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"We are a pilgrim church, a community of believers, the living Body of Christ. Our mission is to make God's presence visible, to proclaim God's presence in our world. We witness that presence by living the Gospel images of Christ as shepherd, teacher, priest, and servant. The seed of faith was sown in our community many years ago. Today, like the yeast that works in bread, that faith continues to enliven us as we share our faith with our neighbors, region, archdiocese, and universal church."

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 3 - 2023

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| Sunday | September 3 | 9:45-10:15 a.m. | - | Confessions |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | - | Parish Rosary |
| | | 10:30 a.m. | - | Mass at St. Theresa |
| | | | | Mel Lang + |
| Tuesday | September 5 | 8:30 a.m. | - | Mass at St. Aloysius |
| Wednesday | September 6 | 5:30-6:15 p.m. | - | Confessions |
| | | 5:45-6:15 p.m. | - | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | - | Mass at St. Theresa |
| | | | | Parishioners of St. Theresa & St. Aloysius |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | - | 6th Session of The Real Presence |
| Thursday | September 7 | 8:30 a.m. | - | Mass at St. Aloysius |
| | | 11:00 a.m. | - | Harvester's Food Distribution |

To schedule a Mass for a special intention, special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one, contact the office at 785-597-5558. The usual offering is a \$10 Mass stipend that goes to the general fund but no amount is required.

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**NEXT SUNDAY – TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>September 10</b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  | - | <b>Mass at St. Aloysius</b> |
|               |                     | <b>10:30 a.m.</b> | - | <b>Mass at St. Theresa</b>  |
|               |                     |                   |   | <b>Phyllis Hood +</b>       |

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 10**

**LECTORS:** Matt Hirsch & Josh Ellis

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Ruth Ellis, Torrie Ellis, Kim Alshahri

**SERVERS:** Volunteers

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS:** Ann Hurd & Yvonne Lang

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WEEKLY OFFERINGS – 8-27-2023

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| Parishioner Envelopes | - | \$ 980.00 | Sound Project | - | 0.00 |
| Other Contributions | - | 255.00 | Plate Collection | - | 142.00 |
| Maintenance Fund YTD | | 4895.00 | Visiting Missionaries | | 0.00 |
| | | | TOTAL | - | \$1377.00 |

The total amount raised for our Sound Project for the parish center is \$5287 to date.

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St. Aloysius in Meriden has a Virtus Training Session scheduled for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 pm. Any parishioner who would like to help out with the youth in the parish is urged to attend a Virtus Training session. Please register at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org). If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Alshahri. Thank you.  
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*Please pray for those who are ill: Lyle Combs, Loree Gains, Jerry Bollig, Linda Piwarski, Draque Carver, Bill Higgins, Fr. Barnabas Eichor, Mary Rohfling, Allie Meier, Ron Hurd, Liam Ellis, Helen Smith, Gary Ellis, Janette Adams, David Huston, Randy Lang, Jamie Hemme, Bob Schmidt, Joe Heston, Mallory Mitchell, Karen Parker, Maddox Schaben, Michael Piwarski, Kage Ralstin, and Theo Ridenour. \* Homebound ministers are Jim & Betty Grollmes, Danny Munck, and Cody Moore.*  
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Continue to keep in your prayers those who serve our country at home and abroad and their family members:

**MSG David Wichman, U.S. Army; PFC Joseph Matthews, Jr, U.S. Army;
Drill Sergeant Brian Buttram, Jr, U.S. Army; Gunner Sgt Travis D. Madden, U.S.M.C.;
Private Eric Amack, U.S. Army; SSG Katie Manfred, U.S.A.F.;
GM2 Adam Spurling, U.S. Coast Guard;
Sgt. Nicholas Marstall of the 428th Transportation Company, Army Reserve;
Airman Riley Tust, U.S.A.F.; Private Jasper Spurling, U.S. Army
*Thank you for doing what you do so that we may live the way we do!***

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**Church cleaners are needed for the week of September 10-16. Please sign up if you are able. If you need a key to clean, please call Ruth at 597-563 or the Church office at 597-5558 to make arrangements. Church cleaning includes the new bathroom in the Church basement.**

**September 10-16**

**Volunteers Needed**

**September 24-30**

**Volunteers Needed**

**October 8-14**

**Alshahri & Keehn Families**

**The sign-up sheet for the last 6 months of cleaning the Church is in the vestibule. Please sign-up to clean one week if you are able. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve and keeping our facilities looking nice.**

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In some of the strongest language in Scripture, the readings today clearly describe the role of those who follow Jesus, to be dupes, complicit in their oppression; outcasts, out of sync with their time and society, with bodies marked for living sacrifice. And no prophet, no epistle was as unequivocal in this portrayal as Jesus, who made plain that glory comes only through the cross. The social and religious complacency that Jesus decried is no less a factor for Christians now. Jesus' passionate message for his disciples rings true for us: Complacency in the face of suffering is an outrage. Nothing less than full commitment to love of God and love of each other will do, and status-quo systems of violence and discrimination may not be ignored by those who claim to follow Christ. *Read *Open Wide Our Hearts*, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2018 pastoral letter against racism (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf>). *Discerns whether you are conforming to systems of injustice or working to transform them and yourself.
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**BAZAAR UPDATES!! Save the Date 10-01-2023!** Turkeys and Hams are ordered and we will be reaching out to verify we have our bakers lined up. Helena and I will be out in front of the church after Mass every week for the next several verifying contact information and volunteers. **THIS YEAR** we will be asking for volunteers for all assignments and not just assigning (but we will ask!). **Sign-up tables for Volunteers will be out in front of the Church before and after Mass. We desperately need Volunteers for the kitchen and dining room.** Please stop by and make sure you are signed up. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** We are also needing more roasters this year and pop up canopies for shade! Please let us know if you have either we can borrow. **THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!** ~~ Angie & Helena  
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Harvester's Free Food Distribution is this Thursday from 11-12 noon. Come and help if you can. Thank you to Christy Allie for purchasing Harvester t-shirts for all the workers.
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See Josh or Ruth Ellis if you have items to donate for the **Silent Auction**. The list is coming along nicely but we still need lots more items to make this a successful Bazaar. **Please Donate!** ~~ Josh (785-550-5185) & Ruth (785-840-8006)  
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Join Mother Teresa for their Holy Smokin' Jamboree on September 9 & 10. Food, BBQ, Bingo, Caked Walk, Car Show, Crafts, Raffles, Silent Auction. Outdoor Mass, Church Dinner, and live auction on Sunday. \$2 wristbands for all dday kids games, inflatables and activities! NEW Cornhole Tournament. See schedule online at holysmokinjamboree.org.

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Topeka Catholic Parishes invite you to the “First Seven: Fall Series.” You were never meant to go it alone! Walk with other local couples (married 0-7 years) in laying a strong foundation for your life together. Dinner: Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm @ Christ the King. Date Nights: Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm @CTK; Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm @Most Pure Heart of Mary; Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm @MPHM. \$50 Registration Fee Per Couple covers ALL four evens! Questions? Need a Scholarship? Contact Brad Dupont! [bdupont@archkck.org](mailto:bdupont@archkck.org).  
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Family Day at Prairie Star Ranch – Prairie Star Ranch is offering you the chance to step away and enter into a day of prayer, adventure, outdoor activities, and a time to reconnect. You are invited to join us on Sunday, September 24th from 9am to 5pm! Opportunities include Horseback Riding, Kayaking, Archery, Rock Climbing, and time for prayer. The experience will culminate with the celebration of Sunday Mass in our beautiful St. Kateri Chapel. All ages are welcome to this come-and-go as you please event! Register online now or contact the Team at Prairie Star Ranch. www.archkck.org/ranch - 785-746-5693 - psrministry@archkck.org.
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**St. Theresa’s Prayer Warriors** – Are you interested in joining the St. Theresa’s Prayer Warriors? Contact Laura Hirsch at 785.246.3586 and she can add you to the group. It is a private group where we can pray and support each other.  
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If you suspect a child or vulnerable adult is being abused or neglected, make a report to the Kansas Department for Children and Families Protection Report Center by calling 800.922.5330. If you or someone you know has been abused by a cleric, employee, or volunteer of any archdiocesan parish, school, or agency – regardless of when the abuse may have occurred – call the archdiocesan confidential report line at 913.647.3051 or the Victim Care Advocate at 913.298.9244, after calling local law enforcement. You can also make a report using the online form at www.archkck.org/reportabuse. The Archdiocese places the protection of children as its priority. The archdiocese respects the sincere concerns of all individuals who report misconduct and is committed to conducting thorough investigations of all allegations.
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The Archdiocese has a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled “*Catholic Guide For End-Of-Life and Establishing of Advance Directives.*” The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions in accordance with the teachings of our faith about complex treatments in grave illness or as life’s end approaches. It also includes two appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the guide, visit [www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care](http://www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care).  
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St. Theresa is on Facebook!!! Search “St. Theresa Church Perry, KS” or find a link at sttheresainperry.org. Sign in to **FORMED**: 1) Go to Formed.org 2) Click Sign up 3) Select “I belong to a Parish” 4) Select St. Aloysius/St. Theresa.
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**RCIA Inquirer’s Sessions will begin in September.** Those persons who are not Catholic and want to learn more about the Catholic faith are invited to attend. Contact Linda Piwarski 785-597-5394, the office in Perry at 785-597-5558 or in Meriden with Merlyn Mahoney 785-633-1109 or the office at 785-484-3312. Any of them could help answer questions you may have. The RCIA journey is very interesting and full of information whether one becomes Catholic or not.

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