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The Second Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2017

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life."

Pope Benedict XVI

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

12	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Second Sunday of Lent.....	+David Eaton (Joyce Knott)
12	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Second Sunday of Lent	+Herman & Jeff Smith
12	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....	For the Parishioners
13	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Lent.....	+Father Francis Stuart
14	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Lent.....	+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
15	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Lent.....	Deceased Loved Ones (Rita Bergkamp)
15	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Lent... ..	+Fern Beckerman (Kevin & Gari-Ann Stein)
16	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent.....	+Jim Cox (Joyce Knott)
17	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Patrick.....	+Deceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
17	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	St. Patrick...Mass & Stations of the Cross.....	+Leo Wentz (Mark & Jackie Strecker)
18	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Third Sunday of Lent.....	+F. D. Merkle (Gerald & Marian Ptaschek)
19	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Third Sunday of Lent	+Earl Shinogle (Barry & Melissa Mellen)
19	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Third Sunday of Lent	+Gilbert Hageman (Diane Hageman)
19	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Lent	(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.

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

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Saturday, Mar. 18th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Stacy Milford, Cherie Knott
SERVERS: Mia M., Kambrey W., Crystal M
GREETERS: Dave & Sarah Weber, Jacelyn H.
COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell
NURSING HOME: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 19th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein
SERVERS: Anaee G., Yanet G., George E.
GREETERS: Butch A., Greg D.
COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Sunday, Mar. 19th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Cali Keith
SERVERS: Payton W., Katie W., Degnan B.
GREETERS: Gleason Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 26th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:
GREETERS:

EUCH MIN: Dave Weber, Judy D., Sarah Jordan
MUSIC MIN: Angie D., Brenda M., Clavinova
USHERS: Doug Heinz, Tom Huelskamp
ROSARY: Judy Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Jenny A., Traci E. Mary A.
MUSIC MIN: Kristen Grilliott
ROSARY: Vern Kisner

EUCH MIN: Vince K., Janet R., Tom R.
MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker
GIFTS: Woodruff Family
ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:
COLL. COUNTERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: “Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,639.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,123.00
OFFERTORY:	\$58.00	\$241.00	\$348.10
CHILDREN:	\$14.00	\$36.50	Bldg. Fd. \$85.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$300.00	\$.00
OTHER:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$51.00</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,762.00	\$2,027.50	\$2,556.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: We are a week into Lent but there is still time to begin again if our first days of Lenten practice have not been all that we had hoped or intended. Above all, I would encourage focusing on efforts that will help you draw closer to the Lord. Reading of the Scriptures (perhaps the daily Mass readings) could be a very beneficial practice. One should begin by asking the Holy Spirit to use the words of the Scriptures to touch your heart. Reading the sacred texts should not be hasty. It is better to read a few verses rather than try to read too much in any one time of prayer. One suggestion is to read a passage once to get an overall awareness of the content. You might, in that first reading, make a mental note of words or phrases that stood out for you. In the next reading, be attuned to those words or phrases. Awareness of our feeling can be very helpful to us during prayer. At times, we may feel a sense of peace. At other times, it may be a resistance to certain things in the scripture. Then you might ask yourself what those words or phrases are prompting you to do or to change in your life. You could end the time by reading the passage again and then asking God to help you act upon the many actions that were suggested during your prayer time. It can also be beneficial to keep a spiritual journal or notebook recording the thoughts and feelings that you experience. Some people find it helpful to review what you have written from time to time. This can reveal a pattern to the way God is acting in your life. May the Holy Spirit touch your heart through the word of God!

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL: Join Fr. Ted Stoecklein for Encounter With God's Call on April 1-3 at Conception Seminary College. Young men - high school juniors, seniors, and college age – are invited on this road trip to experience seminary life and learn about the priesthood. This visit is free and transportation is provided by the Diocese of Dodge City. Register online by March 26th at <http://www.dcdiocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or call Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620.227.1533. Meet seminarians and hear their stories of responding to God's call.

FUNDRAISING BANQUET FOR PREGNANCY CARE CENTER: ABC Pregnancy Care Center in Garden City, KS, will be having their annual fundraising banquet on March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Clarion Inn, located at 1911 East Kansas Avenue in Garden city. Dinner is complimentary. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be extended. Candy Gibbs will be the keynote speaker. To RSVP, contact ABC Pregnancy Care Center by March 13th, 620-275-1777.

SOUTHWEST KANSAS YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: Inviting all young adults (18 – 40) to our second annual Southwest Kansas Young Adult Conference! It will be a great opportunity to grow in prayer and community this Lent and will cover topics relevant to young adults. (Relationships, our role in the Church, etc.) SKYAC will be held in Dodge City at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe on March 25th. Registration and additional info can be found on the “Young Adult” page of our diocesan website: dcdiocese.org.

REMINDER Trafficking today is a continuation of the Transatlantic Slave Trade with the sophistication of technology making the buying and selling of persons convenient and globally efficient. SUPPORT US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

VOCATION VIEWS: This Lent Jesus invites us to go up on a mountain, to spend extra time in prayer. Don't be afraid of what you might experience. Trust that God is leading you to greater understanding.(Matthew 17: 1-9) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

Vocation Boom, an EWTN Catholic radio program, featured Deacon Jacob Schneider on their February 11th live call-in program. The interview is posted to our diocesan [vocation webpage](#).

Salina Diocese Men's Conference, Register Online Beginning April 1, 2017! The Diocese of Salina is sponsoring the Sixth Annual Diocesan Men's Conference, "Men on a Mission" on Saturday, August 12 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Hays. Please attend and bring your sons who are high school age and up. Two nationally known speakers, Dr. Ray Guarendi, host of "The Dr. Is In" and "Living Right With Dr. Ray", and Fr. John Lager national chaplain of FOCUS and cofounder of Marked Men for Christ, are this year's speakers. To register online or for more information go to www.salinadiocese.org/family-life or call 785-827-8746, Ext. 17.

Catholic Charities Wine Tasting Event: Please mark your calendars for Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Great Bend Events Center in Great Bend! More information will follow. Hope to see you all there!

Announcements for Plains

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday during Lent from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be every Friday before Mass (at 8:15 a.m.). There will be Spanish Stations of the Cross every Friday evening. PSR will have Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays, before PSR, starting at 6:00 p.m.

FEAST OF ST. PATRICK: We will be celebrating our parish Feast Day on March 22, at 7:00 p.m., with a spaghetti dinner.

Announcements for Meade

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday during Lent from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP: The Lenten Study Group will meet at the Gleason home, 205 W. Rainbelt, on Sunday nights, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 12:40 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wednesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK: Choir practice for Easter will be Sunday, April 9 at 4:00pm. We want to welcome anyone that would like to join us for Easter Sunday mass!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to the family & friends of Juana Luna. May she rest in peace.