

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 18, 2020

JESUS SAID TO THE PHARISEES,
"REPAY TO CAESAR WHAT BELONGS TO CAESAR
AND TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD."

MATTHEW 22:21

Perhaps the most shocking sentence in today's Gospel comes from the mouth of a Pharisee: "And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status." In context, that false compliment sounds savagely passive-aggressive. These scripture scholars do not actually admire Jesus' freedom, the unconventional way he interacts with men, women, and children from every background. It's possible some of Jesus' peers are jealous of his confident ease, but mainly they find Jesus threatening. Over and over again, Matthew's Gospel highlights the ways Jesus offends the Pharisees and scribes: failing to wash his hands in the traditional manner, for example, or, on the Sabbath, curing diseases and allowing his disciples to pick grain. Jesus does not focus on earthly status and the status quo; his mission is to proclaim the kingdom of God.

THE RISK OF DISCIPLESHIP

When we deepen our relationship with Jesus, we follow in his footsteps. Sometimes this discipleship brings about obvi-

ous blessings, like belonging to a thriving parish community or feeling good about helping people in need. At other times, imitating Jesus means sharing in his sufferings. Like Jesus, we know the sting of rejection. We fear to lower our social status by spending time and money as Jesus may call us to do. At a social gathering, choosing to spend time with someone who is awkward or unpopular means we are not hanging with the in-crowd. Offering a full tithe to charity means we have less money to spend on trendy items. Letting go of our earthly desire to be admired can be difficult, but the Lord accompanies us in the struggle. Truly, Jesus Christ does not "regard a person's status." Inspired by this divine impartiality, we pray: Lord God, help us to love the extravagant freedom that comes from you. Help us to follow you out of the status quo and into your compassionate heart.

Today's Readings: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10;
1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

8:45 a.m. St. Joseph, Flush

10:45 a.m. St. Bernard, Wamego

Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday at St. Bernard

4:00 p.m. on Saturday at St. Bernard

7:30 p.m. on Saturday at St. Joseph

or call for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Call for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Must notify pastor at least

6 months in advance.

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Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869

for Holy Communion

ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon Oct 19: 8:00 am Faber Family Intentions
 Tues Oct 20: 8:00 am Special Intentions
 Thurs Oct 22: 8:00 am Jim Simecka Family
 Fri Oct 23: 8:00 am Parishioners
 Sat Oct 24: 8:00 am Anna Slack & Family
 Sat Oct 24: 5:00 pm +Ralph Suther
 Sun Oct 25: 9:00 am +Eddie Wilburn
 Sun Oct 25: 10:45 am +Rudy & Connie Elizondo

+deceased

Confession: Fr Mike will be having confessions inside St. Bernard's at below times.

Saturday (October 17) -3:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday (October 21)-4:45-5:30 pm

Donations		Budget	
Last Week	Year To-Date	Budget	(Deficit) or Surplus
\$3,797	\$110,171	\$112,500	(\$2,329)

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ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH

Sat Oct 17: 5:00 pm Ken Burenheide

Sun Oct 18: 8:45 am Celia Bissen

Tues Oct 20: 6:00 pm Dec/Living Gayland Brockish Family

Thurs Oct 22: 6:00 pm Parishioners

+deceased

Stewardship last Sunday: \$224 Thank you

SJC Parish Council Election: Congratulations to Nate McCarn & Tony Reitz the newly elected parish council members! Thanks to Gary Ficke & Aaron Timm for their service.

K of C Breakfast: K of C will be serving pancakes, eggs, and hashbrowns for breakfast this Sunday, Oct 18 following mass. We will have to go orders available and tables will be spaced out. We are looking for some Knights to help, if possible.

K of C Raffle Tickets: K of C are selling raffle tickets for the Kansas Religious Education Fund. Tickets are \$10. Contact Richard Dugan at 785-844-0015 if you would like to buy tickets.

3rd Annual Internet Assisted Hunter Education: We will be hosting our 3rd annual internet assisted hunter education class this year on Saturday, Nov 7 at St. Joseph's Hall. The class will run from 9 am-4 pm. We have room for 13 more students at this time. If you are thinking about it, please sign up as soon as possible since spots are limited. The minimum age for this class is 11 years. Lunch will be provided. We will be following all local and state protocol to make sure everyone is properly distanced in the classroom. We will also provide PPE for students and instructors, if they need them. To sign up please call or text Tony Reitz at 913-522-0917. He will need the students name, DOB, address, phone #, and email.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sat. Oct 24: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	Fr. Earl		Kurt Roberts	Victoria Haverkamp	Duane Jones Judy Jones	
Sun. Oct 25: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Fr. Earl		Dale Magnett	Kade Marintzer	Ed Heptig Brenda Heptig	
Sat. Oct 24: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Joanne Burgos		Carole Conwell		Karla Rosell Amy Donahue	
Sun. Oct 25: St. Bernard 9:00 am	Janet Vance		Jeff Wick		Thomas Vanderbilt Tricia Vanderbilt	
Sun. Oct 25: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Terry Conrad		Mary Ewing		Joe Haug Barbara Lippman	

BOTH PARISHES

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2020

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar,
and to God what belongs to God.”

— *Matthew 22:21*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Cyrus, his anointed, “I am the LORD, there is no other” (Isaiah 45:1, 4-6).

Psalms — Give the Lord glory and honor (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians: We thank God always for all of you (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b).

Gospel — Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's (Matthew 22:15-21).

IN GOD ALONE

Isaiah speaks to us today of Cyrus, King of Persia, anointed by the Lord. God calls Cyrus by name and leads him in service to the Israelites. In this passage we hear that it is the Lord who gives Cyrus his title, who arms him against his enemies, and who opens doors and unbars gates before him. And God does all of this so that the people will know that “I am the LORD,” and that “there is none besides me” (Isaiah 45:6).

Paul opens his letter with essentially the same notion—that in God alone we find our grace and peace. Paul also gives thanks to God on our behalf, calling to mind our work of faith, hope, and love. And in the familiar Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Pharisees to give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.

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Catholic Education Foundation

Benefit Gala: Catholic Education Foundation's virtual Gaudeamus benefit gala will be hosted via livestream on Saturday, Oct. 24. There are sponsorships and dinner packages available, in addition we're also offering a complimentary registration option to help introduce more members of our Archdiocesan community to CEF's Mission. Pre-registration is required. To register visit CEFGALA.ORG or call 913-647-0344.

ST BERNARD

Mass: Mass this weekend (Oct 17) will be Saturday night only at 5:00 pm! Everyone is welcome to attend! We ask that families sit in the parish hall, and elderly, singles, or couples sit in the church. Next weekend (Oct 24 & 25) will be full mass schedule.

Sunset Rosary: We will be saying the rosary in the prayer garden Sunday, October 18 at sunset. Please join us if you are able.

SBC Confirmation Service Opportunities: St. Bernard's confirmation class is looking for service opportunities in the community and surrounding areas. If you or a loved one, neighbor, parishioner, community member or service organization are needing help with yard work or home repair/maintenance etc. please let us know! We have a group of young, hard working able bodies ready to serve you and Our Lord! Please call or text Erin Steele at 785-458-8473 or email at 5steelefam@gmail.com.

Christmas Trees: St. Bernard's Confirmation class is looking for a new or very gently used large Christmas Tree for our November service project. We will be making ornaments and decorating the tree to donate to Community Care Ministries annual fundraiser “Trees with a Mission!” Please contact Erin Steele @ 785-458-8473 or 5steelefam@gmail.com if you are willing/able to donate. Thanks in advance!

Book Of Remembrance: Book of Remembrance is in the narthex of the church. Feel free to write down your departed loved ones & they will be prayed for in November.

Immediate Opening: 1 hour of Adoration on Wednesday, 5-6 pm. Please call Mary Jean if interested 785-844-5771.

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Sacred Heart Sausage Supper: Sacred Heart in Paxico is having their home smoked German Sausage Supper on Sunday, October 25. Drive thru only from 12:00 to 3:30 pm. **Pre-order at: sacredheartfundraiser.com.** Adults \$12.00, Children 4-12 \$6.00, Children under 4 free.

Fall Fun at Prairie Star Ranch: Join us on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 10 am-5 pm for a day of fun. Show off Halloween costumes & bring candy collecting buckets. Go on contactless scavenger hunt, picnic, or fishing. Event is free. Visit archkek.org/ranch for schedule of events.

BOTH PARISHES

Rosary For America: We will be having a rosary for our country every Monday evening at St. Bernard's from Oct 5-Nov 2 at 7:00 pm. Please join us if you able!

Soups & Sweets:

The Ladies Guild is excited



to offer Soups and Sweets on November

8! Four delicious soups will be available to purchase for preorder. Also for preorder will be whole pies and a variety cookie plate. Order forms will be available in the monthly newsletter, in the back of church, in your email and on the Facebook page. Call the office (456-7869) if you do not receive an order form. Order forms are due to the office by **October 30**. If unable to deliver order form to office, please call the office to place your preorder. Payments are required with preorders.

o Preorder curbside pick-up available on November 8 from 9:00am-11:00am. Remaining soups and sweets will be sold curbside starting at 11:30am.

o The Ladies Guild will also be offering a Raffle! \$1 for a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of TWO \$25 Wamego Chamber Bucks or the GRAND PRIZE of \$300 Visa Gift Card! Just in time for the holidays!

2020 Election Novena: The USCCB is offering an Election Novena to help Catholics prepare for the upcoming election. For nine consecutive days, Monday, October 26 through Tuesday, November 3, participants will be encouraged to pray one Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the day's intention. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered on day 10, Wednesday, November 4. To sign up to receive the Novena daily by email, please visit <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena> and scroll to the bottom of the page.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

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