

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016



*Remember: Join with others to pray for our nation*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

27	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	First Sunday of Advent.....	+Father Francis Stuart
27	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	First Sunday of Advent .....	+Leo Wenta (Knights of Columbus)
27	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	First Sunday of Advent.....	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
28	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....	+Father Francis Stuart
29	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Advent.....	+Father Francis Stuart
30	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Andrew.....	+Leo Wenta (Brenda Wenta)
30	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Andrew.....	+Deceased Relatives & Friends (Brigid Thurman)
30	Wed	6:00 pm	(P)	Confessions – Plains PSR	
01	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....	+Deceased Loved Ones (Ray & Jenny Amerin Family)
02	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	First Friday.....	+Kim Eakes (Joyce Knott)
02	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	First Friday.....	+Fern Beckerman (Rick & Jan McGregor)
03	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	First Sunday of Advent.....	+Deceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
04	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	First Sunday of Advent.....	+Margaret Ann Dick (Jim & Diane Woodruff)
04	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	First Sunday of Advent .....	+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
04	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	First 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.

**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!

**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

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**FOWLER – Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Mallory Bergkamp, Carlos Mendoza

**SERVERS:** Kale H, Adan M., Crystal M.

**GREETERS:** Jacey, Carlos, Angel, Caleb

**COLL. COUNTERS:** John Weber

**NURSING HOME:** Judy Dewell

**PLAINS – Saturday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Terry Shinogle

**SERVERS:** Aileen A., Lucy V., George E.

**GREETERS:** Jason Vajnar Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Michele C.,

**MEADE – Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell

**SERVERS:** Taegan W., Kynlee F., Tayte F.

**GREETERS:** O'Reilly Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**LECTOR:**

**SERVERS:**

**GREETERS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good Stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

**EUCH MIN:** Pam Milford, Tom Leis, Brenda Martin

**MUSIC MIN:** Youth

**USHERS:** Carlos, Angel

**ROSARY:** Marilyn Dewell

**EUCH. MIN:** Ron E., Mary A., Jenny A.

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristen Grilliott

**ROSARY:** Bob Kaberlein

**EUCH MIN:** Dorothy D., Goudy F., Audrey F.

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**GIFTS:** Faurot Family

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**EUCH MIN:**

**USHERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:**

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,480.00	\$585.00	\$1,043.25
OFFERTORY:	\$611.00	\$204.00	\$259.25
CHILDREN:	\$46.00	\$11.00	Bldg. Fd. \$ .00
RENT:	\$ .00	\$200.00	\$ .00
ALL SAINTS:	\$ .00	\$ .00	Centennial Bks \$ .00
CANDLES:	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$30.55</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,137.00	\$1,030.55	\$1,302.50
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

**THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED:** During the final week of the liturgical year (A new year starts in the First Sunday of Advent.), we have been reading from the book of Revelation. One passage from the reading caused me to look more closely at my own relationship with God: *"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth."* (Rev.3:15-16)

This passage caused me to reexamine my relationship with God. I was led to ask "Am I hot, cold or lukewarm?" In comparison to someone like St Francis of Assisi, I know I am lukewarm. I must ask, and I think we should all ask, where we are at in our relationship with God. Being lukewarm is not appropriate because only God has life unending. If we desire unending life, we must focus our attention on our relationship with God. To be lukewarm is to be indifferent. Indifference will not lead us to God. God gave Himself totally in the person of Jesus, God asks us to give ourselves totally to Him.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Prince of Peace Catholic Church-Great Bend will sponsor a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., Jan. 25-29, 2017. The trip includes bus fare, hotel for two nights, Mass, the March For Life, National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, sightseeing, and the Life is VERY Good Rally; information @ [www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/youth/lifeisverygood.aspx). Cost of the trip is \$375 per person. Registration is available from your parish office. There is a \$50 nonrefundable reservation fee, due at time of registration, with final payment due Dec. 11. Seats are available until all spots are filled. For more information contact Jaclyn Brown, Director of Youth and Adult Ministries, @ [620.792.1396](tel:620.792.1396) or [youth@gbpeace.kscoxmail.com](mailto:youth@gbpeace.kscoxmail.com).

**HOSPICE OF THE PRAIRIE** invites those who have experienced the death of a loved one to a Remembrance Service and celebration of Life Tree Dedication on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. The service is a non-denominational, spiritually based celebration of the lives of those special people who are no longer with us. It will take place at Hospice of the Prairie, 200 Fourth Circle, Dodge City. This service is open to everyone in the community. Please RSVP by December 5, 2016 to 227-7209. If you have any questions regarding this announcement or the Remembrance Service, please contact Nancy Renner at 227-7209.

**NOVEMBER**— ALERT U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) is the designated U.S. representative to Talitha Kum (Little Girl Arise!), which is the international Network of Consecrated Life Against Trafficking in Persons. The goal of Talitha Kum, located in Rome, is to share and maximize the resources that Religious Life has on behalf of prevention, protection and assistance, awareness raising and denouncement of trafficking in persons. Catholic Women Religious from 81 countries are represented in this network. Go to [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org) or [Bakhitainitiative.com](http://Bakhitainitiative.com).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Dodge City Community College Concert will feature the College Choir, College Singers Choral Union and the Dodge City Symphony on Sunday, December 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Windthorst, KS. For more info, contact the college 620-225-1321.

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Stay awake! The Lord is coming. Be ready! (Matthew 24: 37-44). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or consecrated life, visit our website at [vocations@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org)

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:

February 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. Dominic's Parish Center, in Garden City, KS., JOY (Jesus Others You) Retreat for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders.

March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – at St. Dominic Parish Center in Garden City, KS., Teens Encounter Christ, for 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. For more info, see [dcdioocese.org/](http://dcdioocese.org/) Youth.

### Announcements for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday in our parish.

CHRISTMASING IN PLAINS is scheduled on December 4<sup>th</sup> in Plains. Everyone needs to bring two baked items to the community building by 10:00 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

UPCOMING EVENT: On December 17, Bishop Brungardt will be in our parish. There will be a reception following Mass in the Parish Center.

### Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY is scheduled on Monday evening with Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary.

UPCOMING EVENT: On December 18, Bishop Brungardt will be in our parish. Please join him for coffee in the Forst Center.

### Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) is scheduled at 5:15 p.m. on Mondays in our church.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS: There will be a Christmas full choir rehearsals on Dec. 4, at 2:00; Dec. 11 at 3:30; Dec. 18, at 3:30.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Our box is located in the gathering space in the church for items that you would like to contribute to the Holiday food boxes. If you would like to contribute monetarily, that would be appreciated also. We will be assembling the boxes on December

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will be done on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENT: On December 18, Bishop Brungardt will be in our parish. There will be a Potluck Meal in the Parish Hall following Mass. Guild One, St. Anne's Guild, will be in charge of the meal. Please bring a covered dish and stay to greet our Bishop.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: An account has been set up at the Fowler State Bank to help Tim & Melissa McDowell with their expenses in Melissa's medical treatment for cancer. Your monetary help and prayers are greatly appreciated. .