

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

01	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	First Sunday of Advent.....+Darlene Gleason
01	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	First Sunday of Advent+Stellie Huelskamp (Randy & Sharon Glenn)
01	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	First Sunday of Advent..... (Spanish).....+Lalo Nunez
02	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Last Week in Ordinary Time.....+Ron Beckerman (Diane Hageman)
03	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Darlene Gleason (Charlotte Settle)
04	Wed	5:30 pm	(F)	St. John Damascene.....Special Intentions (Brigid Thurman)
05	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
06	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Nicholas.....For an end to religious persecutions
06	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	St. Nicholas.....(First Friday)..... +LaVerne Leis (Fred & Dee Boyd)
07	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent.....For the Parishioners
08	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Second Sunday of Advent.....+Ron Beckerman (Tim & Cindy Beckerman)
08	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Second Sunday of Advent+Eric Zimmerman (Cherie & Larry Knott)
08	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....+Matias Nunez

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, Dec. 8th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Stacy Milford, Laurie Devine
SERVERS: Jacelyn H., Jacey W., Heath H.
GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Myron & Carma Burns
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME: Kevin & Stacy Milford

PLAINS – Saturday, Dec. 7th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle
SERVERS: Owen V., Hailey S., Gloria K.
GREETERS: George & Traci Eakes
COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sunday, Dec. 8th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell
SERVERS: Degnan B., Camdyn F., Kynlee F.
GREETERS: Thomas Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 8th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: “At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come,” says today’s Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

EUCH MIN: Becky & James H., Tom Leis
MUSIC MIN: Cathy Heinz, Diane Leis/ Jan
USHERS: Ron Hageman, Devin Hamilton
ROSARY: Judy Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Jenny A., Maria D., Mary A.
MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo
ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Janet R., Tom R.
MUSIC MIN: Rachel Burdett
GIFTS: Gleason Family
ROSARY: Gleason Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,350.00	\$801.00	\$5557.85
OFFERTORY:	\$196.00	\$31.31	\$305.75
CHILDREN:	\$8.00	\$1.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
MISC:	\$0.00	\$123.60	Youth: \$305.75
RENT:	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$54.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,608.00	\$1,356.91	\$6,113.60
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear People of Advent,

“Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God “the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:, is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the –God-who-comes.” (Pope Benedict XVI, Dec 2006). The word Advent, means the coming!” He is always coming, but especially in this season we look to the prophets and prophecies and sing the psalms of his coming to prepare for his real presence.

I will not be with you to begin Advent, but hope to be on the Altar with you for the Second Sunday of Advent. It has been a blessed coming for me, already, as this week we had the great opportunity to celebrate Mass with our group of 7 in the crypt, the cave of the manger in Bethlehem. One, now, goes down into the crypt to see where the Lord first was laid, because the Orthodox long ago built their basilica over the place that was a cave on the topside of the hill. A bronze star marks the place where it was thought he was born. The Psalm for this first Sunday is one of my favorites, Psalm 122: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.” Especially this week, November 22nd, we celebrated the presentation of Mary at the temple, already preparing as a child for the coming of the Lord in her womb. I have walked through those 7 gates repeatedly to experience where Jesus will be presented at 40 days of age. So already, but not yet, the Advent of our Lord is upon us.

The “God-who-comes!” of Pope Benedict is the better translation of the name we are given to call him, “Emmanuel” by the prophet Isaiah and cited in Matthew’s Gospel, though Joseph is told to call him Jesus, that is “God Saves!” To help you this year tease out some of those marvelous details, the parishes will be providing the little blue book, with 5 minute daily meditations to prepare for the coming. Please take time to recognize and prepare for his coming. May it be the best Advent ever! Blessings from Bethlehem, Fr. Jim

TOPEKA MARCH FOR LIFE: Stand up for life in our state and join us on the 47th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka. The bus will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe parking lot at 5pm on January 21 and travel to Prince of Peace in Great Bend to pick up additional passengers and then arrive in Topeka for an overnight stay. On January 22, the day begins with the Ignite Event at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, march to the Capitol steps and tours of the Capitol. There will be a dinner stop in Salina and the group should arrive back in Dodge City around 10pm. Cost is only \$65. The dinner stop and additional snacks are additional cost. Please go online to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> and fill out the registration form. Deadline is January 13. For more information call Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life Ministry, at 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

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.

CORE COMMUNITY MEADE COUNTY: Come hear Deborah Factor CEO of Youth Core Ministries speak on solving Poverty in Meade, County Kansas at the Community Life Christmas Celebration on December 8, 2019, at Meade High School. There will be a Christmas Meal at 5:00 p.m. followed by the speaker and entertainment.

VOCATION VIEWS: Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! (Matthew 24:37-44). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, on Monday, December 9, will be as follows: 7:00 a.m., in Fowler; 5:30 p.m., in Meade; 7:00 p.m., in Plains.

Announcement for Plains

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

YOUR HELP WILL BE NEEDED: On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 22, at 3:00 p.m., after the Spanish Mass, we will be decorating the Church for Christmas. Please help us in preparing the Church for Christmas!

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Wednesday, December 4, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

K OF C is scheduled on Wednesday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m., in the rectory.

YOU ARE INVITED: Ladies! A Women's Group gathering will be held on Sunday, Dec 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Forst Center in Meade. Bring a finger food for a light pot luck meal followed by a presentation on Advent. All ladies are welcome for faith and fellowship. We'd like to continue into the new year with regular gatherings. Let's grow our Faith together!

Announcements for Meade

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

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Announcements for Fowler

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HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: The Fowler Ministerial Association is 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!

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Christmas choir rehearsals will be: Altos only Monday, Dec 2 from 7-8:15.

Full choir Tuesday, Dec 10 from 6:30-7:45 and full choir Sunday, Dec 22 from 10:45-12:00
Newcomers are welcome to join for Christmas choir!

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THANK YOU St. Anthony parish for helping the Knights of Columbus donate \$198.80 to Arrowhead West and 49.00 to the Special Olympics from the Tootsie Roll Campaign. We appreciate your help in this matter!

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