

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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December 17th, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 I rejoice heartily in the Lord.

Reading 2: 1st Thessalonians 5:16-24 May you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 There is one among you whom you do not recognize.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	19	8:30 a.m.	ML	Samuel Abunya		Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
Wednesday	20	6:00 p.m.	ML	Almeda Seiler	✠	Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
Thursday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Adelphys Greiving	✠	Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
Friday	22	8:30 a.m.	SH	Max & Yvonne Shippy Family		Friday of the Third Week of Advent
Saturday	23	5:00 p.m.	ML	Special Intention for the Seiler Family		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	24	8:30 a.m.	KW	Eugene & Adela Becker	✠	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	24	10:30 a.m.	SH	Zailynn Glen		Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sunday	24	5:00 p.m.	KW	Joe & Gertrude Jaso and Kathy & Richard Jaso	✠	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day Vigil)
Monday	25	8:30 a.m.	ML	Al Pennock	✠	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
Monday	25	10:30 a.m.	SH	Herbie Landwehr	✠	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

By our Baptism, we share in the three-fold ministry of Christ and are therefore called upon to embrace his manifesto as written in the Book of The Prophet Isaiah. If we are true to our calling and allow ourselves to be moved by the Spirit of God, then all that we do will bear testimony to Christ whom we are preparing to welcome into our hearts, in a unique way, and will also have the grace to prepare ourselves for His Second Coming. We are called upon during this Advent season to embrace the spirit of John the Baptist, knowing very well that our duty is to bear testimony to Christ as the light of the world. We can only be the voice that is meant to cry out and announce the coming of the Lord so that humanity can prepare to welcome him. This we can do best by mending our own lives as we pray to God to put together the broken pieces of our lives caused by our sinful nature. We are not worthy, but we are called to be agents of change. Brothers and sisters, we cannot fail God, neither can we remain indifferent to the invitation of Christ. So, to us who are tempted to give up, God encourages us today: **"Say to the faint heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, he will save us." (Is. 35:4)** This indeed is the cause for which we have to be happy. Therefore, I say to you: **"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." (Phil. 4:4-5)** - Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

*****Mass Times for Christmas Eve & Christmas Day****

Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m. at St. John the Apostle in Kiowa (Christmas Day Vigil Mass)

Monday, December 25th at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary in Medicine Lodge (Christmas Day)

Monday, December 25th at 10:30 a.m. at St. Boniface in Sharon (Christmas Day)

*****Mass Times for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1st)*****

Sunday, December 31st at 5:00 p.m. at St. John the Apostle in Kiowa (Vigil Mass)

Monday, January 1st at 8:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary in Medicine Lodge

Monday, January 1st at 10:30 a.m. at St. Boniface in Sharon

- **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 6:00 p.m., St. Boniface – Friday, December 22nd, at 5:00 p.m.
- **Attention to all Parishioners:** Thank you to all of our fellow parishioners that held the farewell reception for us. We really appreciated Father's blessing. It was also a blessing to get to see so many of our friends & family before our move to Michigan. We would love to stay in touch. New address: 297 Winter Oak West, Holland, MI 49424 ~ Thank you, Miles & Linda Sheldon
- **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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Rayann Rucker, Ken Ricke, 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:

Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, John Dohm, Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Shirley LeClair, Norman Fischer, Peyton Theis, Sandy Blick, 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: Jack Schreiner (December 19th), Kay Rankin (December 20th), Jordan Ricke (December 21st), Chase Redgate (December 22nd), Carol Ricke (December 23rd), Chase Thompson (December 23rd), Tim Traffas (December 23rd)

Anniversaries: Aaron & Leigh Schreiner (December 18th), Ron & Sheila Ricke (December 19th)

Ministry Schedule for December 23rd – December 24th

Week 4	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Amanda Ricke	Darryl Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Darryl Honas
General Intercessions	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler
Servers	Ashtyn Schmidt Lane Crenner Dexton Schmidt	Volunteer	Derrek Randels
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteers
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Darryl Honas
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Charlotte Ringer

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