

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2



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13
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus' response. Peter had asked, "As many as seven times?" Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter likely thought. Jesus' response seems lavish beyond proportion. "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus understands the fullness of God's mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy. God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to "remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults," to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing that God does this and more with us, each and every day. As recipients of God's compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God's love is beyond human reason.

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HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

All this might seem just too much for us. It is one thing to recognize God's enduring covenant love. It is another to grasp that we are called to the same sort of lavishness in mercy and forgiveness ourselves. Saint Paul helps us put this in perspective. We no longer live for ourselves, but for the Lord. In life and death, we belong to God and are called to be witnesses to God's love, even in the most challenging circumstances. A friend turns away from us; we are called to turn toward the friend with mercy. A co-worker hurts us; we are called to approach him or her with forgiveness, seventy-seven times no less! God's love is always about what is just and right. As God's people, we live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn't make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God's hands.

Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

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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.

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Call for appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Must notify pastor at least
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Call Joanne Burgos 785-456-7869
for Holy Communion

ST. BERNARD – WAMEGO

Mon Sept 14: 8:00 am +Shirley Brockish Kaiser
 Tues Sept 15: 8:00 am +Gerald & Mildred Mathewson
 Thurs Sept 17: 8:00 am Parishioners
 Fri Sept 18: 8:00 am David Rodrigez
 Sat Sept 19: 8:00 am +Edith Ketter
 Sat Sept 19: 5:00 pm +Alma Lee Fechter

+deceased

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

Saturday (September 12) -3:00-4:00 pm

Wednesday (September 16)-4:45-5:30 pm

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Sat Sept 12: 5:00 pm Liv/Dec Muckenthaler/Weixelman Family

Sun Sept 13: 8:45 am Leah Linhardt

Tues Sept 15: 7:00 pm +Cecilia Muckenthaler

Thurs Sept 17: 7:00 pm Parishioners

+deceased

Stewardship last Sunday: \$1240 Thank you

SJC K of C: Meeting Monday, Sept 14 at 8:00 pm.

SJC The Leaven Subscription: The Catholic Archdiocesan newspaper, is now due in the amount of \$21. Please help defray the cost to the parish and pay for your paper. Thank you!

Baptism: Congratulations to Ridge Havenstein who was baptized at St. Joseph's on August 30. His parents are Dylan & Taylor Havenstein.

MASS TIME & DATE	PRECIOUS BODY	PRECIOUS BLOOD	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS/GIFTS	CANTOR/MUSICIANS
Sat. Sept 19: St. Joseph 5:00 pm	Fr. Earl		Gary Fike	Taylor Umscheid	Ed Heptig Brenda Heptig	
Sun. Sept 20: St. Joseph 8:45 am	Fr. Earl		Richard Dugan	Knox Karnowski	Kevin Heptig Daisy Heptig	
Sat. Sept 19: St. Bernard 5:00 pm	Des Prockish		Joanne Burgos		Pam Fulmer Lisa Nyberg	
Sun. Sept : St. Bernard 9:00 am						
Sun. Sept 13: St. Bernard 10:45 am						

BOTH PARISHES

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— *Sirach 28:2*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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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. 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}

ST BERNARD

Saturday Night Mass Update: We understand that on off weeks when St. Bernard has no Sunday mass, families would like to attend the Saturday evening mass, as well. Fr. Mike has made the following plan. Seating in the church for 5pm Saturday mass will be limited to those 65 and older, couples, and singles. However, on weekends where there is no Sunday morning mass at St. Bernard, all others are welcome to attend mass sitting in the church hall. Those in the hall will still receive communion. This arrangement will still allow for those most at risk for illness to be properly isolated, but also allow everyone else the opportunity for mass if they so choose. Thank you for your patience & understanding, as we work through these schedule changes.

Mass Schedule: The following weekend, **September 19, there will be a mass only on Saturday night at 5:00 pm (see above, everyone is welcome).** The next weekend with full mass schedule will be **September 26 & 27.**

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!

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.

Welcome: Kimberly & John Bee, and their son, Arthur.

Welcome: Jessica & Scott Meitler, and their children, Isaac and Eli.

Sunset Rosary: We will be saying the rosary in the prayer garden Sunday, September 13 at 7:26 pm. Please join us if you are able.

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!

BOTH PARISHES

"Every Day in Love" "These skills were a lifesaver for our marriage during this pandemic!"

These past few months have been so stressful. Do you and your spouse have the skills to continue to navigate these challenging times? Join Brad and Libby DuPont for 7 Thursday nights (live, online) starting October 8th. We'll discover practical ways to: * Pray together * Reconcile hurts * Deal with and share feelings * Communicate * Make decisions * Achieve deeper intimacy * Tap into the grace of our sacrament To register, go to: www.archkck.org/everyday or email Brad at bdupont@archkck.org

Open Gate Series at Prairie Star Ranch

Did you know that Prairie Star Ranch, home of Camp Tekakwitha, is open year-round? Are you looking for opportunities to get out of the house and enjoy some COVID-friendly time together as a family? On select Saturdays in the months of September and October, the gates of Prairie Star Ranch will be open for families to enjoy some casual, open-air fun. Come fish (bring your own poles!), picnic, hike, and more! On each Open Gate day, a different staff-facilitated camp activity will be offered for a small fee. Otherwise, the experience is free, and donations are welcome. Gates will be open from 10am to 4pm, and no registration is required. Upcoming Open Gate Days include September 19, September 26, and October 3. For a full schedule of event dates, the staff-facilitated activity for each weekend, our COVID-19 precautions and more, visit our website at archkck.org/ranch.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

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