

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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November 5th, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 You have turned aside from the way and have caused many to falter by your instruction.

Reading 2: 1st Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 We were determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our very selves as well.

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 They preach but they do not practice.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	04	5:00 p.m.	SH	Helen Eck	✠	The 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	05	8:30 a.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	The 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	05	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		The 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	07	8:30 a.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Tuesday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	08	6:00 p.m.	ML	Sister Philomena Hrencher	✠	Wednesday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	09	8:30 a.m.	KW	Gladys Owens Family		Thursday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	10	8:30 a.m.	SH	For the Living & Deceased of St. Boniface		Friday of the 31 st Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	11	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners		The 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	ML	John Dohm	✠	The 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	KW	Ruth Blick	✠	The 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

A life of partiality by ministers of God provokes God, stirs his anger and brings doom upon them, turning their blessing into a curse.

In the first reading, we heard God's warning coming out strongly in no uncertain term to priests, **"And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not lay it to heart to give glory to my name, ... I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse."** (Mal. 2:1-2a) In all that we do as ministers of God, the glory goes to God and not to us, the ministers. There is, therefore, no need for us ministers to draw so much attention to ourselves as many ministers of God do these days. Our main responsibility as minister of God is to lead the faithful to the knowledge of God and to the truth that is revealed to us in Christ Jesus. There is, however, the temptation of ministers preaching virtue but practicing vice. Such was the situation in the Israelite community at the time of Jesus when the Scribes and Pharisees hid behind the law and lived a life that was at variance with what they preached to the people. Jesus, therefore, warned the crowds and his disciples to be wary of such hypocritical life. This is a call on me as a minister of God to constantly examine my way of life as against the word of God I preach to you the faithful of God. Apart from us priests and other ministers of God, can what Jesus said about the Scribes and the Pharisees be applicable to others who find themselves in positions of leadership and of trust? Can we be seen as symbols of what we tell our subordinates and thereby become role models to them? How truthful and honest are we in dealing with our subordinates? What good examples do we give to those who look up to us? What kind of parents and grandparents are we to our children and grandchildren? – Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Our good friends and long-time parishioners, Miles and Linda Sheldon, are moving to Michigan. On Sunday, November 12th, 2023, there will be a reception from 2-4 p.m. for them in the dining area of Holy Rosary Church. Anyone in the Medicine Lodge Community is more than welcome to come and give them your best wishes on their new life journey.
- **Attention St. John the Apostle Parishioners:** There will be a Parish Dinner at St. John the Apostle on November 12th following mass. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.
- **Attention to All Parishioners:** Heartland Center for Spirituality will be holding a workshop on Saturday, November 18th from 9 – 3. The workshop is titled “Gratitude for the Journey” and will be held in room 114 of the Great Bend Dominican Motherhouse at 3600 Broadway. Grace is everything God does for you, even though you don’t deserve it. Grace is God giving you what you need, not what you deserve. Our hearts should explode with gratitude when we recognize the power and grace God has in your life. The presenters are Jeff Koch and Keith Funk. The fee is \$50 and includes lunch. Please contact Ann Axman at 620-792-1232 or by e-mail at ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.com.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** All members of the Catholic Churches of Barber County are invited to join a Prayer Line via email for those who need prayers in our community of parishioners. The email address is: cdohrmann@usd254.org.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Theo Miller, Rayann Rucker, Ken Ricke, The Ringer Family, Jim Pulliam, Kelli Young, Kathy Dohm, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, Mary Eck, Sandy Ricke.

For the Faithful Departed:

Ruth Blick, John Dohm, Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Mabel Boor, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Shirley LeClair, Norman Fischer, Peyton Theis, Sandy Blick, George Holder, Herbie Landwehr, Dennis Boor, Kenny Larkin, Londa Fischer, 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, Luke Fisher.

THIS WEEK’S CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays: Kristine Landwehr (November 6th), Cadence Thompson (November 6th), Larry Inslee (November 7th), Jose Hernandez (November 8th), Lloyd Ohl (November 8th), Twila Angell (November 9th), Carson Cargill (November 10th), Rachel Fischer (November 10th), Charlotte Ringer (November 11th), Chris Hrencher (November 12th)

Ministry Schedule for November 11th – November 12th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Karin Traffas	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck/John Hern	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Ricke Paul Totty Michelle Eck	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Brian Withrow Julie Thompson
Servers	Drake Schmidt Ashtyn Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer
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

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