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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2017

"Let us not grow tired of prayer: confidence works miracles." -St. Therese of Lisieux

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

26	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Lent.....+Deceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
26	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Lent+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
26	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
27	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in LentFor Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life
28	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Lent.....For couples having marital problems
29	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Lent.....+Leo Wenta (Bobby Lauppe & Sarah Jordan)
29	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Lent...+Fern Beckerman (Fred & Dee Boyd)
30	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent+Deceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
31	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent.....+Earl Shinogle (Ken & Linda Hammerbacher)
31	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Lent...(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
31	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	Stations of the Cross
01	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Fifth Sunday of Lent.....+John Heinz (Rita Bergkamp)
02	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Lent+Verl & Helena Knott (Joyce Knott)
02	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Fifth Sunday of Lent+Gilbert Hageman (Diane Hageman)
02	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fifth 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.

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!

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, April 1st, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Phyllis Butts, Laurie Devine
SERVERS: Paige H., Troy L. Giselle Mercado
GREETERS: Fred & DeAnn Boyd
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Sunday, April 2nd, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar
SERVERS: Hailey S., Lucy V., Dolores A.
GREETERS: Sam & Teresa Garza
COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Vince Koons
SERVERS: Nolan D., Preston W., Brenna F.
GREETERS: Holguin Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, April 2nd, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

GREETERS:

EUCH MIN: Steve & Judy Dewell, Sarah Jordan

MUSIC MIN: Angie Dewell, Cathy Heinz/Jan

USHERS: Brent Merkle, Adrian Milford

ROSARY: Decinda Heinz

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

MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo

ROSARY: Ray & Jenny Amerin

EUCH MIN: Goudy F., Audrey F., Cindy H.

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GIFTS: Boggs 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: The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,910.00	\$1,205.00		\$1,864.00
OFFERTORY:	\$62.00	\$134.00		\$228.47
CHILDREN:	\$31.40	\$7.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$20.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$7.37</u>		<u>\$66.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,003.40	\$1,353.37		\$2,178.47
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Distractions during prayer can become one of the obstacles that prevent people from persevering at efforts at meditation or other forms of mental prayer. Because of the struggle with distractions, it can seem wiser to use only written or memorized prayer. This can be the devil's way of preventing us from moving into deeper forms of prayer. It is important for us to realize that distractions are a normal part of life even when we are not praying. We can be distracted when we are at work or even when we are in a conversation with a friend or loved one. At those times, we simply try to bring our minds back to the task at hand. Distractions at prayer should be handled in the same way. When we find ourselves distracted, it is important to calmly bring our minds back to our meditation or our conversation with the Lord. Even our efforts to return to prayer can be pleasing to God. The reality is that God does not need our words or our thoughts. Instead, God delights in our desire for Him--our desire to give ourselves to Him. Two psalms speak of our desire for God. Psalm 63 begins with "O God, you are my God--for you I long! For you my body yearns; for you my soul thirsts, like a land parched, lifeless and without water." Psalm 42 states: "As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God. My being thirsts for God, the living God. When can I go and see the face of God." This desire for God is at the heart of prayer. Desire for God can be strong even in the midst of our distracted thoughts. Desire resides in our will and is not overcome by fleeting thoughts that come to us during prayer. Let us continue in our efforts to be with God in silence and in quiet reflections of our hearts. God longs for us. Our response to God's longing for us can be our longing for God.

IN THE BEGINNING... This is a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of "Chris." Traditionally, Christmas is celebrated on December 25. Therefore, nine months prior would have been the conception of Jesus by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb. These messages will parallel the development of "Chris" in the womb from Mar. 25 to Dec. 25. March 25th commemorates the angel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would conceive Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. Traditionally, nine months later, Jesus is born. We are going to follow the development of a child in the womb from now till Christmas. The Holy Spirit, *"the Lord, the Giver of Life,"* cooperates with man and woman in creating a new human being. At conception, when we are just one cell, our DNA is completed. Everything physical about us was determined then. The color of our hair, the color of our eyes, how tall we will be, whether we will have diabetes later in life, whether we will need to wear glasses, everything physical is determined by our DNA in the beginning. *"I am the handmaid of the Lord, said Mary!"* Luke 1:38

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.

WANT TO LISTEN TO FATHER TED'S HOMILY AGAIN? The homilies are now online. To listen go to meadecatholic.org. Click on "Liturgy/Sacraments" Then click on "Homilies". To the right of the screen you will see three options. Click again on "homilies". It will bring you to Meade County Catholic Homilies. Click on this and it will bring up the homilies that have been posted. You can then choose the date of the homily that you want to hear. We still hope to improve the sound quality. For now, they are being recorded with a cell phone placed in the front pew. The recording is audible, but sounds a little hollow.

VOCATION VIEWS: The Lord looks into the heart. What does he see? We are given the gift of sight and insight. Look into the heart with love. (1 Samuel 16: 6-13 & John 9:1-41). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

HELP PROVIDE DISASTER RELIEF... for individuals and families who have lost homes and property to wildfire in Southwest Kansas. 100% of your donation will be used to help these individuals and families get back on their feet. Visit <http://catholiccharitiesswks.org/>.

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.

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CHRISM MASS: If you are interested in being a Parish representative for the Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 6, at 11 a.m., please contact Dolores Amerin or Father Ted.

CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Wednesday March 29, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Friday, March 31, after the 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass; and Sunday, April 2, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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.

JOIN THE FUN: Do you like to sing? There is a small group of people at the Beam Senior Center that is trying to organize a small singing group. Our goal is to sing one hour each month at the Lone Tree Retirement Center. Everyone, young and old is invited to come sing and have fun. Contact Kay Classen, 620-629-0977, or Claudia Tacha, 620-338-6651.

LENTEN STUDY GROUP: The Lenten Study Group meets 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.

PARISH REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE CHRISM MASS: If you are interested in being a Parish representative for the Chrism Mass on Thursday, April 6, at 11 a.m., please contact Father Ted.

CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Sunday, April 2, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

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

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!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, March 27, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday in the church.