

# Catholic Churches of Barber County, Kansas

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

**Reading 1:** Ez 37:12-14 "I will put my spirit in you that you may live."

**Reading 2:** Rom 8:8-11 "The Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you."

**Gospel:** Jn 11:1-45 "I am the resurrection and the life."

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

|           |    |            |    |                                    |        |                                        |
|-----------|----|------------|----|------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 21 | 5:00 p.m.  | ML | Herbie Landwehr                    | ✠      | Fifth Sunday of Lent                   |
| Sunday    | 22 | 8:30 a.m.  | SH | Clint & Clay Bayer                 | ✠      | Fifth Sunday of Lent                   |
| Sunday    | 22 | 10:30 a.m. | KW | Maureen Allen                      | ✠      | Fifth Sunday of Lent                   |
| Tuesday   | 24 | 8:30 a.m.  | ML | Judd & Alma Nicholas and heirs     |        | Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent      |
| Wednesday | 25 | 6:00 p.m.  | ML | Steve Eck                          | ✠      | Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent    |
| Thursday  | 26 | 9:00 a.m.  | KW | NO MASS                            | ✠      | Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent     |
| Friday    | 27 | 8:30 a.m.  | SH | 1. Norman Fischer<br>2. John Dohm  | ✠<br>✠ | Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent       |
| Saturday  | 28 | 5:00 p.m.  | ML | Relatives of Vernon Eck            |        | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| Sunday    | 29 | 8:30 a.m.  | SH | 1. Sandy Ricke<br>2. Rayann Rucker | ✠<br>✠ | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |
| Sunday    | 29 | 10:30 a.m. | KW | Bob & Lori Schrock                 | ✠      | Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord |

**Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass**

Please consider having a Mass said for a loved one.

## MASS TIMES

|                      | Holy Rosary                 | St. John                     | St. Boniface               |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Holy Thursday</b> | April 2 - 6:30 p.m.         |                              |                            |
| <b>Good Friday</b>   | April 3 - 5:00 p.m.         | April 3 - 3:00 p.m.          | April 3 - 1:00 p.m.        |
| <b>Easter</b>        | April 5 - Sunday, 8:30 a.m. | April 5 - Sunday, 10:30 a.m. | April 4 - Vigil, 8:00 p.m. |

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Paul reveals to us that, sometimes the desires of the flesh lead us into situations of suffering and hopelessness, and when we hold on rigidly to these desires, our deeds cannot please God. As Christians, we are called to be people of faith. We are to live in the spirit of Christ who has purchased us with his blood from the slavery of sin. We are given a firm assurance that if Christ is in us, although our bodies will be dead because of sin, our spirit will be alive because of our life of righteousness. This, indeed, is the true meaning of the prophecy Ezekiel to the Israelites and to us today, as we heard in our first reading: **"O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them."** (Ez. 37:12) At times, situations we find ourselves in leave us feeling more dead than alive. We experience dryness and think there is no reason for us to live. In such situations, we feel like God has abandoned us. Today, we have the assurance that God will never forsake us. He will surely reach out to us when we cry out to him. God's ears are always attentive to us. He hears our voice of supplication and attends to us in our needs. This period of Lent is the time for us to prepare ourselves towards that time of restoration which we experience symbolically at Easter.

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. St. Boniface will provide main dishes, Holy Rosary will provide salads, and Kiowa will provide desserts. We hope Father has a safe trip, and we look forward to his return.

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 on Sundays at 6:00 pm in the St. Boniface Parish Center during Lent. 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 of Kiowa will be taking pictures at St. Boniface on March 29. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church! Please arrive 10 minutes before your scheduled time.

**Lodge Lenten Suppers @ 6:00 p.m.** on March 24 – First Christian Church with Paul; March 31 – Assembly of God with Karen.

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, or one of the current teachers know that you are interested. It takes a village to raise our children!

**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](http://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](mailto:vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org) or Gentry Heimerman at [gheimerman@dcdiocese.org](mailto: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.

| PALM SUNDAY                                                                                                                                              |                                         |                                                    |                                            |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Week 5 – 3/28-3/29                                                                                                                                       | St. Boniface                            | St. John the Apostle                               | Holy Rosary                                |
| Lector 1                                                                                                                                                 | Michelle Eck                            | John Miller                                        | Nathan Honas                               |
| Cantor                                                                                                                                                   | Choir                                   | Choir                                              | Rodney Ringer                              |
| Lector 2                                                                                                                                                 | Margie Eck                              | Tom Tharp                                          | Brian Withrow                              |
| General Intercessions                                                                                                                                    | Lane Crenner/John Hern                  | Tom Tharp                                          | Judd Dohrmann                              |
| Eucharistic Ministers                                                                                                                                    | Jaque Totty<br>Scott Dohm<br>Paul Totty | Yvonne Harbaugh<br>Delores Moreno<br>John Forester | John Hagood<br>Leroy Seiler<br>Daryl Honas |
| Servers                                                                                                                                                  | Volunteers                              | Volunteer                                          | Tony Miller                                |
| Musician                                                                                                                                                 | Kathy Dohm                              | Nikki Brattin                                      | Kathy Dohm                                 |
| Greeters                                                                                                                                                 |                                         |                                                    | K of C Members                             |
| Sacristan                                                                                                                                                | Jaque Totty                             | Bev Miller                                         | John Hagood                                |
| Rosary                                                                                                                                                   | Shirley Ditgen                          |                                                    | Jerome Ricke                               |
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