

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

January 1, 2017



Remember: Join with others to pray for our nation

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

01	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.....+Fern Beckerman (Knights of Columbus)
01	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.....+Leo & Betty Wenta (Wenta Family)
01	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God...(Spanish) +Earl Shinogle (Lyle & Naomi Mellen)
02	Mon			No Mass Father will be gone until the 4 th
03	Tue			
04	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Mass & Anointing of the Sick)+Leo Wenta (S & J Dewell)
04	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Mass & Anointing of the Sick).. +Fern Beckerman (S. Huslig)
05	Thu	8:00 am	(P)	St. John Neumann.....(Note Mass time).....+Earl Shinogle (Barry & Melissa Mellen)
06	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Andre Bessette (First Friday).....+Deceased Loved Ones (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
06	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	First Friday.....+Virginia Herrman (Rita Bergkamp)
07	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....+Eric Zimmerman (Larry & Cherie Knott)
08	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord+Dan & Joan Kisner (Joyce Knott)
08	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Epiphany of the Lord+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
08	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....(Spanish).....+For the Parishioners

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

FOWLER – Saturday, Jan. 7th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Decinda Heinz, Kevin Milford

SERVERS: Angel M., Caleb H., Jacey W.

GREETERS: Sarah Jordan, Troy Lauppe

COLL. COUNTERS: Dan & Brenda Harris

NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 8th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Ron Eakes

SERVERS: Hailey S., Grace H., Nefro S.

GREETERS: Lupe & Jared Hernandez

COLL. COUNTERS: Kristen G. & Patricia C.

MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 8th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Matthew Welsh

SERVERS: Cali K., Logan K., Taryn I.

GREETERS: Batchman Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 8th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

GREETERS:

EUCH MIN: Sarah Jordan, Dave Weber, Brenda M.

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford, Clavinova

USHERS: Brent Merkle, Adrian Milford

ROSARY: Brenda Harris

EUCH. MIN: Teresa G., Mary A., Terry S.

MUSIC MIN: Nancy H.

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

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

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GIFTS: Gleason Family

ROSARY: Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

COLL. COUNTERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,355.00	\$2,597.00		\$6,452.00
OFFERTORY:	\$273.00	\$217.00		\$291.26
CHILDREN:	\$43.50	\$8.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$60.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
ALL SAINTS:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,671.50	\$2,822.00		\$6,803.26
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: The beginning of a new year is traditionally a time for new year's resolutions. However, as Christians, repentance and beginning again can happen at any time. Whenever God's grace touches our hearts, we can turn from old habits or sinful ways and turn our hearts back to God. Spiritual growth requires this repentance because there is always the need to let go of old sinful ways and incorporate new virtues into our lives. As we begin to take our spiritual lives more seriously, we will become more aware of the sinfulness of our lives and where change is needed. This awareness is God's gift to us. It enables us to make needed changes in our lives so that we can grow closer to God and share in God's life. While we often resist this awareness of our need to make such changes, this is really the key to a happier and more fulfilling life. Let each of us ask God for the grace we need to open our hearts to the need to repent and draw nearer to the Lord.

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.

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/2016annualappeal>

VOCATION VIEWS: The shepherds go in haste to visit the new-born King of the Jews. When God calls, respond at once with joy that you, too, might praise and glorify God in all things. (Luke 2:16-21). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

DIOCESAN PASTORAL MINISTRY COURSE: Pastoral Ministry Formation: THEO 4881 Music and Liturgy (one hour elective) The class focuses on basic precepts of celebrating the Eucharistic Liturgy within the parish including principles for liturgical preparation and music selection. Attention is given to the Liturgical Documents that guide liturgical ministries, preparation that invites participation of assembly/congregation, and spirituality for liturgical musicians and ministers. *This course may be used as one of the electives to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry.

Class Times: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 - Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: Interactive Television Sites throughout Dodge City and Salina Diocese. Cost: 1 hr. course for credit - \$50.00. 1 hr. course for personal enrichment - \$25.00. Price quotes do not include books.

Gerard Chiusano, Lead Presenter, is a graduate of Julliard and the Manhattan School of Music. Gerard is currently pastoral associate for music and liturgical formation at The Catholic Community of St. Joseph in North Plainfield, New Jersey. Fr. Frank Coady, Presenter, is the coordinating instructor for the PMF Program for Liturgical Ministry focus area. Fr. Frank is the pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Manhattan, KS and Director of the Offices of Liturgy, Deacons, and Lay Ministry Formation of the Diocese of Salina. Fr. Robert Schremmer, Coordinating Instructor, is the Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia of the Diocese of Dodge City, Pastor of St. Andrew, Wright and Sacramental Minister for St. Joseph, Greensburg.

Announcements for Plains

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is scheduled on Wednesday, January 4, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) There will be no prayer for our country this weekend.

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.

NOTE THE WEEK DAY MASS SCHEDULED on Thursday in Plains. It is at 8:00 a.m., instead of 8:30 a.m.

Announcements for Meade

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED on Wednesday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m., in the Forst Center.

NO WEEK DAY MASSES SCHEDULED: There will be no week day Masses this week in Meade.

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is scheduled on Monday, January 2, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WEEK DAY MASSES SCHEDULED: There will be Masses at 10:00 a.m. & 12:05 p.m. on Wednesday. There will be Anointing of the Sick at both Masses on that day.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS will be taken down after Mass on January 7. Please help us!

