

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

**"Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near." (Philippians 4:4-5)**

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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)
16	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
17	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....Special Intention (Mark & Ronda Meyer)
18	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Advent.....+Eleanora Glenn (Daughters of Isabella)
19	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Advent.....+Rita Hoffman (Carol Snodgrass)
20	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....+George Sr., Buelah, George Jr. & Gary Washam (David Leis)
21	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Peter Canisius.....Deceased Relatives & Friends (Larry & Marge Donahue)
22	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Fred & Maria Carrasco (Fred & Elia Wells)
23	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+George & Anna Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
23	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Lester Settle (Dick & Brenda Knott)
23	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth 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!

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 22nd, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Kevin Milford, Cindy Lackey
SERVERS: Heath H., Jacey W., Karson W.
GREETERS: Tom & Jerri Leis
COLL. COUNTERS: Larry & Cherie Knott
NURSING HOME: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Sunday, December 23rd, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein
SERVERS: Hailey S., Yanet G., Terry S.
GREETERS: Lupe & Jared Hernandez
COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coates

MEADE – Sunday, December 23rd, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Cali Keith
SERVERS: Kasen F., Brock K., Logan K.
GREETERS: Haberman & Hagemeyer Families
COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, December 23rd, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: James & Becky Hamilton, Sarah Jordan
MUSIC MIN: Cherie Knott, Angie / Jan
USHERS: Grant Harris & Van Heinz
ROSARY: Cindy Lackey

EUCH. MIN: Ron E., Lucy B., Traci E.
MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo
ROSARY: Ray & Jenny Amerin

EUCH MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Goudy F.
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: Borth Family
ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,245.00	\$906.00	\$10,130.12
OFFERTORY:	\$70.00	\$91.00	\$265.01
CHILDREN:	\$3.00	\$10.00	Bldg. Fd. \$65.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
IM CONCEPTION:	\$2,269.93	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,587.93	\$1,007.00	\$10,460.13
		\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: On December 12, the Church observed the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast is a very significant celebration for the Church. The indigenous people of Mexico had resisted the evangelizing efforts of the Spanish Missionaries. Very few of them had been converted to the Christian faith. After the appearance of Mary in 1531 to Juan Diego, there were nine million people baptized in the next ten years. Mary appeared as one of the people, especially those who were looked down upon because they were of mixed race. Many children were born to the native women and the men who came from Spain. Mary appeared not with the light skin of a European person nor the dark skin of the native people. She spoke to Juan Diego in his native tongue. She asked that he go to the Bishop in what is now Mexico City and ask for a chapel to be built where she could listen to the cries of her children. The Bishop was unwilling to believe that Juan Diego had had a vision of Mary until he brought the Bishop a sign. The sign was the unfolding of his tilma (outer garment) with roses dropping out and the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the tilma. The roses that Mary told Juan to pick were not native to the area and they were in full bloom in the winter. After much scientific investigation, no one has been able to determine how the image was placed on the tilma. The tilma, made of cactus fibers, should have disintegrated in twenty to thirty years. Nevertheless, it hangs today in the basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the hill where Mary first appeared. Enemies of the faith tried to destroy the image with a bomb. Much damage was done to the area around the framed tilma, but the image was left untouched. Mary calls all of us to come to her bringing to her our sorrows and disappointments as well as our joy and gratitude. Mary is mother of us all. She appeared in Mexico but she wants all of us to come to her. Above all, she desires to bring us to her Son so that we might share his unending life. Fr. Ted Skalsky

QUO VADIS RETREAT: December 28-30, 2018 – for single men (high school juniors through age 30) who are asking the question: What does God want me to do with my life? There is no charge and transportation is provided to the Spiritual Life Center, Wichita, where the retreat is held. Register online by Dec. 21 at <http://dcdiocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or contact me at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

USCCB PRO-LIFE: “In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe.

She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous peoples. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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

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>

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD is January 1. The Mass times for the Solemnity will be as follows: 5:30 p.m., December 31st – Fowler. 8:30 a.m., January 1 – Plains; 10:30 a.m. – Meade and 1:00 p.m. Mass 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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be decorating the church after the Spanish Mass on December the 23rd. We need all available parishioners to help us!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Sunday, **Dec. 23, 2:00 p.m.** (following Spanish Mass).

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Monday, **December 24, 6:00 p.m.**, in Plains. Tuesday, **December 25, 10:30 a.m.** (in Spanish) in Plains.

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. 19, 7:15 p.m.**; Sunday, **Dec. 23, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Tuesday, **December 25, 9:00 a.m.** in Meade.

COUNTRY STORE BINGO: The St. John's Wednesday morning men's group is hosting a chili supper & Country store bingo on Saturday, January 5, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Members of all three Meade County parishes are invited. You are invited to bring gift items as prizes for bingo.

Announcements for Fowler

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

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: On Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Monday, **December 24, 9:00 p.m.**, in Fowler.