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The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

10	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Jeff & Jo Cox)
10	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Bill Dewell (Marilyn Dewell)
10	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time..... (Spanish).....For the Parishioners
11	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop.....+LaVerne Leis (Juanita Gerber)
12	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Josaphat, Martyr.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
13	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.....Deceased Relatives (Sobba Family)
14	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....For an end to abortion
15	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
16	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....For the parishioners
17	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Darlene Gleason (Dick & Brenda Knott)
17	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Ron Beckerman (Barb Beckerman)
17	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time...(Spanish).....+Miguel A Gallardo

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, Nov. 17th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Andra Cunningham, Judy Dewell
SERVERS: Caleb H., Saul Mendoza, Jacelyn H.
GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Jared & Michele Weber
COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz
NURSING HOME: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Saturday, Nov. 16th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Ron Eakes
SERVERS: Hayes S., Yanet G., Nefro S.
GREETERS: Jason & Kerri Vajnar Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sunday, Nov. 17th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Children’s Mass Volunteers
SERVERS:
GREETERS: Children’s Mass Volunteers
COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Nov. 17th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: Steve D., Tom Leis & Sarah Jordan
MUSIC MIN: Cathy Heinz, Angie Dewell/ Jan
USHERS: Fred Boyd, Myron Burns
ROSARY: Kevin Milford

EUCH. MIN: Lucy B., Teresa G., Terry S.
MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot
ROSARY: Vern Kisner

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Janet R., Tom R.
MUSIC MIN: Children’s Choir
GIFTS:
ROSARY:

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: In today’s second reading, St. Paul prays that the Thessalonians may be strengthened “in every good deed and word.” May we, too, be strengthened and empowered to use our time and talents for the good of others.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1735.00	\$730.00	\$2,587.00
OFFERTORY:	\$98.00	\$302.00	\$152.85
CHILDREN:	\$12.00	\$0.00	Bldg. Fd. \$180.00
MUSIC:	\$0.00	\$1,328.52	\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,845.00	\$2,460.52	\$3,043.10
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear faithful,

This week is National Vocations Week. One of my great sadness's of my 26 years of priesthood is that from the parishes I have pastored, there has not been a single religious vocation during that time from the parishes. I suppose that there is still hope, the seeds still will sprout, just as some of the winter wheat seeds remain in dry soil, waiting. I was able, with our group, to visit St. George Greek Orthodox Monastery out on the edge of the Judean Desert. Graciously, we were granted an interview with Abbot Constantine. We were fortunate, because his first language, of course, is Greek, though he spoke some broken English, but we were accompanied by Brother Richard of Taize, who could translate from Greek into English.

About his life as a monk, he said, "our life is a response to the Biblical call to pray constantly, but in these times, we are called to greet the multitude of guests that come seeking God at our monastery." Interestingly, he said, the communal life is more important than my individual life. "A relationship with God can only be a relationship of love. The only way to fully know that love is to live in the desert, in complete dependence. We cannot see God as inattentive, always. The cross shows the great love he has for us and the only way is to put our heart into the service of love of others."

When asked "Was there a turning point in your life that lead you to the monastery?" "I started young to serve as an altar boy. I began to sing." He said, "There was no big turning point, rather I gradually came to understand that outside the Church, I could not understand myself. I found working in the field, I was exhausted, but I could spend half the day praying in the church and I did not feel tired. I felt energized. Don't we get to drink water every day? We do not get tired to drink water every day. This is how we should pray."

The vocation, the call, is a very mysterious reality. Yes, we need holy marriages, but we also need holy lives committed to the prayer of the Church. From where do these come? Our families, our parishes, need to, be first of all, schools of prayer where we learn to hear God's voice through his Word. I join with Paul as he prays for the Thessalonians, "May Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your heart and strengthen them in every good deed and word." As for vocations, as I was told, many years ago, "the only way to know is to go to seminary (or the convent) and see."

Hoping in the future! Fr. Jim

HIGH SCHOOL ANDREW DINNERS: The High School Andrew Dinners will be held from 6-8pm at various locations throughout the diocese. This is an evening for high school students to join their pastors and Bishop John for a great dinner, conversation and prayer with a focus not just on the priesthood but on God's call for every Catholic young man to live an extraordinary life.

December 8-Christ the King, Deerfield; December 15-Prince of Peace, Great Bend;
December 22-Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

For more information and to RSVP, contact Fr. Juan Salas, Director of the Office of Priestly Vocations Promotions at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

VOCATION VIEWS: You are alive for God. Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom (Luke 20:27-38). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

ATTENTION! This year our diocese and our parishes are participating in #Igivecatholic, an online giving program to raise awareness and support for the charitable, educational, and spiritual ministries in the not-for profits of our diocese and parishes. This year, the campaign will be on December 3, 2019, from 12:00 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. More info will follow in upcoming weeks.

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL , Conception Seminary College: will be held November 16-18 for high school juniors, seniors and college students. Experience seminary life through prayer, talks by seminarians and recreation. Hear and see first-hand how other Catholic men have responded generously to God's call to do and be something more. For more information contact Fr. Juan Salas, Director of the Office of Priestly Vocations Promotions at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Father Ted's home in Greensburg is now ready for paint!! We will be coordinating some painting days in the very near future. Any one who would be interested in helping paint in the next several weeks, please contact Father or text Suzanne Eakes at 620-655-3100. Thank you!

Announcement for Plains

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a parish council meeting on Wednesday November 13th at 7pm in the parish hall.

Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Tuesday, there will be Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by rosary for our country.

GUILDS: Guild 1 is now “on”—November thru January. Mary Cay Avis and Jay Borth family are the ones overseeing it.

Announcements for Fowler

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! On Sunday, November 24, at 5:00 p.m., at the Fowler Grade School, the Fowler Ministerial Association will have a Community Meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll, green beans and pie for a free will donation followed by a Community Thanksgiving Service, featuring a community choir. They would like the choir to be composed of members of all the churches. Music practice will be on November 9 and 16, at 10:00 a.m., at the Salt and Light Church. If you have any questions, talk to Dennis McDowell or Mark Campbell.
Also, if you would be able to help with meal prep, set up, serving, or clean up, please do!

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: We are collecting non-perishable food in the vestibule of the church for the Holiday food boxes for those in our community on fixed incomes or unable to meet the needs of their families. If you could donate food or a monetary donation, we would be grateful for your generous help!