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The Epiphany of the Lord

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Sir 1-2, 8-12 "The wisdom of God lives in his people."

Reading 2: Eph 1:3-6, 15-18 "God destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ."

Gospel: Jn 1:1-18 "The word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	3	5:00 p.m.	ML	Nathan Honas – for health		The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	4	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		The Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday	4	10:30 a.m.	KW	Farmers and Ranchers		The Epiphany of the Lord
Tuesday	6	8:30 a.m.	ML	Floyd Spade	✠	Tuesday after Epiphany
Wednesday	7	6:00 p.m.	ML	Edwin Simon	✠	Wednesday after Epiphany
Thursday	8	9:00 a.m.	KW	Bob & Lori Schrock	✠	Thursday after Epiphany
Friday	9	8:30 a.m.	SH	Tina Fontenot	✠	Friday after Epiphany
Saturday	10	5:00 p.m.	ML	Souls in Purgatory	✠	The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	11	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	11	10:30 a.m.	KW	John & Martha Hoatson	✠	The Baptism of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord

In the gospel reading of the day, the diligent search for the Child Jesus by the magi, who represented the entirety of humanity, is an indication to us that human quest for meaningful life can only be met in Christ when we give him our best, our hearts; indeed, our all. The magi gave gold, frankincense and myrrh, which were their best, to Jesus when they finally found him. The best we can give to Jesus is our hearts. There is nothing more precious to be given to Jesus than our hearts, which is the symbol of our personality. When we give our hearts to Jesus, he who is the Eternal Light from God will shine upon us and we will rise up in splendor to glorify the wondrous deeds of God in our lives. There might have been certain unfortunate situations and incidences served as darkness which prevented us from shining and giving light to the world as God wants us to do. I assure you that these situations will not persist forever. God has the power to dispel the darkness that seemed to swallow us up and enable us to shine wherever we find ourselves. That power of God is manifested to us today through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, which dispels all forms of darkness in our lives. Sickness, poverty, misery, rejection, death and other unfortunate situations that threaten our lives may rise up as the "Herods", doing all they can to stop what God has destined us to become. However, he who protected the Child Jesus and defended him against the wickedness of Kind Herod is the same God whom we serve. He will not abandon us to our ill-fate.

The stewardship of God's grace to us is a special one for the benefit of all whom we encounter. Just as light does not shine for itself but for others to see, let us pray for the grace of God to enable us shine in the darkness for all to see in order to give glory to God. This grace might not have been given to others, but by the love of God, we have received it through Christ. Have you seen the star of Christ like the magi did? What is your reaction? Are you ready to search for Christ and give him your heart? Will you let your light shine in the darkness for others to see and give glory to God?

PARISH NEWS

Thank you to everyone that has given me cards and gifts during this holiday season, birthdays, and throughout the year! It is greatly appreciated, and I wish the best for you and everyone in our Parish Community. Have a Blessed 2026 Year!
~ Father Emmanuel Kosikumah

Thank you to Karin Traffas for serving on the Parish Council for many years and for her other works of service for St. Boniface Parish. If you are interested in taking her place on the Council, please visit with Father.

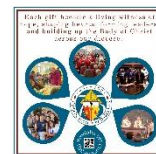
St. Boniface Hall Reservations. Please contact Bonnie Belle @ 970-406-1981 to reserve the Parish Hall.

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



DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocese of Dodge City Ministries are growing by the numbers in 2025. Check out <https://www.dcdiocese.org/bulletin-corner/57592-growing-ministries> for more information.



The January 2026 Monthly Notes are now available @ <https://www.dcdiocese.org/diocesan-news/monthly-notes>.

Heartland Center for Spirituality is hosting an unforgettable **Girls Night Out** for all ladies, on Friday, January 9th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Free Fun Awaits! 🍷

A Pilgrimage of the Heart. The Heartland Center for Spirituality invites you to embark on a transformative two-year program beginning on January 10, 2026, dedicated to restoring humanity to the likeness of Christ. For more information visit our website at <https://heartlandspirituality.org/a-pilgrimage-of-the-heart/>

Digital Discipleship: Bringing the Gospel to Social Media - January 21, 12:10 PM, via Zoom. Presenter: Sonya Cooksey Sign up at: [dcdiocese.org/stewardship](https://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship). In this 45-minute Lunch & Learn, discover easy approaches to creating faith-filled posts, reaching more people, and turning everyday parish life into digital evangelization. All parish leaders are welcome!

OCIA Retreat: Jesus is Calling my Name – January 24, 2026 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in Dodge City (Register by Jan. 15) or February 7, 2026 at Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend (Register by Jan. 29). To register, e-mail ann@heartlandspirituality.org. The retreat is for catechumens, candidates, sponsors, and teams of the RCIA formation.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Nathan Honas, Delmar Ricke, Susan Ricke, Ellen Young, Bob Randels, 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:

JoAnn Rinke, 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.

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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