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The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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 Time.....Dorothy Devine (Frank & Dorothy Devine)
23	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
24	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....Dorothy Devine (Frank & Dorothy Devine)
25	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Eleanor Burnos (Janet Cook)
26	Wed	7:00am	(F)	Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes.....+Ron Beckerman (Robert & Peggy Higgins)
26	Wed	5:30 pm	(F)	Ash Wednesday Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes
26	Wed	5:30 pm	(M)	Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes.....+Jim Dale Woodruff (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
26	Wed	7:30 pm	(P)	Ash Wednesday Mass & Distribution of Ashes (Bi-lingual)....+Mark Verhoff (Carol Nighswander)
27	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Thursday after Ash Wednesday+Mark Verhoff (Dwane & Joyce Thompson)
28	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Friday after Ash Wednesday.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
28	Fri	5:30 pm	(P)	Friday after Ash Wednesday.....(Spanish).....For an end to abortion
29	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The First Sunday of Lent.....+Don & Norma Leis (David Leis)
01	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The First Sunday of Lent+Mark Verhoff (Michael & Margery Sigley)
01	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The First Sunday of Lent+C J Thomas (Janet Cook)
01	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The First Sunday of Lent(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 no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Wed., Feb. 26th, 7:00 am

LECTOR: Rhonda Milford, Kevin Milford

SERVERS: Jacelyn H., Cooper L., Kate C.

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Steve, Judy Dewell, Sarah Jordan

USHERS: Brent Merkle, John Weber

GREETERS/GIFTS: Jim & Laurie Devine

MUSIC MIN: TBD

NURSING HOME:

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Wed., Feb. 26th, 7:30 pm

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar

SERVERS: Owen V., Lucy V., Bob K.

EUCH. MIN: Ron E., Mary A., Terry S.

GREETERS: Lupe & Jared Hernandez

MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

MONEY COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Wed., Feb. 26th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell

SERVERS: Camdyn F., Tayte F. & Michael W.

EUCH. MIN: Audrey F., Lisa K., Vince K.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GREETERS: Habermans & Hagemeiers **GIFTS:** Woodruffs

MONEY COUNTERS: Knott Family

ROSARY: Volunteer

PLAINS – Wed., Feb. 26th, 7:30 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

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., Feb. 29th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Brent Merkle, Phyllis Butts

SERVERS: Jacey W., Karson W., Avery H.

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Dave Weber, Laurie Devine, Kevin M.

USHERS: Fred Boyd, Myron Burns

GREETERS/GIFTS: Kevin & Sheila Hageman

MUSIC MIN: Cherie Knott, Diane Woodruff/ Jan

NURSING HOME: Decina Heinz

ROSARY: Kevin Milford

COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz

PLAINS – Sun., Mar. 1st, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein

SERVERS: Hailey S., Yanet G., Gloria K.

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

GREETERS: Kelby & Rebi Ross

MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

MONEY COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sun., Mar. 1st, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Makenna B., Kemper F., Kynlee F.

EUCH. MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Tom R.

MUSIC MIN: Rachel Burdett

GREETERS: Holguin Family **GIFTS:** Welsh Family

MONEY COUNTERS: Dewell Family

ROSARY: Flavin Family

PLAINS – SPANISH, Mar. 1st, 1:00 pm

VOCATION VIEWS: 'Be Holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am Holy!' Embrace the call to holiness, and every day will bring new adventures of following where Christ leads (Leviticus 19:2). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

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:	\$1,320.00	\$1,000.00		\$390.00
OFFERTORY:	\$189.00	\$91.00		\$1,236.00
CHILDREN:	\$.00	\$.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$625.00
MISC:	\$.00	\$4,774.53		\$.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$22.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,509.00	\$5,865.53		\$2,277.00
		\$1,250.00		

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM: Dear faithful parishioners,

Thank you for welcoming Deacon Ruben Sigala from Liberal for the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest last weekend. The very existence of the ritual foresees that the Church is not always able to provide a Priest in each community for the Sunday obligation. In December, I thought that I had acquired the commitment of a retired priest, but in the weeks before the date of the two weekends of Engaged Encounter this month, I was frantically calling all of the possible candidates, but February is the time of the greatest demand and the least supply of available priests, and I could find no one available.

A Deacon is ordained to proclaim the Word and serve at the Altar. Unfortunately, it is an office in the church that has been suppressed often in the history of the Church in favor of the office of the priest. It was a major reform of Vatican II to restore the permanent diaconate, a married clergy, though every priest is ordained as a transitory deacon for usually less than a year before his priestly ordination, meaning that the transitory office is practically non-existent in parish life. Though the ritual of the Sunday Celebration of a Priest can be presided by a lay member of the community, it is a more appropriate presence of one ordained to preach at the liturgy.

I hope you felt nourished with the Word and Sacrament. Though there is still much discussion of when it really is appropriate to distribute communion from the reserved sacrament, distribution is permitted, when there is sufficient reserved in the tabernacle, though reserving more than needed for the sick is discouraged, and it is ideal to receive only from the loaf consecrated at the present Eucharist. Still, I hope you felt the absence of the consecration and its sanctity, requiring the presence of the ordained hands of a priest and to appreciate that technically it was not just a short Mass, but a ritual to allow you to participate in right worship of God in the absence of a priest.

I don't anticipate it happening soon again, but we all must realize that there is a great need for native priestly ordinations to Holy Orders. Please continue to take home the symbolic Mass kit. As volunteers to offer the weekly prayer become more repeated and less willing, it was suggested to me by a parishioner just to choose a family each week from the congregation randomly. Simply, the volunteer draft is not working, so do not be surprised to find yourself as guardians for the Mass kit as I take this sage advice.

Praying for vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, Fr. Jim

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.

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

ESTATE PLANNING & CHARITABLE GIVING SEMINARS: Looking for ways to protect yourself or your heirs from unnecessary taxes on the sale of property at your death? Hoping to leave a legacy for your children or favorite charity but don't know how to get started? Don't miss one of these FREE educational seminars on Estate Planning and Charitable Giving. Featured speakers will be Tamara L. Davis of Davis & McCann, P. A., a boutique estate planning firm serving all of Western Kansas and Mark Roth, Director of Development for the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. Topics covered will include Wills, Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, Revocable Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, and Charitable Giving Trusts. Ample time will be allowed for Question and Answers. Spearville (St. John the Baptist) will be hosting a seminar on March 26, 2020 7:00 – 9:00pm. These FREE educational seminars are brought to you courtesy of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City.

ABC PREGANCY CARE CENTER in Garden City will be featuring keynote speaker, Jason Jones, on Tuesday, March 3 at their annual fundraising banquet at the Clarion Inn in Garden City. Doors open at 6pm and the dinner and program will begin at 6:30. Dinner is complimentary, however, you will have an opportunity to make a financial gift to support their varied programs. Jason Jones is the founder of HERO (Human Rights Education and Relief Organization) a non-profit that promotes human dignity regardless of ability, age, status, race or geography. He is also co-executive producer of the film, Bella, which won the Peoples Choice Award in 2006 at the Toronto International Film Festival. To RSCP go to: abcpc.org/empower2020.

Enclosed is the list of Lenten Services & times, along with the Holy Week Services & Times.

Announcements for Plains

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

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on every Wednesday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., during Lent. Starting on Ash Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with the PSR students. There will be Stations at 8:15 a.m. before the Friday morning Masses during Lent. On Fridays at 5:30 p.m., there will be Spanish Stations of the Cross.

Announcements for Meade

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be at 12:30 p.m. each Friday during Lent.

Announcements for Fowler

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

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. On the first and third Fridays, there will be Mass in addition to the Stations of the Cross.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on every Monday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., during Lent. Please Come!