

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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March 23rd, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Exodus 13:1-8a, 13-15 "I AM' sent me to you."

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 "The life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down as a warning to us."

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9 "If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	22	5:00 p.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday	23	8:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday	23	10:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	25	8:30 a.m.	ML	For the Return of Fallen Away Catholics		Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent
Wednesday	26	6:00 p.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent
Thursday	27	8:30 a.m.	KW	Ig and Martina Flax		Thursday of the Third Week of Lent
Friday	28	8:30 a.m.	SH	Stan Marcotte		Friday of the Third Week of Lent
Saturday	29	5:00 p.m.	SH	Parishioners	✠	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	30	8:30 a.m.	KW	Todd and Cathy Clouse	✠	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday	30	10:30 a.m.	ML	Roger Ringer	✠	Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

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The discourse between Jesus and the Samaritan woman demonstrates to us clearly that whatever challenges we might have gone through in life, Jesus has the power to transform our situation. He heals our broken marriages, rescues us from addiction of any kind, and delivers us from demonic oppression. He brings us to true faith in Him and leads us into the love of His Father. Jesus is the living water that flows from the spring of the Father's love and quenches the thirst of our soul. He gives us peace. Until we have a special encounter with Jesus and understand the love for us in Him, we will always have short memories of God's goodness in our lives, and resort to complaining against Him whenever we face difficulties in life. In our encounter with Jesus, we understand the love of God for us in Him, and our hope for a better future is kept alive in Christ. Whatever we are looking for in life may seem distant from us, but Jesus is always present to make it accessible to us when we draw close to Him. The cistern may be deep, but with Jesus by our side, we need not overstretch ourselves to acquire the living water that will quench our thirst forever. Jesus is always ahead of us at the source of our needs. Before the Samaritan woman went to the well, Jesus was already there thirsting for her soul. Jesus knew that the woman needed more than ordinary water. She had a whole history of unfulfilled life; hence Jesus told her that if she had Him, all her longings would be met. Actually, upon accepting Jesus as the Messiah, she became fulfilled. **"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."** There are many things that we are looking for in life. We may never be satisfied with whatever material possession we have. Jesus surpasses all material things that we long for in life. He is the living water that quenches the thirst of our souls. Let us try to eschew the life of ingratitude to God, especially during this Lenten season and draw closer to Jesus so as to draw from the spring of His living water. *-Father Emmanuel*

CHURCH NEWS

All Parishioners:

- **Stations of the Cross**
 - Holy Rosary – Before Mass on Wednesday
 - St. John the Apostle – 8:30 a.m. on Thursday
 - St. Boniface – 5:00 p.m. Before Fish Fry on Friday (Except Good Friday)
- **The Knights of Columbus, Council 2224, will begin their Lenten Fish Frys on Fridays from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Sharon.** These will continue for the next 3 weeks.
- **Lenten Penance Services**
 - St. John the Apostle – April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. – Mass will be followed by Penance Service
 - Holy Rosary – April 9th at 5:30 p.m. – Penance Service will be followed by Mass
 - St. Boniface – April 11th at 5:00 p.m.
- **Lenten Suppers-** The Ministerial Association in Medicine Lodge is hosting free will offering Lenten Meals. Supper is served from 6:00-6:30 with a Lenten thought at 6:30. We encourage everyone to join and celebrate with the community as we get closer to Easter!
 - First Christian Church – April 1st
 - Community Bible Fellowship – April 8th
 - Methodist Church – April 15th

St. Boniface:

- For the month of March, all of the food bank basket items will be donated to the Freedom Gates Boys Ranch in Hazelton. Please donate to our locals.

Holy Rosary:

- **The Women of Holy Rosary are hosting a Spring Cleaning event, Sunday, March 30th at 1 pm.** Wear your work clothes, and join us as we deep clean and prepare Holy Rosary for Easter. What a great opportunity not just for fellowship, but to help prepare our own hearts for Easter! Hope to see you there!

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:

Bob and Lori Schrock, 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 March 29th – 30th

Week 5	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Michelle Eck	John Miller	Nathan Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Margie Eck	Tom Tharp	Brian Withrow
General Intercessions	Elaine Trantham	Tom Tharp	Judd Dohrmann
Eucharistic Ministers	Jaque Totty Scott Dohm Paul Totty	Yvonne Harbaugh Delores Moreno John Forester	John Hagood Leroy Seiler Daryl Honas
Servers	Drake Schmidt Ashtyn Schmidt Sidney Swingle	Volunteer	Tony Miller
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			K of C Members
Sacristan	Jacque Totty	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke

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