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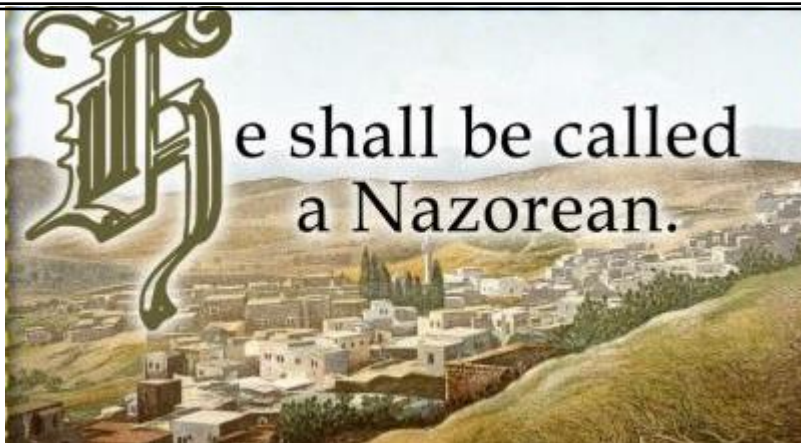
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 29, 2019



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

29	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....+LaVerne Leis (Floydene Leis)
29	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....Relatives of Sarah Jordan
29	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
30	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	The Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.....+Ron Beckerman (Tim & Cindy)
31	Tue	5:30 pm	(F)	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.....+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
01	Wed	8:30am	(P)	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God+Patricia & Eliseo Arellano(Teresa Garza)
01	Wed	10:30 am	(M)	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
01	Wed	1:00 pm	(P)	The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.....(Spanish).....For an end to abortion
02	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen+Mary Zircle Family (Mary Zircle)
03	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
03	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	First Friday+Dorothy Leis (Steve & Judy Dewell)
04	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....Special Intentions of Brigid Thurman
05	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord+Ralph Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
05	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Epiphany of the Lord+Ron Beckerman (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
05	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masse

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](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com) no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Tues., Dec. 31st, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Volunteers
SERVERS: Volunteers
EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Volunteers
USHERS: Volunteers
GREETERS/GIFTS: Volunteers
MUSIC MIN: Volunteers
NURSING HOME: Judy Dewell
ROSARY: Volunteer
COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell
PLAINS – Wed., Jan. 1st, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Martha Saucedo
SERVERS: Owen V., Lucy V., Kerri V.
EUCH. MIN: Ron E., Debbie E., Lucy B.
GREETERS: Max & Silvia Olvera
MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot
ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein
MONEY COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell
MEADE – Wed., Jan. 1st, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Volunteer
SERVERS: Volunteers
EUCH. MIN: Volunteers
MUSIC MIN: Volunteer
GREETERS: Volunteers **GIFTS:** Volunteers
MONEY COUNTERS: Knott Family
ROSARY:
PLAINS – SPANISH, Jan. 1st, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

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

VOCATION VIEWS: Honor your father and mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. What will you do to strengthen your family ties? (Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations or call Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533.

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.

FOWLER – Sat., Jan. 4th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Rhonda Milford, Doug Heinz
SERVERS: Cooper Laudick, Avery H., Heath H.
EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Kevin & Stacy Milford, Becky Hamilton
USHERS: Tom Leis, Brent Merkle
GREETERS/GIFTS: Mo & Shelley Ptacek
MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Jan Brock
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman
ROSARY: Judy Dewell
COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz
PLAINS – Sun., Jan. 5th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle
SERVERS: Dianna O., Hayes S., Bob K.
EUCH. MIN: Jenny A., Ron E., Nefro S.
GREETERS: Kelby & Rebi Ross
MUSIC MIN: Nancy H.
ROSARY: Vern Kisner
MONEY COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs
MEADE – Sun., Jan. 5th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Matthew Welsh
SERVERS: Alek H., Myles K., Katie W.
EUCH. MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Audrey F.
MUSIC MIN: Rachel Amerin
GREETERS: Ewing Family **GIFTS:** Inlow Family
MONEY COUNTERS: Gleason Family
ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer
PLAINS – SPANISH, Jan. 5th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,560.00	\$961.00		\$364.00
OFFERTORY:	\$108.00	\$98.00		\$209.03
CHILDREN:	\$26.00	\$18.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$0.00
MISC:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$3200.00
CHRISTMAS	\$2,002.00	\$0.00		\$1890.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$15.01</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$57.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,711.01	\$1,077.00		\$5,720.03
		\$1,250.00		

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM: Dear Adorers of the Holy Infant,

I was ringing the bell for the Fowler Ministerial Alliance last Saturday, and about as few people passed as passed the cave in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, just a few locals, still, all hopefully hearing some echo of the word of God, the word of life, the word of love to give generously in charity for the charitable works of the alliance, holiday food baskets.

I was able to contemplate the huge elm tree between the Fowler post office and Medrano's restaurant, shading both buildings. The trunk must be a full eight feet across, the Great Redwoods have nothing on this old weather worn elm, well maybe a few years, but in sheer massive proportions, the tree looms large.

One passerby commented, "when it crashes, it is going to do a lot of damage". Faced with the prospect of removal of some of the old elms that have done their time at St. Anthony Parish, if our building dreams come to pass, I was left to ponder the wood that plays so heavily in the history of our Lord's short life, a life shorter than these trees even, the manger and the cross that bore him, the long enduring olive trees of the Middle East. This elm tree, when planted as a sapling, was totally vulnerable, like the Christ Child, needing great care and watering. Now, in its maturity, has the hour come? In the Gospel according to John, the hour is everything.

The hour of the Lord's birth is pure speculation, the hour of his crucifixion is known precisely, in the Jewish calendar of the Passover the year 4 BC of our calendar. We commemorate both of these events, his birth, and his death, with appropriate dignity, but even more important is our commemoration of the Last Supper, introducing us to the resurrected life in a meal together with the Lord, culminating his life on earth.

One of my goals, in our relatively short time together in the span of eternity, is to be able to sit down to dinner with you and your family. In a sense, I am inviting myself to dinner, not an easy thing for a person as introverted as I am. In the New Year, I hope to put a monthly sign up of evenings when I can join you and your family for dinner at the appropriate hour. Oh, that I had allergies to food, but I haven't met a food I didn't like and that didn't like me. I just want to eat what you eat and discuss what you discuss, hopefully nourishing a shared faith in the Holy Infant born in Bethlehem.

My plan is to offer a monthly signup sheet in the entrance of each parish, dedicating, Saturday evening after the 5:30 Pm Mass in Fowler and Minneola, my Sunday evening to Meade, and my Thursday evening to Plains and Kismet. Would you share a small bit of food and short hour or two with me?

In hope of the New Year! Fr. Jim

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

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. You can also check the page for a word from Bishop John Brungardt on this effort and to enroll your parish, your family, your organization or yourself in the State-Wide Rosary Crusade.

THE CELEBRATION FOR THE WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE WILL BE SAT., FEB. 1 at St. Andrew Church in Wright. All the faithful are welcome to attend the Mass as well as the dinner that follows (please RSVP for dinner to gkimer@dcdioocese.org or 620-227-1525 by January 15, 2020). This is a wonderful opportunity to show your esteem and appreciation for the religious sisters and priests who have been or are important in your life. Come and celebrate this special day!

Thanks to all who gave of their time and talents to make our churches so beautiful and for your gift of ministry in our Christmas Season! We deeply appreciate your generosity to our churches! We hope your Christmas is a blessed season!

On the weekend of January 25 & 26, Bishop John Brungardt will be here to install Fr. Jim.

Announcements for Plains

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: is Wednesday, January 1, a holy day of obligation. Mass time will be 8:30 a.m., on the 1st; and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish in Plains.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Wednesday, January 1st, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Announcements for Meade

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: is Wednesday, January 1, a holy day of obligation. . Mass time will be at 10:30 a.m. on the 1st.

Announcements for Fowler

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: is Wednesday, January 1, a holy day of obligation. Mass time will be at 5:30 p.m., on December 31st.

DON'T FORGET THE MASS TIME CHANGES IN JANUARY!!!!