

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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April 28th, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Acts 9:26-31 "Barnabas reported to the Apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way."

Reading 2: 1 John 3:18 "This is his commandment: that we may believe and love."

Gospel: John 15:1-8 "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	27	5:00 p.m.	ML	Ruth Ann Simon	✠	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday	28	8:30 a.m.	KW	William & Darlene Becker	✠	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday	28	10:30 a.m.	SH	Ruth Blick	✠	Fifth Sunday of Easter
Tuesday	30		ML	***NO MASS***		Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter
Wednesday	01	6:00 p.m.	ML	Kelly Posiviata		Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter
Thursday	02	8:30 a.m.	KW	Caroline Dycke	✠	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter
Friday	03	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter
Saturday	04	5:00 p.m.	ML	David Kodadza	✠	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday	05	8:30 a.m.	KW	Beaumont & Mary Forester	✠	Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday	05	10:30 a.m.	SH	High School Seniors		Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Experience of life clearly shows that our tomorrow is determined by what we do today. If anyone desires a future that is good, then that person must begin building the perceived future today, because a life well-lived today determines a better and brighter future. Sometimes, a little slur you cast on your life now can destroy your future unless there is a divine intervention. It takes the grace of God to remedy the wrong you have done in the past to live a life that will be appreciated and accepted by the society within which you might have smeared yourself with unacceptable deeds. This fact of life has been confirmed in our first reading of the day. Saul smeared himself with the blood of those he persecuted in the past and that has become an indelible mark of rejection of him by the disciples.

Jesus makes it clear to us in the gospel that our worth is determined by how best we hold on to Him, Jesus Christ. If we dare live our lives in solitude from him, even though we may attempt to hold on to certain principles and powers in the world, our lives may not bear desirable fruits. Even if we pretend to be with Christ, our deception will be discovered by God his father because our deeds will eventually expose us, and we will be cut off from him. Jesus says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." It does not only suffice for us to be Christians but there is the need for us to endeavor to bear some fruits that are expected of us. If we show signs of good fruits, then the grace of God will be poured into our hearts in order to bear more desirable fruits for God and humanity. According to St. John, our fruitfulness is determined by proving our love for God and our neighbors not in words or speech, but in deeds and in truth. This is the commandment given to us by Jesus: love of God and love of our neighbors. If we keep this commandment, we will not be condemned because we remain in Jesus and he remains in us, and by this we can bear fruits of love and truth abundantly. – Father Emmanuel

CHURCH NEWS

- **Special Mass:** As you may already know, Father Emmanuel's brother, David Kodadza, unexpectedly passed away a few weeks ago. Father is unable to travel to Ghana to attend his brother's funeral Mass. In lieu of this, Father Emmanuel has scheduled a special Mass for Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 a.m. at Holy Rosary to celebrate his brother's life. This will be the same day that Father Emmanuel's brother David will be buried. All parishioners throughout Barber County are welcome and encouraged to attend this Mass and support Father Emmanuel in this difficult time.
- **Memorial Service:** On Saturday, May 4th Father Emmanuel will officiate a memorial service honoring the life of Peggy Sue Watson, mother of parishioner Katie Watson. The service will be at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge at 10:30 a.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- **Attention St. John:** On May 5th St. John will be celebrating the holy sacrament of First Communion with four of their young parishioners. Please join us as we celebrate this great sacrament! Breakfast and cake will follow Mass at the parish hall.
- **Attention St. Boniface:** On Sunday May 5th St. Boniface will be holding the Recognition and Graduation Mass for the 8th grade and Highschool Seniors. Please join us as we celebrate our graduating parishioners!
- **Attention all High School Seniors:** Sharon Council 2224 Knights of Columbus Scholarship - Highschool seniors that are members of St. Boniface parish are eligible to apply. Applications are at the back of church or contact Grand Knight Randy Crenner @ 620-930-8207. **Applications must be returned by May 1st** to Randy Crenner.
- **You are Invited:** Bishop John B. Brungardt will ordain Carson Haupt to the order of Deacon at 10 o'clock in the morning on Saturday, June 1, 2024 located at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows.

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, and Kelly Capansky.

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, Sandy Ricke 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 May 4th –5th

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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