

Jesus said,  
"Where two or three  
are gathered together  
in my name,  
there am I  
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6  
2020

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The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God's love that he gave himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love that transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

### IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred scripture and other

devotional reading, with trusted faithful and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God's voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God's voice but ask that we not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but per-haps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. "If today you hear [God's] voice, harden not your hearts," says today's psalm. We often know the depth of love to which we are called. Today's readings invite us to listen and to act, to love our neighbor as our-selves, to desire the best for every person as God desires, and to be assured that God is in our midst.

Today's Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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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.**

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, FLUSH

### Sacrament of Baptism

**Call for appointment.**

### Sacrament of Marriage

**Must notify pastor at least  
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### Shut-Ins

**Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869  
for Holy Communion**

## ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon Sept 7: 8:00 am Alex Dexter & Family  
 Tues Sept 8: 8:00 am Liv/Dec Members of  
                     Bernard Peterson Family  
 Thurs Sept 10: 8:00 am Helen Faber  
 Fri Sept 11: 8:00 am Jim Simecka Family  
 Sat Sept 12: 8:00 am +Francis Strunk  
 Sat Sept 12: 5:00 pm +Travis Prockish  
 Sun Sept 13: 9:00 am Parishioners  
 Sun Sept 13: 10:45 am +Louis & Cleona Weixelman

+deceased

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

Saturday (September 5) -3:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday (September 9)-4:45-5:30 pm

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## ST. JOSEPH - FLUSH

Sat Sept 5: 5:00 pm Special Intentions  
 Sun Sept 6: 8:45 am +Alice Gereau  
 Tues Sept 8: 7:00 pm Calley Cuevas  
 Thurs Sept 10: 7:00 pm +Rose Ann Kuhlman

+deceased

**Stewardship last Sunday: \$1189 Thank you**

**Religious Education:** St. Joseph Religious Education is now accepting enrollment for the 2020-21 year. An electronic registration form and online payment option is available. Please contact Kristi Timm at stjosephflushdre@gmail.com for more details.

**RE Teachers/Assistants:** Teachers & room monitors are needed for 2 classes this fall. Please consider helping with this important ministry. Your help makes religious education possible for the youth of the parish. Please contact Kristi Timm at stjosephflushdre@gmail.com for more information.

**Thank You:** Thank you to everyone that helped mow Wednesday evening. It is greatly appreciated.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sat. Sept 12: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	Fr. Earl		Mary Siderewicz	Victoria Haverkamp	Duane Jones Judy Jones	
Sun. Sept 13: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Fr. Earl		Ben Jilka	Avery or Alexis Adams	Dwayne Miller Shirley Miller	
Sat. Sept 12: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Amy Schwein		John Streeter		Barbara Lippman Patti Johnson	
Sun. Sept 13: St. Bernard 9:00 am	Tina Wick		Jeff Wick		Tricia Vanderbilt Thomas Vanderbilt	
Sun. Sept 13: St. Bernard 10:45 am	Ryan Budreau		Dee McKee		Greg Dekat Nancy Dekat	

**BOTH PARISHES**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 6, 2020**

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— *Matthew 18:19*

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked and try to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

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**A MESSAGE OF LOVE**

In the final verses of today’s Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, “there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he “does not speak out” to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a “do your own thing” age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, “Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10).

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The Knights of Columbus Mahon Agency has worked with Tom Hegna to put together a very valuable program for you. Tom is an economist, author and retirement expert. In this presentation, Tom will focus on 3 Main Topics – Longevity, Long Term Care and the KEY to Happiness in Retirement. Don’t miss this powerful presentation filled with audience participation and find Retirement Alpha-based on Math and Science, NOT Opinions! The event will be on September 30, 2020 at 7:00pm. To register and for a sneak peak, please contact:

[samuel.robinson@kofc.org](mailto:samuel.robinson@kofc.org)

**ST BERNARD**

**Mass Schedule:** From now on, we will have a Saturday night mass every week at St. Bernard’s. The Sunday mass will continue to alternate every other weekend. Our next weekend with full mass schedule will be September 12 & 13. The following weekend, September 19, there will be a mass only on Saturday night at 5:00 pm.

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**K of C Picnic:** Please plan to attend, Sept 27 at 5020 Tuttle Creek Blvd, Cottonwood Shelter. Disc golf at 4:00 pm, and meal begins at 6:00 pm. The Knights will be grilling on site, and rest of meal will be catered. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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**K of C 2nd Annual Golf Tournament:** 2nd Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament to be held Monday, 9/28/20 at the Wamego Country Club. Please contact George Annan @ (407) 353-9158 to register or request additional information.

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**Welcome:** Welcome new parishioners, Jorge Vargas and family!

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**Sunset Rosary:** We will be saying the rosary in the prayer garden Sunday, September 6 at 7:34 pm. Please join us if you are able. We have it every Sunday evening at sunset until the weather gets cold.

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Men’s Group has decided to participate in a 33 day preparation for Consecration to St. Joseph. We will start on Sept 30th and conclude on Nov 1st, All Saint’s Day. If you would like to join us feel free to purchase the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*. You can prepare for this consecration individually, with your spouse, or get a group of friends together to work through it among yourselves. There are group discussion questions in the back of the book for those seeking to do it together with others. Please note that anyone wanting to do group discussions would be responsible for putting together your own group. The parish is not organizing groups. Click on the book title above to purchase it on Amazon. We will begin day one of our Consecration on September 30th!

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**BOTH PARISHES**

“Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God.” ~ St. Augustine God is present in our families, but can others see it by our joy? JOYFUL HOMES is a new initiative designed to carry the spirit of the Convocation into our families. As the families of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in KS, we will be getting honest about the joys and struggles in our lives and serious about making one small change each month to invite more God-- more JOY into our homes. Will you join us? Get started with September’s challenge at: [www.archkcks.org/intentional](http://www.archkcks.org/intentional)

**BOTH PARISHES**

**Called and Gifted Workshop** | Discover God’s Call for Your Life Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Prince of Peace in Olathe. God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Discern your spiritual gifts and begin to discern God’s call for your life. Come to the workshop and discover these gifts in you! Note: Should this be cancelled due to COVID restrictions, an e-mail will be sent to those who have registered and refunds will be made. Registration and details:

[www.popolathe.org/calledandgifted](http://www.popolathe.org/calledandgifted)

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**Day of Fasting and Prayer for Racial Healing-September 9:** As members of the Mystical Body of Christ we proclaim the power of prayer and fasting to transform our world and cast out the demonic influences that divide our communities and destroy its peace. As our country continues to contend with the historically traumatic issue of racism, we realize along with our bishops the need “to beg God to heal our deeply broken view of each other, as well as our deeply broken society.” Consequently, Archbishop Naumann invites and encourages all Catholics in the archdiocese to join him for a day of prayer and fasting on Wednesday, September 9th, the memorial of St. Peter Claver, to bring about racial healing in our communities.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass “For the Blessings of Human Labor,” nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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