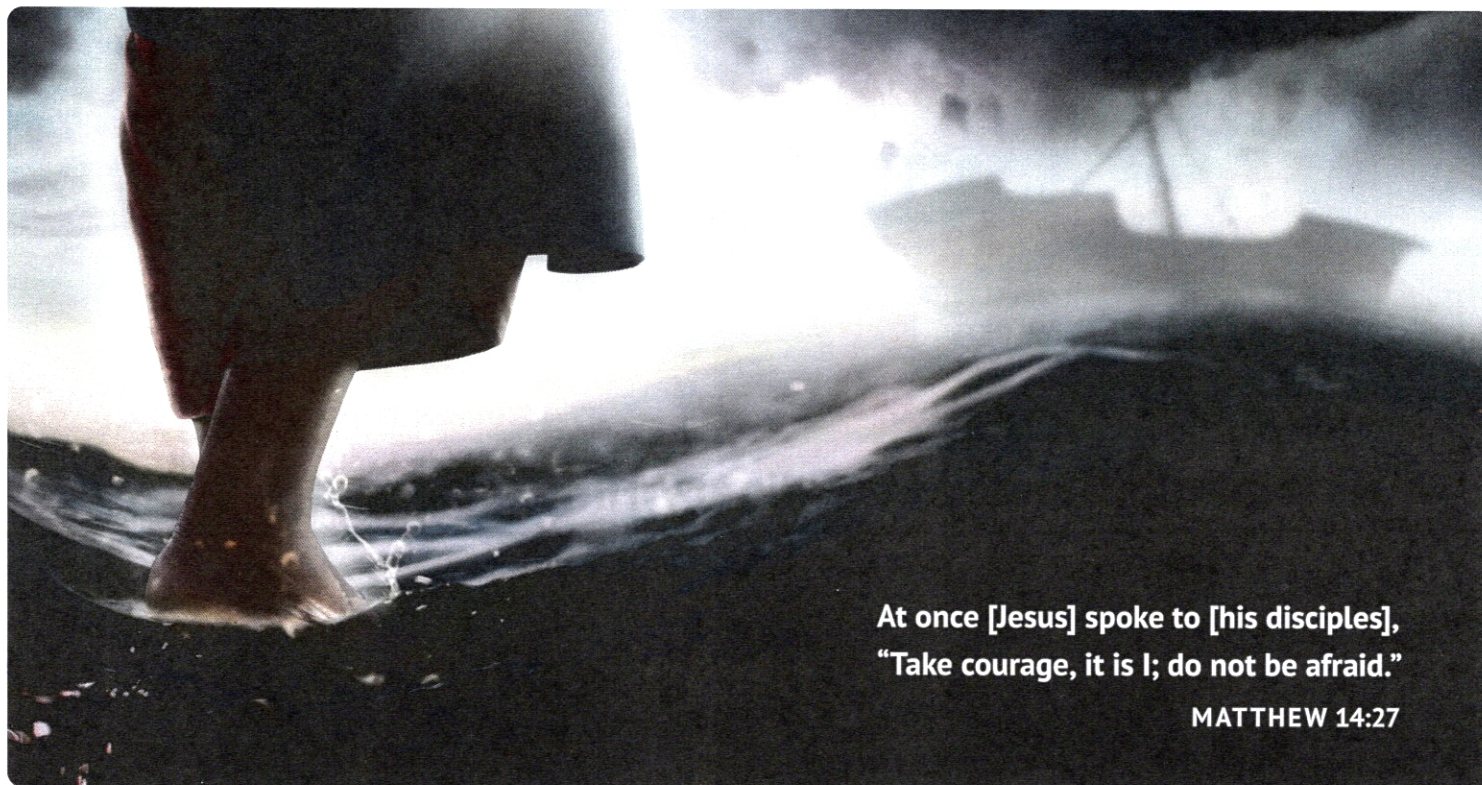




At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 9, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Wednesday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Joan Mages
Thursday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Rita Harper
Friday	8:00 am	St. Maximilian Kolbe	Glen Muehlhousen
Saturday	9:00 am	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin	Joan Mages
Sunday	9:00 am	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

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

Ministers for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, August 15, 2026

Greeters: William & Mary Beth Helfrich

Collection: Steve Lutz & Justin Weil

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Emersyn Vigness & Amina Khan

Lectors: Mary Beth Helfrich & Hattie Stein

E.M.C.'s: Lynn Buehne, Jay Theis, Kim Theis

Gifts: Elaine Slattery

Ministers for next Sunday, August 16, 2026

Greeters: David & Lynn Buehne

Collection: Steve Lutz & Justin Weil

Cantor: Allen Morton

Servers: Emery Rumbaugh & Aspen Downey

Lectors: Alan Vogel & Logan Lix

E.M.C.'s: Diane Lix, Regina Lix, Sheila McCarty

Gifts: Stan Slattery

Rosary: Matt Durler

Giving Report: 8-2-26

Envelopes: \$2,872.00

Loose: \$105.10

Electronic: \$713.51

Alms for Renovation Project: \$70,857.69



For the next few Sundays, the Religious Education Commission will be in the vestibule to do enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Please stop by and fill out the enrollment form so that books can be ordered and received before classes begin on September 2.

SENIOR CITIZENS COVERED DISH SUPPER

Covered dish supper Thursday, August 13 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable or dessert. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.

Protecting God's Children Awareness Session

Date: Sunday August 23, 2026

From: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Location: Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe - 3231 N. 14th Ave.

City: Dodge City, KS 67801

Host: Mike Schartz

Phone: (620) 227-6532

Email: mike.schartz@dcshcs.com



12 SEPTEMBER 2026
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



CATHEDRAL OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE
3231 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS, 67801

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and refreshments are available in the social hall

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit- open

(Closed during Mass)

The Jubilee Exhibit will include Church patrimony, religious artifacts, historic photographs, Bishops' memorabilia and sacred treasures from the diocesan archives.

9:30 a.m.

Parish and Religious Congregations' delegations prepare for the procession

10:00 a.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Procession of delegations from the Parish and Religious Congregations

Commissioning of the entire congregation on the occasion of our anniversary

Work of Mercy - Offertory collection to benefit Catholic Charities of SWKS

12:00 p.m.

Lunch available

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Confessions available

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Adoration

1:30 Blessed Sacrament exposed, followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Catholic Diocese of Dodge City Litany

2:45 p.m. Benediction, reposition, hymn

3:00 p.m. Conclusion

4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit -
closes



Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ's blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God's grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026



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Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10,
12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

August 16
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15,
29–32
Mt 15:21–28