

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 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

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
25	Mon	7:00 pm	(M)	St. James.....+Gus Liebl (Steve & Judy Dewell)
26	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Ss. Anne & Joachim.....+Fr. Henry Hildebrandt
27	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Leroy Huelskamp (John Beckerman Family)
27	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary TimeSpecial Intention (Sobba Family)
28	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary TimeFor Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
29	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Martha.....+Joe & Christina Roth Family (Fr. James Roth)
30	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Irene Dunn (Joyce Knott)
31	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+C J Thomas (Marsha Smith)
31	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time .+Leroy Huelskamp (Roxanne & Nicole Beckerman)
31	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masses

HOMEBOUND

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 no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sunday, July 31st, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Rhonda Milford, Doug Heinz
SERVERS: Kenyan W., Anna-Marie L., Mia M.
GREETERS: Sarah Jordan, Troy Lauppe
COLL. COUNTERS: Dan & Brenda Harris
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Saturday, July 30th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell
SERVERS: Grace H., Jared H., Bob K.
GREETERS: Mitch Burns Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Michele Correll

MEADE – Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Dorothy Devine
SERVERS: Wyatt B., Emily F., Piper K.
GREETERS: Bolton Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, July 31st, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:
GREETERS:

EUCH MIN: Laurie & Jim Devine
MUSIC MIN: Cherie Knott, Diane Leis/Clavinova
USHERS: Randy Leis, Tom Leis
ROSARY: Kevin Milford

EUCH. MIN: Ron E., Silvia O., Teresa G.
MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo
ROSARY: Ray & Jenny Amerin

EUCH MIN: Janet R., Tom R.
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: Kastens & Smith Families
ROSARY: Flavin Family

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:
COLL. COUNTERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Jesus is describing God’s immeasurable generosity when He says in today’s Gospel, “Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.” But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,330.00	\$765.00		\$924.00
OFFERTORY:	\$184.00	\$110.00		\$173.00
CHILDREN:	\$33.00	\$3.00	Bldg. Fund:	\$.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
KSNS. FOR LIFE:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00

CANDLES:	<u>\$80.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$31.11</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,627.00	\$878.00	\$1,128.11
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Last week, I wrote about the need to strengthen our families if we are ever to address the violence that is occurring in our country. It is clear that children who grow up in strong, stable families are much less likely to get involved in criminal activities or in violence. It would be wonderful if our government and our media would suddenly begin to promote family values, but that is not likely to happen spontaneously. Such a change must begin on a local level. In truth, it must begin with each family. Husbands and wives must begin to ask the question: "What can we do to make our marriage better?" They must put a priority on taking the steps to improve their marriage. This will mean taking time to talk openly and honestly with each other. For many, it may mean taking the risk to learn how to pray together. For some, turning to marriage enrichment programs like Marriage Encounter or going to the FORMED website and viewing the "Beloved" series of videos might provide assistance in developing their marriage relationship. For all couples, turning to the grace of the Sacrament and asking Christ for the help to draw closer to each other could powerfully enrich their marriage. The very purpose of the Sacrament of Matrimony is to provide the divine help needed to grow into a relationship of authentic love.

Young people considering marriage must also take steps to strengthen relationships for future marriage. A very large help in entering more stable marriages would be postponing physical, sexual intimacy until marriage. Early sexual intimacy can easily distract a couple from doing the harder work of knowing each other on a deeper level. Promiscuous sexual activity in the dating years, can easily cause a person to focus more on their personal pleasure than upon truly giving oneself in intimate love to the person they marry. It would greatly change marriage relationships if young people were asking the question: "Who does God want me to marry?" or "What does God want my marriage to be like?"

For everyone, married or hoping to marry, it is important to remember that God is the designer and creator of marriage. It is God who placed the deep, natural attraction between man and woman. If marriages are to be happy, it would be such a help to go about marriage the way God has designed. Satan will always suggest to people that God does not want their happiness and that God's plan for marriage is meant to be an obstacle to their happiness. Yet we know that God loves us. He did not design anything for our misery. When we live according to his plan, we will find the happiness we so much desire. On the other hand, ignoring God's plan only leads us to disappointment, frustration and pain. The goal of Satan is never our well-being, but always our destruction.

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

Pastoral Ministry Formation Program: THEO 4881: The Religion of Islam "Muslim", "Islam" ---words which arouse fear, distrust, or at least, confusion, in the hearts and minds of many Americans and in the souls of many Christians. Are these reactions valid? Or are they misplaced? In this course, we will explore the theology and the practices of the world's fastest growing religion. Every effort will be made to discover the good and acknowledge the advances brought about in civilization by adherents of Islam. At the same time, atrocities which destroy lives and people are committed daily in the name of Allah, their one and only God, by followers of Islam. Is it the religion which is responsible for these evils? Or do the evils thrive despite a religion which teaches peace and tolerance? Instructor: Sr. Joan Wolf. Class Times: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: Interactive Television Sites. Cost: 1 hour course for

credit - \$50.00.1 hour course for personal enrichment - \$25.00.

VOCATION VIEWS: “Give us this day our daily bread.” Pray for wisdom to discern God’s will. (Luke 11:1-13) Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest? , Call Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or e-mail: vocations@dcdiocese.org.

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, Sat., 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.

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@dcdiocese.org. 620-227-1538, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801

YOU ARE INVITED to Diocesan Stewardship Day 2016, “Be Light Where There is Darkness”, on Saturday, August 27, at COLG in Dodge City, KS., registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Some of the workshops include: Making Hope Happen, What Young Adults Look for in Parish Life, The Four Levels of Happiness, and more! Register at www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship or 620-227-1537.

Announcements for Plains

THRIFT SHOP: The time has come for our turn to take care of the Thrift Shop. August is our month. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. All help is greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm and on Friday afternoon 2-4 pm.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped & donated for the benefit dinner for Delta de la Torre family.

Announcements for Meade

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING: On Wed., July 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Church in Meade. **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

THANK YOU to all who came to the Parish Potluck on Wednesday night. The food was good, the fellowship was delightful, and we appreciated Deacon Jacob's sharing! It was a good time!