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The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

**Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives
by keeping the doors open,
let us try also to be a church that finds new roads,
that is able to step outside itself and go
to those who do not attend Mass,
to those who have quit or are indifferent.**

Pope Francis

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

23	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Brandan Wenta (Brenda Wenta)
23	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Barbara Amerin (Lucy Bromwell)
23	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
24	Mon	11:30 am	(M)	St. Sharbei Makhluif.....	For an end to human trafficking
24	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Sharbei Makhluif.....	+Father Henry Hildebrandt (Steve & Judy Dewell)
25	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. James.....	+Father George Mueller
25	Tue	11:30 am	(M)	St. James.....	For vocations to the priesthood & religious life
26	Wed	9:45 am	(FRC)	St Joachim & Anne.....	+John Heinz (Rita Hoffman)
27	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For World Peace
27	Thu	11:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For couples having marital problems
28	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For our seminarians
28	Fri	11:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For vocations to the priesthood & religious life
29	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	For renewal of Faith in our parishes
30	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+John Heinz (Rita Hoffman)
30	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Lucy Bromwell Family (Lucy Bromwell)
30	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	17 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 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!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Laurie Devine
SERVERS: Paige H., Crystal M., Kale H.
GREETERS: TJ & Pam Milford Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Dan & Brenda Harris
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Sunday, July 30th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle
SERVERS: Jared H., Jesse O., Kerri V.
GREETERS: Kelby & Rebi Ross
COLL. COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Saturday, July 29th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell
SERVERS: Walker K., James W., Taegan W.
GREETERS: Cottrell Families
COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, July 30th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:
GREETERS:

EUCH MIN: Kevin & Stacy Milford, Steve Dewell
MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford, Cathy Heinz /clavinova
USHERS: Dave Weber, John Weber
ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Silvia O., Ron E., Jenny A.
MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo
ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein

EUCH MIN: Vince K., Janet R., Tom R.
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: Hollis Family
ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:
COLL. COUNTERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: “Those who are just must be kind,” says today’s first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord’s harvest.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,450.00	\$1,157.75	\$545.00
OFFERTORY:	\$166.00	\$442.00	\$248.00
CHILDREN:	\$7.00	\$22.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
BABY BOTTLES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RENT:	\$42.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$17.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,682.00	\$1,721.75	\$793.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: One of the obstacles to prayer in the lives of many of us are the constant distractions. We begin prayer with good intentions but soon find ourselves thinking about a multiplicity of things other than our prayer and our relationship with God. We can easily decide that we are just not able to pray so why keep on trying. In our discouragement, we need to realize that everyone who attempts prayer struggles with distraction. Even the greatest saints experienced the struggle with distracting thoughts. The solution is not to quit praying. Instead, we need to humbly acknowledge to God how weak we are and how easily our minds are diverted to other things. Then we can express our desire to be with God and to grow in a deeper unity with Him. God created us. God knows how weak we are. Our desire to be with God is itself pleasing to God. When distractions come--as they always will--we should calmly bring our thoughts back to our prayer, thanking God that he loves us with all of our weaknesses and human imperfections. Our distractions can humble us and serve to remind us of our need for God's grace and mercy. Distractions serve as a reminder of our need for God's help in all areas of our lives.

IN THE BEGINNING... This is a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of "Chris." (week 18) "When I am sleeping, I have REM (rapid eye movements) which means I am dreaming, but I can't remember my dreams. My vocal cords have formed but I don't make a sound – must be because there is no air in here. Isn't it amazing that I'm able to breathe 'underwater,' inhaling and exhaling small amounts of amniotic fluid?" Chris is working on developing great lungs. Mother may start to feel Chris as a flutter in her lower abdomen. *"Is there anything too wonderful for Yahweh? At the same time next year I shall visit you again and Sarah will have a son."* Gen. 18: 13-14

RENEWAL DAYS INVITATION FOR THE PUBLIC: **Come pray with and for our seminarians:** All are invited to join Bishop John, Fr. Wesley, and all the Dodge City seminarians for a Holy Hour from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 5th, at St. Anthony Church, Liberal. It will be an opportunity to pray in front of our Eucharistic Lord both with and for the seminarians of our Diocese.

SEMINARIAN SEND-OFF IN LIBERAL: Bishop John will be blessing our seminarians as they begin their new academic year at the following Masses at St. Anthony in Liberal – August 5th at 5:30 p.m. (English); August 6th at 9:00 a.m. (English) and 11:00 a.m. (Spanish). Each Mass will be followed by an opportunity to meet and greet the seminarians. Come offer your prayers and best wishes as they prepare to return to school.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? — Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend struggling or even heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 25-27 call Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520 or email us at retropairamarillo@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

VOCATION VIEWS: **Good and evil exist together in the world. Pray that good may grow and take root in you like a mustard seed that, when full-grown, is the largest of plants. What are you doing to nurture good in our world? (Matthew 13:24-43). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.**

St. Isidore's will be hosting a retreat for all incoming freshmen at Kansas State University. This retreat focuses on building strong friendships and encouraging students to maintain their Catholic faith in college, while also demonstrating all that St. Isidore's has to offer. Our retreat will be held on Friday August 25th, and Saturday August 26th, and will be run by our students, FOCUS Missionaries, and Campus Ministers. This is not an overnight retreat. For additional information, contact Robbie Jennings at rjennings@stisidores.com. To sign-up, visit our website www.stisidores.com.

MASS INTENTIONS: Now is an opportune time to request Masses for your intentions. At the present time, we have very few Mass requests. This means your requests can be honored very quickly!

Announcement for Plains

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

Announcements for Meade

COMMUNITY FOOD BANK: We have the Food Bank this month and there will be a box in the back of church for your donations. Please be generous to those who need our help!

PLEASE NOTE the Mass schedule this week. The usual Masses will be accompanied by Mass every day at 11:30 a.m., for the kids of Totus Tuus. You are welcome to attend.

TOTUS TUUS: Totus Tuus is this week at the Forst Center in Meade. JH/HS students meet Sunday - Thursday, July 23-27 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:45 p.m.. Grades 1-6 meet Monday - Friday, July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided for the younger group as will snacks for both groups. Families and members of the parish are invited to join us for Mass Monday - Friday at 11:30 a.m. Fr. Jacob Schneider will preside over Tuesday's Mass. All are also invited to a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday. Come, meet the team and learn what our youth have been busy with for the week. Please keep our priests, youth, and the Totus Tuus Team in your prayers this week. Call/text Heather Flavin with any questions 873-9468.

YOU ARE INVITED! Emmanuel Mennonite Church would like to invite our church family to a fun night at the fairgrounds on July 27th, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in the outdoor games/activities, which include a slip'n slide and kick ball. If you have any questions, please contact Deanna Wasson at 482-2069.

BRIDAL SHOWER: On Saturday, August 5th, there will be a bridal shower for Robin Flowers from 10:00 a.m. – noon, at the Forst Center. All the ladies of the parish are invited.

Announcements for Fowler

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

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TAKE NOTE: Note the Mass schedule this week. There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass on Wed. Join us at Fowler Residential Care, at 9:45 a.m.!