

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 8, 2019



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

08	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Gloria Robison (Dick & Brenda Knott)
08	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Martin & Clara Huelskamp (Tom & Janet)
08	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Spanish).....For the Parishioners
09	Mon	7:30 am	(M)	St. Peter Claver, Priest.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Terry & Donna Oberley Family)
10	Tue			No Mass this morning
11	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Melva Dewell (Melva Dewell Family)
12	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	The Most Holy Name of Mary.....For an end to abortion
13	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. John Chrysostom...+Gloria Robison..... (Terry & Kimberly Shinogle Family)
13	Fri	7:00 pm	(P)	St. John Chrysostom.....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
14	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Miguel A. Gallardo (Hector & Patricia Gallardo)
15	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Darlene Gleason (Larry & Amy Teager)
15	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+LaVerne Leis (Mark & Jackie Strecker)
15	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Twenty-Fourth 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.

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 – Sunday, Sept. 15th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Milford, Rhonda Milford
SERVERS: Avery H., Karson W., Caleb H.
GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Brent & Becky Merkle
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME: Decina Heinz

PLAINS – Saturday, Sept. 14th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar
SERVERS: Owen V., Dianna O., Bob K.
GREETERS: Larry & Debbie Eakes
COLL. COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Sunday, Sept. 15th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell
SERVERS: Brenna F., Kasen F., Walker K.
GREETERS: Haberman & Hagemeyer Families
COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 15th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: Sarah Jordan, Becky & James H.

MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis, Laurie Devine

USHERS: Dave Weber, Myron Burns

ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Ron E., Jenny A., Maria D.

MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot

ROSARY: Teresa Garza

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Lisa K., Vince K.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Welsh Family

ROSARY: Devine Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everythin we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,184.00	\$683.00		\$1,265.00
OFFERTORY:	\$278.00	\$43.00		\$370.40
CHILDREN:	\$13.00	\$3.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$255.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$6.00</u>		<u>\$7.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,475.00	\$735.00		\$1,890.40
		\$1,250.00		

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear Catholic Community of Meade County,

I hardly got to know you. Thank you for your welcome and your hopeful faith in the future. I have been through my first security check. I was patted down, because I had forgotten my rosary in my left pocket. I suppose that is a good omen.

It is a bit surreal for me to have the great opportunity to have a sabbatical, not only a sabbatical, but a sabbatical in the Holy Land. It is hard for me to give up that it will be a working sabbatical. Sabbatical, of course, comes from the notion of the Sabbath, the Seventh day rest that is needed in our human lives of faithful service to the Lord. I again, am grateful to Bishop John, to Fr. Ted, and all of you who are giving the time and resources to make it possible for me to unite more closely with the Lord through this time of pilgrimage and study.

It feels much like when I left 31 years ago to the seminary, sight unseen of the seminary, making the 15 hour drive to Columbus Ohio to the Pontifical College Josephinum. It was this same time of year, a time of looking forward to the harvest, and preparing to sow the seeds of the winter wheat, a time of fall, but Indian Summer, too. It is 15 ½ hours in the air for me this time to an unknown place for a mostly unknown destiny and unknown companions.

The security checks only seem to highlight the giving up of security and the trust in God that is essential to our lives of faith, whether that be in marriage, a single life, or a celibate religious life. Thanks to those who cooperated with the Protecting God's Children program and all the efforts of the Church to provide a secure place to nourish and grow our faiths together.

I hope to offer the Eucharist daily remembering you each day in the sacrifice. I have always cherished the phrase in the ordination ceremony, "May God bring to completion the good work he has begun in you!" It is a wonderful prayer.

Trusting in the Lord, Fr. Jim

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.

RESPECT LIFE/SOCIAL JUSTICE: The U. S. Catholic bishops suggest the parishes "could use the National Prayer for Peace in Our Communities, which falls on the feast of St. Peter Claver (September 9) to organize activities that foster community, dialogue, & reconciliation. These encounters will help open our minds & hearts more fully and continue the healing needed in our communities & nation.

VOCATION VIEWS: You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org

RACISM & LIFE ISSUES: In their November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote, “racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that...all [humans are] equally made in the image of God.” Racism fails to acknowledge the dignity with which God creates each person, and it contributes to a culture of death. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other threats to human life; it is not a secret that these attacks have severely affected people of color. These brothers and sisters are targeted for **abortion**, disproportionately affected by **poverty**, have the greatest numbers on **death row**, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives through **assisted suicide** when facing serious illness. The feast of St. Peter Claver is an opportunity to highlight the connection between racism and various attacks against human life.

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.

DIOCESAN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: A few notes on upcoming events for youth and young adults! The first Thirsting for Theology event of the fall in Dodge City will be held this Friday the 6th! These events are specifically for young adults (18-39) and seek to foster community under the banner of Christ. - If you are interested in starting something similar at your own parish, please contact Gentry Heimerman, gheimerman@dcdiocese.org. It is not nearly as difficult as is often thought and I'd love to help out!

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY: The 2019 Middle School Youth Rally will be held in Dodge City on Sunday, October 13th! Online registration and details can be found here on our website. If your student would like to be a part of the youth choir that day, please register by September 25th and indicate as such, otherwise the sign-up deadline is October 4th.

Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass-October 20
Scripture Day-October 25

Announcement for Plains

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

Announcements for Meade

MASS SCHEDULE: There will be no Mass on Tuesday morning. Father Ted will be gone.

Announcements for Fowler

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

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!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES will meet Wednesday, September 11th, KG – 5th will meet from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. 6th – 12th will meet from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Please contact Andra Cunningham at 620-885-5171 to register your child.

