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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 God announces that he himself will shepherd the people of Israel.

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 As Christ was raised from the dead, we too will be raised.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 Truly, love of God is love of neighbor.

Theme: Christ, shepherd and king will separate the good sheep from the bad ones.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	25	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Sunday	26	8:30 a.m.	KW	Intention of Celebrant	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Sunday	26	10:30 a.m.	ML	Francis Larkin	† Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Tuesday	28	9:00 a.m.	ML	Intention of Celebrant	
Wednesday	29	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass	
Thursday	30	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass	
Friday	1	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass	
Saturday	2	5:30 p.m.	ML	Elmer Angell, Jr.	† First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	3	8:30 a.m.	SH	Intention of Celebrant	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	3	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners	First Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: A Scandalous Rule. On this, the final feast of the liturgical year, we are invited to reflect on the distinctive shape and character of Christ's "kingship." Some find this monarchical and even patriarchal language off-putting. Yet this feast reminds us that this "king" came to us from the cultural backwater of Galilee in the raiment of anonymity and poverty. He rules not as a tyrant but as a simple shepherd who, as Ezekiel foretold, will "seek out" the lost, "bind up" the injured, and "heal" the sick. The purpose of Christ's reign, St. Paul tells us, is to destroy all that would stand in the way of the redemptive power of love, including death itself, so "that God may be all in all." This strange "king" has brought into human history the "first fruits" of a transformed realm, one suffused with the healing *shalom* of God. Those who would dare call themselves according to the subversive rule of mercy, compassion, and hospitality. Moreover, what is true for the disciples of Jesus is no less true for nonbelievers. According to many scholars, the judgement of nonbelievers (the "Gentiles") regarding their treatment of the followers of Jesus ("the least brothers of mine"). These "Gentiles" too may find salvation, but only by living according to the same scandalous rule of God's reign: They too must feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, and clothe the naked. ~Richard Gaillardetz

VIBRANT MINISTRIES

Response to call. Appeal reaches \$9.1 million. Holy Rosary Catholic Church reached 62%, 32 gifts totaling \$55,645. St. Boniface reached 51%, 33 gifts totaling \$58,800. St. John reached 55%, 29 gifts totaling \$77,670. To offer a gift: online donations, go to www.dcdiocese.org/vibrant-ministries or you can mail your pledge to Vibrant Ministries Appeal, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, 910 Central Avenue, Dodge City, KS. For donations of grain or stock contact Mark Roth at 620-227-1535 or mroth@dcdiocese.org

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Sister Catherine Therese, Laurie Hiltner, Sue Smith, Miles Sheldon, Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Alice Burenheide, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Cindy Archuleta

For the Faithful Departed:

Elmer Angell Jr., Francis Larkin, Art Tatera, Gary Noland, Ray Schmidt, Ted Brown, Patricia Graves, Elizabeth Terry, Pete Swingle, Robert Loewenstein, Tom Doherty, Dennis Hammersmith, Luke Hendricks, Omaha Tatera and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

Rose Sweet Healing Retreat

Rose Sweet, Catholic author and speaker, will be presenting a healing retreat for the divorced, widowed and single, December 1-3 at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita. Retreat begins at 7pm on Friday and continues through 4pm on Sunday. Rose Sweet has been inspiring people for over twenty-five years to heal from difficult or broken relationships and to find the happiness they desire by "putting their religion in to their relationships." All meals are provided and there will be daily reflection and social time. To register and for more information contact Sharon Witzell at (316)685-5240 or email: witzells@catholicdioceseofwichita.org

First Saturdays Devotion

All are invited to the First Saturdays Devotion on December 2nd at St. Stanislaus Church, Ingalls. 8:30am Rosary and Confessions; 9:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop John; Meditation, confessions, and refreshments after Mass. The Great Promise of Our Blessed Mother. "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep my company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Church News

Parishes Welcome Visiting Priest

Father Firmin will be away on vacation until the first Sunday of Advent, and in his absence Reverend Chrysostom Ah Maung will be substituting for him in the parishes of Barber County. Father Chrys is a retired priest who served in the Wichita diocese for over 15 years, and he will be staying at the rectory in Medicine Lodge when he is in town for scheduled Masses. Father Chrys can be reached at 620-762-2639.

In the event of an emergency and Father Chrys is not present, please call Rev. Mike Klag at Sacred Heart Parish in Pratt at 620-672-6352, or Rev. Prakash Rao Kola at St. Joseph Parish in Ashland at 620-635-2338.

Upcoming Holy Day Mass Times & Locations

Immaculate Conception Vigil, Thursday, December 7th – 5:30pm Sharon

Immaculate Conception, Friday, December 8th – 6:00pm Kiowa and 7:30pm Medicine Lodge

Christmas Eve Vigil, Sunday, December 24th – 5:30pm Medicine Lodge and 7:30pm Kiowa

Christmas, Monday, December 25th – 8:30am Sharon

Mary, Mother of God Vigil, Sunday, December 31st – 5:30pm Medicine Lodge

Mary, Mother of God, Monday January 1st 2018 – 8:30am Sharon and 10:30am Kiowa

Christmas Boxes

Members of St. John the Apostle, the South Barber Ministerial Alliance will be putting together the Christmas Boxes on Saturday, December 16th at 10:00 am at the Community Building. If you could help please come, we need all the help we can get. Thanks! Anita Patterson

CHRISTmas Program

The Holy Rosary PSR CHRISTmas program and all-church dinner will be held on Wednesday evening, December 13th, with the program beginning at 6:30, followed by the supper. Meat, a potato dish, drinks and tableware for the supper will be provided. All families are asked to bring a side dish and/or a dessert to add to the feast. Let's ring in the season with the story of what CHRISTmas is really all about.

Elder Care Needed

Caregiving needed for elderly couple in Sharon. If interested or for more information, please call (316)616-7223.

Ministry Schedule December 2-3

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Rory Traffas
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Anita Patterson Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Rory Traffas Jacque Traffas Michael Lynch Myra Dick Volunteer
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Matthew Piper
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Jacque Traffas
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright