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The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

16	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
16	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....Fr. Ted Skalsky (Pat Gleason Family)
16	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
17	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	The 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order.....Diane Kopplemann (J. & D. Thomas)
18	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....Dorothy Devine (Frank & Dorothy Devine)
19	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Bill & Dorothy Leis (Jan McGregor)
20	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time+Jim & Elizabeth Gallagher Family (David Leis)
21	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Dr. of the Church...+Patrick Danler (Steve & Judy Dewell)
22	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Dorothy Leis (Barb Beckerman)
23	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time..Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
23	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary TimeDorothy Devine (Frank & Dorothy Devine)
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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.

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.

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!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan, Andra Cunningham
SERVERS: Caleb H., Heath H., Saul Mendoza
GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: Fred & Dee Boyd
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME: Kevin Milford

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Ron Eakes
SERVERS: Hayes S., Dianna O., Nefro S.
GREETERS: Sam & Teresa Garza
COLL. COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell
SERVERS: Degnan B., Myles K., Kate P.
GREETERS: Gleason Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 23rd, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: Kevin & Stacy Milford, Decina Heinz
MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis, Cathy Heinz/ Jan
USHERS: Randy Leis, Tom Leis
ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Debbie E., Jenny A., Maria D.
MUSIC MIN: Suzanne E.
ROSARY: Vern Kisner

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Brent P., Teresa P.
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: Rickard Family
ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that – to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$3,500.00	\$1,137.00	\$6,807.48
OFFERTORY:	\$105.00	\$85.00	\$313.00
CHILDREN:	\$9.50	\$1.00	Bldg. Fd. \$155.00
Bldg fund:	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$25.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,709.50	\$1,123.00	\$7,275.48
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear faithful,

There are many ways to be faithful, but there is something unique in the faithfulness of marriage between a man and a woman. One must be struck by the Biblical tradition that holds marriage as the primary metaphor for the relationship of God to the human race. From the first chapters of Genesis to the closing chapters of the Book of Revelation, it is the wedding feast, the bond of marriage, which is held up as the ideal completion of divine faithfulness, Christ the bridegroom comes for his bride, the Church.

Valentine's Day, February 14th, has become a universal celebration of romantic love that is seen as the basis of marriage in our culture. However, we know, that true faithfulness must be ultimately built on the foundation of Divine Charity, the love of Agape, the self-giving that has no end. This week, February 9th through the 14th is declared by Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement as world marriage week culminating in what has become a very secular and worldly holiday, Valentine's Day, though born in the charitable acts of a celibate Bishop, who according to legend, provided the dowry for three poor maidens to enter into marriage.

I will be AWOL, actually with leave, these two weekends, February 9th and February 14th, to participate in the Engaged Encounter Retreats, first in Spanish and the following week in English. I have been graced to participate in these retreats with fabulous Catholic married couples who give their time freely to witness to the good of marriage for those preparing for sacramental marriage in the Church. I have been part of this movement since even before being ordained because I believe so much in the fruits of faithful marriage and its saving power and have participated in over 60 weekends.

It is never convenient, nor is it easy to leave the parish on the weekend, but the ministry has always put me in the stream of grace that is married love. I have to believe that it is worth the sacrifice to invest in the marriages of tomorrow, and the children that will be the fruit of that married love. As we celebrate Valentine's Day, beyond the chocolates, the cards, and the flowers, let us pray for holy marriage and the fruit of family life that is born in the love of St. Valentine. In His love, Fr. Jim

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!

VOCATION VIEWS: You have heard God's commandments. Keep them and pass them on. Nurturing the faith is part of the Christian vocation. (Matthew 5:17-37). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

ABBY JOHNSON PILGRIMAGE TO WICHITA: Join the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City on a pilgrimage to Wichita to hear Abby Johnson speak at the Knights of Columbus State Convention on May 2. Abby is the former Planned Parenthood director and accomplished author who inspired the movie Unplanned. The bus will depart at 6:30am from the parking lot at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a stop in Stafford for additional passengers. The group will spend a time of prayer at Planned Parenthood and Trust Women Abortion Clinic followed by lunch at Larkspur prior to heading to Century II Convention Center to hear Abby's testimony. The group will then have time for reflection, Mass and dinner at the Spiritual Life Center before heading back to Dodge City. Cost is \$25 for 12 and under and \$35 for 12 and up. Cost includes transportation, meals and the ticket to Abby Johnson. Seating is limited. Go to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> for more information and registration forms. Deadline to register is April 17. Contact Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life/Social Justice ministry at (620) 227-1525 for additional information. The pilgrimage is open to all ages. 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or a youth sponsor who has been certified in Protecting God's Children training.

You are welcome to bring your old palms to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday, next Sunday, February 23rd. There will be a basket to collect them in the entryway. Thanks, frjim

Men! You are invited to join a Men's Lenten Pilgrimage at 5:30 am each Wednesday beginning Ash Wednesday at the Forst Center in Meade. There will be a burrito breakfast.

Announcement for Plains

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

THRIFT SHOP: 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: 7:30 p.m. Mass & Distribution of Ashes (Bi-Lingual).

Announcements for Meade

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

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE will be Wednesday, Feb. 19th from 5-6p.m. We welcome new & current servers to attend. Students must have received their First Communion to be an altar server.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 26, is at 5:30 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

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

AFTER PROM SPAGHETTI LUNCH Sunday, February 16th 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Grade School Cafeteria. \$6

DIOCESAN SAVINGS, MEMORIALS FOR BUILDING FUND & LATEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILDING FUND: The building fund & Memorials for the building fund in our savings at the diocese has currently collected \$46,546.32.

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Wed., February 19, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES: Mass on Ash Wednesday, February 26, is at 7:00 a.m.; 5:30 p.m. Distribution of Ashes & Liturgy of the Word.