

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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November 12th, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Wisdom 6:12-16 Wisdom is found by those who seek her.

Reading 2: 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18 God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 Behold the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	14	8:30 a.m.	ML	Special Intention for Dylan Boyer		Tuesday of the 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	15	6:00 p.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Wednesday of the 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	16	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sandy Blick	✠	Thursday of the 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	KaSondra Hern Mantey	✠	Friday of the 32 nd Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	18	5:00 p.m.	SH	Shirley LeClair	✠	The 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	19	8:30 a.m.	ML	Parishioners		The 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	19	10:30 a.m.	KW	Herbie Landwehr	✠	The 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Like the ten virgins in today's gospel, each one of us has been privileged to be invited through our baptism to the wedding feast prepared for us in heaven. At our baptism, we have been given a lamp that we are to keep burning until the Second Coming of Christ, the bridegroom of the Church, so that we may run to meet him when he comes with all the Saints in the heavenly court. Unlike the ten virgins, we are lucky to be given additional oil through the subsequent sacraments we received, which should help us keep our lamps burning as we await the second coming of our Lord. However, most of us have allowed our lamps to grow dim as we slumber and sleep through the discharge of our duties of faith. We fail to put our sacramental graces to active use. When the light is within us, the oil is available to us through the sacramental graces we received, but perhaps the wick in us, our spiritual selves, is dirty and therefore we cannot emit the needed light. Just as a dirty wick of an aladdin or kerosene lamp cannot burn and emit light, so also our lamp of faith cannot burn and give light if our spiritual selves are dirty. Sin has made our souls dirty and they need to be cleansed, to be washed. We, therefore, need to cry out to God as David did: **"Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."** (Ps.51:9) How often do we access the Sacrament of Confession and Reconciliation? Like the aladdin or kerosene lamp, many of us have rendered our side knobs (which are used to adjust the wick) in us non-functionable by being indifferent to our prayer life in our relationship with God. We need to take recourse to God through Christ in prayer for our spiritual lives to be adjusted so that we can give the light that the world needs from us. Jesus says to us, **"You are the light of the world,"** and that we should endeavor to be. -Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the young people attending NCYC! Because of your support we were able to raise OVER half of the amount of money that was needed! We were very pleased with this success, as we had a short amount of time to raise money. Please keep the youth and chaperones in your prayers as they attend the conference in Indianapolis, November 16th -19th.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** The Holy Rosary Altar Society will be having a winter fundraising event on November 26th from 11am-1pm. Festivities include a free will donation soup and pie dinner, as well as a silent auction. Unable to join the fun? Call in orders can be placed on the morning of the 26th by calling 620-213-2414. Call in orders will be available for pick up by 11:30 am. If you would like to donate an item for the Holy Rosary Altar Society Silent Auction, please take a flyer with more information located in the back of the gathering space at Holy Rosary next to the bulletins.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** There is sign-up sheet located by the bulletin board at Holy Rosary to volunteer to ring the bell for the Salvation Army at White's Grocery Store in Medicine Lodge on Saturday December 9th. Volunteers from all three parishes are welcome. Thank you!
- **Attention Women of St. Boniface:** We will have an Altar Society meeting this coming Monday, Nov. 13 @ 7 pm. Please bring a toy for a Toys for Tots donation.
- **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.

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, 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: Chad Cargill (November 15th), John Hagood (November 16th), Steve Eck (November 18th), Anne Schreiner (November 19th), Carol Scripsick (November 19th), Katie Gieswein (November 19th)

Ministry Schedule for November 18th – November 19th

Week 3	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Sandy Ricke	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Darrin Hern Sandy Ricke Karin Traffas	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Jerome Ricke
Servers	Sidney Swingle Drake Schmidt Jacob Eck	Volunteer	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	Lawrence Smith	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

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