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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sins no more.
Reading 2: Hebrews 5: 7-9 He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.
Gospel: John 12: 20-33 The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
Theme: The hour of glory for Jesus is the hour of glory for us too.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	17	5:30 p.m.	ML	Jerry Arensdorf	✠	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	18	8:30 a.m.	SH	Marilyn Eck	✠	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	18	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Fifth Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	20	5:30 p.m.	ML	No Way of the Cross and No Mass		
Wednesday	21	6:00 p.m.	SH	Marilyn Eck	✠	
Thursday	22	5:30 p.m.	KW	No Way of the Cross and No Mass	✠	
Friday	23	5:30 p.m.	SH	Marilyn Eck	✠	Way of the Cross and Mass
Saturday	24	5:30 p.m.	ML	Jerry Arensdorf	✠	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday	25	8:30 a.m.	SH	Marilyn Eck	✠	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sunday	25	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: And the Stalk Said... How does a grain of wheat feel as it is planted in the soil? To answer that, I imagine interviewing a stalk of wheat, for every stalk was once a grain. Here is what the stalk might say... I think Being a grain of wheat I was proud of who I was. Golden Smooth. Perfectly intact. But then some farmer dug a hole and tossed me into it. What's going on? I asked, but my question was met with silence. Then the dirt came pouring down upon me. I protested. Hey, you are burying me alive. Stop, but no one heard me. I sat in total darkness. Afraid. Then I felt something moisture. At first, I thought, good, I won't die of thirst. But soon I began to get soggy. I sensed my golden color was fading. My smooth exterior became wrinkly. My intactness was breached as I was split asunder. I whimpered, I am dying... This is the end of me. Then something amazing happened. Out of my shriveled broken, dying self, two shoots emerged. One began pushing upward, the other downward-both powered by a force within and beyond me. As my root went down, my shoot went up until it broke through the soil, and into the brightness of the sun, I was no longer a grain of wheat- but something better, a stalk of wheat. From me would come forth many grains of wheat that would help feed the people of the world. In closing, the stalk said: Trust the farmer... Befriend silence and darkness... Embrace transformation... Willingly relinquish your intactness... Believe... For the Ending is really the Beginning.

~Sr. Melannie Svoboda

VIBRANT MINISTRIES

Response to call. Appeal reaches \$9.6 million. Holy Rosary Catholic Church reached 65%, 55 gifts totaling \$66,920. St. Boniface reached 47%, 46 gifts totaling \$61,200. St. John reached 48%, 32 gifts totaling \$82,940. 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:

Lorena Angell, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Sister Catherine Therese, Laurie Hiltner, Sue Smith, Miles Sheldon, Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Cindy Archuleta

For the Faithful Departed:

Susie Reed, Alice Burenheide, Jerry Arensdorf, Marilyn Eck, Eddie Schmidt, 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

Lenten and Easter Masses

Stations of the Cross and Mass during Lent – Tuesdays 5:30pm at Medicine Lodge, Thursdays 6:00pm at Kiowa and Fridays 5:30pm at Sharon.

March 21st – Mass at 6:00 in Sharon.

Holy Thursday, March 29th – 6:00pm at Sharon

Good Friday Liturgy, March 30th – 1:00pm at Sharon, 6:00pm at Kiowa and 7:30pm at Medicine Lodge

Easter Vigil, March 31st – 8:00pm at Sharon

Easter Sunday, April 1st – 8:30am at Medicine Lodge and 10:30am at Kiowa

A Lent to Remember

Enhance your Lent with an online study on Formed. Go to barbercountycatholic.org, click on the Formed tab on your home page, or go directly to barbercountycatholic.formed.org. Log in and click on “A Lent to Remember” on the home page. While you’re on the site, check out the many audio recordings, videos, movies, books, articles and other study programs available on this incredible free resource.

New contacts for St. John Parish

To make reservations for the Parish Hall, call Linda Forester, (620)213-2401. To make reservations for the Knights of Columbus Hall, call Pam Malone, (316)775-8472.

Adult Bible Study

St. John’s Catholic Church Adult Bible Study, Sundays 9:30 am, at Parish Hall.

Holy Chrism Mass

Anyone wishing to go to the Holy Chrism Mass on March 22nd, 2018 at 11 am, please contact Diane Seiler, Karen Traffas, or Bev Miller at your respective parishes before March 15th.

2018 Community Lenten Meals

The Medicine Lodge Ministerial Association invites the community to the following Lenten Meals.

Supper will be served from 6:00pm – 6:20pm at the following locations:

March 20th – Holy Rosary Catholic Church

March 27th – Assembly of God

Laughing Your Way to a Better Marriage

Laughing Your Way to a Better Marriage will be presented at the Christian Church Family Life Center on April 21, 2018 from 10:00 to 4:30. If you want to attend contact Robert and Diana Ricke at 620-294-5292. They will need to know numbers to plan food for lunch and snacks that day. It is a day planned for married couples.

The Case for Christ

On Friday March 23, the movie, *The Case for Christ*, will be showing at the Heartland Center for Spirituality for the spring series of “Movies with a Message.” An investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian. The movie begins at 6:15 in the Auditorium of the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Other movies in our spring series include: The Jewish Cardinal (Tuesday April 10), and Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber (Tuesday May 8th) A free will offering will be accepted to offset the cost of refreshments.

PSR Classes

There will be no PSR Classes during Spring Break and Holy Week.

Ministry Schedule March 24-25

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Londa Fischer	Loretta Boor
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Steve Roberts	Daryl Honas
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Steve Roberts	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Margie Eck Anne Schreiner Todd Fischer Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrmann Marge Wright Leroy Seiler
Servers	Sidney Swingle Brenna Ricke Kendall Nelson	Allie Hoch	Derrek Randels Emma Randels Kassidy Rambat
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Roberts Family	Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Volunteer		Charlotte Ringer