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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Abram put his trust in the Lord.

Reading 2: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The story of Abraham is recalled again.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 The trust of Mary and Joseph in God's faithfulness was genuine.

Theme: God is the center of every family.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	30	5:30 p.m.	ML	Frances Larkin	✠	Holy Family of Jesus
Sunday	31	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Holy Family of Jesus
Sunday	31	10:30 a.m.	KW	Broken Families		Holy Family of Jesus
Tuesday	02	9:00 a.m.	ML	Fr. Anslem	✠	
Wednesday	03	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ambrose	✠	
Thursday	04	8:30 a.m.	KW	Ambrose	✠	
Friday	05	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ambrose	✠	
Saturday	06	5:30 p.m.	ML	Bob and Pat Graves	✠	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	07	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	07	10:30 a.m.	KW	Bishop Joseph	✠	The Epiphany of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Meeting the Holy. The Magi's search takes them through places both unfamiliar and dangerous. Driven to carry on through unknown terrain, they are guided only by a mysterious light and their own interior trust that a momentous meeting awaits. The journey of the Magi has all of the elements of any vision quest or spiritual search: Changing light in an otherwise dark sky. Unrelenting persistence toward an uncertain destination. Detours and altered paths. Bewildering dreams. Moments of overpowering joy. Meeting the holy. Offering the gifts of the journey. Going home again – to wherever it is that the inner landscape of our souls calls us. According to Matthew, Jesus had his very own star, a bright globe in the sky that guided those who wanted to meet him. Stars are glimmers in the darkness, shimmering bits of radiance that draw others forward. The same light that helped the Magi find Jesus is part of a mystery that illuminates all significant relationships. Over the course of our lives many people will come our way, sometimes led by curiosity, sometimes by happenstance. But often, attraction will beckon them, a light inside that is hard to explain – a brightness that can only be followed by those willing to make a journey and offer their gifts. We do the same in relationship to them. As sons and daughters of God we too have our very own star – our personal appeal, our individual influence, our unique way of incarnating the holy. We have gifts to offer. Some of us travel a long way to find the reception that the Magi found. ~Sr. Fran Ferder, adapted from *Enter the Story*

VIBRANT MINISTRIES

Response to call. Appeal reaches \$9.6 million. Holy Rosary Catholic Church reached 65%, 55 gifts totaling \$66,820. St. Boniface reached 47%, 46 gifts totaling \$61,200. St. John reached 48%, 32 gifts totaling \$82,860. 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

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO WALINDA BY NOON TUESDAY TO ccbc@sctelcom.net

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:

Grace Burenheide, Elmer Angell Jr., Frances 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.

CHURCH NEWS

St. Boniface PSR

Classes for St. Boniface PSR will resume January 10th, 2018.

Retrouvaille

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend struggling or even heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on January 26-28 call Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520 or you may email us at retropairamarillo@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Counseling

No one needs to go through life's most difficult challenges alone. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is offering free professional counseling services in Dodge City, Garden City and Great Bend for adults, children, couples, families and seniors, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

First Saturdays Devotion

All are invited to the First Saturdays Devotion on January 6th at St. Stanislaus Church, Ingalls. 8:15 a.m. confessions begin; 8:30 a.m. rosary; 9:00 a.m. Mass; 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 me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

Catholic Planned Giving and Estate Planning Seminar

The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is pleased to sponsor: "Estate Planning for Catholics" presented by Tamara L. Davis, Attorney at Law and Legal Counsel for the Diocese. These seminars are part of the Department of Development's stewardship education program and concentrate on the Christian steward's right to plan for the prayerful and orderly distribution of one's estate. The purpose of these seminars is to inform Catholics within the diocese of their rights to ensure that their wishes and the needs of their family are carried out as intended. At the same time, we will illustrate some gift planning techniques people may use in coordination with their estate plan and to give back to God some of the material blessings He has bestowed on all of us. People generally recognize the importance of giving to their parish and diocesan ministries during their lifetime; not too many consider similar gifts in their estate plans and wills. Our vision is to show you the opportunities!

Please join us at one of the Seminars listed:

January 10th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City

January 15th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. St. Anthony Parish Center, Liberal
January 25th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Prince of Peace Parish Center, Great Bend

January 30th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. St. Dominic Parish Center, Garden City

February 6th, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart School Cafeteria, Pratt

For more information, please contact: Mark W. Roth, Director of Development – mroth@dcdiocese.org or (620)227-1535

Ministry Schedule January 6-7

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