

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2016



Remember: Join with others to pray for our nation

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

11	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Third Sunday of Advent.....+Father Francis Stuart
11	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Third Sunday of Advent+Fern Beckerman (Bob & Peggy Higgins)
11	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
12	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Our Lady of Guadalupe.....Deceased Relatives & Friends (Brigid Thurman)
13	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Lucy.....+Father Henry Hildebrandt
14	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. John of the Cross.....+Fern Beckerman (Kevin & Gari-Ann Stein)
14	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. John of the Cross.....+Eric Zimmerman (Larry & Cherie Knott)
14	Wed	5:30 pm	(F)	Confessions – Fowler PSR
15	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....+Deceased Loved Ones (Ray & Jenny Amerin Family)
16	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....+Gregg Knott (Joyce Knott)
16	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Advent...(Spanish).....For Vocations to the priesthood & religious life
17	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Earl Shinogle (Ken & Linda Hammerbacher)
18	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Father Francis Stuart
18	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Advent+Eric Zimmerman (Marilyn Dewell)
18	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth 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

FOWLER – Sunday, Dec. 18th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Decinda Heinz, Kevin Milford

SERVERS: Troy L., Kale H., Julian M.

GREETERS: Ron Hageman, John Weber

COLL. COUNTERS: Dan & Brenda Harris

NURSING HOME: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Saturday, Dec. 17th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell

SERVERS: Anaee G., Yanet G., Dolores A.

GREETERS: Butch Amerin, Greg Donahue

COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Sunday, Dec. 18th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Cory Klaker

SERVERS: Preston W., Emily F., Brenna F.

GREETERS: Rickard Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 18th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

GREETERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,860.00	\$865.00		\$1,466.00
OFFERTORY:	\$186.00	\$893.00		\$206.50
CHILDREN:	\$34.00	\$8.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$20.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
ALL SAINTS:	\$0.00	\$0.00	Centennial Bks	\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$61.51</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>		<u>\$72.30</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,141.51	\$1,766.00		\$1,764.80
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

EUCH MIN: Judy Dewell, Sarah Jordan, Jim Devine

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford, Jan Brock

USHERS: Larry Knott, Kevin Hageman

ROSARY: Diane Leis

EUCH. MIN: Teresa G., Maria D., Larry E.

MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

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

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Haberman & Hagemeyer Families

ROSARY: Flavin Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

COLL. COUNTERS:

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Giving gifts or sending cards this Christmas? If so, make sure to do more than wrap the gifts or send the cards. Take care to enclose your love, appreciation or gratitude. Even the most simple of gifts or cards can be very much appreciated if they are accompanied by sincere sentiments of love or appreciation. Costly gifts or cards can seem meaningless if they do not convey the sentiments of the giver or sender. Giving wonderful gifts for Christmas does not take a big budget. Instead a big heart is needed, a heart full of love and gratitude.

Not all persons experience loving families and receive multiple gifts. REMEMBER those who are bought and sold as commodities for greed and pleasure. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

TOPEKA PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 23, 2017. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. This event is open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. The bus will depart from Dodge City at 5:30 am and stop in Great Bend at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day's activities will include a Mass, march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building, lunch and tour of the Capitol. Leave Topeka around 4:00 to return back to the Diocese, with return stops in Salina, Great Bend and Dodge City. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally); Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home.

Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to Gayla Kirmer, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801, 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org. Registration forms can be obtained through the parish DRE and on the diocesan website.

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.

Job loss. Domestic Violence. Medical emergencies. An unplanned pregnancy. A tornado. When life events leave individuals and families in a poor and vulnerable position, Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is there to provide hope and help. But we need your help! Please give to the 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal at <http://catholiccharitiesswks.org/2016-annual-appeal>.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHARITIES BY DONATING YOUR UNWANTED CARS! You get a tax deduction, and we take that car off of your hands and get a bit of money, too. Visit <http://bit.ly/2tfFY5Y> for more information.

VOCATION VIEWS: Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God's promise. (Isaiah 35:10) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR CLUSTER are: on Christmas Eve – 5:30 p.m. at Plains; 7:30 p.m. at Meade; 10:00 p.m. at Fowler. Christmas Day Mass in Spanish is at 10:00 a.m. in Plains.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE: 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.

POTLUCK SUPPER: On December 17, Bishop Brungardt will be in our parish. There will be a Potluck Supper following Mass in the Parish Center. Everyone, please bring a covered dish!

PLAINS PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, in the parish rectory.

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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We will be decorating after Mass on the 18th. All JH, HS and college students are welcome to come help! Lunch will be served.

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.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will be done on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18. Your help will be greatly appreciated. We will begin the work after the Parish Potluck. Thank You So Much!

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.