

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

26	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Mark Verhoff (Steve & Judy Dewell)
26	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time..... +Jay Ruple (Lynn & Jane Chance)
26	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
27	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Angela Merici, Virgin.....Living Winter Family Relatives
28	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr. of the Church.....+Stephen Shellenberg (David Leis)
29	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+LaVerne Leis (Rita Bergkamp)
30	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Ron Beckerman (Jim & Laurie Devine)
31	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. John Bosco, Priest.....+Dan Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
01	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Presentation of the Lord.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Marilyn Dewell)
02	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Presentation of the Lord.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
02	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Presentation of the Lord.....Father Ted Skalsky (Pat Gleason Family)
02	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Presentation of the Lord.....(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 – Saturday, Feb. 1st, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Rhonda Milford, Brent Merkle
SERVERS: Heath H., Avery H., Saul Mendoza
GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Mark Wideman Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz
NURSING HOME: Kevin Milford

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell
SERVERS: Dianna O., Hayes S., Ron E.
GREETERS: George & Traci Eakes
COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Vince Koons
SERVERS: Brock K., Logan K., Taryn I.
GREETERS: Flavin Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Dewell Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

EUCH MIN: Kevin & Stacy Milford, Dave Weber

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Jan Brock.

USHERS: Devin Hamilton, Doug Heinz

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Maria D., Mary A., Jenny A.

MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot

ROSARY: Teresa Garza

EUCH MIN: Audrey F., Brent P., Teresa P.

MUSIC MIN: Rachel Burdett

GIFTS: Koons Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,885.00	\$1,615.00		\$1,025.00
OFFERTORY:	\$98.00	\$113.00		\$13.00
CHILDREN:	\$30.00	\$9.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$100.00
MISC:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$22.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$31.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,035.00	\$1,737.00		\$1,169.00
		\$1,250.00		

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear friends of faith,

It has been a challenge for me to enter into the routine of Ordinary time, but I am grateful for the pressure to give order to my life, again. After months of extra-ordinary activities coming to their end in the flurry of Advent and Christmas in the parishes, it truly is a grace to enter ordinary time, not as mundane or common, but as the most ordered time of our lives where most of the growth happens and the fruits are born.

Particularly, in the parishes, how does one return to an ordinary routine of meaningful meetings planning and ordering our parish life? I admittedly am calendar challenged, and Google Calendar, rather than making it simple, has complicated my life in many ways. I ask for your patience as I try to use this and other tools to the benefit of making our time productive and meaningful in the worship of the Lord.

The great challenge before us immediately is trying to fund our building needs. There is wisdom in keeping the appeal simple and straightforward, but there does need to be a systematic process to include everyone in the effort to improve our physical facilities. Though, late in St. Patrick and early in St. Anthony, and still seminal in St. John, the need for establishing ordered giving and fund-raising is the first step in proceeding.

We hope to break ground with the visit of the Bishop this week on the west side of St. Patrick's current parish hall. It is an act of faith, that the diocese requires one-half of the funding to be secured before beginning the project, but allows the balance to be borrowed against the future. Certainly, paying cash on the barrelhead is the ideal, but paying as you go is the way of faith. I need the good will of all our parishioners believing in the physical needs that provide us the catechetical and social spaces that we need to most effectively form our communities in faith.

Most of this planning has preceded my coming, and we build on those plans for the future. Thank you to those parishioners who have invited me into their homes, so I could hear your needs of faith and apply them to the planning and ordering of our parishes. I need to be prepared to ask your help with the temporal needs of the Church. Pope Francis has named this Sunday as "Sunday of the Word of God." In the *Motu proprio* (literally, "of his own initiative"), Pope Francis declares that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". The Word of God and its proclamation should be the basis of all that we do! May God bless our feeble efforts, Fr. Jim

QUEST 2020 for all Girl and Boy Scouts who are 11 years old and want to work on their religious emblems will be held Feb. 15 & 16, Sacred Heart Cathedral School, Dodge City. For more information please contact Dave Geist at davegeist.dcks@gmail.com or (620) 430-2123., or go to www.dcdiocese.org/youth for a copy of the brochure and registration form.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Executive Secretary to the Bishop, The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is seeking an exceptional individual to serve as the Executive Secretary to the Bishop. Interested party must be highly motivated, a self-starter, service oriented and able to deal with multiple tasks and adhere to detail and deadlines and must maintain confidentiality. This position will assist in the overall secretarial duties of the office. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic, have at least an Associate's Degree in Office Technology or General Business with three to five years' work experience. Proven experience in Microsoft Office products is required. Interested applicants may submit resumes, references and salary requirements to: Tammy Lampe, Human Resources tlampe@dcdiocese.org by February 28, 2019.

VOCATION VIEWS: If you were Peter or Andrew, James or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandonment? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4:12-23). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

DIOCESAN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS to look forward to:

SKYAC(r) - Recognizing the constant drone of noise that can so easily plague a young adult, the annual Southwest Kansas Young Adult Conference will actually not be a conference this year, but a retreat. A break from the distractions in order to grow deeper in prayer and the interior life.

March 20, 21, and 22 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Great Bend, Ks. (More details to come at dcyoungadult.com)

Summer Missions 2020!

Prayer and Action - A five-day experience of putting faith into action, open to all high school students from around the diocese, and hosted this summer by the parishes in Ulysses and Medicine Lodge!

Totus Tuus - A day program for learning and growing in the faith for local children and an evening program for high school students! Make sure to submit a registration form here if you want to host Totus Tuus at your parish this summer!

Camp Cristo Rey - an adventure style camp that is steeped in Catholic faith and tradition! Open to all middle school students in the diocese!

FAREWELL: By the time you read this, I will have moved permanently to Greensburg. When I left the Meade County Catholic Parishes in July, I did not feel a strong sense of leaving because I knew I would return in September for three months. Now I know that my leaving is more permanent. I feel a sense of loss because so many of you have become very significant in my life. I will miss the frequent contact with you on weekends and, a times, during the week. My time here has been a great blessing for me. I'm sure I will return, on occasion, to substitute for Fr. Dieker, or to help with confessions. I will be looking forward to those times. I have celebrated three weekend Masses in Greensburg and the people have been very warm. I know that they too are experiencing a loss. Fr. Bob Schremmer served in Greensburg, driving from Wright every weekend, for eleven years. In spite of their loss, they have been very good to me. I leave knowing that Fr. Dieker will provide excellent service and that you will be enriched by his ministry among you. My mailing address in Greensburg is PO Box 84. My street address is 322 S. Grove. The zip code is 67054. May God fill you with His blessings!

Announcement for Plains

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

THRIFT SHOP: The time has come for our turn to take care of the Thrift Shop. February is our month. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. All help is greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm and on Friday afternoon 2-4 pm. Thank you to all who help with this service project in our community.

Announcements for Meade

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

Announcements for Fowler

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS who will be receiving the sacrament of penance on Wednesday, January 29th. They are: Jeronimo Castillo, Abby Cunningham, Haylen Faurot, Makenna Laudick, Anthony Mendoza, Aaron Mercado, Max Prather, Braian Valiente, and Raidel Valiente.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Debbie & Dean Bush on the passing of her father, Don Webb. Know that our prayers are with you, and with Don at this time. May he be granted eternal rest & peace.