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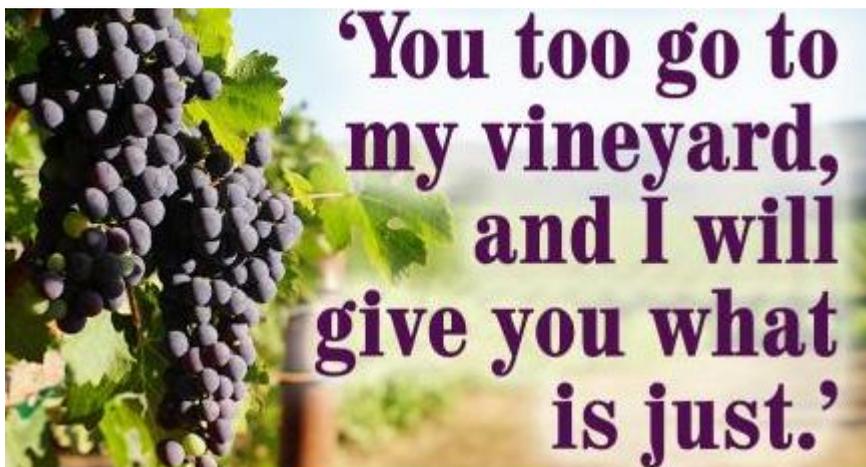
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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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| 20 | Sun | 8:30 am | (F) | The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+LaVerne Leis (Peggy Higgins) |
| 20 | Sun | 10:30 am | (P) | The Twenty-Fifty Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Ben Gertner (Josephine Amerin) |
| 20 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners |
| 21 | Mon | 6:00 pm | (M) | St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.....Special Intention (Steve & Judy Dewell) |
| 22 | Tue | 6:00 pm | (M) | Week day in Ordinary Time.....Beneat Families (Bob & Jean McCulloch) |
| 23 | Wed | 12:05 pm | (F) | St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest.....+Jim & Philip Gerber |
| 24 | Thu | 8:30 am | (P) | Week day in Ordinary Time.....Zirkle Family (Mary Zirkle) |
| 25 | Fri | 8:30 am | (P) | Week day in Ordinary Time.....Deceased Family & Friends (Ray & Jenny Amerin) |
| 25 | Fri | 6:00 pm | (P) | Week day in Ord. Time.....(Spanish).....For World Peace |
| 26 | Sat | 8:30 am | (M) | Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs.....Devine Family (Frank & Dorothy Devine) |
| 26 | Sat | 5:30 pm | (M) | The 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....For an end to human trafficking (Janet Cook) |
| 27 | Sun | 8:30 am | (F) | The 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....Special Intention (Rita Bergkamp) |
| 27 | Sun | 10:30 am | (P) | The 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Kim Eakes (Ray & Jenny Amerin) |
| 27 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The Twenty-Sixth 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. 27th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Rhonda Milford

SERVERS: Karson Wideman

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber, Steve D.

NURSING HOME:

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 27th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell

SERVERS: Dianna O., Lucy V., Bob K.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Saturday, Sept. 26th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Makenna B., Sarah K., Walker K.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 27th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN:

USHERS: Kevin Hageman, Randy Leis

ROSARY: Decina Heinz

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS:

ROSARY: (Volunteer)

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves – by wise use of their time and talents – in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

| | <u>FOWLER</u> | <u>MEADE</u> | <u>PLAINS</u> |
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| ENVELOPES: | \$1,535.00 | \$1,370.00 | \$865.00 |
| OFFERTORY: | \$25.00 | \$1.00 | \$57.00 |
| RENT: | \$0.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 |
| BUILDING FD: | \$20.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,400.00 |
| ONLINE | \$160.00 | \$180.00 | \$20.00 |
| CANDLES: | <u>\$36.00</u> | <u>\$84.15</u> | <u>\$6.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$1,776.00 | \$1,555.15 | \$2348.00 |
| | | \$1250.00 | |

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear Parishioners,

“It is all up in the air!” I have kept putting off writing this article, because it seemed so much remained up in the air. We are celebrating First Communion at St. Anthony in Fowler, a date up in the air since May. I finally made the decision to put out hymnals that people could only use them and take them home each week to avoid the minimal chance that they would be vectors of virus if left in the pews. The building projects seem to be up in the air, but major progress was made both in Fowler and Plains this week. I am still working on the internet access in the Forst center in Meade.

“It is all up in the air!” This morning was hazy and the sun rose as a red ball bursting through the horizon. The huge forest fires in the west have apparently spread smoke over the whole country. We hold those people in our prayers and especially, the fire fighters and first responders trying to contain the fires and protect the population, people, animals, and trees.

“It is all up in the air!” This weekend is National Catechetical Sunday. We pray and ask for blessings on all those who have stepped up to pass on the faith. The catechism of the Catholic Church reminds that Catechesis derives from a word that means to reflect or mirror. This year’s theme, “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you” comes from St. Paul vibrant inspired catechesis to the Corinthians. And yet, our catechetical efforts still seem somewhat still up in the air.

“It is all up in the air!” The wearing of masks has seemed the most effective epidemiological weapon against the spread of the virus that causes Covid-19. Fortunately, the deaths have been few and the spread for the most part, contained in our County. We are all tired, no exhausted, of the restraints imposed upon us, but out of charity we continue to maintain no little precaution, in fear of sharing more than the Eucharist. I worked this week to provide hand sanitizers in our class rooms and meetings. It is still, certainly, still up in the air, when these precautions can be reduced.

“It is all up in the air!” Certainly, the election is up in the air. Ultimately, we must trust in the divine good to triumph and life to be given and protected. I have adhered to the old adage, “pray as if everything depended on God, work as if everything depended upon your part.” So, even if it seems up in the air, God is working day by day to lead us to everlasting life. Resting in Him,
Fr. Jim

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: “I received from the Lord, what I also handed on to you!” In 2020, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 20, 2020, under the theme of “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you.” On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for ministry to the community. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Please give yourself to catechesis and pray for all those commissioned to carry out this work in our parishes.

VOCATION VIEWS: God calls people at different times and in various ways. You’re never too old or too late to give your life to God. Generosity is his hallmark. (Matthew 20:1-16). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: the Annual Matrimony Anniversary Mass will not be held as a diocesan event at the Cathedral, due to coronavirus concerns. Our parish Masses on October 10 & 11 will be honoring the anniversary couples who are celebrating 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 50-plus years of marriage. If you would like to be honored at the October 10 & 11 Masses with a Diocesan certificate, we are asking you to inform us by September 26 so your name may be submitted to the Diocese for a certificate honoring your anniversary.

Announcement for Plains

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

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR I have set the dates for the October parish mission October 18-22nd for Plains. I will offer the mission in **Spanish November 8th through the 12th** at St. Patrick's in **Plains.**

RCIA is every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Forst Center.

Announcements for Meade

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

PSR NEWS: PSR classes for kindergarten - 9th grade is on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR I have set the dates for the October parish mission, October 11-14th for Meade.

RCIA is every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Forst Center.

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://meadecocatholic.org>

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

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS: Congratulations to our First Communicants! They are: Jeronimo Castillo, Abby Cunningham, Haylen Faurot, Anthony Mendoza, Aaron Mercado, Max Prather, Briain Valiente, and Raidel Valiente. Our prayers are with you as you receive Jesus for the first time.

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! Contact Andra Cunningham – 620-885-5171.

ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR: I have set the dates for the October parish mission, October 25 through 28th at Fowler.

RCIA is every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Forst Center.