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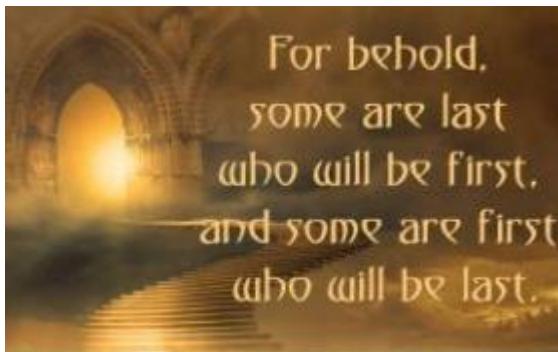
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The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

25	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Joe Mertens (Edwin & Vivian Talbott)
25	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Ron Beckerman (Barb Beckerman)
25	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Spanish).....For the Parishioners
26	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Darlene Gleason (Gleason Family)
27	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Monica.....+Melva Dewell (Melva Dewell Family)
28	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Augustine, Bishop & Dr. of the Church.....+LaVerne Leis (Mark & Jackie Strecker)
29	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	The Passion of St. John the Baptist.....For an end to abortion
30	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
31	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Twenty-2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Gloria Robison (Terry & Kimberly Shinogle)
01	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Flowers Family)
01	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Leo Klein (Marilyn Dewell)
01	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Twenty-Second 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.

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.

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 – Sunday, Sept. 1st, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan, Doug Heinz
SERVERS: Avery H., Kate C., Jacey W.
GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Larry & Cherie Knott
COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell
NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

PLAINS – Saturday, Aug. 31st, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Ron Eakes
SERVERS: Hayes S., Hailey S., Kerri V.
GREETERS: Ray & Jenny Amerin
COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sunday, Sept. 1st, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Matthew Welsh
SERVERS: Alek H., Taryn I., Sarah K.
GREETERS: Flowers Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 1st, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: Becky & James Hamilton, Laurie D.
MUSIC MIN: Angie Dewell, Diane Woodruff/ Jan
USHERS: T J Milford, Andy Boyd
ROSARY: Decina Heinz

EUCH. MIN: Lucy B., Nefro S., Teresa G.
MUSIC MIN: Nancy H.,
ROSARY: Vern Kisner

EUCH MIN: Brent P., Teresa P., Debbie T.
MUSIC MIN: Volunteer
GIFTS: Parker 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 reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$985.00	\$935.00	\$583.00
OFFERTORY:	\$105.00	\$8.00	\$254.00
CHILDREN:	\$7.00	\$0.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
ASSUMPTION:	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$52.46
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$36.95</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,463.95	\$943.00	\$899.46
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear People of the Eucharist,

If you have read or heard about the Pew Research Center report released this month on the religious survey of a representative sample of the citizens of the United States in the year 2019, the particular question of the real presence of the Lord in the Eucharist being raised, one cannot help but be disturbed. Just thirty one percent of self-identified Catholics agree with their church that Eucharist is body, blood of Christ. “In fact, nearly seven in ten Catholics (69%) say that they personally believe that during Catholic Masses, the bread and wine used in Communion “are symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ.”

This is horrifying. Worse still, 43% of self-proclaimed Catholics express belief that this symbolic character of the Eucharist is the teaching of the Church. How can this be? How have we failed so miserably to catechize and celebrate the mysteries of our faith? Constantly, firmly, and consistently, the Church has held the teaching of transubstantiation, that is, the real presence of our Lord in the Eucharist.

This would help to explain the decline in the sacred tradition of offering masses for particular intentions in the belief that like no other prayer, the Eucharistic prayer offered by the priest brings heaven to earth and earth to heaven. Especially in the parish of St. Patrick’s, we struggle to receive sufficient mass offerings. Some would suggest the solution is pietistic practices like receiving on the tongue and communion rails. I believe it is in greater transformation of our lives into being Christ-like.

According to the study, a better 63% of those who attend Mass at least weekly, know and believe the teaching of the Church. Practice does make perfect. Of those who do not attend weekly, a large majority believe it is only symbolic. Only four in ten Catholics say they receive communion every time they attend Mass, and only 21 % of Hispanics. I wish I believed it was just out of reverent respect for the real presence, but I fear it reflects more a lack of belief.

The devotion to the Mass is essential for our faith and the real presence is really the only reason to have this devotion. The offering of Mass intentions is part of this orientation of faith to the presence of Christ, body, soul and divinity in the sacramental sign. Let us renew our devotion to the Mass as the place we truly adore, praise, and receive our Lord. Let us see the consecration bearing the saving grace for those in attendance, for the whole world, but particularly by those who receive the intention of the celebrant and receive the Sacred Body and Blood of our Lord.

We are committed to worthy celebration of the sacraments and intense catechetical efforts to restore this true faith in our three parishes. Let us unite together in prayer. Frjim

INFANT ADOPTION ORIENTATION: Struggling to Start a Family? Catholic Charities is hosting an infant adoption orientation on Friday, September 13 from 1 to 3 pm at the Newman University Cafe, 236 San Jose Suite 39 in Dodge City KS. There is no cost to attend and no expectation of commitment. If you have even begun to think about infant adoption, this is a great opportunity for you to learn and ask questions. RSVP is appreciated but not required. For more information, contact Lori Titsworth at 620-792-1393, or by email at ltitsworth@catholiccharitiesswks.org.

VOCATION VIEWS: Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as a priest, brother, or sister. (Isaiah 66:18-21) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

RESPECT LIFE/SOCIAL JUSTICE: Spiritual Work of Mercy, Comfort the Sorrowful: We all experience different moments of sorrow or depression in our lives. Comforting the sorrowful involves reaching out to those having a hard time and accompanying them on their journey of grief.

LIFE PRAYER FOR THE MONTH: Lord, when I feel alone, you are with me; when I feel invisible, you see me; when I feel worthless, remind me that I was created with purpose.
Lord, help me to understand that you are enough, because you are everything I need and more. Remind me that when I feel hopeless, you have hope in me and for me. Remind me to love you and to love myself.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Construction is well underway on Father Ted's new home in Greensburg, KS. We are looking for volunteer labor to help on Saturdays in August, September, and October. Please call Ron or Suzanne Eakes at 620-655-3100 for details and dates that you are available to help. Thank you.

FYI: Protecting God's Children will be held on Sunday, August 25th from 3:00-6:00 PM at the Forst Center in Meade for parents and catechists who have not received this training in the three parishes.

Announcement for Plains

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

CCD: Classes will begin September 4th.

Announcements for Meade

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

MOVIE, POPCORN & PIZZA NIGHT: The major documentary, Pope Francis' A Man of his Word, will have a last showing at 7:00 PM at the Forst Center in Meade on Monday, August 26th. Pizza and Popcorn will be provided. Come and know our Holy Father through his own words.

PSR: PSR classes will begin on Sept. 4. Preschool - 6th grade will have class after school - 5:00p.m. Jr. High and Confirmation classes will meet from 7-8:15p.m. Schedules for the year will be e-mailed out.

Help needed - We are still in need of a preschool-1st grade teacher. Please contact Heather Flavin 620-873-9468 if you are able to fill this need for the parish.

Announcements for Fowler

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

PSR ENROLLMENT - Wednesday, August 28th, at 5:30 PM

POTLUCK TO WELCOME FR. JIM: EVERYONE, PLEASE JOIN US AT A POTLUCK TO WELCOME FR. JIM ON AUGUST 28TH, AT 5:30 P.M. Please bring your favorite covered dish to share with our community, and the St. Anthony Religious formation program. We welcome Amy Laudick as the new Director of Parish Formation and we give thanks to Sarah Weber and her many years of service to the parish.

The Parish building committee, Father would like to meet after the Parish Potluck on August 28.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: There are a lot of old desks in the furnace room at the school. We need them out of there. If you would like to have any, or would like to recycle them, please take them!