

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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August 23, 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Is 22:19-23 "I will place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder."

Reading 2: Rom 11:33-36 "From God and through him and for him are all things."

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20 "You are Peter, and to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	25	8:30 a.m.	ML	Souls in Purgatory be released to heaven	✠	Tuesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	26	6:00 p.m.	ML	Dean, Marie, & Brad Mantooth	✠	Wednesday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	27	9:00 a.m.	KW	Dwayne Kruckenberg	✠	Thursday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	28	8:30 a.m.	SH	Knights of Columbus members		Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	29	5:00 p.m.	ML	Edwin Simon	✠	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	30	8:30 a.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	✠	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	30	10:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester		Twenty-Second 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 Stephen is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during the 30-minute sacred period before each Mass. Also known as Confession, the Sacrament offers profound spiritual benefits. It allows individuals to experience God's mercy and forgiveness, fostering a change of heart and a deeper relationship with Him. This Sacrament is essential for spiritual growth and reconciliation with the Church, as it emphasizes both personal conversion and communal healing.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

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 a.m.** 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.

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: opeace.org/becomeasister or contact Ana Gonzalez, OP, at Ana.gonzalez@opeace.org, or call/text 475-224-0519.

Tuesdays with the Diocese sessions will be offered Fall 2026. Topics include **Second Vatican Council, Walking with our Youth, and Synodality**. For more information including dates and times, check out the following website: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/af>.

Pastoral Ministry Formation Courses are starting soon. Topics include **Theology and Methods of Ministry** led by Father Bob Schremmer on Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, and **Women in Scripture** led by Trish Keller on Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29. These classes are also available in Spanish. More information can be found at: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/pastoral-ministry-formation>.

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, 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 5 – 8/29-8/30	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Michelle Eck	John Miller	Nathan Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Margie Eck	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Lane Crenner/John Hern	Tom Tharp	Judd Dohrmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Jaque Totty Scott Dohm Paul Totty	Yvonne Harbaugh Delores Moreno John Forester	John Hagood Leroy Seiler Daryl Honas
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Tony Miller
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			K of C Members
Sacristan	Jacque Totty	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke
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