

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016



Remember: Join with others to pray for our nation

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

04	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Second Sunday of Advent.....+Margaret Ann Dick (Jim & Diane Woodruff)
04	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Second Sunday of Advent+ Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
04	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Second Sunday of Advent(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
05	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....+Leo Wenta (Diane Hageman & Family)
06	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Nicholas.....+Father Henry Hildebrandt
07	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Ambrose.....+Father George Mueller (Steve & Judy Dewell)
07	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. AmbroseDeceased Relatives & Friends (Brigid Thurman)
07	Wed	4:15 pm	(M)	Confession for Meade PSR
07	Wed	5:30 pm	(M)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....+Father Francis Stuart
07	Wed	7:00 pm	(M)	Confession for Meade PSR
08	Thu	7:00 am	(F)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....+Leo Wenta (Ron & Jan Hageman)
08	Thu	5:30 pm	(P)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....+Earl Shinogle (Barry & Melissa Mellen)
08	Thu	7:15 pm	(P)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.. (Spanish)...For Vocations to the priesthood
09	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatozin.....+Earl Shinogle (Joyce Knott)
09	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatozin ...(Spanish).....Deceased Loved Ones (Ray Amerin Family)
10	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday of Advent.....+Deceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
10	Sat	6:30 pm	(P)	Confession for Plains
11	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday of Advent+Father Francis Stuart
11	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Third Sunday of Advent+Fern Beckerman (Bob & Peggy Higgins)
11	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 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.

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 – Thu., Dec. 8th, 7:00 am

LECTOR: Volunteers

SERVERS: Volunteers

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Volunteers

USHERS: Volunteers

GREETERS/GIFTS: Volunteers

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford & Laurie Devine

NURSING HOME:

ROSARY: Volunteers

COLL. COUNTERS:

PLAINS – Thur., Dec. 8th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Jason Vajnar

SERVERS: Owen V., Hailey S., Nefro S.

EUCH. MIN: Michele C., Silvia O., Lucy B.

GREETERS: George & Traci Eakes

MUSIC MIN: Nancy H.

ROSARY: Teresa Garza

MONEY COUNTERS: Patricia C., Kristen G.

MEADE – Wed., Dec. 7th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Wyatt B., Walker K., James W.

EUCH. MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Cindy H.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GREETERS: Parker Family **GIFTS:** Feldmeyers & Thomas Fam.

MONEY COUNTERS: Smith Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 8th, 7:15 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MONEY COUNTERS:

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

FOWLER – Sun., Dec. 11th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan & Brent Merkle

SERVERS: Adan M., Caleb H., Crystal M.

EXTRA. ORD. MIN: Stacy & Kevin Milford, Steve Dewell

USHERS: Jim Devine, Dan Harris

GREETERS/GIFTS: Kevin & Sheila Hageman

MUSIC MIN: Cherie Knott, Diane Woodruff/ Jan Brock

NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz

PLAINS – Sat. Dec. 10th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Martha Saucedo

SERVERS: Jared H., Grace H., Gloria K.

EUCH. MIN: Traci E., Terry S., Nefro S.

GREETERS: Shawn & Kathy Jacobs

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Ray & Jenny Amerin

MONEY COUNTERS: Kristen G., Patricia C.

MEADE – Sun., Dec. 11th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Cali Keith

SERVERS: Payton W., Katie W., Degnan B.

EUCH. MIN: Vince K., Janet R., Tom R.

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GREETERS: Roberts Family **GIFTS:** Flavin Family

MONEY COUNTERS: Smith Family

ROSARY: Audrey Flowers

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 11th, 1:00 pm

VOCATION VIEWS: How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,897.00	\$560.00	\$1,043.25
OFFERTORY:	\$397.00	\$84.00	\$259.25
CHILDREN:	\$25.00	\$6.00	Bldg. Fd. \$.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$200.00	\$.00
ALL SAINTS:	\$.00	\$.00	Centennial Bks \$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,319.00	\$850.00	\$1,302.50
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Reflecting more upon the passage from Revelations 3:15-16, which was the topic for last week's reflection, the passage from Revelations 2:4 came to my mind. Speaking of the Church at Ephesus, the Spirit told John to tell them that, in spite of their good works, there was one thing held against them: they had lost the love that they had at first. It leads me to understand that what God wants from us more than anything is our love. God desires our love for Him and our love for others. If we are filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit, we will love God and we will allow that love to lead us to a deep love for our neighbor.

The more we reflect upon the love God has shown us through His Son, the more we will grow in love for God. There is no better matter to reflect than upon the love that God has shown by sending His Son to become one of us and to offer His life on the cross. God could have abandoned us and left us in our sin. Instead, God has reached out to us and given us the hope of life that will last for all eternity. If we wish to overcome any lukewarmness we find in ourselves, meditating on this love can draw us to loving God more in response for His love. The more we love God, the more we will express our love for our neighbor. In fact, the love we show for our neighbor will serve as a thermometer to tell us the degree of our love for God.

RCIA RETREAT, "JOURNEYS TO CONVERSION is scheduled on February 18, 2017, at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend, KS (English Only); or February 25, 2017, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral in Dodge City, KS., Saturday, 9:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. (Registration between 8:45 and 9:15 a.m.) This retreat is a time of reflection and prayer with others who are also engaged in the RCIA program. It is designed as a preparation for the Lenten scrutinies but not intended to replace the scrutiny process in the parish. It is for catechumens, candidates, sponsors and teams as part of the recommended RCIA formation process for the Diocese. Registration Fees: \$55 per parish and \$15 per person. Register by February 3 for the Great Bend retreat; register by Feb. 10 for the Dodge City retreat.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Reminder: there will be confessions for St. Anthony PSR students at 5:30 p.m., on December 4; confessions for St. John PSR students on Wednesday, December 7, at 4:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.; There will be confessions in Plains on Friday evening, December 9, at 6:30 p.m., after the Spanish Mass, and on Saturday, December 10, after Mass, at 6:30 p.m. There will be confessions in Fowler on December 11, at 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 14, at 5:30 p.m. for the PSR students who will still need to go. The times marked PSR are scheduled primarily for the religious education students. However, adults are also welcome, especially after the students have had a chance to receive the Sacrament.

Announcements for Plains

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

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.

MEADE PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 7, in the Forst Center.

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

D OF I MEETING is scheduled for this Monday, at 7:00 p.m. at Jane Chance's, 811 Church St., Xmas party and meeting. Bring an appetizer and monetary donation to Birthright.

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 Saturday, December 10, at 9:00 a.m., in the Fowler Friends Church. Your help would be appreciated.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will be done on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, after the parish potluck. 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.

LITTLE LAMBS & FIRST COMMUNION CLASS RESCHEDULED for Sunday, December 11th. We will not be meeting on December 18th due to the Bishop's visit.

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