

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016



*Remember: Join with others to pray for our nation*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

25	Sun	10:00 am	(P)	Christmas Day.....(Spanish)
26	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Stephen.....+Daniel Ginter
27	Tue			Father will be gone – No Week day Mass this week, 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>
28	Wed			
28	Wed			
29	Thu			
30	Fri			
31	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.....+James Amerin (Joyce Knott)
01	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God .....+Fern Beckerman (Knights of Columbus)
01	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God .....+Leo & Betty Wentz (Wentz Estate)
01	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God .(Spanish) +Earl Shinogle (Lyle & Naomi Mellen)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

45 minutes before Masse

**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 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

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**FOWLER – Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Cherie Knott, Stacy Milford  
**SERVERS:** Paige H., Giselle Mercado, Troy L.  
**GREETERS:** Sonia & Luis Miramontes Family  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Van & Cathy Heinz  
**NURSING HOME:** Brigid Thurman

**PLAINS – Saturday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Terry Shinogle  
**SERVERS:** Lucy V., Owen V., Kerri V.  
**GREETERS:** Sam & Teresa Garza  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell  
**SERVERS:** Taegan W., Kynlee F., Tayte F.  
**GREETERS:** O'Reilly Family  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**LECTOR:**  
**SERVERS:**  
**GREETERS:**

**EUCH MIN:** Pam Milford, Steve & Judy Dewell  
**MUSIC MIN:** Angie D., Brenda M., Clavinova  
**USHERS:** Tom Leis, Dan Mahieu  
**ROSARY:** Brenda Harris

**EUCH. MIN:** Traci E., Silvia O., Lucy B.  
**MUSIC MIN:** Kristen Grilliott  
**ROSARY:** Brendon Smith

**EUCH MIN:** Dorothy D., Goudy F., Audrey F.  
**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family  
**GIFTS:** Faurot Family  
**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**EUCH MIN:**  
**USHERS:**  
**COLL. COUNTERS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** For unto us is born this day the Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>		<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,642.00	\$1,036.00		\$1,930.00
OFFERTORY:	\$135.00	\$27.00		\$246.27
CHILDREN:	\$14.00	\$4.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$200.00
RENT:	\$ .00	\$ .00		\$ .00
ALL SAINTS:	\$ .00	\$ .00		\$ .00
CANDLES:	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>		<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,791.00	\$1,067.00		\$2,376.27
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

**THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED:** Merry Christmas! Our Christmas celebration will take many forms. For some it may be a large family gathering; for others a quiet day with a loved one or a day alone filled with quiet and rest. In whatever way you observe Christmas day, try to remember the reason for the day. Remember that we celebrate the God who took on human flesh--who became one with us so that we might become one with God. Recall this great truth and rejoice with much gratitude for the God who has not abandoned us but has reached out to save us. Christmas blessings to all!

**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](mailto:gkirmer@dcdiocese.org). Registration forms can be obtained through the parish DRE and on the diocesan website.

**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.

Job loss. Domestic Violence. Medical emergencies. An unplanned pregnancy. A tornado. When life events leave individuals and families in a poor and vulnerable position, Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is there to provide hope and help. But we need your help! Please give to the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal at <http://catholiccharitiesswks.org/2016-annual-appeal>.

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES BY DONATING YOUR UNWANTED CARS!** You get a tax deduction, and we take that car off of your hands and get a bit of money, too. Visit <http://bit.ly/2tfFY5Y> for more information.

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Rejoice! A child is born to us. This Prince of Peace is the great light. Go and share your joy with others. (Isaiah 9:1-6). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at [vocations@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org)

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

February 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. Dominic's Parish Center, in Garden City, KS., JOY (Jesus Others You) Retreat for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – at St. Dominic Parish Center in Garden City, KS., Teens Encounter Christ, for 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. For more info, see [dcdioocese.org/Youth](http://dcdioocese.org/Youth).

DIOCESAN PASTORAL MINISTRY COURSES: 3-Hour Courses for the spring 2017 semester, THEO 2023 Theology of the Church 3 hour course (English) Instructor: Trish Keller. Dates: Jan. 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, Mar. 4, 18, 25. Saturday Mornings: 8:30 – 12:00 noon. THEO 2023 Theology of the Church 3 hour course (Spanish). Instructor: Dr. Valentin Ekiaka Nzai. Dates: Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mar. 12, 19, 26. Sunday Afternoons: 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. THEO 4881 Missionary Disciples Going Green 1 hour course (Spanish). Instructor: Sr. Angela Erevia. Class Times: Feb. 22, Mar. 8, 15, 29. Wednesday Evenings – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Announcements for Plains

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

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

NO WEEK DAY MASSES SCHEDULED this week in Plains. Father will be gone until January 4.

Announcements for Meade

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

**MASS TIMES WILL CHANGE IN OUR CLUSTER on the first weekend of January, January 7-8. At that time, Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. in Meade.**

WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULED this week in Meade will be on Monday, December 26. There will be no Mass scheduled on Tuesday morning – Father will be gone.

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) is scheduled at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays in our church.

**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.**

NO WEEK DAY MASSES SCHEDULED this week in Fowler. Father will be gone until January 4.

*May God Bless You Abundantly with Christmas Joys and Peace!*