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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

"...whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Colossians 3:17

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

21	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	For World Peace
21	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Cyrilla Brace (Pat & Jim Nieman)
21	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time..... (Spanish).....	For the Parishioners
22	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.....	+Luis Rivera Holguin (McCullochs)
22	Mon	6:00 pm	(F)	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	For an end to abortion
23	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Vincent	For moisture
23	Tue	8:30 am	(P)	St. Vincent.....	For World Peace
24	Wed	8:30 am	(P)	St. Francis De Sales.....	For an end to human trafficking
24	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Francis De Sales.....	For an end to religious persecutions
24	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Francis De Sales.....	For a Renewal of Faith (Steve & Judy Dewell)
25	Thu	7:30 am	(M)	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.....	For moisture
25	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.....	For couples having marital problems
26	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Timothy & Titus.....	Special Intention
26	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Ss. Timothy & Titus..... (Spanish).....	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life
27	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	For World Peace
28	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Mary Ann Hickey (Hickey Family)
28	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Cyrilla Brace (Pat & Jim Nieman)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masses

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 – Sunday, Jan. 28th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan, Stacy Milford
SERVERS: Kale H., Heath H., Angel M.
GREETERS: Kenneth & Phyllis Butts
COLL. COUNTERS: Larry & Cherie Knott
NURSING HOME: Decinda Heinz

PLAINS – Saturday, Jan. 27th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell
SERVERS: Nefro S., Owen V., Dianna O.
GREETERS: Paul & Kristin Grilliot
COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coates

MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 28th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell
SERVERS: Nolan D., Alek H., Horacio H.
GREETERS: Gleason Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 28th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: Brenda M., Tom L., James H.
MUSIC MIN: Guitar/Jan
USHERS: Ron Beckerman, Doug Heinz
ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Debbie E., Ron E., Silvia O.
MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar
ROSARY: Teresa Garza

EUCH MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Goudy F.
MUSIC MIN: Keith Family
GIFTS: Parker Family
ROSARY: Flavin Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples – Andrew, and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me – at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

	FOWLER	MEADE	PLAINS
ENVELOPES:	\$1,044.00	\$631.00	\$510.00
OFFERTORY:	\$150.00	\$105.00	\$444.01
CHILDREN:	\$20.00	\$1.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$26.00</u>	<u>\$21.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,214.00	\$763.00	\$975.01

\$2,118.00

\$1,250.00

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: The Sunday readings for this week bring us to the first chapter of the Gospel of St. Mark and to the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. Jesus gives a call to repentance. However, it is more than a call to turn away from our sins. It is a call to refocus our lives so that we view the world through the lens of our life as members of Christ Jesus. We are called to no longer live as if our hope is only in the present world. Our hope now is in Christ Jesus and the risen life that he has promised to us. This means that everything in our lives--our work, our marriage relationships, our family life, our recreation need to be oriented toward the call to life in Christ that has been given to us in Baptism. We continue to live in the world, but as Jesus teaches us in the Gospel of St. John (Jn 17:16), but we are not of the world. We are not to be transformed into living as the world lives. Instead, we are to be the leaven that transforms the world for Christ. Let us live this calling.

SOUTHWEST KS. YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: For the third year in a row, the Diocese of Dodge City is hosting the Southwest Kansas Young Adult Conference. This year's gathering of young Catholics (ages 18-39) will be held Sunday March 4, beginning with a 9 am Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. The day will include small-group discussions on topics of importance to young adult Catholics. The conference will conclude at 5 pm with a eucharistic procession followed by Benediction at 6 pm. To learn more and to register, please visit <https://www.dcyoungadult.com/skyac>.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED? Since making a directed retreat last September, I have been thinking about offering a brief retreat experience for members of our three parishes who would like to participate. Concretely, I am thinking over an overnight retreat that would be focused on praying with the Scriptures. The format would be very simple: the group would gather, after a brief explanation of the ways to pray using the scriptures, a scripture passage would be suggested for prayer, then individuals would go somewhere where they could pray in private using the scripture passage that has been suggested. Everyone would be encouraged to write a brief summary of what they experienced in prayer. After 40 to 45 minutes we would reassemble to share the experience with the group. No one would be forced to share, but all would be invited to do so. I envision this retreat taking place on a Friday evening and part of Saturday. So far a date or place has not been determined. However, I am thinking of using a facility in Cimarron. I will begin making concrete plans once I know if there are people who would be interested in such a retreat experience. The cost of the retreat would be a nights lodging. There may also be the cost of two or three meals. There may also be an option, depending upon the facility, of our providing our own food.

This would not be a retreat of total silence. The silent periods would be three or four periods when the group separates for private prayer. The purpose is to give parishioners an experience of using the scriptures in prayer and learning from the experience of other participants in the retreat. Please let me know if you would be interested, depending upon the date and the place in such an experience. I would ask that you send me a text or email expressing your interest. You may also hand me a note before or after Mass. It is best that I have something in writing. Often I cannot remember information given to me before or after Mass without something in writing.

CHURCH SECURITY MEETING: On January 27, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Meade of members of area churches on church security.

VOCATION VIEWS: **The reign of God is now. Are you willing to drop what you are doing to follow Jesus' call? Believe that God will give you what you need most. (Mark 1:14-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.**

SOUP SUPPER- SAVE THE DATE: On Sunday Jan. 28 from 4:30-7 pm there will be a community soup supper at the Forst Center at St. John the Baptist Church in Meade. A free-will offering will be asked with all proceeds being sent to Catholic and Protestant relief agencies currently working in East Africa to combat starvation brought on by war, terrorism and drought. This event is a joint project of Meade-area churches. A variety of soups prepared by members of the different congregations will be served.

CLUSTER WEBSITE: Have you checked the parish website lately (meadecatholic.org)? Fr. Tim has done a great job adding content to the website. It would be wonderful if someone would be willing and able to continue the work he has begun. Fr. Tim will move to Liberal on February 1. He will be there while Fr. Jacob is studying Spanish in Guatemala. Fr. Tim's last weekend with us will be on January 27 and 28. Please take advantage of this time to express your gratitude for his service to our parishes and for his coming to serve in our diocese.

Announcement for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Sunday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:30 p.m.

2017 CONTRIBUTION: if anyone does not receive a tax statement by the end of January for their donations to the church for 2017 and would like one to please contact Jenny Amerin at 620-629-5286.

THE NEW BUILDING PROJECT: There will be a potluck dinner/meeting on February 3 after Mass to discuss the new building project. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting if they would like to share their ideas on what they would like to see in the new building. Please bring a side dish.

THE OUTCOME: There has been a question about the outcome of the vote on the proposed classroom building for St. Patrick Parish. The parish vote approved the project by a very substantial margin. The next step in the process is to meet with the Diocesan Building Committee. This meeting will take place in the first part of February. Once we have the approval of the diocese, we will proceed to finalize the plans and begin planning on construction.

Announcements for Meade

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

PSR: PSR classes will be held for High School ONLY on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

Announcements for Fowler

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

80th BIRTHDAY: Adrian Milford is celebrating his 80th 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. No

gifts please. In you are unable to join us, please remember Adrian with a card at P. O. Box 196, Fowler, KS. 67844.