Gary Noland, Ray Schmidt, Ted Brown, Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Dwayne Kruckenberg, Luke Hendricks, Fern Beckerman, Omaha Tatera, Agnes Eck, Larry Traffas, William (Bill) Hitchcock, John Ditgen, Dave Rausch, Albert Blahut and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

Church News

St. Boniface Alter Society

Meeting – Monday, September 11th at 6:00pm – Parish Center. Bring a salad to enjoy with all for the beginning of our new year. Roll call will be a State Fair story or memory.

Hurricane Relief

Bishop Brungardt asks that we support those dealing with Hurricane Harvey through these channels:

<https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

<https://txcatholic.org/harvey/>

Heartland Center Retreat

ACTS—Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, a three day/three-night Catholic lay retreat will be held at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend. The women's retreat will be held September 7-10th, 2017 and the men's retreat will be November 16-19, 2017. Cost is \$175 per person, which includes all meals and accommodations for the three-day weekend. Deadline for registration and payment for the women's retreat is September 1st and for the men's retreat, November 10th. Registration forms are available at <http://greatbendcatholic.com>.

Fruit of the Vine – Work of Human Hands

In the late 1990's and early 2000's the diocese sponsored a program called "God's Little Green Acre," a program to support seminarian education in the Diocese of Dodge City. The program is now called "Fruit of the Vine – Work of Human Hands" and offers two ways to participate:

Fruit of the Vine is for individuals who would like to pledge profits from their earthly labors, such as profits from crop production, sale of livestock, oil production, wind generation profits, etc.

Work of Human Hands is designed for individuals or businesses who would like to pledge a portion of their business profits, annual income or simply give a cash donation to support our seminarians within the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City.

Participation in the program will not only support our seminarians, but we will provide you a plaque or yard sign as a reminder to others to pray for vocations, and will encourage others to participate as well. For more information about "Fruit of the Vine – Work of Human Hands" please contact: Mark W. Roth, Director of Development – Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801 – Phone (620)227-1535 or via email at mroth@dcdiocese.org

March for Life

Prince of Peace Catholic Church-Great Bend will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 17-21, 2018. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March For Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally; more information can be found at www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx. Cost of the trip is \$375 per person. Registration is available from your parish office. There is a \$50 nonrefundable reservation fee, due at time of registration for Great Bend Parishioners, Sept. 14, and outside Great Bend, Oct. 2, with final payment due Dec. 11. For more information contact Jaclyn Brown, Director of Youth and Adult Ministries, @ 620.792.1396 or youth@gbpeace.kscoxmail.com.

Ministry Schedule September 16-17

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Pam Malone	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Mike Rogers
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Kyla Alojacin
Eucharistic Ministers	Scott Dohm Heather Rankin Sandy Ricke Doug Schmidt Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Susan Ricke Jerome Ricke Kathleen Pennock
Servers	Rachel Fischer Cole Fischer Branden Fischer	Bailey Roberts	Jhayla Alojacin Karlyle Alojacin
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Takira Blick	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Archuleta Family	Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	John Dohm	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke