

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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December 10th, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way of the Lord.

Reading 2: 2nd Peter 3:8-14 We await new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	12	8:30 a.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent
Wednesday	13	6:00 p.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent
Thursday	14	5:30 p.m.	KW	Norbert Greiving	✠	Thursday of the Second Week of Advent
Friday	15	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Friday of the Second Week of Advent
Saturday	16	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Blick	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	17	10:30 a.m.	SH	Shirley LeClair	✠	Third Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

This act of humility—acknowledging one's sins—is the first step to accepting the gift of Jesus. Every year about this time, you hear the saying that Jesus is “the reason for the season”. True enough. But what's the further reason? That is to ask: why was Jesus born in Bethlehem? Why did God the Father send His only Child from Heaven down to earth?

Did God the Father send His Son to earth in order to teach? There are many world religions that recognize Jesus as a great teacher: on a par with other religious teachers such as Buddha, or Mohammed, or Confucius, they claim. But God the Father did not need to send His Son from Heaven in order to teach mankind. He'd been doing that for centuries through the prophets of the Old Testament. God the Father could have dropped down copies of the Sermon on Mount from Heaven if He had wanted to. Teaching was not the chief reason for God the Son to be born at Bethlehem.

The chief reason is summed up in a little saying: “The wood of the crib is the wood of the cross.” Or there's another saying that expresses the same insight: “Jesus was born in Bethlehem so that he could die on Calvary.” “So that he could die.” What God the Son, as God, could not accomplish from Heaven is to die in order to wash away both your sins, and the punishment that your sins merit. That's why is you won't acknowledge your sins as St. John the Baptist demands, you won't be able to accept Jesus as the gift that God the Father sent Him to be for you. – Father Thomas Hoisington

CHURCH NEWS

- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Advent Penance Services will be offered in all three parishes the week of December 18th. The times are as follows: St. John – Wednesday, December 20th, at 4:30 p.m., Holy Rosary – Thursday, December 21st, at 6 p.m., St. Boniface – Friday, December 22nd, at 5 p.m.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** St. John Parish in Kiowa will have their annual Live Nativity scene on Sunday, December 17th, at 5 p.m. in front of the church. Soup, dessert, and fellowship will follow in the parish hall.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Please join us for the Holy Rosary PSR Christmas Program following 6 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, December 13th. There will be a soup dinner following the Christmas Program. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Thank you!
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Bishop John will be visiting all three parishes the weekend of December 9th – 10th. Holy Rosary parish will host a Fried Chicken 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!

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: Barb Hagood (December 12th), Craig Rankin (December 15th), Easton Hrencher (December 17th)

Ministry Schedule for December 16th – December 17th

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	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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