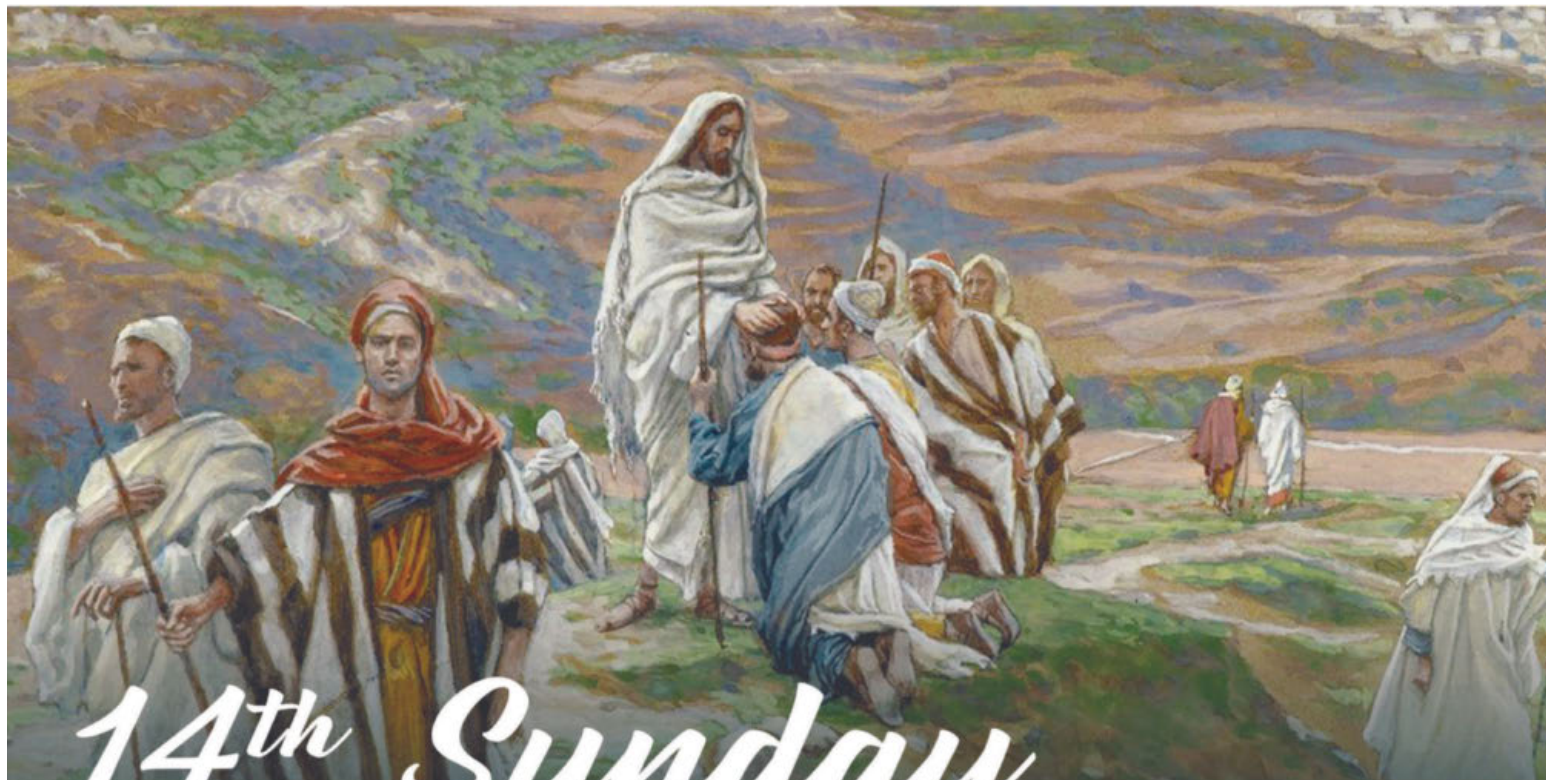


FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 3, 2022

HOLY SPIRIT

CATHOLIC CHURCH



14th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." - Lk 10:20

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 8:00 am - 4:00 pm*
CLOSED Friday (for the summer)
*CLOSED Monday, July 4

CONFESSION

Tues 4:15 - 5:15 pm, Fri 7:15 am - 8:15 am
Sat 7:15 - 7:45 am & 2:30-3:30 pm

DAILY MASS

Mon - Thurs, 6:45 am & 5:30 pm
Fri 6:45 am & 8:30 am | Sat 8:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

Sat 4:00 pm
Sun 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:30 pm

ADORATION

24/7 (Ask the parish office for the code)

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Updated 6/26/2022 for the Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/22
(Collection numbers as of 52 weeks)

Budgeted Weekly Collection:	\$41,941
Average Year to Date Weekly Collection:	\$41,180
Budgeted Year to Date Collections:	\$2,180,932
Actual Year to Date Collections:	\$2,141,336
Year to Date Overage/(Shortage):	(\$39,596)

Endowment Balances as of 3/31/22

Church Endowment:	\$146,299.72
Educational Endowment:	\$122,650.48

Support the mission of Holy Spirit:
Visit hscatholic.org/give to donate

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Catholic Charities: (913)384-6608
Advice & Aid Pregnancy Center: (913)962-0200
Gabriel Project: (913)602-0306
Olathe Pregnancy Clinic: (913)289-0100
Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic: (913)287-8287
Project Rachel/ Joseph: (913)621-2199

"Blessed is the
Nation whose God is
the LORD."

PSALM 33:12

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 4th

Independence Day

9:00 am †Betty Brauer & †Jack McGranaghan

Tuesday, July 5th

St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal

6:45 am †Betty Jo Hoff

5:30 pm †Kris Porch

Wednesday, July 6th

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr

6:45 am Morgan Lewis, Sp. Int.

5:30 pm †Joanie Horvat

Thursday, July 7th

6:45 am †Marilyn Maskill

5:30 pm †Jason Bednarzyk, Cece Cravens, Sp. Int., & Kelly Van Houdt, Sp. Int.

Friday, July 8th

6:45 am †Vince Sola

8:30 am †Rick Mendoza, †Betty Dolan-Mauro, Jo Hasler, Sp. Int., & Callie Trudell, Sp. Int.

Saturday, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am Jerry Gerstberger, Sp. Int.

4:00 pm Vigil Mass †Pat Ferris

Sunday, July 10th

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

7:00 am People of the Parish

9:00 am †William Nelson

11:00 am †David Hochanadel

6:30 pm †Margo Dix

To submit an item for the bulletin or parish email, please send inquiries to:
bulletinehscatholic.org

Submissions are due the Tuesday prior to each weekend by Noon.

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913.492.7318

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913.492.2582

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Parish Rosaries:

Monday through Friday after the 6:45 AM Mass

Tuesday after the 5:30 PM Mass

Saturday at 7:30 AM and at 3:30 PM

Sunday at 6:30 AM

We Adore Him



Sign up for a weekly Holy Hour in the Holy Spirit Adoration Chapel



Prayers for our Community

Baptized in Christ:

Sullivan George Kerr,
son of Benjamin & Cara Kerr

United in Holy Matrimony

Cody Pollom & Juliana Ostrowski

Truth Talk

- Jesus loves each one of us.
- Jesus gives Himself completely to us every day, inviting us to participate in His Eucharistic Miracle.
- Jesus presents Himself as broken bread in the Eucharist. Only God's love and mercy can heal the brokenness in our lives.
- God's love can never be lost or undone, regardless of our actions. God patiently waits for us to invite Him to share in the joys and sorrows of our lives.



Revival
EUCCHARISTIC
AMAZEMENT

MONDAY, JULY 4 PATRIOTIC ROSARY

8:00 AM IN THE CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY 9:00 AM MASS

catholic  charities

Food Drive

Saturday, July 2nd, & Sunday, July 3rd

A truck will be in the parking lot to receive your donations.

PLEASE NO GLASS OR PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS.

Please do not leave your items in the narthex.



Most needed items fruit juice,
oatmeal/grits, pancake mix, baking items,
coffee/tea/ drinks, cereal, pasta, dry
beans, mac & cheese, and boxed meals



Prefer to make a financial donation?

Scan the QR Code or write a check payable to Catholic Charities with **Food Drive-Holy Spirit** in the memo. Checks can be dropped in the collection baskets or the parish office lockbox.

Do not leave money/checks in the truck.

The Sacraments

Baptism: A baptismal preparation class must be completed prior to scheduling your child's baptism. Please call the Parish Office for more information and to schedule a class.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance to complete the necessary paperwork/requirements. Please contact the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick: Offered after the 4:00 PM Mass on the First Saturday of the Month. Call Ariel in the Parish Office at 913.492.7318, if someone is hospitalized or ill and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor before final arrangements are made.



BLOOD DRIVE

Donors needed now!



**YOU can
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**Monday, July 11
2:00-6:00 pm**

Holy Spirit Church
Martha & Mary Room

**One week
away!**

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Group Code: SW

**Medical eligibility questions?
Call 1.800.688.0900**



**Community
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Hurting after an abortion?

Project Rachel and Project Joseph, post-abortion healing ministries of the Catholic Church, offer one-on-one healing opportunities or Saturday retreats for those who would like to process the pain of their abortions and find forgiveness and healing.

Please visit www.projectrachelkc.com for more information. Call/text 913-621-2199 today to discuss a program that works for you. All services are confidential and free of charge.



ARCHDIOCESAN PRO-LIFE EVENT

With **EWTN'S Catherine Hadro**

Tues. July 12, 2022

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
11300 W 103rd St, OP, KS

- 6:30 pm - Rosary in the Church
- 7:00 pm - Guest Speaker Catherine Hadro
- 8:00 pm - Reception following

As host of EWTN's *Pro-Life Weekly* program, Catherine Hadro has interviewed many pro-life leaders and covered countless life stories. As we prepare for the Kansas Value Them Both Amendment vote, let's take inspiration from Catherine as she reflects on why the pro-life mission matters.



PRO LIFE OFFICE
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas



Christ caring for people through people

**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

*"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way
fulfill the law of Christ."*

- Galatians 6:2

Stephen Ministers provide care and support to hurting people by bringing God's love to them through confidential conversation and prayer. If you are hurting in any way, for any reason, or know of someone who is hurting, please call to arrange a confidential meeting to get further information.

Tom Bryon (816)863-3027
Jim Gisler (913)940-2519
Susie Coultis (913)484-1190

**We need
YOU!**



St. Mary's Food Kitchen

St. Mary's food kitchen is now serving HOT lunches. Holy Spirit serves the hungry at St. Mary's **every second Friday**. We are going to switch our lunch from bag lunches to penne pasta bake, salad, bread, and dessert. We need people to prepare casseroles, bring salad bags, cookies, and bottled water. We also need volunteers to go to St. Mary's to serve the meals. This is a beautiful way to put your faith in action.

Please drop off donations in the gathering space by
9:15am on the Friday that you signed up

For any questions, please call either
Terry Gillcrist (913)638-6336
or Rita Mulleedy

Sign up at the link below or by
following the QR code!
<https://tinyurl.com/HolySpiritStMarys>





VALUE THEM BOTH

Volunteers Needed!

11644 W 75th St, Suite 4D | Shawnee, KS
Basement office, north side of building

Weekdays 10am-8pm
Saturdays 10am-6pm

Volunteers are needed to assemble info packets, make phone calls to voters, and walk door to door. Contact Pete Curtis at petec@valuethemboth.com to help!

If you need a yard sign (or would like another sign), they are available in the narthex.



RESPONDING TO RELATIVISM

RETREAT

Friday, July 8 at 5:30 pm -
Sunday, July 10 at 4:30 pm

RIGHT
WRONG
TRUTH
?????

For many people, personal preference has replaced morality as a guide in how to live. We will look at the Church's moral teaching as our guide to a happy and fulfilling life and discover why being led by personal preference takes us away from God's plan for us. Using Edward Sri's book, "Who am I to Judge: Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love", we will learn how Catholic morality is all about love, how making a judgment is not judging a person's soul, and how, in the words of Pope Francis, relativism wounds people and is the spiritual poverty of our times. There are conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Reservation Form at christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

Christ's Peace House of Prayer | 22131 Meager Rd | Easton, KS

Small Group Leaders

July 9, 9am-3pm

Whether you've been avoiding the nudge of the Holy Spirit or leading a small group for years...this day is for you! Be inspired, equipped and encouraged in your call to accompany others in building a relationship with Christ and others! Deacon Ralph Poyo will teach you how to bring others to Jesus.

Register using QR code
or
Contact: Emily Lopez -
elopez@archkck.org



Holy Trinity Parish - Fr. Quigley Center- 2nd Floor
13615 W 92nd St | Lenexa, KS 66215

Consecration to Mary Retreat

Friday, August 12th at 5:30pm -
Sunday, August 14th at 4:30pm



Come spend a weekend dedicated to Mary and make/renew your Marian Consecration on the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption! Don't forget to start your 33-day renewal preparation on July 13th. There will be Marian conferences, a special Consecration to Mary Ceremony and Celebration, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Day Guests are also welcome for the Ceremony and Celebration on August 14th. There are conferences, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confession and time for private prayer, reflection and walking. Cabins/Courtyard Rooms: \$170 Single/\$250 Couple or Single Guest Rooms: \$100 (Meals Included). To attend, fill out the Reservation Form at christspeace.com or call 913.773.8255.

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Local Crisis Pregnancy Resources

Get to know our local resources so that YOU can be the face of Christ to a mother in crisis!

Olathe & Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinics

Pregnancy Help Centers

As a non-profit organization, we firmly believe that you should receive services from someone who will not profit from your situation. We are here to help you make the best decision for YOU.

We provide free pregnancy tests and sonograms to confirm your current health situation. From there, we do not require you to continue services with us. We are happy to provide you with all the information necessary to help you make your decision. The choice is ultimately yours. We are here to provide you with the facts and resources you need to make an informed decision.

www.wyandottepregnancyclinic.org
3021 N 54th St., KC, KS 66104

office@wpcnetwork.org | 913.287.8287; Text 913.735.3262

www.olathepregnancyclinic.org
1313 E Santa Fe, Olathe, KS 66061

ddrouharde@opcnetwork.org | 913.289.0100; Text 913.815.0434

Alexandra's House

Adverse Fetal Diagnosis/
Infant Hospice

Alexandra's House is a community-based, peer support perinatal hospice program that provides active management and hope for families pregnant with or who have a baby with lethal anomalies and who is expected to die near or shortly after birth. "It is our distinct privilege to be any part of this special journey with you."
(816)913.ALEX

Walking with
Moms in Need



We're Hiring!

Holy Spirit School is seeking a Seventh/Eighth Grade Theology Teacher, an Elementary Technology Teacher, Middle School Science Teacher, and a Sixth Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.

For more information or to apply, please contact Kevan O'Shea, Principal, at koshea@hscatholic.org.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd TRAINING

Do you have a love of the CGS program and long to make it available to the youth of our parish? Training dates are coming up! Reach out to Maureen and chat! mleach@hscatholic.org

June 28-July 1,
July 25-28, 2022

9:00am - 4:30 pm

Mary's Catholic
Montessori Training
Center

OR

New Dates! -
Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov.
12, Dec 3, 2022;
Jan. 14, Feb. 4 Mar
4, April 1, 2023

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

St. Ann Catholic
Church



Summer Youth Opportunities

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE

JULY 8-11

AN AMAZING CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
FOR INCOMING 9TH-12TH GRADE

TOTUS TUUS:

THE WEEK OF JULY 18-22
FOR 1ST GRADE THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL



ALPHA & OMEGA YOUTH GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR THOSE IN JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL
OUTDOOR GAMES & PRAYER TIME

More information and registration can be found on the parish website under events. hscatholic.org

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INTENSIVE

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- TEACHINGS & WORSHIP
- PRAYER MINISTRY

TO REGISTER & FOR MORE
INFORMATION, SCAN OR VISIT:

encounterschool.org/kansas-city



VALUE THEM BOTH



COALITION STATEMENT

June 24, 2022

Today's decision on Dobbs v. Jackson emphasizes the importance of our democracy, restoring the power to the states to decide how and if they are going to place limits on the abortion industry. The U.S. Supreme Court restored the people's ability to come to an individual consensus on abortion limits - but not in Kansas. As it stands today, unelected judges in Kansas are the ones who will decide the fate of abortion limits. The Value Them Both Amendment is a reasonable approach and will ensure Kansas does not remain a permanent destination for the most extreme and painful abortion procedures.

At this historically important time, the question before Kansas on August 2nd is clear: an unregulated abortion industry with no limits at all or the reasonable limits protected by the Value Them Both Amendment.

NEW HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARIANS

Welcome!

Please join us in welcoming these young men as seminarians for the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas:

Jacob Cofer is a recent graduate of Baker University with a degree in Business Accounting. He is heading to St. John Vianney Seminary in Denver for a Spirituality Year. Jacob's home parish is Holy Spirit in Overland Park.

Jarrad Condreay has a Nursing degree from Wichita State University and works as the Chief Nursing Officer at Osawatomie State Hospital. Originally from Wichita, Jarrad now calls Holy Spirit in Overland Park his home parish. He will begin a Spirituality Year at St. John Vianney Seminary in the Fall.

Jimmy Mendoza, from Holy Spirit in Overland Park, graduated from St. James Academy in 2021 and recently completed his first year of college at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA. He will enter his first year of seminary at Cardinal Glennon Seminary College in St. Louis.

Joseph Punswick, from Holy Spirit in Overland Park, is a recent St. James Academy graduate. He is entering his first year of seminary at Cardinal Glennon Seminary College in St. Louis.



THE ARCHDIOCESE
OF KANSAS CITY IN KANSAS



CATCH THE SPIRIT AT IRISH FEST

Holy Spirit will once again be staffing a beverage tent at the Kansas City Irish Festival over Labor Day weekend. The Irish Fest has selected 7 Catholic Parishes in the metro area to work the event as a fundraising opportunity.

HSPA will receive a percentage of all beverage sales that weekend as well as the opportunity to keep all tips received at our beverage tent. **Last year we made over \$4000!** It's an easy gig...pull a tap or swipe a debit card. Finish up your shift with a frosty cold one.

Volunteers receive:

- Free shirt
- Free entry the day of your shift
- Free ticket to use for another day or give to a friend
- Listen to great live music

Follow the link to sign up for a shift:
<https://tinyurl.com/HSIrishFest>

Or
scan QR code



No experience necessary - easy, on-the-fly training. 21 or over to volunteer

Questions: email Lisa and Marc Shoemaker at hsirishfest@gmail.com or text 816.529.7492

Volunteers Needed!

catholic charities
OF NORTHEAST KANSAS

Catholic Charities serves 21 counties and is urgently needing volunteers in our food pantries. Our Family Support Centers located in Wyandotte and Johnson County provide our neighbors in need with access to a food pantry, case management and financial support, and a clothing closet (Wyandotte County). For us to be successful and fulfill our mission, we need you! Volunteers are needed to fill a variety of roles. Please contact Kathleen Currie at 913-433-2104 or e-mail kcurrie@catholiccharitiesks.org.

Ukraine Solidarity Fund

DONATE NOW



100% of your donation goes directly to support humanitarian aid in Ukraine

If you wish to make a donation by check, please make your check out to "**Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.**" and write "**Ukraine Solidarity Fund**" in the memo line. Then, please mail your check to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT, 06510-1966.



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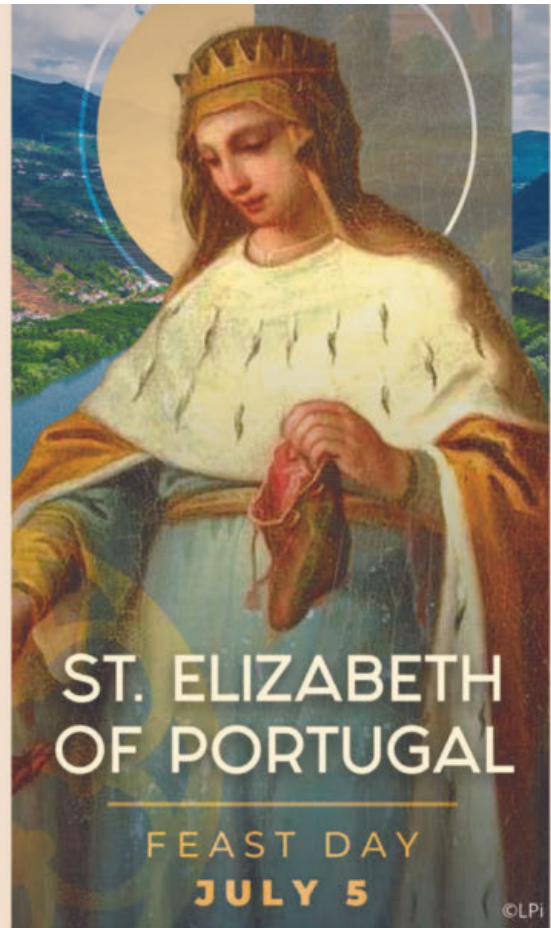


For more information and to register, scan the QR code below:



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COME, SHARE THE MASTER'S [JOY].



ST. ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

FEAST DAY
JULY 5

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth was born to Peter III of Aragon and his queen Constantia in 1271. Like most royal girls of the time, she was betrothed at an early age, and was married to King Diniz (or Dinis, English: Denis) at the age of 12. Although her husband's infidelities and life of sin caused much scandal, Elizabeth was a good and pious queen. She attended Mass daily and dedicated her life to helping the poor. She established orphanages and shelters for the homeless. She also founded a convent of Poor Clares at Coimbra, Portugal.

Often called Peacemaker, Elizabeth was from her birth a reconciler of conflict. Her birth brought her father and his estranged father James to peace. Later when her own son and husband came to war out of jealousy, she rode between armies and reconciled the two men.

After King Diniz died in 1325, she went to live as a lay member at the convent of Poor Clares that she had founded. But her fight for peace was not over, she undertook a long ride to keep the army of her son Afonso IV, from fighting that of Alfonso XI of Castile. Although she was successful, she died shortly after from a fever.

Saint Elizabeth was canonized on May 25th, 1625, by Pope Urban VIII. In the United States her memorial has been transferred to 5 July since 4 July is Independence Day, a national holiday.

June 24, 2022

U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Dobbs ushers in a new abortion landscape.
Voters urged to pass VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment
to help Kansas escape a dark future as abortion destination of the Midwest.

"Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord." Isaiah 1:18

Today the United States Supreme Court issued its widely anticipated ruling in the case Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization, overturning the infamous Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion throughout America.

"Along with all of the Kansas Catholic Bishops, I am grateful for the United States Supreme Court for the decision," said Archbishop Joseph Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

"This ruling rectifies the error the Supreme Court made almost 50 years ago when it usurped the right of the people to protect preborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy that results from each and every abortion.

Today's decision restores the power of citizens, through their duly elected members of State legislatures, to determine public policy regarding the protection of human life.

For Kansans, the decision underscores the urgency and necessity of passing the Value Them Both Amendment on August 2 that will allow the people of Kansas to better protect women and preborn babies from the predatory abortion industry.

The Value Them Both amendment is necessary after the Kansas Supreme Court declared abortion to be a virtually unlimited and unregulated right. This legal reality—no matter how welcome today's decision might be—cannot be overturned by the United States Supreme Court.

In a cruel and ironic twist, Kansans now find themselves in the unenviable position of facing an even more ominous future with the specter of unlimited, late-term, and taxpayer-funded abortions."

The Kansas Catholic Bishops noted that elements of that dark future are already emerging. Just three years after the Kansas Supreme Court's shocking 2019 ruling in Hodes & Nauser v. Schmidt, abortions in Kansas are surging. According to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Kansas has experienced a:

- 13% increase in the overall annual number of abortions.
- 17% increase in live dismemberment abortions.
- 16% increase in abortions performed on out-of-state residents.

Despite today's welcome U.S. Supreme court ruling, Kansas will be unable to adequately provide protections to women or preborn babies unless the Value Them Both amendment is approved.

"Today's U.S. Supreme Court decision further sets up a potential nightmare scenario for Kansas," declared Lucrecia Nold, Public Policy Specialist for the Kansas Catholic Conference, the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Kansas.

"By overturning Roe, Kansas is now first in line among all the states in this new abortion landscape. We are positioned directly in the path of a horrific cultural storm threatening to usher in a dark and deadly future with Kansas growing as an abortion destination."

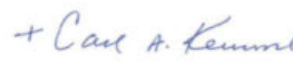

"Kansas Catholics do not want our state to become the abortion factory of the Midwest," continued Ms. Nold. "We want to protect women and their preborn children. We urge all Kansans who value both women and babies to vote YES on August 2."

Archbishop Naumann concluded: "The Catholic community is resolute in our commitment to build a culture of life and a civilization of love, where every human life is cherished and those experiencing a difficult pregnancy are surrounded by a loving community that provides encouragement and practical support."

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Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann
Archbishop of Kansas City in Kansas

Most Reverend John B. Brungardt
Bishop of Dodge City, Kansas

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Most Reverend Carl A. Kemme
Bishop of Wichita, Kansas

Most Reverend Gerald L. Vincke
Bishop of Salina, Kansas



GOSPEL MEDITATION

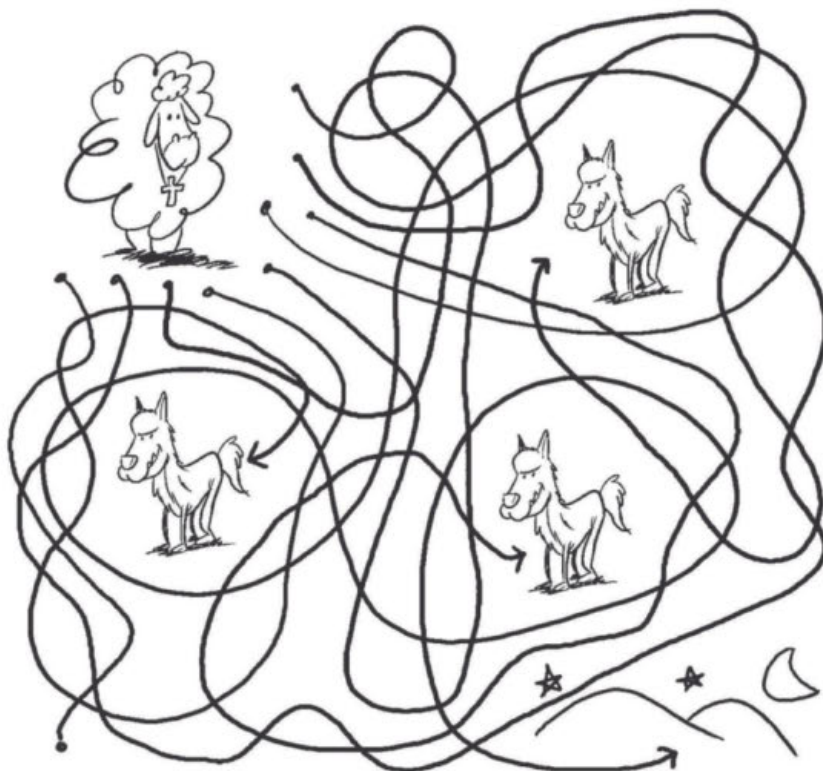
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Freedom properly defined is freedom properly understood. The Cambridge Dictionary tells us that it is, "the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc., whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited." That same dictionary defines liberty as, "the freedom to live, work, and travel as you want to." Both definitions sound very similar. Is there a difference between freedom and liberty? Many are accustomed to believing that freedom and liberty are interchangeable and simply involve possessing rights and privileges. For the Christian, however, there is a big difference between the two.

St. John Chrysostom directs that "the only person who is free is the one who lives for Christ." There are many other inspirational people throughout history who see freedom as something far greater than liberty. True and properly understood freedom has little to do with entitlement or self-promotion. For the believer, it is a matter of the heart and soul. Freedom (and liberty, for that matter), seen only in terms of the world, can quickly be taken away. The freedom spoken of by St. John Chrysostom can only be lost by personal choice. When one lives for Christ, they live in pursuit of virtues that enlighten one's soul (faith, hope, and love) and strengthen one's character (justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence). Rather than having the ability to acquire or do more things, true freedom asks us to be detached. Privileges, rights, and responsibilities are important, but they do not define us.

The world is not always open to listening to the truth. "I am sending you like lambs among wolves," Jesus tells his disciples. The secular definitions of freedom and liberty are very attractive. They promise us a great deal. It is no wonder Jesus asks his disciples to travel with very little. The Gospel is not dependent upon things or anything those with worldly power or investment can say or do. When one chooses to live for Christ, they choose to live with peace. That's what true freedom will give us. If we do not want what Christ offers, we can close the door, and the messenger will walk away. Distracted by the lure of personal liberties, we risk losing our freedom. We will not have anything truly life-giving to share with others.

FIND THE SAFEST WAY TO GET TO THE MOUNTAIN.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do we have a liturgical season called ordinary time? Can you explain?

Answer:

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarius*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.



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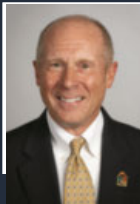
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