

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

15	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Third Sunday of Advent.....+Darlene Gleason
15	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Third Sunday of Advent+ Ron Beckerman (Barb Beckerman)
15	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent..... (Spanish).....+Fernando Nunez
16	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
17	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....For an end to abortion
18	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Advent.....Special Intention (Brigid Thurman)
19	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
20	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....+Mary Zircle Family (Mary Zircle)
21	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Bernadino Maria L. Vega
22	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Darlene Gleason (Charlotte Settle)
22	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Advent+LaVerne Leis (Marilyn Dewell)
22	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....(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, Dec. 22nd , 10:30 am

LECTOR: Cherie Knott, Sarah Jordan

SERVERS: Avery H., Kate C., Saul Mendoza

GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Preston Cunningham Fam.

COLL. COUNTERS: Larry & Cherie Knott

NURSING HOME: Decina Heinz

PLAINS – Saturday, Dec. 21st , 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein

SERVERS: Owen V., Hailey S., Dolores A.

GREETERS: Vern & Angie Kisner

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Sunday, Dec. 22nd , 8:30 am

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Taryn I., Brock K., Logan K.

GREETERS: Borth Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 22nd , 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

EUCH MIN: Steve & Judy Dewell, Decina Heinz

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Clavinova

USHERS: John Weber & Randy Leis

ROSARY: Decina Heinz

EUCH. MIN: Ron E., Debbie E., Jenny A.

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Brent P., Teresa P.

MUSIC MIN: Brooke & Cali Keith

GIFTS: Holguin Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$2,240.00	\$911.00	\$1,736.00
OFFERTORY:	\$128.00	\$50.51	\$706.00
CHILDREN:	\$14.00	\$4.00	Bldg. Fd. \$39.00
MISC:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,789.00	\$1,185.01	\$2,481.00
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear friends,

It is certainly good to be home. I am struggling to recapture all the passwords and key codes that are necessary to open the doors of our modern inconvenient conveniences. I am also trying again to put names onto my tongue and commitments onto my calendar. Please, be patient with me.

I was reminded in the discussion of a picture that I had taken of the Palestinian/Jerusalem wall of a large key mural. The key has become a national symbol for the Palestinian refugees that remain in the camps from the displacement going clear back to May of 1948 when the Arab/Jewish war began. Many Arabs were told to leave their homes for just a few weeks so the Arab Armies, a combined force of Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq could “drive the Jews into the sea”. In a turn of fate, the fledgling Jewish nation was victorious remarkably quickly, and many of those refugees, and their descendants and families have never been able to return to those doors, but have kept the keys as a sign of hope that one day they could return to their previous home.

The keys, of course, have largely become insignificant because the locks on the doors have either been changed, or replaced with new structures built in burgeoning population of modern Israel. And yet the some 56 refugee camps in the West Bank and throughout the Middle East continue to grow and receive United Nations sustenance and security. The “West Bank” refers to the occupied area on the west side of the Jordan River, from the national border of Jordan to the UN mandated border of Israel at Jerusalem left from the 1967 War. It remains a tense area waiting for some resolution of sovereignty and independence.

It is part of our waiting in hope of the Advent that holds the key to our being prepared for the promised kingdom of justice and peace. We pray that many of our faithful who are not practicing, and many who have not believed, will find the key to return to our Churches at Christmas and come home to the faith in Jesus Christ, that we hold so dear. We hope that they have not lost the key that was given to them in baptism for their place at the table of Our Lord. We pray that our own faiths will be renewed and revitalized to enter the New Year at home in the Catholic Church.

We pray that the day will soon come when all will be brought to their rightful home and end our sojourn as refugees away from the Lord.. Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Waiting with hope, 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: **Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God's promise. (Isaiah 35:10) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations**

KANSAS ROSARY CRUSADE: There is power in the Rosary! Kansans fought to enter the Union as a Free State. We must fight again to protect life in the womb by amending the State Constitution. Join the State-Wide Rosary Crusade. The plan is simple: On Thursdays, all across Kansas, parishes, families, individuals, or other groups will pray a Rosary for the passage of a State Constitutional amendment rejecting abortion as a Constitutional right. Time and place are up to those praying. The Five Luminous Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Thursdays, but those praying are free to experiment, as long as the intention is kept in mind. Please go to: kansasrosarycrusade.org for a five-decade Rosary specific to this Crusade.

MASS TIME CHANGES THE FIRST WEEKEND OF JANUARY 2020: On January 4, Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at Fowler; Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, in Plains; Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. in Meade. Spanish Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. in Plains. This schedule will continue until the first weekend in July 2020.

CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS SCHEDULE: Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. on December 24th in Plains; 9:00 p.m. on December 24th, in Fowler. 9:00 a.m. Mass on December 25th, will be in Meade; and 10:30 a.m. Mass in Spanish will be in Plains.

YOU ARE INVITED: Ladies of the Cluster! 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.

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!

CONFESSION TIMES REMINDER: Father will be available for confessions on Saturday, December 21, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. and after Mass, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Announcements for Meade

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

CONFESSION TIMES REMINDER: Father will be available for confessions on Monday, Dec. 23, 5:00 – 6:30.

Announcements for Fowler

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

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Christmas choir rehearsals will be: Full choir - Sunday, Dec 22 from 10:45-12:00. Newcomers are welcome to join for Christmas choir!

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PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wednesday, December 18TH, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school.

CONFESSION TIMES REMINDER: Father will be available for confessions on Tuesday, December 17, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 18, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.