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Ministers for Sunday, September 15, 2019		MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
Servers:	Tessa Irsik Gavin Wahl	September 8	8:00 a.m. Richard Millershaski
Cross Bearer	Easton Irsik	September 12	2:00 p.m. Mary Ann Fisher at Shepherd's Center
Lectors:	Audrey Maxwell Denis Hornung	September 15	8:00 a.m. Bertha Madden
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Clyde Ketzner, Tony Bleumer, Beth Helfrich, Jackie Vath, Jill Wahl	COLLECTION: September 1, 2019	
Offertory Gifts:	Jane Vath, Frankey Schmidt	Envelopes	\$ 3,610.00
Accompaniment	Rosemary Wehkamp	Loose Offering	\$ 61.00
Cantor:	Parish Choir	Online Giving	\$ 275.00
Greeters:	Brad Irsik Family	Children's	\$ 00.00
Ushers:	Ernie Massoth Farrel Bleumer	Total	\$ 3,946.00
Sacristans:	Carmen Varela, Lupe Andazola	Avg. Weekly Expense	\$ 2,500.00
Communion to the Sick:	Denis & Kathy Hornung	Income over/under	\$ 1,446.00
Collection Counters:	Brent Gerber, Jamie Cure	VOCATION VIEWS: You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org	
Coffee & Donuts	Group 5: Brenda Wehkamp, Marsha Downey, Tracy Bleumer, Theresa Irsik, Gayla Rodenbur	STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.	

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.

REMINDER: Coffee and donuts need to be ate/drunk in the center. Do not take them to the classrooms. This keeps the mice and ants out of the classrooms.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING on September 18th.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING next Sunday after Mass in the Knights of Columbus room.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jesus & Martha Mendoza on their 50th anniversary and renewal of their marriage vows.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE WHO WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Bowen Siek, son of Tyler & Jordan Siek
Jasmin Perea, daughter of Francisco & Flor Perea
Emiliano Erving, son of Adolfo Alarcon & Maria Castillo

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.

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 (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit 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 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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