

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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..... Fr. Ted Skalsky (Pat Gleason Family)
02	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Presentation of the Lord.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
03	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.....+Elsie Porter (Janet Cook)
04	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....Fr. Ted Skalsky (Pat Gleason Family)
05	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr.....Relatives of Sarah Jordan
06	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Paul Miki & Companions.....+Mark Verhoff (Steve & Judy Dewell)
07	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	First Friday of the Month.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
08	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Dorothy Leis (Marilyn Dewell)
09	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Steve Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
09	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time+Dottie Gillen (Janet Cook)
09	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(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. 8th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Cherie Knott, Laurie Devine

SERVERS: Jacelyn H., Caleb H., Cooper Laudick

GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Preston Cunningham Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

NURSING HOME: Decina Heinz

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 9th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Martha Saucedo

SERVERS: Owen V., Hailey S., Kerri V.

GREETERS: Shawn & Kathy Jacobs

COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 9th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell

SERVERS: Alek H., Sarah K., Walker K.

GREETERS: Flowers Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 9th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

EUCH MIN: Kevin & Stacy Milford, Dave Weber

MUSIC MIN: Laurie Devine, Diane Leis/ Jan

USHERS: Luke Huelskamp, Tom Huelskamp

ROSARY: Kevin Milford

EUCH. MIN: Lucy B., Traci E., Terry S.

MUSIC MIN: Nancy H.

ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein

EUCH MIN: Lisa K., Vince K., Tom R.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Parker Family

ROSARY: Volunteer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: As Mary and Joseph offered “two turtledoves or two young pigeons” in sacrifice. May each of us offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord through our time, ability and tithe/alms.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,670.00	\$1,300.00	\$820.00
OFFERTORY:	\$134.00	\$198.00	\$145.00
CHILDREN:	\$11.00	\$9.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
MISC:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$58.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,873.00	\$1,607.00	\$965.00
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear parishioners,

Thank you for coming together with Bishop John to welcome me as formally installed as pastor to our three parishes. The potlucks were amazing, from the wonderful pork to the coconut cream pie, to the wonderful chocolate chip cookies. It was all good! Pot-lucks are amazing because they represent so well the potential of a community when everyone brings forth their best. One of the members of the “fish and loafs” committee, said, “This is your day!” Nothing could be farther from the truth. The welcome was for me, but the day, the Lord’s Day, belongs to the Lord and all who belong to Him, that is you!

It was humbling to make the profession of faith publicly. Before I was ordained as a deacon, it was made privately to the now Archbishop Cardinal of Chicago, who was then Father Rector Blaise Cupich, Rector of the Pontifical College Josephinum in his office in Columbus, Ohio. The custom taken on by Bishop Brungardt of asking the profession publicly at the altar is very demanding of his schedule, at four masses, no less, to take the public profession of faith in Jesus Christ as his ordained minister, yet intensely added to its solemnity and import by your presence. Thank you for receiving me in faith.

In addition, we had the joy of a groundbreaking ceremony on the west side of the St. Patrick Parish Hall for the long planned addition of catechetical space, office and modern rest rooms, with a storm shelter at its heart. Bishop Brungardt gave his formal blessing to the project after the 8:30 am Mass with the small congregation gathered and it has begun. These projects are years in the making and we are grateful to all who have envisioned and labored to bring about this service to the future of the parish. Now, the hard part of completing the financing is in our hands, or pocketbooks.

Bishop Brungardt reminded me emphatically of my responsibility to teach, govern, and sanctify the community with gentleness and compassion. It is very humbling to be tasked with the divine mission of the care of souls, that too often can be lost to the care of buildings and other temporal considerations. Yet, the communal effort to provide the tools, one might say, the soil bed, needed to form faith and nourish it, cannot be undervalued. The “brick and mortar”, as they say, becomes the temple where the Lord comes to save us. On this Candlemas Sunday, the Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord to the Temple, let us rejoice in the light that has come to our world. Let us build on the foundation of the faith of our ancestors so that we too might see salvation in our temple. Blessings, Fr. Jim

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@dcdioocese.org by February 28, 2019.

VOCATION VIEWS: Simeon and Anna both recognize Christ as He appears in their midst, because they have both spent years in prayer to constantly connect with the Father. Time in prayer disposes us to hear His voice (Luke 2:22-40). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.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!

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK is coming up (February 7-14) and this retreat is for couples to have the opportunity to do a seven-day virtual marriage retreat. Below are also the links to the pdf formats of the virtual retreat and also the link that can be shared with those who would like to receive the retreat via email each day.

English pdf - <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NMW-2020-Virtual-Marriage-Retreat.pdf>

Spanish pdf - <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NMW-2020-Virtual-Marriage-Retreat-spanish.pdf>

Sign up to receive the retreat via email during National Marriage Week 2020 -

<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/sign-up-to-receive-the-national-marriage-retreat-via-email/>

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is scheduled on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is scheduled on Wednesday, February 5, 3:00 – 6:00 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the day chapel in the church.

Announcements for Fowler

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is scheduled on Monday, February 3, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.