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Third Sunday of Lent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Exodus 17 : 3-7 Give us water, so that we might drink.

Reading 2: Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: John 4: 5-42 The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		3 rd Saturday of Lent
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	ML	Children of Holy Rosary		3 rd Sunday of Lent
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	KW	Dennis Boor		3 rd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	14	8:30 a.m.	ML	Georgia Austin	✠	3 rd Tuesday of Lent
Wednesday	15	6:00 p.m.	ML	Jim Pulliam		3 rd Wednesday of Lent
Thursday	16	8:30 a.m.	KW	Londa Fisher	✠	3 rd Thursday of Lent
Friday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Herbie Landwehr	✠	3 rd Friday of Lent
Saturday	18	5:00 p.m.	SH	S.I. for Trantham Family		4 th Saturday of Lent
Sunday	19	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		4 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday	19	10:30 a.m.	KW	Dennis Boor	✠	4 th Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

The 3rd Sunday of Lent

God always demonstrates his love for us. However, anytime we are faced with difficulties in our lives we easily forget all the favors God has bestowed on us due to the short memories we have about the goodness of God in our lives. When misfortunes strike us, we normally question the presence of God in our lives. We wonder at times whether God is truly there before all the storms of hardship continue to barrage against us. In fact, when predicaments befall us, our faith is shaken. However, in our second reading of the day, St. Paul encourages us to hold onto our faith which justifies us in the presence of God. Once we are justified, we have peace with God through Our Lord Jesus Christ. If we have strong faith in God, no matter what happens to us in life, we will have peace since we are certain that God's good plans for us will surely come to pass in our lives. The discourse between Jesus and the Samaritan woman in the gospel has demonstrated to us clearly that whatever challenges we might have gone through in life, Jesus is the true game changer. He has the power to heal our broken marriages, break our addictions and deliver us from demonic oppression. He is the living water that flows from the spring of the Father's love and gives us peace. He quenches the thirst of our souls. Until we have a special encounter with Jesus and understand the love of God for us through him, we will always have short memories of the goodness of God in our lives and resort to complaining against God whenever we are faced with difficulties. However, with our encounter with Jesus, we are given the grace to appreciate the love of God for us in him and our hope for a better future is kept alive. The season of lent is the time to have a special encounter with Jesus. Are you ready to experience that total transformation, just as the Samaritan woman did when she encountered Jesus at the well of Jacob? – *Fr. Emmanuel*

CHURCH NEWS

- The Holy Rosary K of C Council's ProLife Baby Shower baby bottles need to be returned by Sunday, March 12.
- The Sharon Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry events begin on Friday, February 24th, and will run every Friday night in March. Food will be served from 5:30 through 7:30p.m.
- St John the Apostle Parish is hosting a one-evening Lenten video titled "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by Dr. Brant Pitre. Dr. Pitre will answer questions about what the bible says to the following: Why do Catholics say that Mary is sinless, how can we believe that Mary was assumed into heaven, and why do Catholics give Mary so much honor? If you want to understand what the Bible really teaches about the Virgin from Nazareth come join us Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the St. John Parish Hall in Kiowa following the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. The video is about 90 minutes long.
- Emmie Landwehr has assumed the position of secretary for the Catholic Churches of Barber County. She may be reached by email at secretary@barbercountycatholic.org or by phone or text at 660-223-3622.

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, Jaunita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, Helen Eck, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick

For the Faithful Departed:

Herbie Landwehr, Dennis Boor, 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

Ministry Schedule for March 18th-19th

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	John Hern	Steve Roberts	Dakota Dohrmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Daryl Eck Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Charlotte Ringer Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler Volunteer
Servers	Jacob Eck Brandon Fischer	Volunteer	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

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