

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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December 7th, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Is 11:1-10 "He shall judge the poor with justice."

Reading 2: Rom 15:4-9 "Christ saves everyone."

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12 "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!"

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	9	8:30 a.m.	ML	Charlotte Ringer	✠	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent
Wednesday	10	6:00 p.m.	ML	NO MASS		Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent
Thursday	11	9:00 a.m.	KW	Dorothy Weller	✠	Thursday of the Second Week of Advent
Friday	12	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Friday of the Second Week of Advent
Saturday	13	5:00 p.m.	ML	Parishioners		Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	14	8:30 a.m.	SH	Ken Rundle	✠	Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday	14	10:30 a.m.	KW	Susan White Family		Third Sunday of Advent

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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The need for our genuine preparation during this advent season to accept Christ, is intensified by the call of John the Baptist in our gospel today: **"Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!"** We have no doubt that Christ is associated with the Kingdom of God. He is the true sign and true representative of God's Kingdom among humanity. In him, we experience the love and goodness of the True God.

We have already been baptized, but there is the need to constantly renew our baptism by plunging ourselves again and again in the love of Christ. We cannot pride ourselves as children of God just because of our initial baptism into Christ. There should be a constant renewal of our commitment to God through Christ so as to abound in the grace of God in order to produce good fruit. Let us remember: **"Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into fire. (Mt.3:10)** We pray during this advent season that the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire that we received on the day of our baptism be renewed so that we can be productive in good deeds in order to be part of the wheat that is to be gathered into the barn of God, but not be counted among the chaff that will be burned with unquenchable fire.

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. 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>

The Heartland Center for Spirituality invites you to embark 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/>

Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas thanks you for your generosity for providing much needed food, housing, and utility assistance to those experiencing homelessness, hunger, and hardship. Your gift – no matter the size – helps Catholic Charities remain a source of light, hope, and tangible support for our community. Donations can be made using the envelopes located at the back of the church or visit www.CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org.

Support Life, Reduce your Taxes. As you consider year-end giving, please consider taking advantage of the **Kansas Pregnancy Tax Credit**. Donations to Catholic Charities programs that support pregnancy and struggling parents can be used to reduce your Kansas income tax by a 70% credit on your state taxes. For example, a donation of \$1,000, made by December 31, 2025, would allow you a \$700 credit when you pay your Kansas income taxes next year. For more information look for the Catholic Charities fliers available at all three parishes, visit the Catholic Charities website (www.CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org), or call Brian Withrow (620-213-0391).

Join the ladies of St. Boniface December 8th at 6:30pm for our annual Christmas party! Bring your favorite covered dish, a white elephant gift for the gift exchange, and wear your Christmas sweater!

Please consider praying for a loved one with a Mass Intention. Medicine Lodge is needing more Mass Intentions.

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 Mantooh, 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 13th-14th

Week 2	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Mason Eck	Chris Tharp	Volunteer
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	John Hern	Tom Tharp	Volunteer
General Intercessions	Mason Eck/John Hern	Tom Tharp	Julie Thompson
Eucharistic Ministers	Carol Ricke Darrin Hern	Linda Forester John Forester Delores Moreno	Norman Clouse Julie Thompson
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Norman and Becky Clouse
Sacristan	Karin Traffas	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler

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