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The Epiphany of the Lord Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 We saw a star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	4	5:00 p.m.	ML	Jim Ricke	✠	Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	5	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	5	10:30 a.m.	SH	Sue Smith	✠	Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday	7	9:00 a.m.	ML	Betty Ricke	✠	Tuesday after the Epiphany
Wednesday	8	5:30 p.m.	ML	Herb Durant	✠	Wednesday after the Epiphany
Thursday	9	8:30 a.m.	KW	Corona Hoch		Thursday after the Epiphany
Friday	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	Edwin Schmidt	✠	Friday before Epiphany
Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	KW	Anita Patterson	✠	Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	SH	Raymond Schmidt	✠	Baptism of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: Revealing I am somewhat bemused by the popular phenomenon of “Reveal” or “Big Reveal” parties, those carefully choreographed celebrations during which young couples share the news of their engagement or announce the gender of their expected babies. These can be elaborate productions with exacting synchronization to stage the events, capture the moments, notify people to be on standby for the announcements, and broadcast the happenings in real time on social media. These episodes often combine elements of surprise with joyful readiness, and the personal with the communal. For me, these sometimes come across as over-the-top. On the positive side, they do reflect recognition by the couples that something wonderful is about to happen: a blessed event that will change them and their lives forever.

Epiphany is God’s “big reveal.” God the Father introduces his Son to us: a child who is fully human and fully divine. He is given to us not as a ruler who judges and condemns or a celebrity guest out of our reach, but as part of our family. Beyond the baby Jesus, this “big reveal” also speaks to the intimacy of a relationship: God “with us” as brother, breaking bread at our tables and sharing intimately in our joys and sorrows. Epiphany reveals something important about us as well: how loved we are by God.

In real time, personally and communally, this blessed feast of Epiphany changes us. Whatever we do to celebrate God’s “big reveal,” it could never be over-the-top.

~~Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo

Word of Life

“When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we’re in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. ...Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Perfect Gift”

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO JULIE BY NOON WEDNESDAY TO secretary@barbercountycatholic.org

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Rodney Ringer, Ted Hauser, Pete Eck, Chuck Hobson, Hugh Rankin, Corona Hoch, Charlie Jo Warner, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Miles Sheldon

For the Faithful Departed:

Art Junger, Jim Ricke, Laura Seiler, Anita Patterson, Sue Smith, Mary Traffas, Betty Ricke, Walter Sedlak and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Captain Rebecca Wright Lopez, Christopher Coggins, Nicholas Noland, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis

Church News

Tri-Parish Council Meeting

The tri-parish council meeting will take place Tuesday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Medicine Lodge.

Around the Diocese

March for Life Topeka

Stand up for life in our state and join us on the 47th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka. The bus will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe parking lot at 5pm on January 21 and travel to Prince of Peace in Great Bend to pick up additional passengers and then arrive in Topeka for an overnight stay. On January 22, the day begins with the Ignite Event at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, march to the Capitol steps and tours of the Capitol. There will be a dinner stop in Salina and the group should arrive back in Dodge City around 10pm. Cost is \$65 and does not include the dinner stop or additional snacks. Please contact the Respect

Life coordinator in your parish, your DRE and or go online to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> and fill out the registration form. Deadline is January 13. For more information call Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life Ministry, at 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

Abby Johnson Pilgrimage to Wichita

Join the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City on a pilgrimage to Wichita to hear Abby Johnson speak at the Knights of Columbus State Convention on May 2. Abby is the former Planned Parenthood director and accomplished author who inspired the movie *Unplanned*.

The bus will depart at 6:30am from the parking lot at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a stop in Stafford for additional passengers. The group will spend a time of prayer at Planned Parenthood and Trust Women Abortion Clinic followed by lunch at Larkspur prior to heading to Century II Convention Center to hear Abby's testimony. The group will then have time for reflection, Mass and dinner at the Spiritual Life Center before heading back to Dodge City.

Cost is \$25 for 12 and under and \$35 for 12 and up. Cost includes transportation, meals and the ticket to Abby Johnson. Seating is limited. Go to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> for more information and registration forms. Contact Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life/Social Justice ministry at (620) 227-1525 for additional information. The pilgrimage is open to all ages. 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or a youth sponsor who has been certified in Protecting God's Children training.

Ministry Schedule January 11th – 12th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Eileen Schmidt Carol Ricke Robin Inslee Marilyn Traffas Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Lisa Withrow Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Calli Scripsick Cauy Scripsick	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Hoch Family	Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Eileen Schmidt	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler

