

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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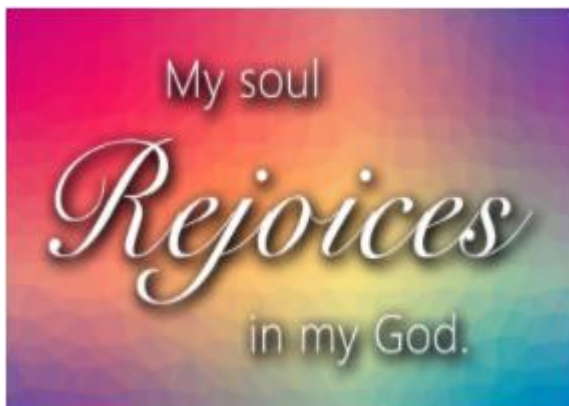
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

13	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Third Sunday of Advent+Ron Beckerman (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
13	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Third Sunday of AdventDeceased Family & Friends (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
13	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
14	Mon			No Mass today
15	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....For the Return of our Brothers & Sisters in Christ (S & J)
16	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Advent.....+Leroy & Stellie Huelskamp (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
16	Wed	5:30 & 7:00 pm		Reconciliation at Plains
17	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....Michael Zirkle Family (Mary Zirkle)
18	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....L. Keith & Terri White (Paula Vandenberg White)
18	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Advent.....(Spanish)...For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
19	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Saturday in Advent.....+Frank Devine (Tyler Flavin Family)
19	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Jim Dale Woodruff (Janet Cook)
20	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Bernie Stegman (+Ron) & Barb Beckerman)
20	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent+Martin Conrardy (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
20	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
20	Sun			Reconciliation at Fowler & Meade

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.

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 no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sunday, Dec. 20th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan, Cherie Knott

SERVERS: Kate Parker

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Larry & Cherie Knott

NURSING HOME:

PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 20th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Kristin Grilliot

SERVERS: Dianna O., Hayes S., Dolores

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Saturday, Dec. 19th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Kynlee F., Alek H., Evan I.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 20th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis/ Jan

USHERS:

ROSARY: Sarah Jordan

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Nancy Hines

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS:

ROSARY: Volunteer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: All of the people in today’s readings – the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,990.00	\$866.00	\$544.00
OFFERTORY:	\$10.00	\$58.00	\$110.00
BUILDING FD:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$316.00
BLDG FD online:	\$650.00	.00	\$200.00
ONLINE	\$155.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$23.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,805.00	\$924.00	\$1,313.00
		\$1250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear Children of the Father,

It was somewhat of a surprise, as much of Pope Francis' work has been, from the moment he took St. Francis of Assisi as his Papal patron, that Pope Francis on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th declared a Holy Year of St. Joseph, the Foster Father of our Lord. I had just begun the Consecration to St. Joseph, the Wonders of our Spiritual Father, the much heralded book from Ascension Press by Fr. Donald Calloway. It is only in the last 100 years that the Church has found in the "silent saint" of Scriptures, who has no spoken words in the Gospels, a voice of a much needed return to a father-based spirituality that seems to be found in St. Joseph.

So in the coming weeks, through Christmas, the celebration of the Holy Family, the celebration of Mary, the Mother of God, the celebration of the Epiphany, I probably will be bringing St. Joseph to the forefront as we enter this year dedicated to him. Particularly, his sojourn with the holy infant in his care into Egypt has become a great personal fascination. "I brought my son of Egypt!" has particularly pertinent things to say of to the Egypt we are living in the pandemic and the sad absence of Fathers in the American family. The pandemic has been a particular kind of exile.

And so, I recommend the film on Formed, "Joseph of Nazareth, the Story of the Man Closest to Christ". It is a dramatic presentation, certainly an imaginative entrance, into the bare details we are given through scriptures of the life of St. Joseph. It would be well for you and your family to prepare for Christmas by watching this hour and half film. Dr. Gray mentioned that a penitential act that his family makes during the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent is to only watch religious films during these times, and abstaining from secular films for entertainment that are loaded with cultural biases and only partaking of them on Sundays and Solemnities for these few weeks. Just as I believe, some abstinence from Social Media is necessary to healthily partake of it, so I believe that is even truer of Hollywood.

I always feel with the singing of the Gloria on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe,, and the call to rejoice on Gaudate Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, the church, like the secular societies allows Christmas to break into our celebration of Advent somewhat prematurely, both necessary, but threatening to stifle the full experience of expectation of Advent. St. Joseph slows us on that path, like his delay in returning to his home of Nazareth to escape King Herod's persecution. Let us walk with St. Joseph through these days awaiting salvation.

Advent Blessings, Fr. Jim

Starting Sunday, November 29th, **The Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe has changed on Sunday Spanish Masses.** Leaving the following schedule for the weekends:

Comenzando el domingo, 29 de noviembre, la Catedral de Nuestra Sra. de Guadalupe tendrá unos cambios en el horario de la Misa dominical en español. Dejando el siguiente horario:

Saturdays/Sábados
5pm English / Ingles
7pm Spanish / Español

Sundays/ Domingos
9am English / Ingles
11am Spanish / Español
1pm Spanish / Español

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

NEW YEAR'S (SOLEMNITY OF MARY) MASSES IN OUR CLUSTER are scheduled as follows: Thursday, December 31, 5:30 p.m. Mass at Meade; 7:30 p.m. Mass at Fowler; Friday, January 1, 9:00 a.m. Mass at Plains; 11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass in Plains.

MASS TIMES CHANGE THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JANUARY IN OUR CLUSTER: They are scheduled as follows: Saturday January 2, 5:30 p.m. – at St. Patrick's Church in Plains; Sunday, January 3, 8:30 a.m. – at St. John the Baptist Church, in Meade; and 10:30 a.m., at St. Anthony's Church, in Fowler. Spanish Mass is at 1:00 p.m., at St. Patrick's Church, in Plains. This rotation will continue until the first weekend in July 2021.

Announcement 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, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, December 20.

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

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

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

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HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: The Fowler Ministerial Association would like to express their deep appreciation to all who gave of their time, contributions of non-perishable foods, generous contributions of money, hamburger, or in any way you helped, your gift was deeply appreciated by those who received the Christmas boxes. It makes this time of year special when giving the generous boxes of the Lord's gifts to you and handing them on to others who can so deeply appreciate your gifts!

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

FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish school.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: We will be decorating for Christmas on Sunday, December 20, after Mass. Please help us bring up the decorations and set them up to make our Church "ready for His coming."