

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

## St. Patrick Church

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2017

*The child grew and became strong,  
filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.*

*Luke 2:40*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

31	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....	Deceased Relatives (Sobba Family)
31	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....	For Rain
31	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph..... (Spanish).....	For the Parishioners
31	Sun	5:30 pm	(M)	The Solemnity of Mary.....	+Dottie Gillen (Marjorie Gillen Family)
01	Mon	8:30 am	(F)	The Solemnity of Mary.....	+Norma Vrtiska (Carla Bartlett)
01	Mon	10:30 am	(P)	The Solemnity of Mary.....	+Dan Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
02	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Ss. Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen .....	+Dottie Gillen
03	Wed	8:30 am	(P)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus.....	For couples having marital problems
03	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus .....	For World Peace
03	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus .....	Deceased Relatives (Brigid Thurman)
04	Thu	7:30 am	(M)	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.....	For an end to human trafficking
04	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.....	For Souls in Purgatory (Dolores Amerin)
05	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. John Neumann..... (First Friday) .....	For an end to religious persecutions
05	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	St. John Neumann..... (First Friday).....	+Duane McGee (Rita Bergkamp)
06	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....	For moisture
07	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
07	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....	+Eugene Bergkamp (Shelby Huslig)
07	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord..... (Spanish).....	For the Parishioners

**HOMEBOUND** If you would like Communion brought to you at home, or have someone in the hospital, please notify Father.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

45 minutes before Masses

**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](mailto:@stanthonyfowler@gmail.com) no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

## Liturgical and Other Ministers

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**FOWLER – Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Laurie Devine, Kevin Milford

**SERVERS:** Crystal M., Paige H., Kale H.

**GREETERS:** Andy & Ashley Boyd

**COLL. COUNTERS:** John Weber

**NURSING HOME:** Judy Dewell

**PLAINS – Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jason Vajnar

**SERVERS:** Terry S., Dianna O., Yanet G.

**GREETERS:** Sam & Teresa Garza

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Traci Eakes

**MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Matthew Welsh

**SERVERS:** Degnan B., Kate P., Katie W.

**GREETERS:** Flowers Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Koons Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**LECTOR:**

**SERVERS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** "Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit..."

**EUCH MIN:** Brenda Martin, James & Becky H.

**MUSIC MIN:** Diane Leis, Cherie Knott/ clavinova

**USHERS:** Ron Hageman, Seth Hageman

**ROSARY:** Randy Leis

**EUCH. MIN:** Mary A., Ron E., Jenny A.

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin Grilloit

**ROSARY:** Kerri Vajnar

**EUCH MIN:** Kevin D., Susan D., Goudy F.

**MUSIC MIN:** Keith Family

**GIFTS:** Koons Family

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**EUCH MIN:**

**USHERS:**

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$510.00	\$1,040.00	\$776.00
OFFERTORY:	\$168.00	\$806.00	\$275.25
CHILDREN:	\$0.00	\$3.00	Bldg. Fd. \$20.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHRISTMAS:	\$2,676.00	\$1409.00	\$4,247.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$107.00</u>	<u>\$29.01</u>	<u>\$69.01</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,461.00	\$3,337.01	\$5,387.26

\$2,118.00

\$1,250.00

**THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED:** Christmas shopping is finished. Now the "after Christmas" marketing is going strong. Soon the lights and all the Christmas decorations will be put away until next year. Before we relegate Christmas 2017 to the dustbin of history, let us remember that the Christmas Season for us as Catholics is far from over. This Sunday we observe the Feast of the Holy Family, remembering that Jesus took on all aspects of our humanity, including family life. We will celebrate the motherhood of Mary on January 1, then we will celebrate the Epiphany on January 7 and the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Christmas is much more than a celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a celebration of the coming of Jesus among us and of his being made manifest as our Savior and Redeemer. That is why the feast extends beyond December 25. Spiritually, the Christmas celebration is meant to open our lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and to continue to growing into a deeper relationship with Him. Since the extended celebration is about Jesus being made manifest to the world, so too our lives are meant to manifest Christ as the light and the hope of the world. May this happen in the lives of each of us: may we live in such a way that we make Jesus known to others and may those who do not know Him come to know Him and commit their lives to Him.

**CATHOLIC PLANNED GIVING AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR:** The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is pleased to sponsor: "Catholic Planned Giving and Estate Planning". These seminars are part of the Department of Development's stewardship education program and concentrate on the Christian steward's right to plan for the prayerful and orderly distribution of one's estate. The purpose of these seminars is to inform Catholics within the diocese of their rights to ensure that their wishes and the needs of their family are carried out as intended. At the same time, we will illustrate some gift planning techniques people may use in coordination with their estate plan and to give back to God some of the material blessings He has bestowed on all of us. People generally recognize the importance of giving to their parish and diocesan ministries during their lifetime; not too many consider similar gifts in their estate plans and wills. Our vision is to show you the opportunities! Please join us at one of the Seminars listed:

January 10, 2018, 7:00pm Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City

January 15, 2018, 7:00pm St. Anthony Parish Center, Liberal

January 25, 2018 7:00pm Prince of Peace Parish Center, Great Bend

Sacred Heart Pratt to be announced as soon as determined.

**FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION:** All are invited to the First Saturdays Devotion on January 6th at St. Stanislaus Church, Ingalls. 8:15 am. confessions begin; 8:30 am rosary; 9:00 am. Mass; Meditation, confessions, and refreshments after Mass. The Great Promise of Our Blessed Mother: "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

**VOCATION VIEWS: Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness and love. What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3:12-21). 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).**

**PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO TOPEKA:** Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 22, 2018. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. Open to High School and College-age youth & sponsors. 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 Mass, march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building and an opportunity to hear abortion survivor, Melissa Ohden prior to leaving Topeka around 4:00. There will be a dinner stop in Salina. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally and speaker). 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](mailto:gkirmer@dcdiocese.org).

**NOTE FROM LEXIE AMERIN:** I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the people who gave donations or ordered t-shirts for Julie, Ben and myself to go to the March for Life in January. We raised enough money to go to the march together, however our college, St. Gregory's permanently closed their school as of the end of the fall semester. The Pro-Life team was kind enough to give us the option to use that money to go with a different group to the march in January. We made the choice to not go to the march, and donate our money raised instead. The money was donated to 2 different Pro-Life organizations and for a fundraiser for the 150 employees of St. Gregory's, who are out of a job right before the Christmas season. Have a blessed Christmas, Lexie Amerin  
**The t-shirts, however, did not get ordered, so we wanted to give you the chance to get your money back. If you ordered a t-shirt and would like your money refunded, please contact Lexie 620-655-4105 or Jenny Amerin @ 620-629-5286.**

### Announcement for Plains

**THRIFT SHOP:** The time has come for our turn to take care of the Thrift Shop. January is our month. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. All help is greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm and on Friday afternoon 2-4 pm. Thank you to all who help with this service project in our community.

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### Announcements for Meade

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### Announcements for Fowler

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY:** On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:45 p.m.

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**80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Adrian Milford will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a “Come & Go” Reception hosted by his family at the Fowler Senior Citizen’s Center on Saturday, January 27, 2018, 2 -4 p.m. Please join us!