

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 "I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly."

Reading 2: 1 Cor 1:26-31 "God chose the weak of the world."

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12a "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	31	5:00 p.m.	ML	Dean & Mary Ann Mantooth	✠	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	1	8:30 a.m.	SH	City of Sharon		Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	1	10:30 a.m.	KW	Special Intention of Gene & Mae Becker		Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	3	8:30 a.m.	ML	Janet Patterson	✠	Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday	4	6:00 p.m.	ML	Frank, Sylvia, & Brad Mantooth	✠	Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday	5	9:00 a.m.	KW	Donald Becker	✠	Thursday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	6	8:30 a.m.	SH	Clarence & Carolyn Hrencher	✠	Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday	7	5:00 p.m.	ML	Prayer Chain Members		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	8	8:30 a.m.	SH	Parishioners		Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	8	10:30 a.m.	KW	Bob & Pat Zrubek	✠	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

MASS TIMES for Ash Wednesday – Feb. 18

8:00 a.m. at St. Boniface • 5:00 p.m. at St. John • 7:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary

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We are led by Jesus in the gospel to behold and embrace the qualities of life that qualify us to be chosen as instruments of God's glory in the world. These qualities are summarized in the Beatitudes recommended to us by Christ to be demonstrated to the world as we serve God and humanity. We are to examine our attitudes to life and peg them against the Beatitudes. **"Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of God."** Poverty in spirit has to do with total dependence on God. We have to submit to God in all things for him to direct and guide us in all that we do. He is our source of life, our strength, and all that we are. Our thoughts are to be upon him who lives in heaven. As we desire God, we desire heaven, and heaven will be ours. How meek and submissive are we to the will of God? Do we give chance to God and allow his will to be done in us? How often do we not make plans for ourselves and want God to conform to them? **"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."** Do we seek the welfare of one another or are we always seeking our personal satisfaction to the neglect of the needs of others? **"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."** Are we merciful to those who offend us, and are ready to forgive them, or do we always seek revenge for ourselves? Remember, the Lord says, **"Vengeance is mine, I will repay."** (Rom. 12: 19b) **"Blessed are the peacemakers."** Do we make peace with others and encourage others to make peace with one another? Let us humble ourselves, live a life of justice and righteousness, and we will be saved from the anger of God and be counted among the Blessed.

PARISH NEWS

St. John First Communion and lunch will be on Feb. 8 after Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited.

St. John annual Marsi Gras celebration will be on Feb. 15 after Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to celebrate before Lent begins. Ash Wednesday Mass is 5:00pm on Feb 18th.

As part of our parish Lenten activities this year, we are asking parishioners to consider spending a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration in the Holy Rosary chapel on Wednesday evenings beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. The world is clearly in need of our prayers, so we ask at least one individual per hour to commit to Adoration during the period 7:00 p.m. to Midnight. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.

“A Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption. The motivation for a Holy Hour is reparation: we pray for those who do not pray, we make acts of faith in the Real Presence for those who have lost faith.” --*Archbishop Fulton Sheen*

A **Lenten book study** will be offered, using the book: Making a Holy Lent by Fr. William Casey, on Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm in the St. Boniface Parish Center, starting the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday. The book lists at \$11.66. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church until February 8th or call Kathy Dohm at 620-930-8068.

St. Boniface Sacristan Needed. If anyone is interested in being a sacristan for the third week each month, please let Michelle Eck or Carol Ricke know so I can update the bulletin. Thanks to Karin Traffas who has dedicated many years to being a sacristan.

DIOCESAN NEWS

The **February 2026 Monthly Notes** are available @ <https://www.dcdiocese.org/diocesan-news/monthly-notes>. Also, check out <https://www.dcdiocese.org/diocesan-news/bulletin-corner> for more information.

From Soil to Soul: Parish Gardens as a Work of *Laudato Si'*. February 12, 12:10 PM via Zoom. Sign up at [dcdiocese.org/stewardship](https://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship).

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Harold Curtis, 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 – 2/7 & 2/8	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	Volunteer	Linda Pulliam	Brian Withrow
Rosary	John Hern		Leroy and Diane Seiler
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