

**Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas**  
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**December 8th, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

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**Thoughts on Today's Liturgy**

**Reading 1:** Baruch 5:1-9 "Jerusalem, God will show you splendor."

**Reading 2:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 "Show yourselves pure and blameless for the day of Christ."

**Gospel:** Luke 3:1-6 "All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

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| Saturday  | 07 | 5:00 p.m.  | SH | Ron Noland               | ✠ | Second Sunday of Advent                |
| Sunday    | 08 | 8:30 a.m.  | KW | Parishioners             |   | Second Sunday of Advent                |
| Sunday    | 08 | 10:30 a.m. | ML | Charlotte Ringer         | ✠ | Second Sunday of Advent                |
| Tuesday   | 10 | 8:30 a.m.  | ML | Father Renee             |   | Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent   |
| Wednesday | 11 | No Mass    | ML |                          |   | Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent |
| Thursday  | 12 | 6:30 p.m.  | KW | Sally & Boyd Forester    |   | Thursday of the Second Week of Advent  |
| Friday    | 13 | 8:30 a.m.  | SH | Herbie Landwehr          | ✠ | Friday of the Second Week of Advent    |
| Saturday  | 14 | 5:00 p.m.  | SH | Norma Fischer            | ✠ | Third Sunday of Advent                 |
| Sunday    | 15 | 8:30 a.m.  | KW | Beaumont & Mary Forester |   | Third Sunday of Advent                 |
| Sunday    | 15 | 10:30 a.m. | ML | Parishioners             |   | Third Sunday of Advent                 |

**Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Today, the voice of John the Baptist cries out to us, **"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Lk. 3:4-6)** There are pertinent questions that come to the fore: Have some of our attitudes created valleys between us and our God? Can we think about our lives of negligence that have constituted mountains and hills between us and God? Are there instances that have made the distance between us and God so winding and long? Can we identify some of our attitudes and decisions that might not have been thought of well in our relationship with God which have rendered our relationship ragged and rough? Let us remember that all the lapses in our relationship with one another affect our relationship with God. Jesus made it clear to us the thoughts of God about us based on our relationship with one another. **The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me." (Mt. 25:40)** Let us endeavor to fill the valleys in our relationship with one another, level the mountains of negligence, make straight the winding roads of untruthfulness, and get the rough and ragged ways of our relationships with one another smoothed by cultivating positive thoughts about our neighbors. Let us listen to St. Paul as he admonishes us: **"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." (Rom. 12:18)** In this way, we will be prepared to welcome **Jesus** into our lives daily and be prepared for his Second Coming. - *Father Emmanuel*

## CHURCH NEWS

- **Altar Society Women of St. Boniface:** There will be a gathering December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Bring a covered dish, an ornament for exchanging and a Christmas sweater. Come join us for good food, fun games, and wonderful fellowship.
- **Advent Penance Services:** December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm will be at Holy Rosary  
December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm will be at St. John (followed by Mass at 6:30 pm)  
December 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm will be at St. Boniface
- **Holiday Mass Schedule:** Vigil Mass on December 24<sup>th</sup>- St. Boniface at 4:00 pm and Holy Rosary at 6:00 pm  
Christmas Day Mass on December 25<sup>th</sup> – St. John at 9:30 am  
Vigil Mass on December 31<sup>st</sup> – St. Boniface at 4:00 pm and Holy Rosary at 6:00 pm  
New Years Day Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup> – St. John at 9:30 am

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

### **For the Sick and Shut-Ins:**

Edna Swayden, Karma Redgate, Isaac Venters, Theo Miller, Ken Ricke, Kelli Young, Lennes Rankin, Adalynn Amerin, Ralph & Myra Dick, Eileen Schmidt, John Eck, Juanita Ricke, Hugh Rankin, and Mary Eck.

### **For the Faithful Departed:**

Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, Londa Fischer, Beatrice Ricke, Ruth 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 December 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

| <b>Week 3</b>                | <b>St. Boniface</b>             | <b>St. John the Apostle</b>                            | <b>Holy Rosary</b>                               |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector 1</b>              | Marilyn Traffas                 | Bev Miller                                             | John Hagood                                      |
| <b>Cantor</b>                | Choir                           | Choir                                                  | Cheri Dohrmann                                   |
| <b>Lector 2</b>              | Randie Landwehr                 | Danny Archuleta                                        | John Hagood                                      |
| <b>General Intercessions</b> | Lane Crenner/Mason Eck          | Danny Archuleta                                        | Volunteer                                        |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Anne Schreiner<br>Karin Traffas | Marlene Kruckenberg<br>Rick Hitchcock<br>Cindy Summers | Brandon Warner<br>Barbara Hagood<br>Jerome Ricke |
| <b>Servers</b>               | Dexton Schmidt<br>Lane Crenner  | Volunteer                                              | Jhayla Alojacin                                  |
| <b>Musician</b>              | Kathy Dohm                      | Nikki Brattin                                          | Kathy Dohm                                       |
| <b>Greeters</b>              |                                 |                                                        | Roger and Twila Angell                           |
| <b>Sacristan</b>             | Lawrence Smith                  | Bev Miller                                             | Brandon Warner/Volunteer                         |
| <b>Rosary</b>                | Shirley Ditgen                  |                                                        | Jerome Ricke                                     |