

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016



Remember: Join with others to pray for our nation

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

18	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Father Francis Stuart
18	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent+Eric Zimmerman (Marilyn Dewell)
18	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
19	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....+Father Francis Stuart
20	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Advent.....+Father Francis Stuart
20	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Confession in Meade
21	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Peter Canisius.....+Leo Wenta
21	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Peter Canisius+Fern Beckerman (Shelby Huslig)
21	Wed	6:00 pm	(M)	Confession in Meade
22	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....;.....+Earl Shinogle (Jan Loehner)
23	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. John of Kanty.....+Deceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
24	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Christmas Eve+Cap & Jeanne Jacobs (Joyce Knott)
24	Sat	7:30 pm	(M)	Christmas EveFor the Parishioners
24	Sat	10:00 pm	(F)	Christmas Eve
25	Sun	10:00 am	(P)	Christmas Day(Spanish)

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.

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.

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 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!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sun., Dec. 18th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Decinda Heinz, Kevin Milford

SERVERS: Troy L., Kale H., Julian M.

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Judy Dewell, Sarah Jordan, Jim Devine

USHERS: Larry Knott, Kevin Hageman

GREETERS/GIFTS: Ron Hageman, John Weber

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Jan Brock

NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

ROSARY: Diane Leis

COLL. COUNTERS: Dan & Brenda Harris

PLAINS – Sat., Dec. 17th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell

SERVERS: Anaee G., Yanet G., Dolores A.

EUCH. MIN: Teresa G., Maria D., Larry E.

GREETERS: Butch Amerin, Greg Donahue

MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

MONEY COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Sun., Dec. 18th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Cory Klaker

SERVERS: Wyatt B., Walker K., James W.

EUCH. MIN: Dorothy D., Goudy F., Audrey F.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GREETERS: Rickard Family **GIFTS:** Haberman & Hagemeyer Fam.

MONEY COUNTERS: Gleason Family

ROSARY: Flavin Family

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 18th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MONEY COUNTERS:

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

FOWLER – Sat., Dec. 24th, 10:00 pm

LECTOR: Rhonda Milford, Judy Dewell

SERVERS: Caleb H., Angel M., Kambrey W., Crystal M.

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Stacy & Kevin, Steve, Dave, Duce, Tom

USHERS: Randy Leis, Van Heinz

GREETERS/GIFTS: Tom & Janet Huelskamp

MUSIC MIN: Choir

NURSING HOME: Judy Dewell

ROSARY:

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Sat. Dec. 24th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein

SERVERS: Jesse O., Dianna O., Terry S.

EUCH. MIN: Jenny A., Mary A., Debbie E.

GREETERS: Nefro & Martha Saucedo

MUSIC MIN: Deni & Shawn

ROSARY: Vern K.

MONEY COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Sat., Dec. 24th, 7:30 pm

LECTOR: Cali Keith

SERVERS: Nolan D., Horatio H., Alek H.

EUCH. MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Cindy H.

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GREETERS: Welsh Family **GIFTS:** Flowers Family

MONEY COUNTERS: Koons Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 25th, 10:00 am

VOCATION VIEWS: Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? (Matthew 1:18-24). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,717.00	\$650.00		\$384.25
OFFERTORY:	\$108.00	\$87.00		\$362.25
CHILDREN:	\$19.25	\$43.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$8.75
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
BLDG FUND:	\$.00	\$.00	Bake Sale	\$263.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$37.50</u>	<u>\$48.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,891.75	\$828.00		\$1,017.75
	\$2,118.00	\$2,150.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: What are you giving your children for Christmas? Give them the gift of faith! Obviously you cannot do that because faith is a gift from God. However, you can give them an environment in which faith can take root and grow. Below are some family practices which can plant and nourish the seeds of faith in your children:

- *Eating together, especially Sunday meals and holidays.*
- *Praying together, especially bedtime rituals, grace before meals*
- *Having faith related-family conversations*
- *Displaying sacred objects and religious images, especially the Bible, in the home*
- *Celebrating holidays*
- *Providing moral instruction*
- *Engaging in family devotions and reading the Bible*
- *worshiping together as a family with the community of faith.*

Families are the best and most important transmitters of faith. If parents live their faith sincerely and joyfully, there is a much greater possibility that their children will embrace the faith.

TOPEKA PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 23, 2017. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. This event is open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. The bus will depart from Dodge City at 5:30 am and stop in Great Bend at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day's activities will include a Mass, march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building, lunch and tour of the Capitol. Leave Topeka around 4:00 to return back to the Diocese, with return stops in Salina, Great Bend and Dodge City. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally); Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home.

Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to Gayla Kirmer, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801, 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org. Registration forms can be obtained through the parish DRE and on the diocesan website.

Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. REMEMBER those who are bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

RCIA RETREAT, "JOURNEYS TO CONVERSION" is scheduled on February 18, 2017, at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend, KS (English Only); or February 25, 2017, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in Dodge City, KS., Saturday, 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. (Registration between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m.) This retreat is a time of reflection and prayer with others who are also engaged in the RCIA program. It is designed as a preparation for the Lenten scrutinies but not intended to replace the scrutiny process in the parish. It is for catechumens, candidates, sponsors and teams as part of the recommended RCIA formation process for the Diocese. Registration Fees: \$55 per parish and \$15 per person. Register by February 3 for the Great Bend retreat; register by Feb. 10 for the Dodge City retreat.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Reminder: there will be an opportunity for confessions after Mass at 6:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's in Plains on December 17; time will be available for Confessions at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, in Meade; and time for confessions on Wednesday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

MASS TIMES WILL CHANGE IN OUR CLUSTER on the first weekend of January, January 7-8. At that time, Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, in Fowler; 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, in Plains; and 10:30 a.m. in Meade. Spanish Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. in Plains.

Announcements for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday in our parish.

St. Patrick Parish has received a generous donation from the estate of Father James Roth, who died on November 7, 2015. Father Roth grew up in Plains and was ordained in 1946. He served as a priest in the Wichita Diocese. Please remember Father Roth in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR PARISH are: on Christmas Eve at 5:30 p.m.; Christmas Day Mass in Spanish is at 10:00 a.m.

Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY is scheduled on Monday evening with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary.

CHRISTMAS MASS IN OUR PARISH is on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) is scheduled at 5:15 p.m. on Monday in the Parish School.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: There will be a Christmas full choir rehearsal on Dec. 18, at 3:30.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS to the Ministerial Association's Holiday Food Boxes! The St. Anthony's Youth and sponsors were so helpful in gathering food at Halloween time, and the parish was generous in the contributions of food and monetary donations! Your generosity in helping those with limited resources is greatly appreciated!

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will be done on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, after the parish potluck. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: An account has been set up at the Fowler State Bank to help Tim & Melissa McDowell with their expenses in Melissa's medical treatment for cancer. Your monetary help and prayers are greatly appreciated.

FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled to meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., Dec. 21, in the Parish School.

CHRISTMAS MASS IN OUR PARISH is on Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m.