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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

*“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. ...the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.*

*Luke 1: 35-36*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

23	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+George & Anna Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
23	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Lester Settle (Dick & Brenda Knott)
23	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent .....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
24	Mon	6:00 pm	(P)	The Nativity of the Lord.....+Ralph Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
24	Mon	9:00 pm	(F)	The Nativity of the Lord.....+Melva Dewell (Rita Hoffman Family)
25	Tues	9:00 am	(M)	The Nativity of the Lord.....Special Intention (Mark & Ronda Meyer)
25	Tues	10:00am	(P)	The Nativity of the Lord.....(Spanish).....Deceased Members of Our Parishes
26	Wed	12:05 am	(F)	St. Stephen, Martyr.....+Bill Bergkamp (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
27	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. John the Apostle & Evangelist.....Deceased Members of Our Parishes
28	Fri			No Mass today
29	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....+Julianne Post (Marilyn Dewell)
30	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph..... Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
30	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph .....Gleason Families (Janet Cook)
30	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

**HOMEBOUND** If you would like Communion brought to you at home, or have someone in the hospital, please notify Father.

**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.

**ACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

45 minutes before Masse

**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!

## Liturgical and Other Ministers

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**FOWLER – Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Brent Merkle, Judy Dewell

**SERVERS:** Caleb H., Crystal M., Giselle M., Heath H.

**EUCH MIN:** Kevin, Stacy, James, Becky H., Tom, Laurie D.

**USHERS:** Tom Huelskamp, Randy Leis

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Barb Beckerman & daughters

**MUSIC MIN:** Choir

**NURSING HOME:**

**ROSARY:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** John Weber

**PLAINS – Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Martha Saucedo

**SERVERS:** Dianna O., Hayes S., Dolores A.

**EUCH. MIN:** Debbie E., Terry S., Larry E.

**GREETERS:** Max & Silvia Olvera

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin G.

**ROSARY:** Traci E.

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Teresa Garza

**MEADE – Tue., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Matthew Welsh

**SERVERS:** Taryn I., Myles K., Katie W.

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

**MUSIC MIN:** Belinda Chalker

**GREETERS:** Holguin Family **GIFTS:** Dewell Family

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**ROSARY:** none

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**FOWLER – Sat., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Cherie Knott, Sarah Jordan

**SERVERS:** Julian V., Jacey W., Karson W.

**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Steve & Judy Dewell, Sarah Jordan

**USHERS:** Doug Heinz, Kevin Milford

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Sarah Jordan & Bob Lauppe

**MUSIC MIN:** Angie Dewell, Cathy Heinz/ Jan

**NURSING HOME:** Brigid Thurman

**ROSARY:** Kevin Milford

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Van & Cathy Heinz

**PLAINS – Sun., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Lucy B.

**SERVERS:** Hailey S., Hayes S., Gloria K.

**EUCH. MIN:** Teresa G., Nefro S., Maria D

**GREETERS:** George & Traci Eakes

**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar

**ROSARY:** Bob Kaberin

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Sun., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Teresa Cottrell

**SERVERS:** Degnan B., Amanda K, Sarah K.

**EUCH. MIN:** Cindy H., Janet R., Tom R.

**MUSIC MIN:** Brooke & Cali Keith

**GREETERS:** Hollis Family **GIFTS:** Cottrell Family

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Smith Family

**ROSARY:** Devine Family

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**

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

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or [vocations@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org).

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>		<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$601.00	\$2,435.00		\$513.00
OFFERTORY:	\$25.00	\$115.00		\$421.04
CHILDREN:	\$6.00	\$9.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$20.00
RENT:	\$ .00	\$200.00		\$ .00
OTHER:	\$ .00	\$ .00		\$ .00
CANDLES:	<u>\$10.51</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>		<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$651.51	\$2,759.00		\$934.04
		\$1,250.00		

**THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED:** It is important to remember that the New Testament writings, especially the Gospels, were written for a people that knew the Old Testament. Therefore, many of the details of the New Testament would have spoken to people who knew the Old Testament background. For example, when the Gospel for this Sunday (Luke 1:39-45) tells us that Mary went into the hill country to visit Elizabeth. They would have known that King David went into the hill country to bring the Arc of the Covenant into Jerusalem. When Luke tells us that John the Baptist "leaped in her (Elizabeth's) womb, they would have remembered the story of King David dancing in front of the Arc of the Covenant as the priests carried it from the hill country into Jerusalem. All of this was Luke's way to tell us that Mary is the new Arc of the Covenant. The Old Testament carried the stones of the covenant (the commandments that Moses received on Mount Sinai). Mary carried within her the New Covenant between God and the human family-- Jesus the Messiah. From the very beginning of his Gospel, Luke wants us to know that this Jesus is the One that the Father sent to free us from our sins. All of this tells us that God had a plan that he carried out over centuries. It was a plan for our salvation--a plan to bring us to the fullness of life in Christ.

**WORD OF LIFE QUOTES:** "To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others."  
 Pope Saint John Paul II, February 13, 1982 Homily. © 1982 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. www.goo.gl/jLDs4e

**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>

**NOVENA FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE** Pray the novena for the respect of Human Life, January 14-22, 2019--9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to sign

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

#### Announcements for Plains

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

2019 support envelopes are now available. If you do not see your name and would like a set, please contact Jenny Amerin, Minerva Bernabe or Fr Ted.

Thank you to all who donated to Angel Tree and made the project a success! We were able to help 42 families with 119 children in our communities.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be decorating the church after the Spanish Mass on December the 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on 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

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS are scheduled on Saturday, Dec. 22, 6:30 p.m., following Mass.

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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Jane Chance and family on the recent death of her father, Joe Raple. Know of our prayers and support. May eternal rest be granted to your father.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Barb Beckerman and family on the recent passing of Ron. Know of our prayers and support. May eternal rest be granted to Ron!.