

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2017



Remember: Join with others to pray for our nation

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

22	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Dan Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
22	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time+Father Francis Stuart
22	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
23	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children....+Father Francis Stuart
24	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Francis De Sales.....+Gilbert Hageman (Diane Hageman)
25	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.....+Fern Beckerman (Juanita Gerber)
25	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	The Conversion of St. Paul the ApostleDeceased Loved Ones (Rita Bergkamp)
26	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Timothy & Titus.....+Fr. Jake Roth (Joyce Knott)
27	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Angela Merici.....+Earl Shinogle (Lyle & Naomi Mellen)
27	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. Angela Merici.....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the priesthood & religious life
28	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Leo Wenta (Dixie Hageman)
29	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary TimeDeceased Loved Ones (Larry & Marge Donahue)
29	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time+C J Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
29	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time(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 – Saturday, Jan. 28th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan, Brent Merkle

SERVERS: Julian M., Paige H., Jacey W.

GREETERS: Tom & Jerri Leis

COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber

NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 29th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell

SERVERS: Owen V., Jared H., Bob K.

GREETERS: Kelby & Rebi Ross

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 29th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell

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

GREETERS: Borth Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 29th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

GREETERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: The watchword today is “immediately.” Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God’s call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

EUCH MIN: Kevin & Stacy Milford, Dave Weber

MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis, Laurie Devine/clavinova

USHERS: Ron Beckerman, Fred Boyd

ROSARY: Marilyn Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Silvia O., Traci E., Mary A.

MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliott

ROSARY: Brendon Smith

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

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Keith Family

ROSARY: Flavin Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

COLL. COUNTERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$.00	\$940.00	\$.00
OFFERTORY:	\$.00	\$50.00	\$.00
CHILDREN:	\$.00	\$5.00	Bldg. Fd. \$.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
OTHER:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$.00	\$995.00	\$.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Most Christians who are sincerely striving to live their faith would acknowledge that prayer is extremely important. Nevertheless, most of us struggle with prayer. We find too many other demands upon our time. We find ourselves distracted while we try to pray. Sometimes we question why prayer is important. Does not God know what we want and what we need? Does God really want our praise and worship? In spite of all these difficulties with prayer, we know that the scriptures remind us over and over again that prayer is important. It is not so essential that we can explain why prayer is important. What is necessary is that we believe the word of God and sincerely commit ourselves to prayer. Since there will always be demands upon our time, we must honestly ask ourselves if all those things that demand our time are really that necessary. We also need to face the fact that our day just might go better if we could begin the day by focusing on the Lord and listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as we set out on our day's activities. From my personal experience, I know that the homilies I give seem to go much better when I begin by asking God to give me the thoughts and ideas about which He wants me to speak. I am confident that we would all find that our days are more productive and less stressful when we allow God to guide our thoughts and actions. Yes, we will be distracted in prayer, but are we not also distracted in our work and in our conversations with others? Distractions are part of our lives. In prayer, the important thing is that we calmly bring our minds back to God and ask God to touch our hearts with His love and His guidance. If, in the next breath, our minds wonder off again, it should not discourage us. God knows our desire to pray and God knows the weakness of our human condition. Let us trust that God is with us even in our weakness and in our distractions.

After writing the above, I read the following in a newsletter from the Monastery of Christ in the Desert in New Mexico: "There is no labor greater than that of prayer to God. For every time a man wants to pray, his enemies, the demons, want to prevent him, for they know that it is only by turning him from prayer that they can hinder his journey to God."

PARISH MISSION: WE ARE INVITED! The St. John Nepomuk Catholic Church and School in the Oklahoma City, OK Archdiocese would like to invite members in the Dodge City Diocese to attend their 2017 Parish Mission in February. David Haas will be performing a concert on Friday, February 10th at 7pm and continuing with an all day mission on Saturday, February 11th from 9am - 8pm. Lunch will be provided with a \$10 cost. Please RSVP at www.sjnoc.org or text mission2017 to 555888.

Human Trafficking Awareness month. LEARN about human trafficking in this country and particularly in your state and area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)

Don't forget our website: <https://meadecocatholic.org/>

VOCATION VIEWS: If you were Peter or Andrew, James, or John, would you be able to follow Jesus with abandon? What is holding you back? (Matthew 4:12-23). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

THE 2017 SOUTHWEST KANSAS YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE will be March 24-25th!!! There will be great speakers, Mass, social, Reconciliation and more!!! To be notified when registration is open please email Gentry Heimerman at gheimerman@dcdiocese.org.

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL 2017 SCHOOL AUCTION is Saturday, January 28th. Come enjoy the laid back atmosphere! K of C doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. with Italian Buffet by Bella Italia. Cost is \$20 at ticket or reserved table for 8 is \$240. Tickets are available at the School Office or by calling Jeremy Rabe at 620-338-4549.

Announcements for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) There will be prayer for our country on Sunday, at 5:30 p.m.

THRIFT SHOP: January is our month to take care of the Thrift Shop. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. All help is greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday evening from 6-8p.m. and on Friday afternoon, 2-4 p.m. During 2017, our turn to run the Thrift Shop will be every three months, so we will need volunteers more often. Thank you to all who help with this service in our community.

Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) There will be Mass on Monday, at 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS who will be confirmed on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. They are: Monica Gleason, Cali Keith, Brooke Keith, Amanda Kastens, Payton Welsh, Nolan Dewell, Taegen Woodruff, Preston Woodruff, Horacio Holguin, Wyatt Bolton.

Announcements for Fowler

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

CONGRATULATION TO OUR STUDENTS who made their First Confessions on Wednesday, January 18th. They are: Jayden Renfro, Carson Wideman, Cooper Laudick, and Saul Mendoza. Please continue to pray for these students as they prepare to make their First Communions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS who will be confirmed on Wednesday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m., in Meade. They are: Caleb Heinz, Jacey Wideman, Paige Harris, Reagin Duesing, Crystal Medrano, Angel Medrano, Kambrey Weber, Kenyan Weber, Kadyne Weber, Carlos Mendoza, and Mallory Bergkamp.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS Youth Fundraiser: Sat., Feb 18, Roast Beef Dinner & Raffle! 32" Sanyo LED, LCD HDTV and JBL Portable Wireless Speaker and many other items. More info later.