

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

06	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Second Sunday of Advent	Special Intention Tanna (Elia Wells)
06	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent	+Vernon Lamatrik (Mary Zirkle)
06	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
07	Mon	5:30 pm	(M)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	+Frank Devine (Jim Devine)
07	Mon	7:00 pm	(F)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	Special Intention Fred & Manuel (Elia Wells)
08	Tue	7:00 pm	(P)	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception	+Martin Conrardy (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
09	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin	Brothers & Sisters in Christ (Steve & Judy Dewell)
10	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent	+Robert M Vandenberg (Paula Vandenberg White)
11	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Damasus I, Pope	Anemone White (Paula Vandenberg White)
12	Sat	5:00 am	(P)	Mananitas	
12	Sat	11:00 am	(P)	Misa	For Vocations for the Priesthood & Religious Life
13	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	Third Sunday of Advent	+Frank Devine(Dorothy Devine)
13	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Third Sunday of Advent	+Ron Beckerman (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
13	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent	Deceased Family & Friends (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
13	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent	(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.

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](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com) no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Mon., Dec. 7th, 7:00 pm

LECTOR: Stacy Milford & Phyllis Butts

SERVERS: Kate Cunningham

EXTRA. ORD. MIN:

USHERS:

GREETERS/GIFTS:

MUSIC MIN: TBD

NURSING HOME:

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Tue., Dec. 8th, 7:00 pm

LECTOR: Ron Eakes

SERVERS: Hayes S, Dianna O., Gloria K.

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

MONEY COUNTERS:

MEADE – Mon., Dec. 7th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Volunteer

SERVERS: Volunteers

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Volunteer

GREETERS: GIFTS:

MONEY COUNTERS:

ROSARY: Volunteer

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 12th, 11:00 am

FOWLER – Sun., Dec. 13th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Rhonda Milford

SERVERS: Karson Wideman

EXTRA. ORD. MIN:

USHERS:

GREETERS/GIFTS:

MUSIC MIN: Angie Dewell, Cathy Heinz/ Jan Brock

NURSING HOME:

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

COLL. COUNTERS: Judy Dewell & Marcie Kumle

PLAINS – Sun., Dec. 13th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar

SERVERS: Owen V., Terry S.

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

MONEY COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Sat., Dec. 12th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell

SERVERS: Kasen F., Preston I., Kate P.

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GREETERS: GIFTS:

MONEY COUNTERS: Dewell Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 13th, 1:00 pm

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$460.00	\$286.00	\$473.00
OFFERTORY:	\$22.00	\$.00	\$52.00
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$.00	\$420.00
ONLINE BLDG FD:	\$.00	\$.00	\$100.00
BUILDING FD.	\$.00	\$.00	\$1,180.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$43.53</u>
TOTAL:	\$637.00	\$286.00	\$2,268.53
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM: Dear parishioners,

“In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

1Thess5:18 Fr. Wesley Schawe, Rector of the Cathedral, brought my attention to these closing words of Paul to the Thessalonians in his quarantine blog that heralded his recovery from symptoms, nearly paralleling mine. I found it especially inspiring because Fr. Wesley was able to share that he had anointed patients with Covid virus only the week before, one of whom had passed away. He was able to witness that he was most ready to accept the illness, not only accept, but be thankful for it, because it was the effect of having been able to comfort and accompany those who suffered it much more severely than he had the Covid illness, even succumbing to death.

I have nothing quite so grand to witness, except, that I am thankful for the circumstance of having tested positive and having only moderately severe symptoms of headache and sore throat, if that is the path to being able to more openly serve in this Advent of Christmas, announcing the birth of the Savior. I look forward to being able to enter the holidays with a bit more freedom from fear of contracting or passing the virus on to others. I am certainly most thankful for the lay leaders who stepped forward to provide the Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest with communion, and all who have showered me with kindness and concern, my unique circumstances that allow me to weather the time of quarantine with luxury that many do not have, no less than 4 complete Thanksgiving dinners, which stretched into about a dozen delicious meals.

The verse just before this admonition in Paul’s letter, says “Rejoice Always!” This is the whole of verse 5:16. We will receive these ending verses of Paul’s letter in two weeks, on Gaudate (Joy)Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. I am most grateful for all who have persisted in prayer for me and for the world. Verse 17 follows with “Pray without ceasing.” It is such a simple progression from Joy to Prayer to Thanksgiving in all circumstances. Without ceasing, in all circumstances, always, are the qualifiers that ennoble these efforts of being joyful, being prayerful, and being thankful. Our Eucharist, of course, is the pinnacle of all of these attitudes, activities, works, in praise of God.

My prayer of thanksgiving is that this Advent is the beginning of the end, not only for myself, but for the whole world of the hold that the pandemic has had upon us. The fear and restrictions have dominated our lives. I hope to be able to draw near to those I love. Bishop John has granted that if we can offer the sign of peace only to those of our family and with a gesture from the distance of 6 feet to others, we can begin again to use the sign of peace in the liturgy.

Waiting in hope for His coming, Fr. Jim

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR CLUSTER are scheduled as follows: Thursday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. Mass at Meade; 7:30 p.m. Mass at Plains; 10:00 p.m. Mass at Fowler. Friday, December 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass at Meade; 11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass in Plains.

DECEMBER 8, SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is a holy day of obligation. Masses in the cluster will be as follows: Monday, December 7th, 5:30 p.m. Mass in Meade; December 7th, 7:00 p.m. Mass at Fowler. Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m. Mass in Plains (bilingual).

Announcements for Plains

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Friday, December 11, there will be no evening Mass. Saturday, December 12, at 5:00 a.m. Mananitas in Plains; 11:00 a.m. Misa Plains.

CHRISTMASING IN PLAINS: The Plains Lions Club announces the 53rd Annual event, Sunday, December 6th, “Christmasing in Plains” parade. The theme is “Candy Cane Lane”. We would like to invite you to participate in the parade with a float. Parade line-up and judging will be at 2:15 p.m.

Sunday and the parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. Floats will be judged, and cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. For more information, please contact Richard Roberts at 620 655-5215.

ANGEL TREE: We are scheduled to have Angel Tree pick up this year on December 17 from 5-6:30pm at Plains State Bank. We currently have 61 families signed up. That is an increase from the 46 families we had last year. We knew that with the economic state we are in that there would be an increase, however, we were not expecting this. Angels are now available at the Plains State Bank, E-Z Stop, Kismet and Plains Community Libraries, and the General Store.

Kayla Mendoza and I are happy and humbled to offer this opportunity to serve our community which we love. We know that these efforts are not done alone. With that said, we will continue to plan to collaborate with the Ministerial Alliance for meals and the community for angel adoptions.

If you have any questions about Angel Tree or would like to offer any suggestions please let Kayla or myself know. Thank you! Kayla Mendoza and Norma Sanchez

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES: Wednesday, Dec.16, 5:30 p.m. Plains youth; 7:00 p.m.- All parish.

Announcements for Meade

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Fridays, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES Sunday, December 20, 4:00 p.m. in Fowler; 5:30 p.m. in Meade.

Announcements for Fowler

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Mondays, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: The deadline for assembling the boxes is near, December 9th. We will be assembling the boxes later that week, so we will be turning our food collected in by the afternoon of December 9th. Please help us serve others this Christmas!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES Sunday, December 20, 4:00 p.m. in Fowler; 5:30 p.m. in Meade.