

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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December 3rd, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.

Reading 2: 1st Corinthians 1:3-9 We wait for the revelation of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 Be watchful! You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	05	8:30 a.m.	ML	Carol Brenner	✠	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent
Wednesday	06	6:00 p.m.	ML	Vonda Landwehr		Wednesday of the First Week of Advent
Thursday	07	5:30 p.m.	KW	Monty Williams	✠	Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Vigil)
Friday	08	8:30 a.m.	SH	Sandy Blick	✠	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday	08	5:30 p.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday	09	5:00 p.m.	ML	For an Increase in Vocations in the Diocese of Dodge City		Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	10	8:30 a.m.	KW	Father Mark Brantley	✠	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	10	10:30 a.m.	SH	KaSondra Hern Mantey	✠	Second Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

We are reminded by the Prophet Isaiah that deviating from the ways of the Lord makes us unclean in his sight and renders us polluted by sin. Let us recall our misdeeds in the year that has just ended, and declare to God how unworthy we have become and openly confess to God as Isaiah did on behalf of Israel: **“We are sinful, all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags.” (Is. 64.4b-5a)** Brothers and sisters, if we fail to take advantage of this advent season and mend our ways as we prepare for the coming of the Lord, the grace of God cannot abound in us **and we will wither like leaves and our guilt will carry us away like the wind. (Is. 64. 5b)**

Brothers and sisters, just like the Corinthians, we are privileged to be bestowed with the grace of God in Christ Jesus; and as Catholics, we are enriched in every way by the grace of God through the sacraments we receive from his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayer is that **God will keep us firm in faith to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Cor. 1:8)** Jesus himself urges us to be watchful and alert so that we are not taken by surprise at His second coming. He has empowered us spiritually and has entrusted to each of us a special duty for the salvation of our souls. The Spirit of God continues to watch over us, but there is no prompting about that day when Christ will come and take us to Himself to give account of our stewardship. We are, however, in a special season of hope, preparing ourselves for the favor of God to come and rest upon us. This is Advent, He is coming, therefore let us listen to the words He gives to us today as He speaks to us as individuals and as a community of faith: **“What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’ (Mk. 13:37) – Father Emmanuel**

CHURCH NEWS

*****Mass Times for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception****

Thursday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. in Kiowa (Vigil Mass)

Friday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. in Sharon

Friday, December 8th at 5:30 p.m. in Medicine Lodge

- **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 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:

Isaac Venters, 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: Richard Schmidt (December 5th), Rosalie Spade (December 5th), Vonda Landwehr (December 6th), Richard Austin (December 8th)

Ministry Schedule for December 9th – December 10th

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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