

# Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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December 15th, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

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## Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

**Reading 1:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a "The Lord will rejoice over you with gladness."

**Reading 2:** Philippians 4:4-7 "The Lord is near."

**Gospel:** Luke 3:10-18 "What should we do?"

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

|           |    |            |    |                          |   |                                       |
|-----------|----|------------|----|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 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                |
| Tuesday   | 17 | 8:30 a.m.  | ML | Ruth Ann Simon           | ✠ | Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent   |
| Wednesday | 18 | 6:00 p.m.  | ML | Jaqueline Wood           | ✠ | Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent |
| Thursday  | 19 | 8:30 a.m.  | KW | Sally & Boyd Forester    |   | Thursday of the Third Week of Advent  |
| Friday    | 20 | 8:30 a.m.  | SH | Herbie Landwehr          | ✠ | Friday of the Third Week of Advent    |
| Saturday  | 21 | 5:00 p.m.  | SH | Parishioners             |   | Fourth Sunday of Advent               |
| Sunday    | 22 | 8:30 a.m.  | KW | Dwayne Kruckenberry      |   | Fourth Sunday of Advent               |
| Sunday    | 22 | 10:30 a.m. | ML | Charlotte Ringer         | ✠ | Fourth Sunday of Advent               |

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

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent is a time of preparation to receive the greatest gift of God to humanity. We also should therefore be ready to demonstrate an act of self-giving to one another. Advent is a time of opening ourselves up to receive the forgiveness of God and be reconciled with him. Hence, we are also called upon to forgive one another and be reconciled with one another as we await the coming of his son Jesus Christ. Hence, we are called upon during this time of our preparation for the coming of Christ to serve the needs of one another. The voice of St. Paul should continuously sound in our ears: **"Your kindness should be made known to all."** For us to demonstrate our love to others and to experience true joy, we need to do reparation. We may not be tax collectors, but have we ever defrauded others? We may not be soldiers, but do we have the tendency to intimidate others? Are we satisfied with what we have and therefore not practice extortion?

If we continuously examine ourselves in light of the words of John the Baptist during the Advent Season, there will be no need for us to be anxious about anything. All we have to do is to pray and petition God with thanksgiving, making our request known to him. It is only then that the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Our joy then will be meaningful, complete, and fulfilling. Above all, let us identify the underprivileged among us during the advent season and reach out to them with compassion. When compassion is shown in real ways, joy is rediscovered and celebrated. Selfishness, on the contrary, breeds sadness. You may have everything in this world, but selfishness may deny you the true joy of giving and sharing your life with others and you may not live a fulfilled life. God rejoices with us today, because he has willingly shared his love with us through his son Jesus Christ. Are we ready to respond to his invitation and share our lives with others? *-Father Emmanuel*

## CHURCH NEWS

- **St John Parish:** Please join us watching the Live Nativity in Kiowa. It will be in front of the Church on Main Street on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Soup and dessert to follow at the Parish Hall.
- **Holly Rosary:** Please join in celebrating our PSR Christmas Program, Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> after 6:00 pm mass. It will begin approximately at 6:45 pm with a potluck supper to follow, so please bring a dish.
- **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 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

| <b>Week 4</b>                | <b>St. Boniface</b>                              | <b>St. John the Apostle</b>                   | <b>Holy Rosary</b>                            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Lector 1</b>              | Carol Ricke                                      | Amanda Ricke                                  | Darryl Honas                                  |
| <b>Cantor</b>                | Choir                                            | Choir                                         | Rodney Ringer                                 |
| <b>Lector 2</b>              | Daryl Eck                                        | Danny Archuleta                               | Darryl Honas                                  |
| <b>General Intercessions</b> | John Hern/Mason Eck                              | Danny Archuleta                               | Diane Seiler                                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Anne Schreiner<br>Doug Schmidt                   | Deb Helfrich<br>Carl Helfrich<br>Tammy Graves | Daryl Honas<br>Cheri Dohrmann<br>Leroy Seiler |
| <b>Servers</b>               | Ashtyn Schmidt<br>Lane Crenner<br>Dexton Schmidt | Volunteer                                     | Derrek Randels                                |
| <b>Musician</b>              | Kathy Dohm                                       | Nikki Brattin                                 | Kathy Dohm                                    |
| <b>Greeters</b>              |                                                  |                                               | Volunteers                                    |
| <b>Sacristan</b>             | Doug Schmidt                                     | Deb Helfrich                                  | Darryl Honas                                  |
| <b>Rosary</b>                | Steve Eck                                        |                                               | Charlotte Ringer                              |