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Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

"Brothers and sisters....this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...." (Philippians 1:9-10)

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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 Family (Janet Cook)
09	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
10	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....+Paul Glenn (Daughters of Isabella)
11	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Damasus I.....+Eleanora Glenn (Dorothy Glenn)
12	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Our Lady of Guadalupe.....+Claude Leis (Barb Whitehead)
12	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Our Lady of Guadalupe.....+Bill & Ed Bergkamp (Rita Bergkamp)
13	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. LucyFor the Deceased Members of Our Parishes
14	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. John of the Cross.....Special Intention (Mark & Ronda Meyer)
14	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. John of the Cross.....(Spanish).....For the Deceased Members of Our Parishes
15	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Third Sunday of Advent.....+Eric Zimmerman (Cherie & Larry Knott)
16	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent.....Deceased Relatives & Friends (Larry & Marge Donahue)
16	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Third Sunday of Advent.....Relatives & Friends (Frank & Dorothy Devine)

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!

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 – Saturday, December 15th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Cherie Knott, Andra Cunningham
SERVERS: Kate C., Heath H., Paige H.
GREETERS: Doris Holguin, Desmond Thomas
COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell
NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

EUCH MIN: Steve & Judy Dewell, Laurie Devine
MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford, Cathy Heinz/ Jan
USHERS: Ron Hageman, John Weber
ROSARY: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Sunday, December 16th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar
SERVERS: Owen V., Lucy V., Kerri V.
GREETERS: Kelby & Rebi Ross
COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

EUCH. MIN: Debbie E., Nefro S., Mary A.
MUSIC MIN: Nancy H.,
ROSARY: Vern Kisner

MEADE – Sunday, December 16th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Vince Koons
SERVERS: Brenna F., Emily F., Walker K.
GREETERS: Gleason Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Janet R., Tom R.
MUSIC MIN: Brooke & Cali Keith
GIFTS: Boggs Family
ROSARY: Devine Family

PLAINS – Sunday, December 16th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$975.00	\$1,435.00		\$2,601.00
OFFERTORY:	\$178.00	\$139.00		\$198.00
CHILDREN:	\$19.00	\$21.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$1,255.00
RENT:	\$50.00	\$.00		\$.00
OTHER:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$40.50</u>	<u>\$29.00</u>		<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,262.50	\$1,622.00		\$4,064.00
		\$1,250.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: In recent prayers during Mass, I have noted the theme of valuing the things that really matter or valuing the things that will last forever. How important it is that we learn to focus on the things that are of eternal importance. As humans, we are so prone to distractions. Not only do we struggle with distractions in our prayers, but also distractions about the things that are truly important in life. Distractions are one of the ways that the evil one works in our lives. He does not need to tempt us with serious sin if he can get us absorbed in things that lead us away from the true purpose of our lives. As I wrote last week, we were created to know, love and serve God and to be eternally with God. This goal needs to be the center of our attention. We can enjoy many other things that are not evil in themselves, but we need to do so in a way that our focus remains on the true purpose of our existence. What value is there to have lived a long life here on this earth only to miss spending eternity in a state of perpetual happiness?

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MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE: The March for Life to Topeka will be departing Dodge City on January 21 at 5pm to travel to Topeka to spend the night and then take part in the March activities on Tuesday, January 22 at the Topeka Performing Arts Center beginning at 8:30am with the Ignite Event, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, the March to the Capitol Steps and rally and tours of the Capitol before returning to Dodge City. Cost this year is \$65 per person and is open to High School and College age and sponsors. Donations are welcome to help cover the expenses. Registration forms and payment should be received by January 14 and checks made payable to the Diocese of Dodge City. Mail to Gayla Kirmer at PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801. Call 620-227-1525 or email: gkirmer@dcdiocese.org. Click here for the flier and here for registration form..

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say?” Learn ten tips at www.usccb.org/support-her. “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL: “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matt 25:40) Please give generously to the 2018 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Donate online at: <http://bit.ly/2018CharityAppeal>

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP: The Called and Gifted Workshop will guide you to recognize gifts given to you by the Holy Spirit through baptism and confirmation. These gifts enable you to accomplish things for God above and beyond your natural abilities. Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina, Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019.

8:30 – 9:30 Gathering/Continental Breakfast/Check-in

9:30 – Workshop Begins

Lunch

5:00 - Sunday Liturgy: Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend. Cost - \$25.00

To register contact Coleen Stein, 620-227-1538 or cstein@dcdiocese.org or

www.dcdiocese.org/called-and-gifted. Registration deadline Jan. 3. Offered in English and Spanish

VOCATION VIEWS: To testify to the truth; this is why Christ came; this is the mission of the priest and religious. Does your life testify to the truth that Christ is King? If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN OUR CLUSTER: Monday, December 24, 6:00 p.m., in Plains; 9:00 p.m., in Fowler. Tuesday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. in Meade; 10:30 a.m. (in Spanish) in Plains

Announcement for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Sunday, there will be rosary for our country 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.

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 pickup 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: On Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m., in the Plains rectory.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 14 (following Spanish Mass) and Sunday, Dec. 23, 2:00 p.m. (following Spanish Mass).

Announcements for Meade

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:15 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 23, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:00 p.m.

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 Dec. 14. If you would like to give a cash donation, you may give it to Father Ted, Steve or Judy.

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m., following Mass.