

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31, 2016

Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Welcome the stranger
Heal the sick
Visit the imprisoned
Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful
Instruct the ignorant
Admonish the sinner
Comfort the afflicted
Forgive offenses
Bear wrongs patiently
Pray for the living and the dead

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

31	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+C J Thomas (Marsha Smith)
31	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.+ Leroy Huelskamp (Roxanne & Nicole Beckerman)
31	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
01	Mon	7:00 pm	(M)	St. Alphonsus Liguori.....+Gus Liebl (Steve & Judy Dewell)
02	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Ss. Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard.....+Fr. Henry Hildebrandt
03	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Leroy Huelskamp (William & Margaret Bergkamp)
03	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary TimeFor Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
04	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. John Vianney.....+Barbara Amerin (Joyce Knott)
05	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Deceased Loved Ones(R & J Amerin Fam)
05	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	First Friday.....+Lawrence & Alma Danler (Judy & Steve Dewell)
06	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Earl Shinogle (Betty & Jerry Mansell)
07	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+C J Thomas (Stacy & Dean Cordes)
07	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
07	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 19 th 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 or fax 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, Aug. 7th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan, Brent Merkle
SERVERS: Caleb, Julian M., Crystal M., Angel M.
GREETERS: James & Becky Hamilton
COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Saturday, Aug. 6th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein
SERVERS: Jesse O., Dianna O., Gloria K.
GREETERS: Vern & Angie Kisner
COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia C., & Kristin G.

MEADE – Sunday, Aug. 7th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell
SERVERS: Walker K., Katie W., Payton W.
GREETERS: Borth Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Aug. 7th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:
GREETERS:

EUCH MIN: Steve & Judy Dewell
MUSIC MIN: Cathy Heinz, Pam Milford/
USHERS: John Weber, Dave Weber
ROSARY: Judy Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Terry S., Traci E., Jenny A.
MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot
ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Dorothy D.
MUSIC MIN: Tom Flowers
GIFTS: Keith Family
ROSARY: Audrey Flowers

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:
COLL. COUNTERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Jesus is describing God’s immeasurable generosity when He says in today’s Gospel, “Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted.” But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,543.00	\$455.00	\$988.00
OFFERTORY:	\$114.00	\$78.00	\$197.00
CHILDREN:	\$2.00	\$8.00	Bldg. Fund: \$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$400.00	Shinogle mem. \$950.00
CENTENNIAL BKS:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,510.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,725.00	\$941.00	\$5,645.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Last week I referred to God's plan for marriage. In truth, asking a man and a woman to committing their lives to each other in a permanent, faithful, life-giving relationship is very demanding. It is demanding to expect them to give themselves to each other totally for the rest of their lives. Nevertheless, this is what God asks of married couples. However, God does not ask couples to do this by their own strength. He gives them the grace to live out such a marriage. The Sacrament of Marriage is the promise that Christ will be present in the marriage relationship. The Sacrament is God's promise to empower the couple to love each other faithfully and totally. For God's grace to be effective, the man and the woman must do their part. They must strive to give themselves to each other; they strive to overcome whatever selfishness they bring into the marriage relationship. They must seek God's help to be self-giving and to forgive when offenses occur. The more the couple can consciously call upon God, the better God's grace can function in their marriage.

The married man and woman have the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony and they also have the grace of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance. I suspect that so many marriages fail because there was not an openness to God's grace or a desire to place the Lord Jesus at the center of their marriage. None of the Sacraments work magic, but they can be powerful when approached with openness and with a desire to be transformed into people who love with the love of Christ himself.

Prayer together and receiving the Sacraments together can be powerful tools in our lives to live as God asks us to live. No matter where you may be in your marriage relationship at this moment, I encourage you to turn to the Sacraments. No matter how long ago you received the Sacrament of Marriage, God's grace is still present. God still wants to deepen the love in your marriage. You still have the Sacrament of Penance in which to seek forgiveness for your failures in the marriage relationship and you have the Eucharist to give you daily assistance to be the loving, self-giving person God has called you to be.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY CERTIFICATION: The Diocese will begin Formation for Liturgical Ministry Certification Fall 2016. Formation in Liturgy welcomes all involved in liturgical ministry: Lectors, Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, Greeters, Sacristans, Music Ministers, Priests, Deacons, Liturgy Commission Members, RCIA teams, Art & Environment Committees, Members of the Assembly. Those serving the liturgy of the Church need to have an understanding of the liturgy, an appreciation of particular ministries and their relationship to other ministries, and a willingness to give of their time and talent for the glory of God and for the sake of the assembly. Bishop Brungardt encourages every parish to have one or more parishioners prepared with a Liturgy Certificate so they serve the parish as a resource for the source and summit of the life of the parish, the Liturgy. To obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry one needs to complete the two core courses and three electives for credit in the Pastoral Ministry Formation Program.

The first class for the Liturgical Ministry Certificate begins this fall. THEO 3053 Sacramental Theology Instructor: Fr. Frank Coady. Nine Saturday mornings 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon from Sept. 10 - Nov. 5. For more information and/or to register: Coleen Stein, Director of Adult Formation, Diocese of Dodge City, cstein@dcdioocese.org, 620-227-1538, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801.

Father Henry Hildebrandt's estate sale will be conducted by Carr Auction of Larned, Saturday, August 20. The sale will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart School in Ness City. For an extensive list and pictures go to carrauction.com. For more information please contact Sacred Heart School at 785-798-3530. Concessions will be served by the Sacred Heart School."

YOU ARE INVITED to Diocesan Stewardship Day 2016, "Be Light Where There is Darkness", on Saturday, August 27, at COLG in Dodge City, KS., registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Some of the workshops include: Making Hope Happen, What Young Adults Look for in Parish Life, The Four Levels of Happiness, and more! Register at www.dcdioocese.org/stewardship or 620-227-1537.

VOCATION VIEWS: Spend your life growing rich in the sight of God. That's what counts. How will you do this? (Luke 12:13-21). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

Pastoral Ministry Formation Program: THEO 4881: The Religion of Islam "Muslim", "Islam" ---words which arouse fear, distrust, or at least, confusion, in the hearts and minds of many Americans and in the souls of many Christians. Are these reactions valid? Or are they misplaced? In this course, we will explore the theology and the practices of the world's fastest growing religion. Every effort will be made to discover the good and acknowledge the advances brought about in civilization by adherents of Islam. At the same time, atrocities which destroy lives and people are committed daily in the name of Allah, their one and only God, by followers of Islam. Is it the religion which is responsible for these evils? Or do the evils thrive despite a religion which teaches peace and tolerance? Instructor: Sr. Joan Wolf. Class Times: Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28, Wednesday evenings - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: Interactive Television Sites. Cost: 1 hour course for credit - \$50.00. 1 hour course for personal enrichment - \$25.00

PILGRIMAGE: Please reserve the date of Sunday, September 25 on your calendar. In this year of Mercy, we would like to have as many parishioners as possible attend the Pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the church in Windthorst. This is a special time! Please join us for this memorable time during this Holy Year of Mercy!

RCIA: Do you know people interested in the Catholic Church? If so, give their names to Father Ted. We would like to begin RCIA soon.

Announcements for Plains

THRIFT SHOP: The time has come for our turn to take care of the Thrift Shop. August is our month. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. All help is greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm and on Friday afternoon 2-4 pm.

Announcements for Meade

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK: Our Church is responsible for the Community Food Bank during July and August. We have help already for July, but need someone to help in August. The Food Bank is especially needing canned meats and paper goods (paper towels & toilet paper), but any & all non-perishable food items are appreciated. There will be a box set up in the back of Church for your donations. Thank you for your help!

MEADE PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wednesday, August 3, at 8:00 p.m., in the Forst Center.

COMMUNITY SOFTBALL SUNDAY is scheduled Sunday, August 14, at the Meade Fairgrounds. There will be softball games and kids activities. (Weather permitting) beginning at 3:00 p.m. There will be grilled burgers at 6:00 p.m., homemade ice cream, Gospel sing at 7:00 p.m. The final softball game at 8:00 p.m. Free Will Donations for food. Proceeds above the cost of food will go toward meeting local needs and community projects. All checks can be made out to EMC. Event is sponsored by Emmanuel Mennonite Church Love Meade Project.

Announcements for Fowler

CLAVINOVA WORKSHOP: The choir will be hosting a Clavinova workshop on Aug. 6, at 11:00 am. This is a chance for those who would like to assist the cantors when there is not an accompanist available. It will last an hour or less and then we will go to Medrano's for lunch. Call Pam Milford ([620-385-0582](tel:620-385-0582)) or Jan Brock (646-5556) if you have questions.

CARDS WELCOMED: Jeanne Hickok had a stroke several weeks ago. She would love to hear from people from Fowler. Her address is: Jeanne Hickok, Family Health and Rehab, 639 S. Maize Court, Rm. 402, Wichita, KS. 67209. Room phone is [316-425-8447](tel:316-425-8447) room 402.