



Leaving Room for the Unexpected

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The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●



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Reflect

Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?

[God said,] So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 12, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	St. Kateri Tekakwitha	Rita Harper
Wednesday	8:00 am	St. Bonaventure	Joan Mages
Thursday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Rawlin Smith
Friday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Sam Mages
Saturday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Dale Vogel
Sunday	9:00 am	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for next Sunday, July 19, 2026

Greeters: Ruth Morton & Josie Lix

Collection: Matt Durler & Nick King

Cantor: Allen Morton

Servers: Lane Downey & Quinlan Simon

Lectors: John Askew & Jean Downey

E.M.C.'s: Lynn Buehne, Ruth Morton, Sheila McCarty

Gifts: Alan Schneewis

Rosary: Jay Theis

Giving Report: 7-5-26

Envelopes: \$5,200.00

Loose: \$127.00

Electronic: \$1,437.84

Alms for Renovation Project: \$67,345.69



The All-Commission-Dinner is on Monday, July 20th at 6:00 pm. Thank you to those who served last year and thanks to those who have agreed to serve this year. Make sure you do not miss the short meeting after the meal so that you do not get volunteered for stuff you didn't volunteer for...kidding...sort of...

Kansans For Life will have a booth at the Ford County Fair and volunteers are needed to help at it. The shifts will be 2 hours. The Fair is open at these times: Thursday, the 16th from 6 to 9 PM, Friday through Sunday, the 17th through the 19th from 9 AM to 9 PM. Please contact Greg Lix at 620-408-8221 to volunteer or with questions.

You are invited to pray a holy hour with the seminarians of the Diocese of Dodge City on Saturday, August 1st at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

***For more information, email Fr. John Stang
at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org.***

Pastoral Ministry Formation courses, schedule

THEO 4023 Theology and Methods of Ministry (3 hour college course)

This course offers a foundational theology of ministry rooted in Baptism. Focus will be given to the role of the laity in ministry with diverse types of ministry explored. This course provides experience and formation to enable the student to learn a variety of ministerial skills.

Instructor: Father Robert Schremmer is a Diocesan priest in retirement. From 2001-2019, Father Bob served as Vicar Moderator of the Curia. He holds an MA Degree and MTH Degree from St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, CO.

Saturday mornings: 8:15 to 12:00 noon

Class Dates: Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14

Location: This course is offered over Zoom. To join a Zoom class, one will need a computer with a microphone and camera.

Cost: 3 hr. college course for credit - \$150.00* 3 hr. college course for enrichment - \$75.00*

Please add \$5.00 for each course for postage and handling.

*Does not include textbook.



THEO 4881 Women in Scripture (1 hour college course)

This course introduces students to the roles and theological significance of women in Sacred Scripture from a Catholic perspective. Students will explore both Old Testament and New Testament texts, meet the women depicted in these Scriptures, and consider how the women of Scripture can guide Catholics today.

Instructor: Trish Keller is a staff member of Newman University's Western Kansas Outreach Center; she shares NU's mission, Catholic identity, and core values with faculty, staff, students, and the community. She's also an adjunct instructor for NU, with master's degrees in theological studies and English.

Tuesday evenings: 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Class Dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29

Location: This course is offered over Zoom. To join a Zoom class, one will need a computer with a microphone and camera.

Cost: 1-hour college course for credit - \$50.00* 1-hour college course for enrichment - \$25.00* Please add \$5.00 for each course for postage and handling.

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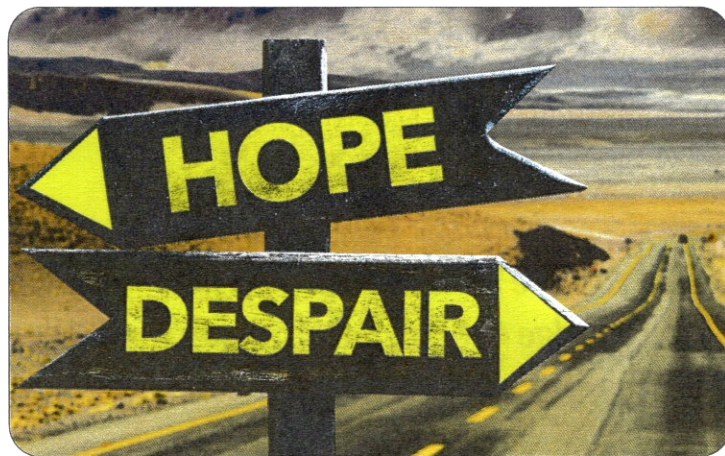
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www.dcdiocese.org/pastoral-ministry-formation**

Hospitality + Prayer + Service + Formation + Evangelization

Dear Padre,

I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18–20.) ●

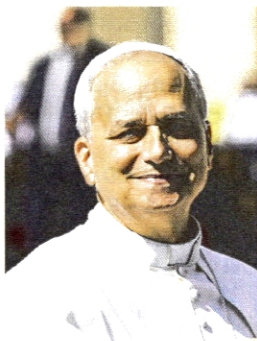


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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Mission is not so much about “departing,” but instead “remaining” in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.



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Monday

July 13
Weekday
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday

July 14
St. Kateri Tekakwitha,
Virgin
Is 7:1–9
Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday

July 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor of
the Church
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday

July 16
Weekday
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday

July 17
Weekday
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday

July 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1–5
Mt 12:14–21

Sunday

July 19
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16–19
Rom 8:26–27
Mt 13:24–30 or
13:24–30