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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

06	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Leo Klein (Marilyn Dewell)
06	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time...Deceased Members of Zirkle & Lamatrek Families
06	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
07	Mon			No Mass
08	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....Devine Family (Frank & Dorothy)
09	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Peter Claver, Priest.....Special Intention (Rita Bergkamp)
10	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs.....Benjamin (Mary Zirkle)
11	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....For World Peace (Steve & Judy Dewell)
11	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Ord. Time...(Spanish)....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
12	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Most Holy Name of Mary.....McCulloch Family (Bob & Jean)
12	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
13	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Rita Bergkamp)
13	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Ben Gertner (Josephine Amerin)
13	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Twenty-Fourth 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 – Sunday, Sept. 13th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Stacy Milford, Cherie Knott

SERVERS: Kate C., Jacelyn H.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

NURSING HOME:

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 13th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar

SERVERS: Hailey S., Lucy V., Nefro S.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Saturday, Sept. 12th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Vince Koons

SERVERS: Tayte F., Evan I., Malachi W.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 13th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis, Cathy H./ Jan

USHERS: Larry Knott, Jared Weber

ROSARY: Kevin Milford

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS:

ROSARY: Flavin Family

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,535.00	\$375.00	\$.00
OFFERTORY:	\$65.00	\$1.00	\$0.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
BUILDING FD:	\$.00	\$0.00	\$.00
ONLINE	\$130.00	\$.00	\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$57.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,657.00	\$376.00	\$.00
		\$1250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear workers in the vineyard,

Labor Day has always seemed ironic to me. Our country has made a holiday, a day of rest from work, to honor work. There is some irony in the name given to this day, but there is equally the mystery of Genesis that God rested on the seventh day after laboring for six days and we honor creation and redemption by declaring a Sabbath, resting in that creation and redemption. Creation and redemption are on-going but eternally, but the pause button seems necessary to allow the work to continue.

Equally ironic is that Labor Day is somehow officially the end of summer, yet, the century long recognition and honoring of a summer work time for farm children has become a sacred time of leisure and rest from education. Our culture has sometimes been accused of producing workaholics, and yet has this huge pause in education. Our children and teachers are so elated, yes even the students, in returning to school after the experiments in on-line education, that one can only marvel at the hidden and often derided desire of students to learn.

In many ways, we have had a three months or more “summertime” of participation in Church activities. On-line and distancing practices have been equally unsatisfactory. I feel very off-balance and disorientated trying to initiate those activities again, the real work of our parishes. I, with all pastors, are concerned about those who have become too comfortable in the suspension of the Obligation to Sunday worship and found summer to be very freeing, when really becoming enslaved to a life without God in one’s life. Where do we begin?

Well, we begin with registrations for religious formation and RCIA. I am really trying to be available for confessions 30 minutes before each Eucharist for those who need to be reconciled to communion. The Knights of Columbus have quipped this return to the sacrament of confession as “going back to the box”, though “the box” remains off-limits and our confessions are held outside the entrance to our church buildings. I would add a metaphor from our summer pastime, one cannot hit the ball without getting into the box. Please remember the opportunity to enter the process of joining the church or completing one’s sacramental initiation into the church by coming to the Forst Center in Meade on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 PM.

Ready to go! Fr. Jim

The USCCB has produced an excellent resource list for marriage and family ministry during COVID-19 at the For Your Marriage website:<https://www.foryourmarriage.org/virtual-resources-for-responding-to-covid-19/>.

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Prayer Opportunity for Families

Diocesan Rosary-Thursdays at 8 pm(via Zoom)

It’s easy to register:

- Email RespectLifeSWKansas@gmail.com to sign-up.
- Look for a reply email with instructions to download “Zoom” and how to connect (it’s free!)
- You will receive an email link on your device on Thursday evenings. Click on the link.
- You will be connected with others around the diocese to pray the rosary.
- This prayer will conclude no later than 8:30 p.m.
- All individuals, groups and ages are invited to be part of this group

VOCATION VIEWS: “Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.” Make Christ the center of your conversations and interactions with others. (Matthew 18:20) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

NEED HELP DURING THIS PANDEMIC? Catholic Charities staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org. We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

RCIA: Please remember the opportunity to enter the process of joining the church or completing one’s sacramental initiation into the church by coming to the Forst Center in Meade on Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00 PM.

Announcement for Plains

ONLINE GIVING: The website is now set up for online giving. Go to <https://meadecatholic.org>

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: Our parish is looking for an individual to provide cleaning services for the parish hall and new building classrooms. If interested please contact a council member for more details.

PSR ENROLLMENT: First day of classes will be September 9th.

PLAINS PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Plains Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, September 9, in the Parish Hall.

Announcements for Meade

ONLINE GIVING: The website is now set up for online giving. Go to <https://meadecatholic.org>

PSR NEWS: PSR classes for kindergarten - 9th grade will begin on Wed., Sept. 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Please keep our teachers Vince & Lisa Koons, Annette Keith, Jenny Faurot, and Heather Flavin in your prayers as they prepare for the coming year. Jr. high & high school students - be looking for information about Youth Group to be held one Sunday a month.

MEADE COUNCIL: The Meade Council will meet on Wednesday, September 9.

Announcements for Fowler

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

ONLINE GIVING: The website is now set up for online giving. Go to <https://meadecatholic.org>

FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Fowler Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, September 23.

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS: The Retreat for parents and children finally making their First Communion will be Sunday, September 13th from 3:00 – 6:00 PM in Fowler. First Communion will be on September 20th at the 8:30 AM. Mass.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We are in need of Religious Education teachers. Classes will be after our 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please help us!