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April 12, 2026
Sunday of Divine Mercy

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Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Acts 2:42-47 "All who believed were together and had all things in common."

Reading 2: 1 Pt 1:3-9 "God has given us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31 "Eight days later, Jesus came and stood in their midst."

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	11	8:00 p.m.	SH	Father Emmanuel's return to us		Sunday of Divine Mercy
Sunday	12	8:30 a.m.	ML	Deceased Knights of Columbus members & families		Sunday of Divine Mercy
Sunday	12	10:30 a.m.	KW	Donnie Becker	†	Sunday of Divine Mercy
Tuesday	14	8:30 a.m.	ML	No Mass		Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter
Wednesday	15	6:00 p.m.	ML	Evan Withrow & family		Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter
Thursday	16	9:00 a.m.	KW	Alvin & Mary Parks	†	Thursday of the Second Week of Easter
Friday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Norman Fischer	†	Friday of the Second Week of Easter
Saturday	18	5:00 p.m.	ML	Return of Father Emmanuel		Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday	19	8:30 a.m.	SH	Knights of Columbus members & families		Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday	19	10:30 a.m.	KW	Bob, Lori, & Ellie Schrock		Third Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 30 Minutes Before Each Mass

Please consider having a Mass said for a loved one.

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Today, as we acknowledged the mercy of God and ask for the forgiveness of our sin and the punishment that we truly deserve, we are called upon to be instruments of God's mercy by reaching out to all in love and especially to forgive those who might have offended us. The importance of this celebration is not limited to God's mercy bestowed upon us through Jesus Christ alone. It embraces the need for us to become channels of God's mercy and love to our neighbors. The acceptance of this duty serves as the key that opens our hearts for Jesus to be among us and give us the Gift of Peace, and send us to go and minister to the world. To us today, Jesus says: **"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."**

This gift of peace is a communal gift. This gift is always renewed whenever we gather to celebrate the greatest thanksgiving to God, the Holy Eucharist. Take note that this gift of peace eluded Thomas who was not among the disciples when Jesus appeared in their midst. Let us always endeavor to be part of the Christian community when we gather to give thanks to God. The wonder of God's mercy and love will then be manifested through us to one another and to the world. Be not like Thomas. No matter the threats and fears, trust that together in faith, God's love will be manifested to us, and His Peace will remain with us.

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.

The **Tri-Parish Pastoral Council** will meet at 6:30 p.m. April 13th at St. Boniface.

St. Boniface **Altar Society monthly meeting** is on April 13 at 6:30 p.m. Election of officers will be held so come choose your spot! 😊 Our host is Myriam Landwehr, and roll call is to bring a donation for the food bank.

St. Boniface Altar Society is accepting **donations for the local food bank**. Please bring non-perishable food items to church.

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

You are invited to attend the **2026 Stewardship Conference** on Saturday, April 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. This year's keynote speaker will be Fr. Jim Sichko, who will present *Evangelism at your Kitchen Table*, a practical and inspiring talk about recognizing God in everyday life and sharing our faith in simple ways. Lunch is provided; 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. For more information watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_m5E_kf7mmM

All are invited to the **Priesthood Ordination Mass!** Bishop John B. Brungardt will ordain Deacon Carson Haupt, Deacon Eric Frieb, and Deacon Esteban Hernández-Mejía to the Order of Presbyter at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City.

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 – 4/18 & 4/19	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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