

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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November 30th, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Is 2:1-5 "The Lord will gather all nations into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God."

Reading 2: Rom 13:11-14 "Our salvation is nearer."

Gospel: Mt 14:37-44 "Stay awake, that you may be prepared."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	29	5:00 p.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	†	First Sunday in Advent
Sunday	30	8:30 a.m.	SH	Mr. and Mrs. Duckworth		First Sunday in Advent
Sunday	30	10:30 a.m.	KW	Robert Christensen	†	First Sunday in Advent
Tuesday	2	8:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	†	Tuesday of the First Week of Advent
Wednesday	3	6:00 p.m.	ML	Betty Schmidt	†	Wednesday of the First Week of Advent
Thursday	4	9:00 a.m.	KW	Sally & Boyd Forester	†	Thursday of the First Week of Advent
Friday	5	8:30 a.m.	SH	KoC Deceased Members & Families	†	Friday of the First Week of Advent
Saturday	6	5:00 p.m.	ML	Sandy Ricke	†	Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	7	8:30 a.m.	SH	KoC Members & Families		Second Sunday of Advent
Sunday	7	10:30 a.m.	KW	Rose Baier	†	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday*	8	9:00 a.m.	KW	Rose Baier Family		Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday*	8	11:00 a.m.	SH	Betty Schmidt	†	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday*	8	6:30 p.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	†	Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

*Monday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Advent Penance Services

Tuesday, December 9 Holy Rosary @ 6:00 p.m.	Thursday, December 11 St. John @ 6:00 p.m.	Friday, December 12 St. Boniface @ 6:00 p.m.
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In our second reading today, St. Paul generously makes known to us how we should be in order to be welcome into the presence of God on this mountain of grace. **"Brothers and sister: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, and put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh."** (Rom. 13:11-14) The desires of the flesh are very enticing and have the tendency of holding us captive. There is the need for us to make the necessary effort to be out of the grips of the flesh. The time to begin is now, a season of advent, a season of new beginning. There is no time for us to waste. Jesus warns us today to wake up to the reality of the need for preparation. **"As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them away. So will it be at the coming of the Son of Man."** (Matt. 24:37-39) At Advent, we prepare to welcome Christ born anew in our hearts and homes. It is also a time to prepare ourselves for the Second Coming of our Lord, a day we do not know. Let us therefore take this opportunity to prepare ourselves so that the day of the second coming of Jesus will not take us off guard just like the flood came to carry away all those who were not prepared.

CHURCH NEWS

Help us start Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: St. Boniface parish is bringing the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) to our parish families. CGS is a shared religious, hands-on experience where a child interacts or works with materials to learn more about God and talk and listen to Him. We are seeking a community-wide effort to make this happen. For more information on how to help or how to donate items, monetary gifts, and/or time and talent, please contact Allison Ricke (620-213-1984) or Mary Pat Eck (314-681-0255). You can also visit our registry website for ways to help supply our CGS environment: <https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/StBonifaceCGS>

Holy Rosary: There is a Salvation Army Bell Ringing sign up sheet at the back of church. We are asking for volunteers to help on Saturday, November 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The time slots are for 30 minutes.

The Heartland Center for Spirituality invites you to embark on a transformative two-year program dedicated to restoring humanity to the likeness of Christ. This program explores the biblical narrative as the unfolding story of God's work—through Jesus Christ—to renew our vision and understanding, allowing us to fulfill the purpose for which we were originally created. For more information visit our website at <https://heartlandspirituality.org/a-pilgrimage-of-the-heart/>

This Giving Tuesday, **December 2**, we invite you to celebrate the miracle of life and the power of compassion through Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas Pregnancy Support and Adoption Services. Donations can be given online at catholiccharitiesswk.org or by calling [620-272-0010](tel:620-272-0010).

Mark your calendar for December 2, 2025. Make a gift on Giving Tuesday to support the **Catholic Diocese of Dodge City** and the good work that is done in our community. With our generous, matching donor, almsgiving will be **doubled**, up to \$5,000! Mail checks to Dechant Foundation, PO Box 741, Dodge City, KS 67801

"I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful soup supper benefit and generosity; it is so very much appreciated. My family is blessed to have such a supportive parish family. Thank you to the Altar Society for putting it together."
Love, the Swingle Family.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

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

For the Faithful Departed:

Dick Austin, Brad Mantooth, Bob and Lori Schrock, Eileen Schmidt, Charlotte Ringer, Rayann Rucker, Jacqueline Woods, Alicia J. Widdows, Kelly Capansky, Sandy Ricke, Bill Nittler, 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, Michael Castaneda.

Ministry Schedule for December 6th-7th

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 Michelle Eck	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Brenda Wright Kay Koger Nathan Honas
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteer
Sacristan	Dean Eck	Danny Archuleta	Brenda Wright
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright

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