

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Ex 17:3-7 "Give us water, so that we might drink."

Reading 2: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 "The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

Gospel: Jn 4:5-42 "The water that I shall give will become a spring of eternal life."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	7	5:00 p.m.	ML	Kenny, Frankie, & Dennis Larkin	✠	Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday	8	8:30 a.m.	SH	Dorothy & Edna Ricke	✠	Third Sunday of Lent
Sunday	8	10:30 a.m.	KW	Ellie Schrock		Third Sunday of Lent
Tuesday	10	8:30 a.m.	ML	End to abortion and sex trafficking		Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent
Wednesday	11	6:00 p.m.	ML	Dean, Marie Ann & Brad Mantooth	✠	Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent
Thursday	12	9:00 a.m.	KW	William & Rosa Becker	✠	Thursday of the Third Week in Lent
Friday	13	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm Duke & Rosie Ditgen	✠ ✠	Friday of the Third Week in Lent
Saturday	14	5:00 p.m.	ML	Father Emmanuel & Holy Rosary parishioners		Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday	15	8:30 a.m.	SH	Vic & Ruth Blick	✠	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday	15	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners		Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Please consider having a Mass said for a loved one.

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Whatever we are looking for in life may be distant from us, but Jesus is always present to make it accessible to us. The cistern may seem deep, but with Jesus by our side we need not overstretch ourselves to acquire the water that will quench our thirst forever. Jesus is always ahead of us at the source of our needs. Before the Samaritan woman arrived at 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 unsatisfied life; hence he told her that if she had Him, all her longings would be met. Actually, upon accepting Jesus, the woman became fulfilled. Listen to her words of deep faith: **"Sir, give me this water so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."** (Jn.4: 15) There are many things that we are looking for in life. We are never satisfied with whatever material things that we have. However, Jesus surpasses all material things that we long for. He is the Living Water that quenches our thirst; the Bread of Life that satisfies our hunger. He is waiting for you as he waited for the Samaritan woman at the well of Jacob. This Lent is your time to meet him. You are that Samaritan woman. Are you ready to meet him and say to him: **"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty again?"** We cannot continue running around, looking for things that cannot satisfy us. Jesus is waiting for us. Let us reach out to him and he will give us all that we need.

MASS & PENANCE TIMES

	Holy Rosary	St. John	St. Boniface
Penance Services	March 17 - 6:00 p.m.	March 19 - 6:00 p.m.	March 20 - 5:00 p.m.
Holy Thursday	April 2 - 6:30 p.m.		
Good Friday	April 3 - 5:00 p.m.	April 3 - 3:00 p.m.	April 3 - 1:00 p.m.
Easter	April 5 - Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	April 5 - Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	April 4 - Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

Lodge Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 p.m. March 10 – Community Bible Fellowship with Father Emmanuel; March 24 – First Christian Church with Paul; March 31 – Assembly of God with Karen.

The **Stations of the Cross** are being prayed on Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Boniface and at 5:30 p.m. before the **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry** also at Sharon. The Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) are a 14-step Catholic devotion commemorating Jesus Christ's passion, death, and burial.

Join **St. Boniface Altar Society** for our March meeting on Monday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m. Our hostess is Bonnie Belle. Roll call is to tell us or show us your favorite hobby. Join us and give your input!!

As part of our parish Lenten activities, we are asking parishioners to spend a **Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration** in the Holy Rosary chapel on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to midnight through Lent. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

A **Lenten book study** is being offered using the book: Making a Holy Lent by Fr. William Casey, on Sundays at 6:00 pm in the St. Boniface Parish Center during Lent. The book lists at \$11.66, which may be purchased from Kathy. Come join the group! For more information, call Kathy Dohm at 620-930-8068.

Be included in our new **Church Directory**. Kevin Cox, from Wehby Digital in Kiowa will be taking pictures at each parish on the following dates: March 1 – St. John; March 8 – Holy Rosary; and March 29 – St. Boniface. Sign-up sheets are in the back of each parish!

The March 2026 Monthly Notes are now available on the diocesan website: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/diocesan-news/monthly-notes>

Stewardship Lunch and Learn Series – Session 4 – April 15 at 12:10 PM via Zoom. Join Father Frank Cody to learn more about Pope Leo and the Poor. Sign up at: [dcdiocese.org/stewardship](https://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Joyce Noland, Angel Mondragon's mother, Patricia Cargill, 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 3 – 3/14-3/15	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Marilyn Traffas	Bev Miller	John Hagood
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Cheri Dohrmann
Lector 2	Randie Landwehr	Danny Archuleta	John Hagood
General Intercessions	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Lawrence Smith Scott Dohm	Marlene Kruckenberg Rick Hitchcock Cindy Summers	Brandon Warner Barbara Hagood Jerome Ricke
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Jhayla Alojacin
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Roger and Twila Angell
Sacristan	Lawrence Smith	Bev Miller	Brandon Warner/Volunteer
Rosary	Shirley Ditgen		Jerome Ricke
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