

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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4th Sunday in Advent

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14 Behold, the virgin shall conceive.

Reading 2: Romans 1:1-7 Jesus Christ, descended from David, is the Son of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24 Jesus will be born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	17	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners	4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday	18	8:30 a.m.	ML	Joyce Ditgen	✠ 4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday	18	10:30 a.m.	KW	Todd Clouse Family	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	20	8:30 a.m.	ML	Joyce Ditgen	✠ 4th Tuesday of Advent
Wednesday	21	6:00 p.m.	ML	Ronald Ringer	✠ 4th Wednesday of Advent
Thursday	22	8:30 a.m.	KW	Londa Fischer	✠ 4th Thursday of Advent
Friday	23	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ruth Marcotte	✠ 4th Friday of Advent
Saturday*	24	5:00 p.m.	SH	Josephine Amerin/ Fr. Emmanuel-Birthday	✠ The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday*	25	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners/ Fr. Emmanuel- Birthday	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday*	25	10:30 a.m.	KW	Dennis Boor/ Fr. Emmanuel-Birthday	The Nativity of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 Minutes before Each Mass

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Through the Prophet Isaiah, God has made known to us his strong desire to demonstrate his unique love to humanity. However, since God does not force his gift on us, he has given the opportunity to humanity, represented by King Ahaz, to ask for anything that is desirable for us. Ahaz, recognizing his weakness as a man and also realizing the depth of God's wisdom and his love for humanity, appealed to God to give to us whatever God considered best for humanity. God favorably responded by making his desire, to be always present with humanity, known to King Ahaz. "The Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel, God is with us." There is no other unique way by which God can demonstrate his love for humanity than to be ever present with us in his son our Lord Jesus Christ. Many a time, God's intention to do something good in our lives for the benefit of the entire humanity is challenged by unforeseen human circumstances and misfortunes. In such moments we are tempted to give in to pressure and give up on God. We then normally resort to doing whatever we think is humanly possible and favorable for us in such situations instead of seeking divine intervention. If we believe that God is actually with us, then we should also believe that in certain difficult moments of decision making, God can come to us through others. God uses other people as his emissaries to speak to us so that we can put our trust and hope in him. However, it is a pity that oftentimes we fail to listen to such messengers of God. Just as Paul was called to be an apostle of Christ and bearer of the Good News of God to the gentiles, so also does God continue to use several unworthy men and women in our families and communities to reach out to us in our difficult moments in life. -Father Emmanuel

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Kathy & John Dohm. Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Myra Dick, The Ringer Family, Eileen Schmidt, Jerome Ricke, John Eck, Herb Landwehr, Jaunita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Vonda Landwehr, Julie Thompson

For the Faithful Departed:

Kenny Larkin, Londa Fisher, Ronald Ringer, Marcia Gerard, Phyllis Randels, Georgia Austin, Jerry Hahn, Benny Ricke, Father Mark Brantley, 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

CHURCH NEWS

Knight of the Month: Miles Sheldon

Family of the Month: Loyd and Mary Ohl

The beautiful Christmas quilt on the Rosary table in the Narthex area was made and donated by our own Rosalie Spade and Ruth Ann Simon. Thank you both so much!

Ministry Schedule for December 24th-25th

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Amanda Ricke	Loretta Boor
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Daryl Honas
General Intercessions	John Hern	Danny Archuleta	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler Volunteer
Servers	Branden Fischer Jacob Eck	Volunteers	Derrek Randels
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Mark and Loretta Boor
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Daryl Honas
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Charlotte Ringer