

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

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*“Be Watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.”*

*Mark 13: 33*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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03	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The First Sunday of Advent.....+Bill & Ed Bergkamp (Rita Bergkamp)
03	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The First Sunday of Advent.....+John & Elizabeth Kaberlein (Bob & Gloria Kaberlein)
03	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The First Sunday of Advent .....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
04	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. John Damascene.....+Matthew Liebl (Susan & Kevin Dewell)
04	Mon	6:00 pm	(F)	St. John Damascene.....Deceased Relatives(Bobby Lauppe & Sarah Jordan)
05	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Advent.....+Dottie Gillen (Bob & Jean McCulloch)
05	Tue	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
06	Wed	8:30am	(P)	St. Nicholas.....For an end to religious persecutions
06	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Nicholas.....For an end to human trafficking
06	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Nicholas.....+Patrick Danler (Judy & Steve Dewell)
07	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Ambrose.....For Rain
07	Thu	6:30 pm	(M)	Vigil for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....+Gene & Betty Flowers
08	Fri	7:30 am	(M)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
08	Fri	6:00 pm	(F)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....+Norma Vrtiska (Steve & Judy Dewell)
08	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....For couples having marital problems
08	Fri	7:15 pm	(P)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception....(Spanish).....For Rain
09	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	The Second Sunday of Advent.....+Herman & Jeff Smith (Gen Smith)
10	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Second Sunday of Advent.....For World Peace
10	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Second Sunday of Advent.....+Donald Gertner (Josephine Amerin)
10	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Second Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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**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!

**Liturgical and Other Ministers**

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**FOWLER – Fri., Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Volunteers

**SERVERS:** Volunteers

**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Volunteers

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Volunteers

**MUSIC MIN:**

**NURSING HOME:**

**ROSARY:** Volunteers

**COLL. COUNTERS:**

**PLAINS – Fri., Dec. 8th, 6:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Terry Shinogle

**SERVERS:** Bob K., Lucy V., Owen V.

**EUCH. MIN:** Mary A., Ron E., Lucy B.

**GREETERS:** Larry & Debbie Eakes

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin Grilliot

**ROSARY:** Kerri Vajnar

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Patricia Coates

**MEADE – Thu., Dec. 7th, 6:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Volunteers

**SERVERS:** Volunteers

**EUCH. MIN:** Volunteers

**MUSIC MIN:** Volunteers

**GREETERS:** Volunteers **GIFTS:** Volunteers

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Volunteers

**ROSARY:** Volunteers

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 8th, 7:15 pm**

**LECTOR:**

**SERVERS:**

**EUCH. MIN:**

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

**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.

**FOWLER – Sun., Dec. 10th, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Brent Merkle, Doug Heinz

**SERVERS:** Jacey W., Karson W., Kale H.

**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Sarah Jordan, Tom Leis, Judy Dewell

**USHERS:** Mark Wideman, James Hamilton

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Larry & Cherie Knott

**MUSIC MIN:** Diane Leis, Laurie Devine/ Jan Brock

**NURSING HOME:** Brigid Thurman

**ROSARY:** Decinda Heinz

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Larry & Cherie Knott

**PLAINS – Sun., Dec. 10th, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Ron Eakes

**SERVERS:** Gloria K., Hailey S., Dianna O.

**EUCH. MIN:** Traci E., Terry S., Teresa G.

**GREETERS:** Shawn & Kathy Jacobs

**MUSIC MIN:** Nancy H.,

**ROSARY:** Lucy Bromwell

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Kristin Grilliot

**MEADE – Sat., Dec. 9th, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Vince Koons

**SERVERS:** Degnan B., Amanda K., Sarah K.

**EUCH. MIN:** Janet R., Tom R., Dorothy D.

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**GREETERS:** Bolton Family **GIFTS:** Flowers Family

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Gleason Family

**ROSARY:** Devine Family

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 10th, 1:00 pm**

**VOCATION VIEWS:** ‘Be watchful! Be alert!’ The call towards a vocation can come at an unexpected day and hour, prepare your heart to always say ‘yes’ to God. (Mark 13:33) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at [www.dcdiocese.org/vocations](http://www.dcdiocese.org/vocations).

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,010.00	\$1,110.00	\$508.00
OFFERTORY:	\$71.00	\$107.00	\$222.00
CHILDREN:	\$2.00	\$5.00	Bldg. Fd. \$5.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
OTHER:	\$.00	\$.00	\$ .00
CANDLES:	<u>\$17.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$31.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,100.00	\$1,222.00	\$766.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: The Advent Season is a time that the Church sets aside to remind us that, as Christians, we are a people who wait for the Lord Jesus to come again. We believe that the Lord Jesus will come again and gather those who have live a life of faith in Him into the Kingdom of the Father. This is not a time of idle waiting. Instead, it is a time in which we are called to grow into a deeper oneness with Christ Jesus and to proclaim our faith to others. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to go about the mission of making Jesus known to others. We become part of the mission of gathering others. Jesus has chosen to make us his instruments for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Each of us in our own way is called to bring others to Christ. Before we can do this, we must first bring ourselves to Him. The more fully we know the Lord Jesus and follow Him, the more we can gather others to Him. The Advent Season is relatively short, but it can be a time for us to evaluate our own efforts to grow closer to Jesus and our efforts to make Him known to others. If, by Christmas, Jesus has become more a part of our lives, we will have had a successful Advent and will prepare ourselves for a more joyous Christmas celebration.

IN THE BEGINNING... This is a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of "Chris." (week 37) Chris is absorbing about a gallon of amniotic fluid per day. Chris is now receiving valuable antibodies from mom to fight off infections. Fat is deposited in Chris's cheeks this week and the muscles that help Chris suck are helping to fill Chris's little face. Chris is about six pounds and over 20 inches in length. "I'm a little plump but I'm ready for my first picture." Mom is probably seeing the doctor every week and should take a Group Strep test. *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."* Romans 15: 7

RETROUVAILLE: "Tens of thousands of struggling marriages headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems. Retrouvaille offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage. By attending this program, which begins with a Weekend Experience that is followed by a series of follow-up sessions to help keep your healing on track and further develop the tools. Visit our website at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) for more information about the upcoming Wichita weekend program beginning on Dec. 9 for **both Spanish and English**. Register quickly! For more information, please text or call 314-249-5227. We look forward to hearing from you, Dacia and Kieran P.S More details can be found on Facebook at "Retrouvaille Wichita".

**BLESSING OF YOUR BABY JESUS:** Families are invited to bring the baby Jesus from their home Nativity (crèche) to Mass on the third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 17. There will be a special blessing of all the figurines after the Prayers of the Faithful (General Intercessions). That same Sunday at the Vatican, Pope Francis is scheduled to bless the figurines of all those who gather in St. Peter's Square for the praying of the Angelus and his weekly message. Blessed Pope Paul VI began the figurine blessing tradition at St. Peter's in 1969. It is called "Bambinelli Sunday" ("bambinelli" is Italian for the Nativity figurines).

### 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** is scheduled on Wednesday, December 6 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:** Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 17, 5:00 -6:30 p.m. Friday, December 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. (after Spanish Mass) to 7:30 p.m.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,** Friday, December 8, is a holy day of Obligation. Mass times in our parish will be at 6:00 p.m. and at 7:15 p.m. (in Spanish) on December 8.

### Announcements for Meade

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY:** On Monday, there will be Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by the rosary for our country.

**MEADE HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM FUNDRAISER-COMMUNITY MEAL** will be on Sunday December 3, from 11:00 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. in MHS Commons. Menu: Chicken & Noodles or Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Roll, tea/water. \$7 per plate. All proceeds go to MHS After Prom.

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:** Wednesday, December 6, 4:00 P.M. & 7:00 p.m. Saturday, December 16, after 5:30 p.m. Mass.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,** December 8, is a holy day of Obligation. Mass times in our parish will be at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7 and at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, December 8.

### Announcements for Fowler

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:** We are collecting food for the Community Holiday Food Boxes. Please contribute nonperishable food to the boxes in the gathering space. You may also contribute monetary donations to Judy or Steve Dewell for those in need.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is scheduled on Monday, December 4 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Rosary (for our country) and Mass will follow.

**THANK YOU** to all who made the NCYC trip possible for our parish youth! Thank You for supporting the fundraisers so generously! Thank you for your prayers for their spiritual growth, spiritual healing, & safe travel. Because of you, they joined 24,000 other Catholic youth in a prideful, shameless celebration of their faith!!!

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE:** Wednesday, December 6, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Sunday, December 10, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**DECORATING OUR CHURCH** for Christmas will be done after Mass of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please stay after Mass and help us!

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