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December 31st, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21 Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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		Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Vigil)
Monday	01	8:30 a.m.	ML	Harold & Mary Hartley	✠	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Monday	01	10:30 a.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	✠	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Tuesday	02	8:30 a.m.	ML	Carol Brenner	✠	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday	03	6:00 p.m.	ML	Samuel Abunya		Christmas Weekday
Thursday	04	8:30 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester	✠	Christmas Weekday
Friday	05	8:30 a.m.	SH	Sandy Blick	✠	Christmas Weekday
Saturday	06	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	07	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	07	10:30 a.m.	SH	KaSondra Hern Mantey	✠	The Epiphany of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

My dear people of God, today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. According to the liturgical calendar of the Catholic Church the Sunday between Christmas and first January is considered as the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast is celebrated in honor of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Their family became the model of all Christian families. The day is also a day of obligation if it falls on Sunday as we have it today.

A family is considered to be holy when each and every person in it lives up to expectation, and everyone is playing their roles as expected. This was confirmed in the **Annunciation**, where the angel Gabriel was sent from God to Mary, and the angel said, "Hail, full of grace the Lord is with you." (Lk 1:28) It must be noted that the Lord can only be with someone who is in unity with God. Whoever is united with God should definitely be holy. We also saw the promise God made to David in 2 Sam 7 and its fulfillment in Joseph as his descendants (Lk 1:27). Here, we saw the role of Joseph in the life of Mary and Jesus. We also saw Joseph's intention to divorce Mary and how the angel Gabriel visited him in his dream asking him to take Mary as his wife since she did not commit adultery. Joseph finally took Mary home as his wife and started playing his role as a husband to Mary and the father of the child Jesus. (Matt. 1: 19-24).

We are told in the gospel of today that as part of their role in following the tradition of the Jews, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple to perform the needed rituals to God for Jesus as demanded by their tradition. In the temple, Simeon and Anna prophesied about the role of Jesus in the lives of the Jews and humanity. My dear brothers and sisters, as I mentioned earlier, after hearing about the families of Abraham, David and Joseph, and the role of each individual in them, what can you say about your own family? Again, what can we say about our roles as parents, as husband's and wives, and as children? The way we carry out our roles and responsibilities will make others see our families as a model, or not. Here, everybody has a responsibility in the family so that holiness can be seen in our families. As we continue to strive to model the Holy Family, let us pray that we will also see an increase in Holy Vocations, whether that be to the Priesthood and Religious life or as an increase in Holy marriages. – Father Patrick Aberor

CHURCH NEWS

*****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:** The Dodge City Diocese will be offering two Pastoral Ministry Formation Classes in the Spring of 2024 over Zoom. Fr. Terrance Cline will be teaching a class on THEO 4003 Christology (3 hour college course) More than creed or culture, Christianity is a relationship with a person. Fr. Robert Schremmer will be offering a class on THEO 4881 Roots and Wings - Source and Summit (1 hour college course). For more information, or to enroll in classes, please contact Coleen Stein at cstein@dcdiocese.org
- **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:

Edna Swayden, 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: Garrett Randels (January 2nd), Julie Warner (January 7th)

Ministry Schedule for January 6th – January 7th

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Elaine Trantham	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Kay Koger
General Intercessions	Lane Crenner/John Hern	Rick Hitchcock	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Brenda Wright Kay Koger Nathan Honas
Servers	Lane Crenner Sidney Swingle Ashtyn 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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