

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 17, 2016

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Welcome the stranger
- Heal the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish the sinner
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offenses
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

17	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+C J Thomas (Joe & Diane Wendell)
17	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time...+Eric Zimmerman (Kraig & Jennifer Lindsay Fam.)
17	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
18	Mon	11:30 am	(P)	St. Camillus de Lelliis.....For Vocations
18	Mon	7:00 pm	(M)	St. Camillus de Lellis.....+Agnes Holtferich (Frank & Dorothy Devine)
19	Tue	11:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Earl Shinogle (Steve & Judy Dewell)
19	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Fr. Henry Hildebrandt
20	Wed	10:00 am	(F)	Communion Service
20	Wed	11:30 am	(P)	St. Apolinaris.....+Joe & Christina Roth Family (Fr. James Roth)
21	Thu	11:30 am	(P)	St. Lawrence of Brindisi.....+Joe & Christina Roth Family (Fr. James Roth)
22	Fri	11:30 am	(P)	St. Mary Magdalene.....For vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
22	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. Mary Magdalene.....(Spanish).....For couples having marital problems
23	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Earl Shinogle (Joyce Knott)
24	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Gus Liebl (Steve & Judy Dewell)
24	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time+Carlos Amaro (Fred & Dee Boyd)
24	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masses.

HOMEBOUND

If you would like Communion brought to you at home, or have someone in the hospital, please notify Father.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH? If you are new, we welcome you and would like to get to know you.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send or fax any announcements you want put in the bulletin to the Fowler Rectory, or call the Dewells (646-5300), or email [@stanthonyfowler@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com) no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples anticipating marriage are asked to contact their parish priest as soon as possible so that preparation can begin. The dioceses of Kansas prefer at least 6 months notice; 4 months is required.

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sunday, July 24th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Stacy Milford, Laurie Devine

SERVERS: Paige H., Kale H., Angel M.

GREETERS: Brenda Martin, Debbie & Dean Bush

COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz

NURSING HOME: Kevin & Stacy Milford

PLAINS – Saturday, July 23rd, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar

SERVERS: Lucy V., Owen V., Ron E.

GREETERS: Sam & Teresa Garza

COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Sunday, July 24th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell

SERVERS: Blake K., Brock K., Logan K.

GREETERS: Boggs Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, July 24th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

GREETERS:

~~ **IF YOU CANNOT FULFILL YOUR OBLIGATION, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE** ~~

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

EUCH MIN: James & Becky Hamilton

MUSIC MIN: Guitar

USHERS: Tom Huelskamp, Larry Knott

ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Mary A., Michele C., Nefro S.

MUSIC MIN: Carmen F.

ROSARY: Vern K.,

EUCH MIN: Vince K., Goudy F.

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GIFTS: Hollis Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

COLL. COUNTERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,875.00	\$1,045.00	\$875.00
OFFERTORY:	\$187.00	\$98.00	\$133.01
CHILDREN:	\$3.00	\$3.00	Bldg. Fund: \$40.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KSNS. FOR LIFE:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$23.70</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,088.70	\$1,146.00	\$1,048.01
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: It has been difficult to listen to the news this week without a discussion about the violence that took place in the United States last week. There are outcries for solutions and, indeed, we need to find solutions. My concern is that we are looking in the wrong places. There may be temporary measures that need to be taken but to suggest what those measures might be is beyond my competence. I believe there is one area that we most need to concentrate upon. That area is to promote our families. If we want to have a strong, stable society, we must have strong, stable families. There are so many things in our society that undermine family life. We need to build policies that help build families rather than to undermine family life. Our media could help tremendously if the media would promote family values. Instead, all the things that destroy family are being promoted. Promiscuous sexual behavior is often encouraged. Couples cohabiting without marriage has become a widely accepted life-style. This is true in spite of the fact that all studies indicate that children born to cohabiting couples are at much greater risk of being emotionally wounded. They are also at a greater risk of growing up without both parents and growing up in poverty. We make it easy for married couples to divorce, but we know that the children of divorce are almost always adversely affected. Studies show that there is more marriage stability when couples are active participants in their religious community, but there is little support for people becoming religiously involved. Active Christians are often ridiculed and criticized. Studies also indicate that couples who use Natural Family Planning have a substantially reduced divorce rate. However, there is little support for this method of planning family size from either the government or the medical community. This is in spite of the fact that Natural Family Planning is as reliable as chemical means of contraception and can greatly assist couples who are having difficulty conceiving. The family is worth fighting for and it is a fight that we Christians must make, because no one else will. We have a choice: we can lament the decline of our society or we can begin to transform our society by living and promoting the scriptural vision of marriage, sexuality and family. Next week, I will reflect upon some of the things that we can do to promote marriage and family life.

RETROVAILLE: Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend struggling or even heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage or do you feel helpless? Retrovaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on August 19-20, call Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520 or email us at retrocouple@suddenlink.net or visit the website at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

All are invited to join Bishop John, Fr. Wesley, and all the Dodge City seminarians for a Holy Hour from 10:30 – 11:30 am, Saturday, July 30th, St. Patrick Church, Great Bend. It will be an opportunity to pray in front of our Eucharistic Lord both with and for the seminarians of our Diocese.

Seminarian Send-off in Great Bend Bishop John will be blessing our seminarians as they begin their new academic year at the following Masses: St. Patrick - July 30 at 5:00 pm (English); St. Rose – July 31 at 10:00 am (English); St. Rose at 12:30 pm (Spanish). Each Mass will be followed by an opportunity to meet and greet the seminarians. Come offer your prayers and best wishes as they prepare to return to school.

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10: 38-42). Does a life of prayer and service attract you? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

Catholic Charities is hosting an Infant Adoption Orientation on Friday, July 22nd from 2 to 4 pm at the Newman University Cafe, 236 San Jose Suite 39, Dodge City, KS. There is no cost to attend and if you have even begun to toy with the idea of infant adoption, this is a great opportunity for you to come, connect with others who are considering the same idea, and find out more. For more information, contact Lori Titsworth at [620-792-1393](tel:620-792-1393), or Amy Falcon at [620-227-1590](tel:620-227-1590).

The Diocese will begin Formation for Liturgical Ministry Certification Fall 2016. Formation in Liturgy welcomes all involved in liturgical ministry: Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans, Music Ministers, Priests, Deacons, Liturgy Commission Members, RCIA teams, Art & Environment Committees, Members of the Assembly. Those serving the liturgy of the Church need to have an understanding of the liturgy, an appreciation of particular ministries and their relationship to other ministries, and a willingness to give of their time and talent for the glory of God and for the sake of the assembly. Bishop Brungardt encourages every parish to have one or more parishioners prepared with a Liturgy Certificate so they serve the parish as a resource for the source and summit of the life of the parish, the Liturgy. To obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry one needs to complete the two core courses and three electives for credit in the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program. The first class for the Liturgical Ministry Certificate begins this fall. THEO 3053 Sacramental Theology Instructor: Fr. Frank Coady. Nine Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon from Sept. 10 - Nov. 5. For more information and/or to register: Coleen Stein, Director of Adult Formation, Diocese of Dodge City, cstein@cdioocese.org, 620-227-1538, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801

Announcements for Plains

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the baby bottle collection for Kansans for Life. We collected \$1216.76. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

TOTUS TUUS BEGINS THIS WEEK IN PLAINS: The day program, which is for 1-6 graders starts at 9:00 am every day Monday -Friday and ends at 3:00 pm. The evening program, which is for 7th-12th graders starts at 7:30 pm on Sunday and goes until 9:45 pm. The program for the middle school and High School kids goes Sunday-Thursday.

Announcements for Meade

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: On Wed., July 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Church in Meade. You do not need to attend in the parish at which you will serve. The presentation will be essentially the same in any of the three churches. **New or returning ministers, please be present.**

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK: Our Church is responsible for the Community Food Bank during July and August. We have help already for July, but need someone to help in August. The Food Bank is especially needing canned meats and paper goods (paper towels & toilet paper), but any & all non-perishable food items are appreciated. There will be a box set up in the back of Church for your donations. Thank you for your help!

Announcements for Fowler

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: On Sunday, July 17, 6:00 p.m. at the Church in Fowler; You do not need to attend in the parish at which you will serve. The presentation will be essentially the same in any of the three churches. **New or returning ministers, please be present.**

WELCOME DEACON JACOB PARISH POTLUCK is scheduled on Wed., July 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Deacon Jacob will be meeting with the high school students after the potluck. Please come, bring a covered dish, and let's show our hospitality! Guild Three is in charge for the next 3 months.

FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wed., July 20, at 7:30 p.m., after the Parish Potluck.