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<b>Ministers for Sunday, September 8, 2019</b>		<b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b>			
Servers:	Evan Vath Logan Simon	September 1	8:00 a.m.	Adolf & Blanche Pfannenstiel	
Cross Bearer	Tyson Bleumer	September 5	2:00 p.m.	Freddie Kramer at Shepherd's Center	
Lectors:	John Mowry Shelly Mowry	September 8	8:00 a.m.	Richard Millershaski	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Feldt, Gerald Vogel, Joan Vogel, Kennia Aguilar, Fred VanNahmen	<b>COLLECTION: August 25, 2019</b>			
Offertory Gifts:	David & Beth Helfrich	Envelopes	\$	3,359.63	
Accompaniment: Cantor:	Sandy Myers Angel Myers	Loose Offering	\$	74.00	
Greeters:	Joe Goetz Family	Online Giving	\$	425.00	
Ushers:	James Legleiter Mike Schartz	Children's	\$	13.00	
Sacristans:	Denis & Kathy Hornung	Total	\$	3,871.63	
Communion to the Sick:	Sue Kramer	Avg. Weekly Expense	\$	2,500.00	
Collection Counters:	Dan Wehkamp Dale Vogel	Income over/under	\$	1,371.63	
Coffee & Donuts	Group 4: Carman Varela, Kennia Aguilar, Silvia Cervantes Carolina Estrada, Aracely Medina	<b>VOCATION VIEWS:</b> Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service. (Luke 14:1, 7-14). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at <a href="http://www.dcdiocese.org/vocations">www.dcdiocese.org/vocations</a> .			
		<b>STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:</b> In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed! .			

**PSR CLASSES BEGIN** on Sunday, September 8th. Classes will meet for one hour following Mass.

**PSR REGISTRATION:** It's not too late to register for PSR! Please register online using the link on the parish website or contact Emily Feldt.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED?** RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), is for adults who wish to become Catholic, or wish to inquire about the Catholic Christian faith. Now is the time to hear from those interested. Please contact Rosemary Wehkamp at 620-335-5482 or Fr. Warren at 620-276-2024.

**THE SEPTEMBER WORD AMONG US** books are available in the back of church. Please help yourself to a copy. *The Word Among Us* magazine offers daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, stories of the saints and more!

**PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE SUNDAY MORNING MASS:** Join us in praying the rosary Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

**PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN SESSIONS IN SPANISH:**

**Garden City**, Sunday, September 8, 2019, 4:00-7:00pm, St. Mary Catholic Church

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES INFANT ADOPTION ORIENTATION SEPTEMBER 13:** Struggling to Start a Family? Catholic Charities is hosting an infant adoption orientation on Friday, September 13 from 1 to 3 pm at the Newman University Cafe, 236 San Jose Suite 39 in Dodge City KS. There is no cost or to attend and no expectation of commitment. If you have even begun to think about infant adoption, this is a great opportunity for you to learn and ask questions. RSVP is appreciated but not required. For more information, contact Lori Titsworth at 620-792-1393, or by email at [ltitsworth@catholiccharitiesswks.org](mailto:ltitsworth@catholiccharitiesswks.org).

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT:** Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat. The last retreat of 2019 to be held in the Kansas City area will be on October 25-27. For more information or to register, please call Teresa O’Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email [rvkcmo@gmail.com](mailto:rvkcmo@gmail.com) (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit [www.rachelsvineyardkc.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardkc.org).

**MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC — January 22-26, 2020:** Join the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City on the March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington, DC, January 22-26. Trip will include a public Rosary at Planned Parenthood, daily Mass, including Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, "Life is Very Good" rally, tour of Arlington National Cemetery and monuments. Cost per participant is \$480 which includes the cost of the hotel accommodations and transportation. Cost does not include meals. For more information, contact Tom or Lisa Ridder at [lridder68@gmail.com](mailto:lridder68@gmail.com) or call 620-874-0447 or 620-874-8599. Last year the bus filled quickly so make your plans soon. If you are unable to take part in this trip, consider joining the March for Life pilgrimage to Topeka January 21-22. More details will be coming soon for the Topeka trip.

**Meditation**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you hold a banquet . . . (Luke 14:13)

Doesn’t it seem as if Jesus is giving his fellow dinner guests etiquette lessons here? He’s telling them whom to invite and whom not to invite to their parties. He’s advising them on how to choose a seat at the table. He’s even showing them how to avoid the embarrassment of having the host move them to a lesser place!

But Jesus is doing something more important than teaching good manners. He is challenging his listeners—and us—to move beyond the safe circles we tend to build for ourselves. We are all familiar with the gatherings Jesus describes in this passage: parties filled with “friends . . . brothers . . . relatives . . . wealthy neighbors” (Luke 14:12). They’re cozy. They’re comfortable. And they create a closed loop. There is no room for people who are different from us, especially the poor or anyone who might make us feel uncomfortable (14:13).

Of course, there’s nothing wrong with family meals or neighborhood gatherings. Jesus loves seeing us come together and enjoy each other’s company. He even promised to be with us when “two or three are gathered” in his name (Matthew 18:20)! The problem comes when this is the only kind of interaction we have. He doesn’t want to see us trapped in the same closed loop that ensnared the people in today’s Gospel.

Jesus isn’t expecting you to throw open your doors and host a meal for any and all takers. But he is asking you to stretch out your hand a little more to the “poor” people around you. It could be a family from your parish or neighborhood who is struggling through unemployment. It could even be a wealthy neighbor who, now retired, lives alone and whose family never visits. You don’t even have to share a meal. All Jesus is asking for is your willingness to give without expecting anything in return. It’s what he does for you; now he is asking you to do the same.

“Lord, help me to reach beyond my circle of comfort to touch the lonely and needy around me.”

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