

# Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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## Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

**Reading 1:** Micah 5:1-4a "From you shall come forth the ruler of Israel."

**Reading 2:** Hebrews 10:5-10 "Behold, I come to do your will."

**Gospel:** Luke 1:39-45 "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

|           |    |            |    |                                                    |   |                                               |
|-----------|----|------------|----|----------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------|
| 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                       |
| Tuesday   | 24 | 4:00 p.m.  | SH | Gerard Ricke                                       | † | The Nativity of the Lord(Christmas Day Vigil) |
| Tuesday   | 24 | 6:00 p.m.  | ML | Ruth Ann Simon                                     | † | The Nativity of the Lord(Christmas Day Vigil) |
| Wednesday | 25 | 9:30 a.m.  | KW | Joe & Gertrude Jaso, Richard Jaso & Kathy Gonzales |   | The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)      |
| Thursday  | 26 | 8:30 a.m.  | KW | Norbert Greiving                                   |   | Feast of Saint Stephen                        |
| Friday    | 27 | 8:30 a.m.  | SH | Stan Marcott                                       | † | Feast of St. John the Apostle & Evangelist    |
| Saturday  | 28 | 5:00 p.m.  | SH | Rayann Rucker                                      | † | Feast of the Holy Innocents                   |
| Sunday    | 29 | 8:30 a.m.  | KW | Parishioners                                       |   | Feast of the Holy Family                      |
| Sunday    | 29 | 10:30 a.m. | ML | Jaqueline Wood                                     | † | Feast of the Holy Family                      |

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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

We need to consider the power of our words during our encounter with one another. As we heard from the gospel: **"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.' (Lk. 1:41-42)** This is a kind of symbiotic relationship. The words of Mary sparking joy in Elizabeth, and the words of Elizabeth acknowledging the goodness of God in the life of Mary. Our words are meant to build up one another. However, our words can potentially empower or disempower; build or destroy one another. As we encounter one another in our relationships, we need to taste our words before we let them out. If we are created in the image and likeness of God, then what comes out of mouths should enhance life, but not to destroy life. The words of Mary brought excitement and joy to Elizabeth, and the words of Elizabeth gave glory to God for blessing Mary. Do our words heal or hurt; do they promote peace and harmony, or do they ferment conflict and disharmony?

We all need a kind of Mary to bring us joy and lift up our downtrodden spirits; someone whose voice fills our inner void and vacuum of hopelessness, that creates apprehension in us; a kind of Mary who speaks to our hearts and ignites our passion and sense of responsibility. Someone whose presence lightens our burdens and brings us back on track in order to fulfill our dreams and aspirations. Perhaps our presence to each other may be more important than the gift we offer, because the gift of God in us is manifested to others with our presence. Mary's presence in the family of Zachariah brought to them Jesus, the perfect gift of God. We are on mission to carry Christ to others with our message of hope, peace, joy, and love. Being Christians is about being present to others in ways that leaves them blessed. Let our words demonstrate the presence of Christ in us as we relate with one another so that we can bring transformation into the lives of many, especially during the Yuletide. -Father Emmanuel

## CHURCH NEWS

- **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 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</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                              |