

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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August 30, 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Jer 20:7-9 "The word of the Lord has brought me derision."

Reading 2: Rom 12:1-2 "Offer your bodies as living sacrifice."

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27 "You shall not add to what I command you . . . keep the commands of the Lord."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	1	8:30 a.m.	ML	Fallen away Catholics return to the Eucharist		Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	2	6:00 p.m.	ML	Thanksgiving for our many countless blessings		Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	3	9:00 a.m.	KW	Pat Zubeck	✠	Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	4	8:30 a.m.	SH	Brian Traffas	✠	Friday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	5	5:00 p.m.	ML	Nathan Honas		Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	6	8:30 a.m.	SH	Vernon Eck	✠	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	6	10:30 a.m.	KW	Lois Becker	✠	Twenty-Third 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

Join us for a time of **prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament**. **Father Stephen** will lead **Eucharistic Adoration** this week at the following times: Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge after the Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Mass. St. John the Apostle, Kiowa after Thursday morning Mass. St. Boniface, Sharon on Sunday from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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.

Father Mendam Bhaskar a missionary priest serving as a Pastor at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Harper, who is a native of India will be at our Parishes for annual mission appeal on August 29 & 30. He is from the **Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (MSFS)** founded in France in 1838 by Fr. Peter Marie Mermier to spread the renewal of faith in the love of God, plant the Gospel in mission lands of Africa, Asia along with new missions in South America and develop the society through education both spiritual and material. They are also known as **Fransalians**. They are now globally present in 33 countries with total 1615 religious priests and perpetually professed members. Fr. Mendam Bhaskar will speak to us on this work of the Missionaries of his Congregation and seek our support and participation in their ministry to the world. Please be as generous as your means allow for the mission work.

Interested? Curious? Wondering? Registration for this Fall's session of **Order 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

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 <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.** Please plan to meet in the Cathedral gathering space at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a server alb from your parish. If you are willing to serve, please contact Fr. John Stang at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org or call [620-227-1535](tel: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. 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** on Sept. 19 - Nov. 14, and **Women in Scripture** on Sept. 8 - 29. These classes are also available in Spanish. More information can be found at: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/pastoral-ministry-formation>.

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 1 – 9/5 - 9/6	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Elaine Trantham	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Kay Koger
General Intercessions	Elaine Trantham	Rick Hitchcock	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Michelle Eck	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Brenda Wright Kay Koger Nathan Honas
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteer
Sacristan	Dean Eck	Danny Archuleta	Brenda Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright

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