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March 3rd, 2024

The Third Sunday of Lent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Exodus: 17:3-7 Give us water, so that we might drink.

Reading 2: Romans: 5:1-2, 5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Gospel: John 4:5-42 The water I shall give will become a spring of eternal life.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	2	5:00 p.m.	ML	Sandy Blick	✠	The Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday	3	8:30 a.m.	KW	Helen Eck	✠	The Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday	3	10:30 a.m.	SH	Sandy Ricke		The Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	5	8:30 a.m.	ML	Ruth Anne Simon	✠	Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent
Wednesday	6	6:00 p.m.	ML	Harold & Mary Hartley	✠	Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent
Thursday	7	8:30 a.m.	KW	Norman Fischer	✠	Thursday of the Third Week of Lent
Friday	8	8:30 a.m.	SH	Herbie Landwehr	✠	Friday of the Third Week of Lent
Saturday	9	5:00 p.m.	ML	Bill Nittler	✠	The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	10	8:30 a.m.	KW	For an Increase in Religious Vocations in the Diocese of Dodge City		The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	10	10:30 a.m.	SH	Ruth Blick	✠	The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

God always demonstrates his love for us; however, anytime we face difficulties in life, we seem to easily forget the favors God bestows upon us due to the short memories we have about the goodness of God in our lives, and we begin to grumble and accuse God of neglecting us. When misfortunes strike us, we normally question the presence of God in our lives. We accuse God of leaving us to our fate. We wonder whether God is truly there whilst all the storms of hardship continue to barrage against us. When predicaments befall us in life, ordinarily, our faith is shaken. However, in our second reading of the day, St. Paul encourages us to hold on to our faith, because, it is our faith that justifies us in the presence of God, and once we are justified, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. According to St. Paul, if we have strong faith in God, no matter what happens to us, we will have peace since we are certain that God's good plans for us will surely come to pass in our lives. The discourse between Jesus and the Samaritan woman in the gospel demonstrates to us clearly that whatever challenges we might have gone through in life, Jesus is the true game changer. He has the power to heal our broken marriages, rescue us from addiction, deliver us from demonic oppression and bring us to true faith in him and lead us into the love of God, his Father. He is the living water that flows from the spring of the Father's love and gives us peace. He quenches the thirst of our souls. Until we have a special encounter with Jesus and understand the love of God for us in him, we will always have short memories of God's goodness in our lives and resort to complaining against God whenever we face difficulties in life. However, with our encounter with Jesus through faith, we understand the love of God for us in him and our hope for a better future is kept alive in Christ. This Lent is your time to meet him. Are you ready to say to him like the Samaritan Woman did: **"Sir, give me this water so that I may not be thirsty again?"** – Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- The Knights of Columbus, Council 2224, will begin their Lenten Fish Frys on Fridays from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sharon. These will continue for the next 3 weeks. We can't wait for you to join us!
- Stations of the Cross will begin during the Lenten Season. The schedule for Stations of the Cross will be as follows: Holy Rosary – Wednesday evening following regular 6:00 p.m. Mass, St. John – Thursday mornings following regular 8:30 a.m. Mass, St. Boniface – Friday mornings following regular 8:30 a.m. Mass.* **Lenten Penance Service will be held at Holy Rosary on March 6th at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass. There will be no Stations of the Cross following Mass.***
- The CRS Rice Bowls look a little bit different this year! You can now go online to the website at <https://mobilizecrs.donordrive.com/team/6287> to donate to the Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl Campaign under the Catholic Churches of Barber County. Thank you for your support!
- Lenten Retreat Coming March 23rd - You are invited to join us at the 2024 Lenten Retreat to be led by prominent Catholic speaker Dave DiNuzzo on Saturday, March 23rd from 3pm to 9pm at Holy Rosary. All are welcome to attend! If you can't participate in the entire retreat, come when you can! For more information, please see the fliers posted at the back of church or visit barbercountycatholic.org for more details. Please direct any questions to secretary@barbercountycatholic.org or call or text 620-546-5002. For more about Dave, visit his website at www.truemanhood.com.
- Holy Rosary will be hosting another book club during Lent this year, 2024. The book title is Mass Class: Your Questions Answered by Father Dave Dwyer, host of The Busted Halo Show. The group will meet at 3 p.m. on Thursday afternoons starting February 15, 2024. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex area of Holy Rosary Church. All are welcome!
- St. Boniface Altar Society will be having a St. Patrick's Day soup luncheon (free will donation) after mass Sunday, March 17. Please come and enjoy some soup, desserts and great fellowship.
- Holy Rosary will offer Adoration in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m. every Thursday evening through Lent.

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:

Bill Nittler, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth Blick, John Dohm, Ruth Ann Simon, Randy Ricke, Roger Ringer, Helen Eck, Shirley LeClair, Norman Fischer, Peyton Theis, Sandy Blick, 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, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for March 9th - March 10th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Mason Eck	Chris Tharp	Brian Withrow
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Mason Eck/John Hern	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Paul/Jacque 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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