

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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March 17th, 2024

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Exodus 37:12-14 I will put my spirit in you that you may live.

Reading 2: Romans 8:8-11 The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

Gospel: John 11:1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	16	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	KW	Helen Eck	✠	The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	17	10:30 a.m.	SH	Stan Marcotte		The Fifth Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	19	8:30 a.m.	ML	Bill Nittler	✠	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Wednesday	20	6:00 p.m.	ML	John Dohm	✠	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Thursday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	NO MASS		Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Friday	22	8:30 a.m.	SH	Sandy Blick	✠	Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Saturday	23	5:00 p.m.	ML	Danny Young	✠	Palm Sunday Vigil
Sunday	24	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Palm Sunday
Sunday	24	10:30 a.m.	SH	Steve & Helen Eck	✠	Palm Sunday

Sacrament of Reconciliation available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

As revealed to us by St. Paul in the second reading, sometimes the desires of the flesh lead us into situations of suffering and hopelessness, and when we hold on rigidly to the cravings of the flesh, our deeds cannot please God. As Christians, we are called to be people of faith and to live in the spirit of Christ who has purchased us with his blood from the slavery of sin. We have the firm assurance that if Christ is in us, although our bodies will be dead because of sin, our spirit will be alive because of our life of righteousness. This is the true meaning of the prophecy given to the Israelites by the Prophet Ezekiel in our first reading: **“O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them.” (Ez. 37:12)** At certain moments, situations of life make us feel more dead than alive; we experience dryness and think that there is no reason for us to live. When we find ourselves in such situations, we think that God has abandoned us. Today, we have the assurance that God will never forsake us; he always reaches out to us when we cry out to him. God is attentive to our call and hears us in times of supplication.

This Lenten season is the time to prepare ourselves for our restoration in Christ. The Church therefore calls on us to approach God and cry out to him in prayer and deny ourselves of the pleasures that lead us to sin and leave us **dead-alive**. When we submit ourselves to God in prayer, deny ourselves of the pleasures of the flesh that lead us into sin, and are ready to give ourselves to God through the gift of ourselves to one another, we will then be satisfying the three basic demands of Lent: **Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving**. At this point then, we will be qualified to share in the restoration glory which we await at the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, which we experience symbolically at Easter.

CHURCH NEWS

- St. John's will not have Thursday morning Mass, March 21st, due to the Chrism Mass in Dodge City.
- The schedule for Stations of the Cross during Lent 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. ***St. Boniface Penance Service will be held on Wednesday March 20th at 6:30 p.m. *** Holy Rosary will offer Adoration in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 p.m. every Thursday evening through Lent.
- The Knights of Columbus, Council 2224, will be having their last Fish Fry of this year's Lenten Season on Friday March 22nd from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sharon.
- 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. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! If you can't participate in the entire retreat, come when you can! For more info, please see the fliers posted at the back of church or visit barbercountycatholic.org. Contact secretary@barbercountycatholic.org or call or text 620-546-5002 for questions. For more about Dave, visit his website at www.truemanhood.com.
- Holy Rosary is hosting another book club this Lent, 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. 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.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Jax Dohrmann, son of Judd and Brianne Dohrmann, Isaiah Hauser, son of Robert Hauser, Kenzi Hauser, and Landry Warner, daughter of Brandon and Julie Warner, on making their First Reconciliation with Father Emmanuel on Wednesday March 6th. These three will receive their Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, April 13th, at 5 pm Mass at Holy Rosary. A cake and punch reception will be held for our kiddos after Mass -- everyone is invited!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Rayann Rucker, Ken Ricke, Jim Pulliam, Kelli Young, 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 23rd-March 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	Steve Eck		Charlotte Ringer

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