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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

*The fruit of Silence is prayer. The fruit of Prayer is faith.
The fruit of Faith is love. The fruit of Love is service.
The fruit of Service is peace.*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

12	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Fr. Leonard Stegman (Joyce Knott)
12	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time+C J Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
12	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
13	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
14	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Ss Cyril & Methodius.....+Father Francis Stuart
15	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Fern Beckerman (Jim & Michele Correll)
15	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time+Leo Wenta (John Heinz)
16	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Deceased Loved Ones (Ray & Jenny Amerin Family)
17	Fri			No Mass today
18	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Gilbert Hageman (Diane Hageman)
19	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ..+Deceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
19	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time+Fr. Francis Stuart
19	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time(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, Feb. 18th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Cherie Knott, Stacy Milford
SERVERS: Isaias M., Caleb H., Troy L.
GREETERS: Brent & Becky Merkle, Kate Parker
COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 19, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle
SERVERS: Mary Jane, Yanet G., Ron E.
GREETERS: Ray & Jenny Amerin
COLL. COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 19th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Vince Koons
SERVERS: Nolan D. Horacio H., Alek H.
GREETERS: Ewing Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 19th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:
GREETERS:

EUCH MIN: James & Becky Hamilton, Kevin Milford
MUSIC MIN: Guitar
USHERS: Preston Cunningham, Jim Devine
ROSARY: Decinda Heinz

EUCH. MIN: Debbie E., Silvia O., Teresa G.
MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo
ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

EUCH MIN: Dorothy D., Goudy F., Audrey F.
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: O'Reilly 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: Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,635.00	\$795.00		\$3,642.25
OFFERTORY:	\$56.00	\$215.00		\$210.25
CHILDREN:	\$13.10	\$14.86	Bldg. Fd.	\$185.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,784.10	\$1,024.86		\$4,037.50
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Last week, I wrote about the goal of the Sacraments is to transform us into the very image of Christ so that we can live as His disciples. This does not happen in a magical way. We must open our hearts to the grace of the Holy Spirit and we must desire this transformation. Often this transformation cannot happen until we are ready to let go of the obstacles to the Holy Spirit in our lives. Those obstacles can be habits of sin that we have not really wanted to remove from our lives. Our attachments to things can also serve as obstacles to the Holy Spirit. We could be too attached to material things or we could be reluctant to give God time in prayer. The devil can trick us into thinking that we cannot live happily without one of our sinful habits or we are just too busy to give God time in prayer. For a long time, I did not pray the rosary because I would get so distracted that I convinced myself that there was no value in my trying to pray the rosary. My point is that we can deceive ourselves or let the evil one deceive us in a way that God's grace is blocked in our lives. As we approach Lent, it would be an excellent time to pray for the grace to open our hearts to the grace of the Sacraments we have received and to remove all that stands in the way of that grace in our lives. God bless you and draw you to Himself!

NESS CITY MARDI GRAS': Sacred Heart Parish, Ness City, will be hosting its annual 'Mardi Gras', Sunday, February 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A smorgasbord of pastas will highlight the menu, along with King-cake hidden prizes and various carnival games for all ages to enjoy. A drawing for other prizes will be held with tickets available from Altar Society members or at the event. Meal tickets are purchased at the door. Come and enjoy our parish family and friends.

GREENSBURG ANNUAL ENCHILADA BENEFIT SALE: The Greensburg St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Enchilada Sale will take place on Feb. 25 this year. Enchiladas \$15.00 dozen. Place your order by Feb. 15, 2017. Spread the word, like us on Facebook if you see us come up on yours. Pick up your enchiladas on Feb. 25--10:00am - 3:00pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church 820 S. Walnut Greensburg, Ks. (Ask about our delivery service) Proceeds Benefit: Kiowa County and Bucklin After Proms, Catholic Social Services in Dodge City, Kiowa County Ministerial Alliance. To Order: Call or text Tracy Little @ 620-474-2145, Ellen Peters @ 620-255-3636, Kathy Leon @ 620-255-5188.

REMINDER OF THE FORMED.ORG info: Go to www.formed.org. Click on Sign up (first time only). Subsequent times you will click on LOG IN). Our access code is YBQYDJ (all caps).

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 1: Mass & Distribution of Ashes will be at the following times in our cluster: 7:00 a.m., at St. Anthony's in Fowler; at Noon, at St. John's in Meade; at 5:30 p.m., at St. John's in Meade; and at 7:00 p.m., at St. Patrick's in Plains. Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes will be at 5:30 p.m. at St. Anthony's in Fowler.

VOCATION VIEWS: You have heard God's commandments. Keep them and pass them on. Nurturing the faith is part of the Christian vocation. (Matthew 5:17-37). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations

CLUSTER WEBSITE: I would like to call your attention to our cluster website. Even though there is not a lot on the website, it does give you a chance to see the bulletin and to look at your ministry assignments. Links to Catholic websites have been added and we hope to add more in the near future. Links to the Diocese of Dodge City, The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), Bishop Robert Barron, Catholic Answers and New Advent are now available. On the diocesan website, you can find information about diocesan programs and schedules. The USCCB website gives access to the daily scripture reading for any day of the year and you can find articles on various topics such as marriage and family life. Bishop Barron's website allows one to access to his homilies and his other instructive podcasts and YouTube videos. Catholic Answers has papers about a variety of questions and topics concerning the Catholic faith. New Advent gives access to papal documents the Catholic Encyclical and many other sources of information. The website is meadecatholic.org.

Announcements for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) There will be prayer for our country on Sunday, at 5:30 p.m.

COME & GO FAREWELL FOR JOYCE KNOTT is scheduled for Sunday, February 12, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m at the Young At Heart Senior Citizens Center. Please join us!

NO MORNING MASS ON FRIDAY, FEB. 17: The morning Mass on Friday, Feb. 17 is canceled.

Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: There will be Mass on Monday, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary.

D OF I is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m., in the Fowler parish school.

THANK YOU: The Confirmation candidates want to thank Belinda Chalker, Janice Brock & Diane Leis for the time and effort they put into making the music for the Confirmation Mass so special. Also thank you to Dorothy Devine, Janet Rickard, Judy Dewell, Kim Ewing, and Audrey Flowers for creating such a nice reception.

Announcements for Fowler

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS Youth Fundraiser: Sat., Feb 18, Roast Beef Dinner & Raffle! 32" Sanyo LED, LCD HDTV and JBL Portable Wireless Speaker and many other items. More info later.

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FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 15, at 7:00 p.m., in parish school.

Don't forget our website: <https://meadecatholic.org/>