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5th Sunday of Lent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 43:16-21 See, I am doing something new and I give my people drink.

Reading 2: Philippians 3:8-14 Because of Christ, I consider everything as a loss, being conformed to his death.

Gospel: John 8:1-11 Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	2	5:00 p.m.	ML	John Harding	✠	5 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	3	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners	✠	5 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	3	10:30 a.m.	KW	Randy Shinliver	✠	5 th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	5	8:30 a.m.	ML	Evan Withrow	✠	5 th Tuesday of Lent
Wednesday	6	6:00 p.m.	ML	Jeanine Ricke	✠	5 th Wednesday of Lent
Thursday	7	8:30 a.m.	KW	Charles & Josephine Inslee	✠	5 th Thursday of Lent
Friday	8	8:30 a.m.	SH	Roberta Lampe	✠	5 th Friday of Lent
Saturday	9	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Sunday	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	Bill Devoe	✠	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
Sunday	10	10:30 a.m.	KW	Christine Harbaugh	✠	Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 Minutes before Each Mass

Fifth Sunday of Lent 2022

BE TRANSFORMED IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Our readings of the fifth Sunday of Lent give us a clear message of how our lives should be transformed when we encounter Jesus Christ. The gospel is about the adulterous woman who was brought to Jesus to be used as a bait to trap him. Even though Jesus heard the accusation leveled against the woman, he did not give any direct response to her accusers. He only bent down to write. What was Jesus writing? The probability that he was writing down the sins of the accusers of the woman is very high, and that was why after telling them that whoever was without sin should be the first to throw a stone at the woman, they began to leave one after the other, having identified their own sins and realized that they were not clean either. To hypocrites like those accusers Jesus says, "First, remove the beam out of your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck of your brother's eye." Let us remember that none of us is righteous, save by the grace of God. This unique encounter with Jesus brought transformation in the lives of both the accusers and the accused. The accusers identified themselves as guilty as the accused and hence desisted from the evil they intended to do. The accused, however, had a greater and more positive transformation than the accusers when she was not condemned, neither by her accusers nor by Jesus. The adulterous woman was Mary Magdalene, whom after this special encounter with Jesus led a very transformed life, devoting her material possession and time to following and serving Jesus. Paul testifies to this type of total transformation when he says "I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing my Lord". Paul and Mary Magdalene were both great sinners but were transformed when they encountered Jesus. Why don't you give yourself to Jesus in order to be transformed? This is our time of decision making. Why don't we try to be like the Prodigal Son and return to the love of God through Christ. Let us taste and see that the Lord is good. --Father Emmanuel

The complete Sunday homily is now available online at our website, barbercountycatholic.org.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Father Mark Brantley, Kathy & John Dohm. Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, The Ringer Family, Ella Rundle, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick

For the Faithful Departed:

John Harding, Kevin Lee Austin, Pete Eck, Betty Schmidt, Jerry Blevins, Mary Contrell, Phillip Simpson, Mike Lynch, Dennis Larkin, Joyce Ditgen, KaSondra Mantey, Mabel Boor, Amari Allen, William “Bud” Becker and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

For the Military:

Triston Boor, Austin Stull, Jackson Petit, Christopher Coggins, Dylan Allison, Sheldon Hart, Bianca Lewis, Luke Fisher

Many people have asked me about Fr. Mark's condition. He asked me not to tell, so I never actually revealed his problems. It is time for the parishes to know! Fr. Mark contracted hepatitis (liver condition) many years ago. It finally destroyed his liver. He has been going through treatments for some time. It relieves fluid collection and pressure. There is no cure, other than transplant, which he ruled out. He was supposed to tell the parishes a couple of different times, but could not bring himself to do it: it meant saying good bye which he did not want to do. All he wanted, was to stay here and take care of the 3 parishes in Barber County.—John Hagood

CHURCH NEWS

Stations of the Cross

St. Boniface – Fridays at 5:00 pm.

Holy Rosary – Following Wednesday evening mass at 6:00 pm

St. John – Thursdays at 6:00 pm

KOC Fish Fry – Sharon

Sharon KOC are hosting their annual fish fries again this year!

5:30-7:30 at the Knights hall in Sharon - April 8th will be the final fish fry.

St. Boniface Parish Confirmation

St. Boniface will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 6th at 7:00 pm. A dinner in the parish hall will take place after mass – all are welcome!

Ministry Schedule April 9th – 10th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Hannah Schmidt
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	J.D. Thompson
General Intercessions	Brayden Schmidt	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Ricke Michelle Eck Paul Totty	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Frances Land Brian Withrow Julie Thompson Volunteer
Servers	Brayden Schmidt Vondie Landwehr Lane Crenner	Volunteer	Volunteers
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Karin Traffas	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler