

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

**May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
 for one another and for all,...**
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones.

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

02	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The First Sunday of Advent...Deceased Relatives & Friends(Larry & Marge Donahue)
02	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The First Sunday of Advent.....Mass of Thanksgiving (Dan Harris Family)
02	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The First Sunday of Advent(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
03	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Francis Xavier.....Relatives & Friends (Frank & Dorothy Devine)
04	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. John Damascene.....+Eleanora Glenn (Dixie Hageman)
05	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Advent.....+Claude Leis (Barb Whitehead)
05	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Advent.....+Melva Dewell (Kevin Hageman Family)
06	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Nicholas.....Deceased Members of Our Parishes
07	Fri	5:45 pm	(F)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....+Rita Hoffman (Carol Snodgrass)
07	Fri	7:00 pm	(M)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception..Relatives& Friends(Frank & Dorothy Devine)
08	Sat	8:30 am	(P)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.....Deceased Members of Our Parishes
08	Sat	10:00 am	(P)	Sol. of the Immaculate Conception...(Spanish).....Deceased Members of Our Parishes
08	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Second Sunday of Advent.....+Julianne Post (Gertie Kessen)
09	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent.....Deceased Relatives & Friends(Larry & Marge Donahue)
09	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Second Sunday of Advent.....Gleason Families(Janet Cook)
09	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent.....(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 no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER - Fri., Dec. 7th, 5:45 pm

LECTORS: Volunteers

SERVERS: Volunteers

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Volunteers

USHERS: Volunteers

GREETERS/GIFTS: Volunteers

MUSIC MIN: Volunteers

NURSING HOME:

ROSARY: Volunteer

COLL. COUNTERS:

PLAINS - Sat., Dec. 8th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle

SERVERS: Owen V., Lucy V., George E.

EUCH. MIN: Lucy B., Silvia O., Maria D.

GREETERS: Shawn & Kathy Jacobs

MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

MONEY COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE - Fri., Dec. 7th, 7:00 pm

LECTOR: Volunteer

SERVERS: Volunteers

EUCH. MIN: Volunteers

MUSIC MIN: Volunteers

GREETERS: Volunteers **GIFTS:** Volunteers

MONEY COUNTERS: Volunteer

ROSARY: Volunteer

PLAINS - SPANISH, Dec. 8th, 10:00 am

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MONEY COUNTERS:

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

VOCATION VIEWS: Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice. How is God calling you to serve? (Jeremiah 33:14-16) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

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 - Sat., Dec. 8th, 5:30 pm

LECTORS: Phyllis Butts, Stacy Milford

SERVERS: Jacey W., Karson W., Braegan Shelor

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Ben Rogers, Tom Leis

USHERS: Devin Hamilton, James Hamilton

GREETERS/GIFTS: Linda Powell, Cody Shelor

MUSIC MIN: Laurie Devine, Diane Leis/ Jan

NURSING HOME: Kevin & Stacy Milford

ROSARY: Decina Heinz

COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz

PLAINS - Sun. Dec. 9th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Ron Eakes

SERVERS: Dianna O., Yanet G., Bob K.

EUCH. MIN: Larry E., Jenny A., Teresa G.

GREETERS: Paul & Kristin Grilliot

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

MONEY COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE - Sun., Dec. 9th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell

SERVERS: Amanda K., Sarah K., Kate P.

EUCH. MIN: Dorothy D., Audrey F., Vince K.

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GREETERS: Flowers Family **GIFTS:** Welsh Family

MONEY COUNTERS: Knott Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

PLAINS - SPANISH, Dec. 9th, 1:00 p m

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MONEY COUNTERS:

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: “Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, “lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,825.00	\$1,872.57		\$4,859.42
OFFERTORY:	\$130.00	\$45.00		\$180.00
CHILDREN:	\$1.00	\$2.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$5.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$550.00		\$.00
BLDG FUND :	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,956.00	\$2,469.57		\$5,044.42
		\$1,250.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: In grade school I was taught that God made me (us) to know Him, to love Him, to serve Him and to be happy with Him in heaven. This seems to be to be a very basic teaching that we need to impart to everyone. Unless we understand the purpose for which we were created, we cannot know how to live our lives. Instead we will end up doing all sorts of things that lead us to sadness and frustration. God made us for Himself so that He can share His very self with us. We are called to live in such a way that opens up our hearts to God and allows God's Holy Spirit to dwell within us.
Fr. Ted Skalsky

COME JOIN US! Join Bishop Brungardt and Fr. Wesley Schawe for a 3 day-2 night pilgrimage to Conception Seminary, March 3, 4, 5. Cost is only \$265 for single occupancy or \$255 for double occupancy. Trip includes: deluxe motor coach transportation with pick ups in Dodge City and Great Bend and other stops as requested; a tour of the Clyde Monastery; time with the Seminarians (Eric Frieb, Carson Haupt, Esteban Hernandez, Jonathan Lemus); tour of Conception Seminary; evening dinner with Bishop Brungardt, Fr. Wesley and the Seminarians; accommodations at the Seminary and time for prayer and Eucharist with the Seminarians. Seating is limited so don't delay in making your reservations. A \$50 deposit with reservation is required. Make checks payable to: Diocese of Dodge City and send to: Office of Development, PO Box 137, Dodge City, Kansas, 67801. Trip is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and Development to help foster, promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

“Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Saturday, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. Masses in our parishes are: Friday, Dec.7, 5:45 p.m. in Fowler; 7:00 p.m. in Meade. Saturday, Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. (Spanish) in Plains.

Announcements for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) There will be prayer for our country on Sunday, at 5:30 p.m.

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is a program in the Plains/Kismet communities that provides clothing and toys at Christmas for children in need. The families in this program have to qualify based on their income level, so they are in real need.

If you would like to make a child's Christmas possible this year,

Please select an Angel off a tree located at one of these locations:

Plains State Bank, Plains Community Library, E-Z Stop in Plains, or the Kismet Library.

Return the gifts in an unwrapped box, with the Angel attached, to one of those locations by Monday, December 10th.

Monetary gifts can also be donated to Angel Tree at Plains State Bank, P. O. Box 38, Plains, KS 67869. Help a family in need this Christmas! Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMASING IN PLAINS is on Sunday, December 9th. Please bring a baked good to the St. Patrick's Catholic booth for the bake sale at the Plains Community Building by 10 a.m. on the 9th.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.(during Adoration) and Dec. 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.(following Spanish Mass)

THE 51st ANNUAL CHRISTMASING IN PLAINS is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for December 9th.

This year's theme is "Storybook Parade". Events will kick off with a noon meal at the Plains Community Building, followed by the presentation of Quilts of Valor for 10 of our local servicemen/veterans. In addition, the Wizzy Wig Craft Show will open at noon for you to pick up those unique Christmas gifts. The parade will be at 4:00, which is the scheduled time for Santa & Mrs. Santa to arrive in town. Santa will be available after the parade for everyone to give him their wish list. An evening meal will be served starting at 5:30. Many other activities are planned for the day, so come and join us for an afternoon and evening of fun and conversation.

Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: There will be Mass on Monday, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary.

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wed., Dec. 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the Forst Center

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: In the gathering space, we are collecting non-perishable food in the container for the holiday food boxes and the local food pantry. The boxes will be assembled the 2nd week in Dec. If you would like to give a cash donation, you may give it to Father Ted, Steve or Judy.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: is scheduled on Monday, Dec. 3, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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

YOUR CARE & CONCERN IS NEEDED: Norma Leis has fallen and is in the hospital in Columbia, MO. She would welcome cards and well wishes from home. Her address is: Norma Leis, Columbia Post Acute, Room 126, 3535 Berrywood Drive, Columbia, MO 65201.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING is scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 22, after Mass. Please help us get ready for Christmas!