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Fourth Sunday of Advent Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel.
Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10 Behold, I come to do your will.
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	22	5:00 p.m.	SH	Carolyn Hrencher	✠	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	23	8:30 a.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	23	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday	24	4:30 p.m.	SH	Sharon Choir		Christmas Vigil Mass
Monday	24	6:30 p.m.	KW	Joe and Gertrude Jaso	✠	Christmas Vigil Mass
Tuesday	25	9:00 a.m.	ML	Medicine Lodge Choir		Christmas Mass
Wednesday	26	8:30 a.m.	SH	No Mass		
Thursday	27	8:30 a.m.	KW	No Mass		
Friday	28	9:00 a.m.	ML	Betty Ricke		Feast of The Holy Innocents
Saturday	29	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus
Sunday	30	8:30 a.m.	ML	Darlene Becker	✠	Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus
Sunday	30	10:30 a.m.	KW	Boyd and Sally Forrester	✠	Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Voice of the Holy. Elizabeth is the first character in the visitation scene that Luke pronounces “filled with the Holy Spirit” (Lk 1:42). Like many other spirit-filled people, hers is a fullness that cannot not be suppressed. For Elizabeth, as she connects profoundly with Mary’s greeting, feeling it dance through her body, there is nothing to do but shout! Suddenly, all the patriarchal constraints fall away from this pregnant woman of the spirit, and she bursts forth in blessing. Though there is mention of other women in Israel’s history who have prophetic roles, or who offer and receive blessings, they are typically women acting in roles usually reserved for men... While praise of female leaders in Israel’s history is associated with action that is understood to represent God’s saving power for the people, much of it takes place in the context of violence, sexual wiles, and trickery. Jael and Judith would probably not be the first biblical women who would come to mind as we think of apt contemporary models of holiness for our daughters! By contrast, Elizabeth’s double blessing in the visitation scene has none of the typical bloody carnage, sexual guile, or military victory associated with others of Israel’s female leaders and prophets. Elizabeth blesses Mary not for taking life but for giving it. A new age of peace is being ushered in as Elizabeth interprets Mary’s significance for God’s people. Although Luke never gives Elizabeth the title of prophet, “she functions like one” [Elizabeth Johnson, *Truly Our Sister*]. Authentic prophets are those who speak in God’s name. They serve as the voice of the holy for the people. When they speak, they message is not theirs but God’s. When Elizabeth bursts into words of poetic blessing, she is presented as one in touch with the mind of God. It is God’s blessing, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, at work through her voice. A woman’s words. God’s proclamation. ~Sr. Fran Ferder, *Enter the Story*

Word of Life

“To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, February 13, 1982 Homily. © 1982 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. www.goo.gl/jLDs4e

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

June Terwert, Peyton Theis, Wanda Harding, Helena Rempel, Carl Schield, Ronnie Ringer, Kay Rankin, Steve Eck, Helen Eck, Betty Schmidt, 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:

Walter Sedlak, Herb Durant, Bishop Gerber, Sister Philamenia Hrencher, Lorena Angell, Ron Swonger, Donna Rowe, Susie Reed, Alice Burenheide, Jerry Arensdorf, Marilyn Eck, Eddie Schmidt and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Christopher Coggins, Nicholas Noland, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis

CHURCH NEWS

Upcoming Holy Day Mass Times & Locations

Christmas Eve Vigil, Monday, December 24th – 4:30pm Sharon and 6:30pm Kiowa

Christmas, Tuesday, December 25th – 9:00am Medicine Lodge

Mary, Mother of God Vigil, Monday, December 31st – 4:30pm Sharon and 6:30pm Kiowa

Mary, Mother of God Mass, Tuesday January 1st 2018 – 9:00 am Medicine Lodge

Walinda Out of Office

Walinda will not be in the office December 25th or January 1st. She will resume Tuesday office hours on January 8th.

Special Thank You

Thank you to Leroy Sieler and Lloyd Ohl for their time, talent and help installing the new door in the Holy Rosary Church.

Knights of Columbus Education Fund Drive

Kansas State Council presented Medicine Lodge Grand Knight Brian Withrow with a check for \$375.00. The money is to be used for religious education. A special thank you to the Knights for their support.

St. John Live Nativity

Thanks to everyone who made the St John Nativity program successful. It was the best ever.

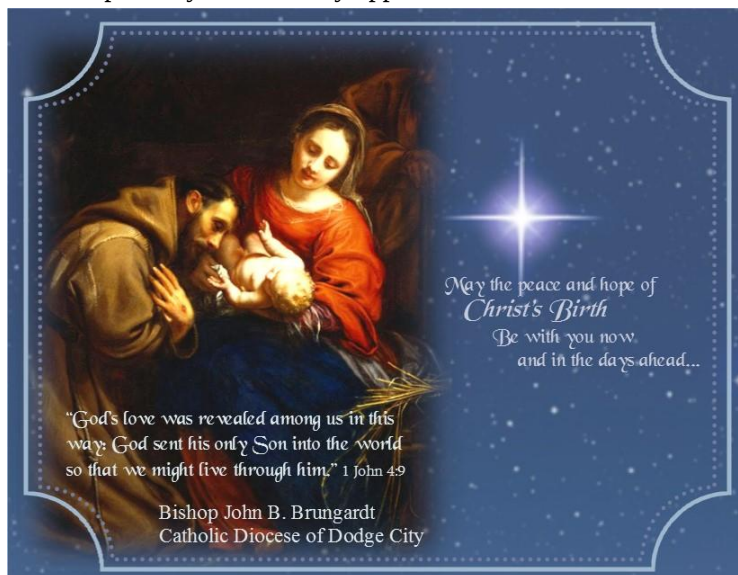
PSR Christmas Break

St. Boniface PSR classes will be on Christmas break Dec. 19th-Jan. 2nd, 2019. Classes will resume Jan. 9th, 2019.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:40) Please give generously to the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Donate online at: <http://bit.ly/2018CharityAppeal>



Ministry Schedule December 29th – 30th

Week 5/Holidays	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Mary Ohl
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Margie Eck	Tom Tharp	Laura Nittler
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Schmidt Jacque Totty Carol Ricke Marilyn Traffas Scott Dohm	Steve Inslee Marlene Kruckenberg Cindy Summers	John Hagood Mike Rogers Barbara Hagood Volunteer Volunteer
Servers	Brandon Fischer Mindy Wells Jacob Eck	Takira Blick	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Roberts Family	Herb and Norma Durant
Sacristan	Jacque Totty	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Charlotte Ringer