

Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Holy Rosary, Medicine Lodge

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a "David is anointed as king of Israel."

Reading 2: Eph 5:8-14 "Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Gospel: Jn 9:1-41 "The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
Tuesday	17	8:30 a.m.	ML	Gwen Spade	✠	Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Lent
Wednesday	18	6:00 p.m.	ML	Nathan Honas		Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent
Thursday	19	9:00 a.m.	KW	Arlie Stonestreet	✠	Thursday of the Fourth Week in Lent
Friday	20	8:30 a.m.	SH	John Dohm	✠	Friday of the Fourth Week in Lent
Saturday	21	5:00 p.m.	ML	Herbie Landwehr	✠	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday	22	8:30 a.m.	SH	Clint & Clay Bayer	✠	Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday	22	10:30 a.m.	KW	Maureen Allen	✠	Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Please consider having a Mass said for a loved one.

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.

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In all predicaments of life, it is only God who can deliver us. He is the one who heals us in Christ. No matter how precarious our condition may be, once we are chosen by God, we cannot but make St. Paul's words to the Ephesians applicable to ourselves. **"You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth."** It was the blindman who lived in total darkness that has become an ardent witness of God's glory to the Israelites. The precarious condition we find ourselves in now may only be a means of God to glorify himself through us. It was David who was resigned to the lowest job of tending the flock of his family that was lifted up to become a king over his people. Just like David, let us be on the field of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during this lent, feeding the flock who needs our assistance, and God will discover us and bring us to the limelight of his glory.

St Boniface is hosting a **Celebration Dinner** for all Catholics from all Parishes on April 12 at noon for Father Emmanuel before he leaves on his trip back to Ghana. We hope he has a safe trip, and we look forward to his return.

St. Boniface is currently looking for a **Director of Religious Education (DRE)** and **religious education teachers** to help plan for this coming fall. If you are interested in being a part of your/our children's Catholic journey, please let Mary Pat Eck, Kathy Dohm, Carol Ricke, or one of the current teachers know that you are interested. It takes a village to raise our children!

Lodge Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 p.m. on 3/24 – 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.

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!

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

Vocation Rendezvous (seminary and convent visits): On April 23rd, high school boys and girls are invited to come eat and play pickleball and pray together in Wichita. Boys will visit the seminary house of formation while girls go to Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary convent in Colwich. The day will start at 11:30 a.m. at the Sandbox in Goddard and conclude at 7 p.m. Sign up by emailing Fr. John Stang at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org or Gentry Heimerman at gheimerman@dcdiocese.org.

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 4 – 3/21-3/22	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Carol Ricke	Amanda Ricke	Darryl Honas
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Rodney Ringer
Lector 2	Daryl Eck	Danny Archuleta	Darryl Honas
General Intercessions	John Hern/Mason Eck	Danny Archuleta	Diane Seiler
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne Schreiner Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich Carl Helfrich Tammy Graves	Daryl Honas Cheri Dohrmann Leroy Seiler
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteer	Volunteer
Musician	Kathy Dohm	Nikki Brattin	Kathy Dohm
Greeters			Volunteers
Sacristan	Doug Schmidt	Deb Helfrich	Darryl Honas
Rosary	Steve Eck		Volunteer
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