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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: You cannot expect God to be merciful to you if you are not merciful to others.
Reading 2: We must be compassionate when dealing with fellow believers.
Gospel: Not seven times but seventy-seven times to forgive others.
Theme: Regarding forgiveness, we must forgive as many times as possible, keep going.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	19	9:00 a.m.	ML	For the intention of donors		
Wednesday	20	6:30 p.m.	SH	Ray Schmidt	✠	Mass at the Sharon park
Thursday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	For the intention of donors		
Friday	22	9:00 a.m.	ML	For the intention of donors		
Saturday	23	5:00 p.m.	SH	Ray Schmidt	✠	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	8:30 a.m.	KW	For the intention of donors		Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Remember the Mercy. God's forgiveness knows no limits; it is greater than anything we can imagine, and it comes to all who know in their hearts that they have done wrong and desire to return to him. God looks at the heart that seeks forgiveness. The problem, unfortunately, comes whenever we have to deal with a brother or sister who has even slightly offended us. The reaction described in the parable describes it perfectly: "He seized him by the throat and said, 'Pay what you owe!'" (Matt 18:28). Here we encounter all the drama of our human relationships. When we are indebted to others, we expect mercy; but when others are indebted to us, we demand justice! All of us do this. It is a reaction unworthy of Christ's disciples, nor is it the sign of a Christian style of life. Jesus teaches us to forgive and to do so limitlessly: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times" (v.22). What he offers us is the Father's love, not our own claims to justice. To trust in the latter alone would not be the sign that we are Christ's disciples who have obtained mercy at the foot of the cross solely by virtue of the love of the Son of God. Let us not forget, then, the harsh saying at the end of the parable: "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart" (v.35). ~Pope Francis, *Meditation at Assisi*, August 4, 2016

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

Holy Rosary PSR

Holy Rosary PSR classes will kick off on Wednesday evening, September 20th, 2017, with a supper for the entire family beginning at 6:30pm at the church. Food and drink will be provided, just bring your appetite. ☺ Any questions? Contact Cheri Dohrmann at cdohrmann@usd254.org.

Confirmation

Holy Rosary will be offering the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday evening, February 28th, 2018, with Mass beginning at 7:00pm. The Sacramental preparation training will be open to 6th graders through adults who choose to be confirmed. The majority of the training will take place during our regular Wednesday evening classes. Questions can be directed to PSR Director Cheri Dohrmann at cdohrmann@usd254.org.

St. Boniface PSR

St. Boniface PSR will begin the year with a Mass in the park, September 20th, 2017 at 6:30pm. Ice cream and cookies will be served following the Mass. ***Please remember to bring your own lawn chairs.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served after the 9:00 am Mass on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at Holy Rosary.

Hurricane Relief

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

<http://catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

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

Diocesan Director of Matrimony, Family Life & Natural Family Planning

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is seeking a Director of the Matrimony, Family Life & Natural Family Planning office (MFLNFP). The MFLNFP office is responsible for programs for the Diocese in these areas and is responsible for organizing and directing efforts to involve volunteers in programs and services within the Diocese including 48 parishes in 28 counties. Initial efforts will be focused on the Cathedral Parish and regional workshops/meetings/listening sessions. The Director oversees internal and external communications and outreach for the Diocese with the use of print, web, and other media forms. Prefer Bachelor's Degree in related area, proficient verbal and written communication skills, bilingual (English/Spanish) preferred. To request additional information on position specifications and requirements and/or to apply: Email cover letter and resume to tlampe@dcdiocese.org or mail to Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, Attn: Human Resources, 910 Central, Dodge City, KS 67801. (620)227-1534.

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 23-24

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Londa Fischer	Loretta Boor
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Steve Roberts	Daryl Honas
General Intercessions	Volunteer	Steve Roberts	Dakota Dohrmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Margie Eck Anne Schreiner Todd Fischer Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrmann Diane Seiler Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Bailey Roberts	Derrek Randels Emma Randels Kassidy Rambat
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		McMoran Family	Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Volunteer		Charlotte Ringer