

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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November 26th, 2023

Feast of Christ the King

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 As for you, my flock, I will judge between one sheep and another.

Reading 2: 1st Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 Christ will hand over the kingdom to his God and Father so that God may be all in all.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 The Son of Man will sit upon his glorious throne, and he will separate one from another.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	25	5:00 p.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	✠	Feast of Christ the King
Sunday	26	8:30 a.m.	ML	John Dohm	✠	Feast of Christ the King
Sunday	26	10:30 a.m.	KW	David Kahmann	✠	Feast of Christ the King
Tuesday	28	8:00 a.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Tuesday of the 34 th Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	29	6:00 p.m.	ML	Helen Eck	✠	Wednesday of the 34 th Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	30	8:30 a.m.	KW	Dwayne Kruckenberg	✠	Thursday of the 34 th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	01	8:30 a.m.	SH	Stan Marcotte	✠	Friday of the 34 th Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	02	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	03	8:30 a.m.	KW	Dale Hoch & Brandi Peverley		First Sunday of Advent
Sunday	03	10:30 a.m.	SH	For the Seminarians of the Dodge City Diocese		First Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

In the gospel of today, despite the fact that Jesus vowed to give us the needed care, we cannot take his loving generosity for granted. He wants us to replicate the care and the type of leadership he gives us to others. Jesus is the king of justice, hence those who portray a life of deceitfulness, trying to take advantage of others, he will not take it kindly with them. So, he says: **“But the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them.” (Ez. 34:16b)** For true justice and equity, the king declares: **“I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.” (Ez. 34:17b)** The judgment that awaits us after death is not hidden to us, as Jesus declares to us in the gospel: **“When the Son of Man comes in his glory... he will sit upon his glorious throne and all the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them from one another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.” (Mt. 25:31-33)**

Jesus offers himself to us now as a shepherd who seeks the welfare of his sheep. However, at his Second Coming, he will be a king who judges us and he will decide our eternal welfare based on the type of life we lived here on earth. We are, therefore, called upon today to examine our lives and see where we will be when we face Christ the King and our judge. Will you qualify to be at his right, or will your unworthy lifestyle push you to his left? There is still time for us to make amends. Let it be now. The content of our amendment resolution is given by the judge himself, and that is good relationship with our neighbors, especially the needy and the less privileged will qualify us for the Kingdom of heaven. **“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me... Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.” (Mt. 25:35,40b)** – Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Bishop John will be visiting all three parishes the weekend of December 9th – 10th. Holy Rosary parish will host a Chicken and Noodle Dinner on December 9th following Mass at 5 p.m. and ask that parishioners bring a salad or dessert to share. St. Boniface parish will host a potluck luncheon following Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 10th. Please bring a dish to share. Thank you!
- **Attention to all Men:** Are you being called? Discover the Men's ACTS Retreat January 18-21 at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. An ACTS Retreat is a three-day/three-night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. This powerful experience will strengthen your faith, renew your spirit, deepen your prayer life, and connect you with others from the Diocese. Check out www.actsdcd.org for more information and registration. You are also welcome to contact Curtis Wolf at 785-623-3189 or at cjwolf@fhsu.edu
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** The Dodge City Diocese will be hosting the Pilgrimage for Life again on January 27th, 2024. You can find additional information and register for the event at DCDIOCESE.ORG/OFFICES/RESPECT-LIFE. Please register for this event by January 16th.
- **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!

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: Diane Seiler (November 29th)

Weddings: Dale Hoch & Brandi Peverley (December 2nd)

Ministry Schedule for December 2nd – December 3rd

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Elaine Trantham	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Kay Koger
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Brenda Wright Kay Koger Nathan Honas
Servers	Lane Crenner Sidney Swingle Drake Schmidt	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteer
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Brenda Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright

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