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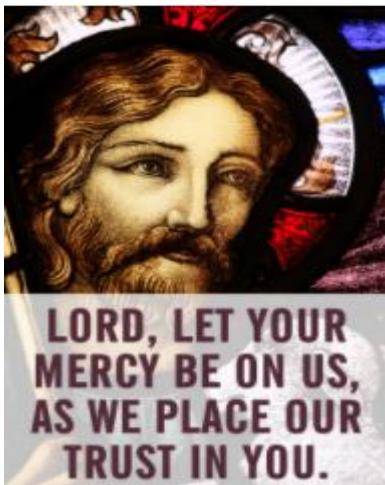
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The Second Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

08	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Second Sunday of Lent.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
08	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Second Sunday of Lent.....Father Ted Skalsky (Pat Gleason Family)
08	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Second Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
09	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Frances of Rome, Religious.....For vocations to the priesthood & religious life
10	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Lent.....+George Sr., Buelah, George Jr., Gary H., & Henry W.
11	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Lent.....+Dorothy Leis (Barb Leis Whitehead)
12	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent+Christopher Faber (Sylvester Faber)
13	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent.....Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
13	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Lent(Spanish).....For an end to abortion
14	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....+Ron Beckerman (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
15	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....+Mark Verhoff (Dwane & Joyce Thompson)
15	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday of Lent+Stellie Huelskamp (Jim & Laurie Devine)
15	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....(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!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Saturday, Mar. 14th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Cherie Knott

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

GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: James & Becky Hamilton

COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber

NURSING HOME: Kevin Milford

PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 15th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Martha Saucedo

SERVERS: Dianna O., Ownen V., George E.

GREETERS: Max & Silvia Olvea

COLL. COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Sunday, Mar. 15th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell

SERVERS: Alek H., Evan I., Taryn I.

GREETERS: Inlow Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 15th, 1:00 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.

EUCH MIN: Tom Leis, Sarah Jordan, Judy Dewell

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Jan Brock

USHERS: Preston Cunningham, Doug Heinz

ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Debbie E., Jenny A., Ron E.

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Lisa K., Vince K.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Boggs Family

ROSARY: Volunteer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: “Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$2,400.00	\$1,057.00		\$1,155.00
OFFERTORY:	\$140.00	\$81.00		\$166.01
CHILDREN:	\$13.00	\$15.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$1390.00
ASH WED.	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$220.05
RENT:	\$0.00	\$200.00		\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$60.50</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,613.50	\$1,353.00		\$2711.01
		\$1,250.00		

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear Penitents,

Yes, we are all penitents! That is the essential element of Lent, it is a truly and essentially a penitential season. That is what the ashes are all about! It is the elemental nature of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving that expresses our penitence.

Dr. Scott Gray offers a wonderful daily Lenten podcast available from our parish Formed subscription. I hope many of you are taking advantage of signing up to receive the daily e-mail with the attached mini podcast. (Register by going to www.signup.formed.org and be registered under St. Anthony, Fowler, Kansas) Dr. Gray's reflection for the sixth day of Lent was particularly helpful for me. Dr. Gray spoke of Almsgiving in terms of its opposite, a deficiency of generosity. Almsgiving is essentially having the trust in the Father, so to be free of anxiety and concern for our needs for tomorrow, to be free to give to the needs right before our eyes today.

It is truly a lack of faith that, beyond our obligatory tithing of our participation in the church, we need to give alms. Our faith needs to have the penitential act of giving of alms to those in want before our eyes. I even boldly proposed on Ash Wednesday, that contributing to the needed buildings of our parishes is a form of Almsgiving. Our parishes have become less parochial and more involved in the broader community in recent times, and seeing the need for catechetical space and a need for a social hall in our neighboring parishes becomes a worthy almsgiving.

Our parishes, too, through Fr. Ted's efforts have become involved in the "Core Community" movement to establish an educational and community effort to improve the lives of the most stressed members of our community. The Meade Ministerial Alliance, too, is supporting this effort, and will invite the organizer to come in April or May for a community informational dinner at Sunday noon. Please watch for this coming, but in the meantime, donations can be made through the Meade Ministerial Alliance to make this community effort possible.

Generosity should be spontaneous. The call to generosity is a call to let go of our attachment to guarding our savings for an unknown future in favor of the trust in God to bring about good things from small gifts given in the spirit of alms. The generous gifts given freely reconcile our past greed and selfishness that are part of our fallen human nature. The gifts given generously and "without the right hand knowing what the left hand is doing" free us to love like our God, our Heavenly Father, "who rains both on the good and the bad."

Yes, we are all penitents, and almsgiving leads to reconciliation with our God and peace and joy in our hearts. Lenten Blessings, Fr. Jim

CHRISM MASS: Chrism Mass is scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd, at 11:00 am. Each parish is welcome to invite 8 parishioners to participate in the Mass and meal to follow at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. It is marvelous to have parishioners who have never been able to attend and those able to present the oils in the parish on Holy Thursday, or Holy Saturday, in the case of Fowler. If you can participate in this wonderful liturgy when the Priests renew their vows and the Holy Oils are blessed by the Bishop, please contact Fr. Jim. Registration of names is due by March 20th.

VOCATION VIEWS: During this time of fasting we may be tempted to go astray. Pray for the grace to follow the way that leads to life. (Matthew 4:1-11) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations

Announcement for Plains

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

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

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.

PLAINS PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting is scheduled on Wed., March 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish hall.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m., for the PSR students, and 7:00 p.m. for adults.

GREEN ENVELOPES: As you can see, the new building project is under way! We have permission from Bishop Brungardt to forego the 10% stewardship that we normally pay into the Diocese each month by using our Green Building Fund Envelopes. Please still support the church using the white envelopes, but all money that is collected using the green envelopes or that is written in the memo of your check that it is specifically for the Building Project, will be exempt from the 10% that we normally send in each month to help pay for the addition. Any and all donations towards this project are greatly appreciated!

SOUP SUPPER: On March 11th, we will have a St Patrick's Supper in the parish hall following the Stations of the Cross at 6pm. All families are welcome.

Announcements for Meade

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

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wednesday, March 4, in the Church day chapel, at 7:00 p.m.

Ladies! The women's group will meet on Sunday March 8 at 7pm in Fowler in the parish school. Bring your favorite beverage, snacks provided. We'll discuss chapters 7-9 of Rediscover the Saints. Hope to see you there

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled at St. John's on Sunday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. We will have additional priests available. Please take this opportunity to come!

Announcements for Fowler

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

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.

TY & JENNIFER WHITE BENEFIT MEAL: It will be held at the Fowler Christian Church on March 21, 2020 from 5pm to 8pm. It will be a come and go event. It is a soup supper with chili, beef vegetable soup, and corn bread and dessert.

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COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled at St. Anthony's on Sunday, March 15, at 4:00 p.m. We will have additional priests available. Please take this opportunity to come!