

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Is 56:1, 6-7 "I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain."

Reading 2: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 "The gifts and the call of God for Israel are irrevocable."

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28 "O woman, great is your faith."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	15	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	16	8:30 a.m.	SH	Vesta & Kenneth Baxter	✠	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	16	10:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester	✠	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	18	8:30 a.m.	ML	Nathan Honas		Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	19	6:00 p.m.	ML	Rob Koger	✠	Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	20	9:00 a.m.	KW	Bob & Lori Schrock	✠	Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	21	8:30 a.m.	SH	Verle & Skeet Lou	✠	Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	22	5:00 p.m.	ML	Kenny & VaDonna Dohrman & heirs		Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	23	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Ditgen	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	23	10:30 a.m.	KW	Monty Williams	✠	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Please consider having a Mass said for a loved one.

PARISH NEWS

Father will be having **Adoration** after Mass next Sunday in Kiowa for one hour. He will schedule **Adoration** in Medicine Lodge and Sharon soon. Listen for an announcement after Mass for up-to-date information.

Interested? Curious? Wondering? Registration for this Fall's session of **Christian Initiation of Adults** (OCIA) is open. This is the process by which individuals and families join the Catholic Church. Call Brian Withrow @ [620-213-0391](tel:620-213-0391), Margie Eck @ [620-886-0593](tel:620-886-0593), or Carol Ricke @ [620-886-0131](tel:620-886-0131) for more information.

If you are an older child or an adult and you like word puzzles, you may find the **Children's Bulletins – ages 7+ fun to do**. They are cherry colored alongside the other bulletins. Let me know if I need to print more!

Protecting God's Children Awareness Session 1 is available on Sunday, August 23 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Contact Mike Shartz at 620-227-6532 or mike.schartz@deshcs.com. Session 2 is on August 25 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Holy Family School (Parish Center) in Great Bend. Contact Debbie Hagans at 620-793-3265.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Lunch and Learn: Planning with Purpose: A Catholic Approach to Your Future with Julie Haas, Estate Attorney. August 19, 2026@ 12:10 PM via Zoom: <https://newmanu.zoom.us/j/96636427852>

On Saturday, August 29, 2026, Heartland Center for Spirituality (3600 Broadway Great Bend, KS) will host "**Sowing Light**," a retreat led by Fr. Bob Schremmer. The retreat will be held from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** The cost is \$40, which includes lunch. For more information or to register, contact Ann Axman at **620-792-1232** or email ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org, or register online at <https://heartlandspirituality.org/sowing-light/>.

DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY: 75TH Celebration – Come celebrate on September 12 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mass, Confessions, Adoration, Artifacts, and lunch will be available throughout the day. See the flyers on the bulletin boards for the schedule or visit <https://www.dcdiocese.org/bulletin-corner/57767-diocesan-anniversary-75th-anniversary-run-through-september-6> for more information. Any parish-trained altar servers are invited to serve at the Solemn Anniversary Mass at 10:00 am. For instructions, please plan to meet in the Cathedral gathering space at (9:00 am - an hour before Mass). If possible, please bring a server alb from your parish. To indicate your willingness to serve or for further questions, please contact Fr. John Stang at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org or call 620-227-1535.

The **Dominican Sisters of Peace** invite you to an **Open House of their Motherhouse** at 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS on Sunday, Sept 27. The Open House includes displays about the Sisters' history, ministries, and other memorabilia. Tours will be offered of the Sister's Chapel and the Heritage Room. Come take the opportunity to visit with the Sisters before the Motherhouse closes at the end of 2026.

Adult formation classes/sessions will be offered Fall 2026. For more information including dates and times, check out the following website: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/af>.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single Catholic women ages 18–45 to a **prayerful retreat** from Friday, October 2, through Sunday, October 4, 2026. Through prayer, reflection, and fellowship, participants will have the opportunity to listen for God's voice and explore what it means to be called to live with courage, humility, and hope as a Dominican Sister of Peace. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. For more information, visit: oppeace.org/becomeasister or contact Ana Gonzalez, OP, at Ana.gonzalez@oppeace.org, or call/text 475-224-0519.

Diocesan **Monthly Notes** are found at <https://www.dcdiocese.org/diocesan-news/monthly-notes>.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins: Ronald Smith, Hugh Rankin, Joyce Noland, Angel Mondragon's mother, Patricia Cargill, Harold Curtis, Nathan Honas, Delmar Ricke, Susan Ricke, Ellen Young, Bob Randels, Carol Walker, Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, and Mary Eck.

For the Faithful Departed: Greg Whelan, Ralph Dick, Kay Dohm, JoAnn Rinke, Dick Austin, Brad Mantooth, Bob and Lori Schrock, Eileen Schmidt, Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military: Gavin Gross, Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Michael Castaneda.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
Week 4 – 8/22-8/23	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Amanda Ricke	Darryl Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Darryl Honas
General Intercessions	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteers
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Darryl Honas
Rosary	Steve Eck		Volunteer
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