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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

**DOWNLOAD SUNDAY for the new Parish App
will be February 10 and 11.**

**If you use a smart phone, please silence it
and bring it with you to Mass that weekend.**

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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)
28	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	(Spanish)..... For the Parishioners
29	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For World Peace
29	Mon	6:00 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time	Repose of Souls (David Leis)
30	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life
30	Tue	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For moisture
31	Wed	8:30 am	(P)	St. John Bosco.....	For an end to human trafficking
31	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. John Bosco.....	For an end to religious persecutions
31	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. John Bosco.....	+Betty Wenta (Wenta Family)
01	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For couples having marital problems
02	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	The Presentation of the Lord.....	For World Peace
02	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	The Presentation of the Lord... (First Friday).....	+Gerald & Virginia Herman (Rita Bergkamp)
03	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	For moisture
04	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Luis Rivera-Holguin (Bob & Jean McCulloch)
04	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Farran D. Merkle (Glenda Merkle)
04	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	(Spanish)..... For the Parishioners

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, Feb. 4th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Phyllis Butts, Cindy Lackey
SERVERS: Karson W., Jacey W., Desmond T.
GREETERS: Lynn & Jane Chance
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

PLAINS – Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Martha Saucedo
SERVERS: George E., Yanet G., Jesse O.
GREETERS: Jason & Kerri Vajnar Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Kristin Grilliot

MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 4th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Cali Keith
SERVERS: Brock K., Brooke K., Logan K.
GREETERS: Holguin Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 28th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Moses told the people, “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen.” God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

EUCH MIN: Steve & Judy Dewell, Dave Weber
MUSIC MIN: Cathy H., Kate P., Pam M./ clavinova
USHERS: Van Heinz, Randy Leis
ROSARY: Judy Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Jenny A., Maria D., Debbie E.
MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot
ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein

EUCH MIN: Dorothy D., Audrey F., Vince K.
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: Rickard Family
ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$2,043.00	\$897.00		\$814.80
OFFERTORY:	\$136.50	\$98.00		\$234.00
CHILDREN:	\$9.00	\$8.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$100.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$40.00</u>	<u>\$32.40</u>		<u>\$21.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,228.50	\$1,010.40		\$1,148.80
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: You may have heard the expression "Holy Mother Church". You may wonder how we can say the Church is holy when we often see less than holiness in many of its members. The holiness of the Church comes not from us. It comes from the holiness of the one who died, rose and ascended to heaven for our sake. The Church is holy with the holiness of Christ. It is sinful because of us, the members of the Church. This means that the Church is in constant need of renewal and purification. The renewal of the Church must come from all levels of the Church. We need renewal from the Vatican, from the Pope himself, from the body of Bishops, from its priests and deacons and from the lay members of the Church, including the religious members of the laity. This means that, if we desire a holier Church, you and I must become holier people. This holiness is essential for carrying on the mission of the Church to bring all people to Christ Jesus. Holiness is more than a lack of sin. Holiness is an intentional effort to come to know and to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. One of the great obstacles to this growth in holiness in our time is a lack of knowledge of the Scriptures and the official teachings of the Church. The last two or three generations have suffered from very inadequate religious formation. Many people leave the Church simply because they do not know what the Church believes and teaches. This makes them very vulnerable to those who wish to criticize the Church or wish to attract them to other religious convictions. During the coming Lenten Season, an excellent form of Lenten discipline would be to making explicit efforts to learn more about our faith. There are many excellent resources that are easily available. For those with internet access, the FORMED.ORG website offers many possibilities. The new parish APP, which will be formally introduced on the weekend of February 10 and 11, will make many resources instantly available for those with smart phones. I, Fr. Ted, will try to make CD's available for those who prefer to access information in this manner. A Lenten reflection book will also be made available on Sunday, February 4. It is time to look ahead to Lent and resolve that we will make sincere, intentional efforts to become holier people.

RETREAT REMINDER I am thinking of having 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. The cost of the retreat would be a night's lodging. We will be 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.

VOCATION VIEWS: God chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Can you perceive the voice of God in those around you? If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18:15-20). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

SOUP SUPPER- SAVE THE DATE: DON'T FORGET THE SOUP SUPPER at the Forst Center from 4:30-7 pm. A free-will offering will be asked.

SOUTHWEST KS. YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: A conference designed specifically for those between the ages of 18 and 39 will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe on March 4th! Expect great speakers, relevant topics, sweet t-shirts (and free babysitting for those with kids), all in order to draw young people closer to Christ and to one another! Contact Gentry Heimerman (gheimerman@dcdiocese.org) with any questions! Register by Feb. 14th @ dcyoungadult.com

CLUSTER WEBSITE: Have you checked the parish website lately (meadecocatholic.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.

EVER WONDER WHY WE GO TO MASS? Listen to the following presentation by Fr. John Ricardo. He gives a very thought provoking presentation of why we are asked to be present and what we should be doing as we attend Mass. <https://avemariaradio.net/resources/archives/?media=audio&catslug=christ-is-the-answer&month=&yr=>

OUR DEEPEST APPRECIATION & WELL WISHES TO YOU FATHER TIM! We have been very spoiled having 2 priests here! May God Bless You in your future assignments! Thank You So Much & Welcome Back to Kansas!

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.

PSR: No PSR class on January 31st for grades K – 6th.