

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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December 24th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: 2nd Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16 The kingdom of David shall endure for ever before the Lord.

Reading 2: Romans 16:25-27 The mystery kept sacred for long ages has now been manifested.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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)
Sunday	24	7:15 p.m.	SH	Herbie Landwehr	✠	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day Vigil)
Monday	25	8:30 a.m.	ML	Al Pennock	✠	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
Tuesday	26	8:30 a.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Feast of Saint Stephen
Wednesday	27	6:00 p.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Feast of St. John the Apostle & Evangelist
Thursday	28	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester	✠	Feast of the Holy Innocents
Friday	29	8:30 a.m.	SH	Helen Eck	✠	The Fifth Day of the Christmas Octave
Saturday	30	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	31	8:30 a.m.	KW	Lorraine Loyette	✠	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	31	10:30 a.m.	SH	Special Intentions		Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	31	5:00 p.m.	KW	For the Religious		The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Monday	01	8:30 a.m.	ML	Harold & Mary Hartley	✠	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Monday	01	10:30 a.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	✠	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

My dear people of God, today is the fourth and the last Sunday of Advent. As indicated earlier, Advent is a season to help us reflect on the two comings of Jesus. Thus, his first and second coming. As we bring the Advent season to a close, the Church is asking us through the readings of today, to pay attention to the promises made to David in the first reading and their fulfilment in the Gospel. That is, the promise made in the Old Testament coming to its fulfilment in the New Testament. In the first reading, when David wanted to build a temple for the Lord in order to bring the Ark of the Lord in, God told him through the prophet Nathan that he, David, was not the one to build the temple for him, but one of his sons. However, God promised David an everlasting kingdom. God said to David, "You will always have descendants, and I will make your kingdom last forever. Your dynasty will never end." (**2 Samuel 7:16**). Then David prayed in 2 Samuel 7: 28 – 29 saying, "Oh now, sovereign Lord, you are God; you always keep your promise, and you have made this wonderful promise to me. I ask you to bless my descendants so that they will continue to enjoy your favor... and your blessing will rest on my descendants forever."

The promise made to David came to its fulfilment in the gospel reading of today, which is taken from the Gospel of Luke 1: 26-38. It reads; "The Angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David..." That child will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king as his ancestor David was. The promise made by God to David in the Old Testament has come to its fulfilment in the New Testament in Christ Jesus. This can be seen clearly in the genealogy of Jesus (Matt. 1:1-17). As Catholics, God has many promises for us, and they are fulfilled in many different ways in our lives. God has some promises for your family. If he has done it for the people of old, then he can do it for you, too. God only needs our co-operation. Kindly let us cooperate with our God, and his promises will be fulfilled in our lives. – Father Patrick Aberor

CHURCH NEWS

***** Attention to all Parishioners: There has been a change in Christmas Mass times. St. Boniface will now be having a 7:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 24th (Christmas Eve). There will still be a 10:30 a.m. Mass on December 24th to fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation. There will no longer be a 10:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day at St. Boniface. *****

*****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:** 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: Cooper Traffas (December 28th)

Baptisms: Ellis Brian Fischer (December 17th)

Ministry Schedule for December 30th – December 31st

Week 5	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Michelle Eck	John Miller	Nathan Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Margie Eck	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Elaine Trantham	Tom Tharp	Judd Dohrmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Karin Traffas Scott Dohm	Yvonne Harbaugh Delores Moreno John Forester	John Hagood Leroy Seiler Daryl Honas
Servers	Drake Schmidt Ashtyn Schmidt Sidney Swingle	Volunteer	Tony Miller
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			K of C Members
Sacristan	Karin Traffas	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

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