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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 55: 6-9 God's ways are so much higher than ours.

Reading 2: Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-6a Are you envious because I am generous.

Theme: God's mercy and his wonderful generosity reach out to all of us.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	26	9:00 a.m.	ML	For the intention of donors		
Wednesday	27	8:30 a.m.	SH	Elmer Weber	†	
Thursday	28	8:30 a.m.	KW	For the intention of donors		
Friday	29	9:00 a.m.	ML	For the intention of donors		
Saturday	30	5:00 p.m.	SH	For the intention of donors		Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	01	8:30 a.m.	KW	Dwayne Kruckenberg	†	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	01	10:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Apparently. The Presbyterian preacher and writer M. Craig Barnes once wrote: "God is always present, but not always apparent." I think part of our job is to change that – to help others see God's work in the world. St. Paul touches on a similar idea today in his letter to the Philippians, declaring, "Christ will be magnified in my body." Paul wanted to bring that kind of clarity, the clarity of Christ, to others. And he exhorted his readers, the people of Philippi, to do likewise: "Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ." That is one tall order. And it challenges us to ask ourselves: Is it an order I can carry out? Do I live in a way "worthy of the Gospel of Christ"? Do others see reflected in my life and my choices the teachings of Christ? Do I *magnify* the Lord? Do I enlarge him, proclaiming him in a way that is clear and unmistakable, with tenderness and mercy and generosity and hope? Or do I keep him inscrutable, illegible, small? Part of our call is to serve as magnifying glasses for the Gospel. We need to remember that God is always present – but strive to live in a way that also makes God apparent.

~~Deacon Greg Kandra

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

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.

Hurricane Relief

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

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

ACTS Retreat

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

Matrimony Anniversary Mass

The Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass will be celebrated October 15th, 3pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Bishop John Brungardt invites couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 50+ years in 2017, and guests, to this special matrimony anniversary Mass and dinner. Register by October 4th online at: www.dcdiocese.org (click on icon found on the homepage).

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 30 - October 1

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Rory Traffas
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Anita Patterson Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Rory Traffas Jacque Traffas Michael Lynch Myra Dick Volunteer
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Matthew Piper
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Jacque Traffas
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright