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The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2017

Pope Francis points out that "the Church grows by attraction, not proselytizing," The beauty in the Church is irresistible. The problem is that our sin distorts it. The saints learn to magnify that beauty through their love and humility, rather than distort it with proselytizing and pride. We need saints. And not just saints of the past--*your* sainthood.

Messy & Foolish by Mathew Warner

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

20	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time……For a renewal of faith in our parishes
20	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ……+Barbara Amerin (Butch Amerin)
20	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ……(Spanish)……For the Parishioners
21	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Pius X……+Betty Flowers (Robert & Erma Schneweis)
22	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary……+Gene & Betty Flowers (Eldon Osbore)
23	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Rose of Lima……For a renewal of faith in our parishes
23	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Rose of Lima……+Margaret Dabbelt (Marilyn Dewell)
24	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Bartholomew……+Victor Hageman (Bob & Kathy Goertz)
25	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Louis , Joseph Calasanz……+Mr. & Mrs. John Amerin, Sr. (Butch Amerin)
25	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Ss. Louis , Joseph Calasanz (Spanish)……For Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life
26	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time……+Gene & Betty Flowers
27	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ……For World Peace
27	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time ……+Victor Hageman (Bob & Kathy Goertz)
27	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The 21st 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.

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.

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, Aug. 27th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Andra Cunningham, Doug Heinz
SERVERS: Caleb H., Crystal M., Paige H.
GREETERS: Karen McDowell, Glenda Merkle
COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell
NURSING HOME: Kevin & Stacy Milford
EUCH MIN: Pam Milford, Dave Weber, Brenda M.
MUSIC MIN: Angie Dewell, Cathy Heinz/ Jan
USHERS: Van Heinz, Tom Huelskamp
ROSARY: Randy Leis

PLAINS – Sunday, Aug. 27th , 10:30 am

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell
SERVERS: Ron E., Yanet G., Lucy V.
GREETERS: Butch Amerin, Greg Donahue
COLL. COUNTERS: Kristin Grilliot
EUCH. MIN: Debbie E., Larry E., Teresa G.
MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar
ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein

MEADE – Saturday, Aug. 26th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Vince Koons
SERVERS: Kynlee F., Tayte F., Preston W.
GREETERS: Flavin Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family
EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Goudy F., Audrey F.
MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker
GIFTS: Keith Family
ROSARY: Devine Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Aug. 27th , 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:
GREETERS:
EUCH MIN:
USHERS:
COLL. COUNTERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today" What gifts are mine to share?

	FOWLER	MEADE	PLAINS
ENVELOPES:	$1,500.00	$1,481.00	$1,533.00
OFFERTORY:	$105.00	$115.00	$199.00
CHILDREN:	$7.00	$1.00	Bldg. Fd. $90.00
BABY BOTTLES:	$.00	$.00	$.00
RENT:	$.00	$.00	$.00
CANDLES:	$36.00	$.00	$9.00
TOTAL:	$1,648.00	$1,597.00	$1,831.00
	$2,118.00	$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Our faith in Christ can offer us much comfort during the struggles of our lives. On the other hand, it can challenge us greatly. I deeply believe that if we want the comfort Christ Jesus can offer us we must respond to the challenge. It is relatively easy to live the Christian life in a way that does not challenge us. We can convince ourselves that prayer, going to Mass at least occasionally and avoiding the big sins, is sufficient to say I am truly a Christian--one who follows Christ. However, Jesus never told us that following Him would be easy. He said such uncomfortable things such as: "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:27). He said we must even place Him above our most cherished family relationships (cf. Luke 14:26). He gave us the commandment that we must love as He loved (John 13:34) and we know that He loved us to the point of dying for us. Jesus asks us nothing short of a total gift of ourselves. In return, he promises us a life that will never end--a life of eternal joy and glory. If you can find a better offer anywhere, take it! In the end, it will not matter how much we have in our savings account or portfolio of investments. The salary we earned or the positions we have held will not matter. What will matter is whether we have surrendered our lives to Him.

IN THE BEGINNING… This is a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of "Chris." (week 22) "My tongue is fully formed now. I'm practicing giving people a raspberry! I can hear noises from the outside. Some loud ones scare me. I know mom's voice and like the music she listens to. I now have fingernails and fingerprints. I'm not as little as I used to be just a few weeks ago. Now I am about 10 inches long if I stand up straight!"
Mom is waiting to find out if Chris is a boy or girl.
"And every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."
Philippians 2:11.

DECHANT FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT: The 3rd Annual Dechant Foundation Golf Tournament:-benefiting the retired Priest fund of the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City will be held Friday, September 8, 2017, at Mariah Hills Golf Course, 1800 Matt Down Rd, Dodge City, KS. The day will begin with Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe daily chapel at 10:30 am; registration at 11:30 am at Mariah Hills pro shop; 12 noon lunch; 1:00 pm shotgun start golf tourney; followed by 6:00 pm banquet. Sponsorships are still available. For more information, contact Mark Roth at: mroth@dcdiocese.org. or 620-227-1535. $500 for 4-person team. Cost includes green fees, cart rental, lunch, banquet and hole prizes. All parishes in the Diocese are encouraged to enter a team! Deadline to enter is August 25.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED: Please pray for our five seminarians as they head off to seminary this month. Keep them in prayer now and throughout the year! John Stang - Prince of Peace, Great Bend; Austin Habash - Prince of Peace, Great Bend; Tyler Saucedo - Prince of Peace, Great Bend; Eric Frieb - St. Ann, Olmitz; Esteban Hernandez - Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City.

VOCATION VIEWS: **A Canaanite woman implored Jesus to reach out to help her daughter. Jesus was stretched beyond what he thought was his mission. Will you let yourself go beyond what is "safe"? (Matthew 15:21-28). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations**

2017 STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE: The 2017 stewardship conference is August 26th at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. The theme for this year is Vibrancy. From highlighting areas of vibrancy to learning how to be vibrant, this conference will help individuals and parishes live out Bishop Brungardt's mantra to "preach the gospel with great joy"

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE 2018 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. 17-21, 2018. 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. 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 for Great Bend Parishioners, Sept. 14, and outside Great Bend, Oct. 2, with final payment due Dec. 11. For more information contact Jaclyn Brown, Director of Youth and Adult Ministries, @ 620.792.1396 or youth@gbpeace.kscoxmail.com.

RETROUVAILLE: 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.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN AWARENESS SESSION **is scheduled in English in Fowler on Sunday August 27th, 2017, from 3- 6 p.m. in St. Anthony Parish School. 503 4th St. Fowler, KS. 67844. Contact Person is Sarah Weber 620-430-1627. PGC Facilitator is Sharon Stuart 620-225-5164.**

Announcement for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (the rosary) There will be prayer for our country on Sunday, at 5:30 p.m.
CONFIRMATION INFO: Any student, 9 -12th grade, who is wanting to be Confirmed is asked to please sign up on the sheet at the entrance of church. You must have been baptized and have made your 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. We are not sure if we will have Confirmation this year or next, but you must be attending class and going to Mass on a regular basis.
Please contact Jenny Amerin, Carmen Puentes, or Fr. Ted if you have any questions.
THRIFT SHOP: The time has come for our turn to take care of the Thrift Shop. September is our month. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. All help is greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. and on Friday afternoon 2-4 p.m. Thank you to all who help with this service project in our community.

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!
PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (Mass, followed by the rosary) is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Monday in the church.

Announcements for Fowler

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