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The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 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

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| 10 | Sun | 8:30 am | (F) | The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.....For a renewal of faith in our parishes |
| 10 | Sun | 10:30 am | (P) | The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.....Deceased Family & Friends (Larry & Marge Donahue) |
| 10 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....Nicolasa Tapia Padilla |
| 11 | Mon | | | No Week day Mass this Week |
| 12 | Tue | | | No Week day Mass this Week |
| 13 | Wed | | | No Week day Mass this Week |
| 13 | Wed | | | No Week day Mass this Week |
| 14 | Thu | | | No Week day Mass this Week |
| 15 | Fri | | | No Week day Mass this Week |
| 16 | Sat | 5:30 pm | (M) | The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Leo Wentz (Wentz Family) |
| 17 | Sun | 8:30 am | (F) | The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary TimeMass of Thanksgiving (John & Rita Riebel's 72 nd Anniv.) |
| 17 | Sun | 10:30 am | (P) | The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time+Barbara Amerin (Butch Amerin) |
| 17 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The 24 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](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, Sept. 17th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Rhonda Milford, Andra Cunningham

SERVERS: Jacey W., Crystal M., Kale H.

GREETERS: Larry & Cherie Knott

COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber

NURSING HOME: Kevin & Stacy Milford

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 17th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Ron Eakes

SERVERS: Nefro S., Hailey S., Yanet G.

GREETERS: Vern & Angie Kisner

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Saturday, Sept 16th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Nolan D., James W., Taegan W.

GREETERS: Gleason Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 17th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

GREETERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

EUCH MIN: Sarah Jordan, Jim Devine, Pam Milford

MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis, Laurie Devine/ Jan Brock

USHERS: Kevin Milford, Mark Wideman

ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Jenny A., Maria D., Lucy B.

MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

EUCH MIN: Janet R., Tom R., Audrey F.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Rickard Family

ROSARY: Devine Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

COLL. COUNTERS:

| | <u>FOWLER</u> | <u>MEADE</u> | | <u>PLAINS</u> |
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| ENVELOPES: | \$915.00 | \$610.00 | | \$1,595.00 |
| OFFERTORY: | \$285.00 | \$149.00 | | \$410.00 |
| CHILDREN: | \$2.00 | \$13.00 | Bldg. Fd. | \$930.00 |
| BABY BOTTLES: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| MEMORIAL: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| CANDLES: | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$1,202.00 | \$772.00 | | \$2,935.00 |
| | \$2,118.00 | \$1,250.00 | | |

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: How can we know that we are truly a follower or a disciple of Christ? There is a way to get a clear answer to that question. We can look at three things in our lives. One of those is to look at how we spend our time. Does our faith in Christ change the way we spend our time? Do we make changes in our schedule to allow for prayer, for concern for others because we are a committed follower of Christ? A second thing to look at is the way we spend our money. If someone were to look at our bank account or our credit card statements, would they be able to see that our financial decisions were impacted by our faith in Christ? A third way is to look at our relationships. Does my faith in Christ influence the close relationships I have in my life? In other words, do I choose to be close to people who will lead me to goodness and holiness or do I form close relationships with people who are drawing me away from the Lord Jesus and the values that he taught us. It is one thing to believe in Jesus (i.e. to believe that he existed and that he is God); it is another thing to believe in such a way that my way of life is influenced by that belief. The faith that is required for salvation is a faith that forms and guides our way of living. A mere intellectual belief that Jesus is God and that he lived on earth does nothing for my salvation if it does not impact my way of life.

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. There is a \$50 nonrefundable reservation fee, due at time of registration by 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.

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF: Through Catholic Charities and other ministries, dioceses throughout Texas are providing basic humanitarian and pastoral support to thousands of Texans affected by Hurricane Harvey. The Texas bishops are coordinating efforts with Catholic Charities USA and local civic authorities. Currently we request people join in prayer for the coastal and inland areas being affected, and consider donating money to local dioceses and Catholic Charities.

IN THE BEGINNING... This is a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of "Chris." (week 25) "I'm really beginning to bulk up. I gained 6 ounces this week! I think most of it was muscle but also some bone mass and some organ development. My taste buds allow me to distinguish bitter, sweet and sour. My lungs have developed so well, I'm now officially considered viable." Chris could live out side the womb. Each parent contributed 15,000 genes that determined not only what Chris looks like but how Chris interprets tastes, Chris's athletic abilities, health, and much more.
"Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you even at my mother's breast." Psalm 22:9.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS: When we remember and mourn our losses, we free our souls to move beyond the pain. Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and remember, mourn, and be set free.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats – Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time.
Next retreat: September 29, 30, October 1. 1-877-I-GRIEVE (1-877-447-4383)
rachelvineyard@salinadiocese.org **CONFIDENTIAL.**

VOCATION VIEWS: Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life. (Matthew 18:15-20). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF: Bishop Brungardt asks that we support those dealing with Harvey through these channels: <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/> or <https://txcatholic.org/harvey/>

COMMUNITY EVENT: Plains Senior Center "Young At Heart" will be sponsoring a Fundraiser, Sunday, September 17, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be a Free Will Donation Roast Beef Dinner served at the Plains Community Building. Your support will be greatly appreciated!
Plains Senior Citizens

Announcement for Plains

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

NOTICE: the phone in the rectory and hall have been taken out. The number you call that is listed is the rectory in Meade, 873-2003.

PARISH COUNCIL: Parish Council meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Please note the Mass schedule! Father will be on retreat. There will be no week day Mass. Keep Father in your prayers for a wonderful retreat and a safe journey back.

Announcements for Meade

PSR We are still looking for more teachers to get our year started. We have spots to fill during both class times. K-5 will have class from 4-5 p.m. & 6-12 will meet from 7-8:15 p.m. If no 6th grade teacher can be found, 6th grade will attend the earlier class time. Please contact Heather Flavin 873-9468 if you are able to give of your time & help our youth grow in their faith. We will start class on Sept. 13. **Feel free to contact Heather at 620-873-9468 or by email flavins2004@gmail.com.**

D OF I has a meeting scheduled on Monday, September 11, at the Forst Center at 7:00 p.m.

SLOPPY JOE MEAL & COUNTRY STORE BINGO is scheduled after Mass on Saturday, September 23, at the Forst Center at 7:00 p.m. Please come and join the fun!

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Announcements for Fowler

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

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament is scheduled this Monday, September 11, 3 -6 p.m.

PSR: Sept 10 will be enrollment for Parish Religious Ed classes...including regular Wednesday classes, Little Lambs, and First Holy Communion classes. Enrollment will be after Mass in the school. If more information is needed, call Sarah Weber, 620-430-1627.

YOUTH BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER is scheduled after Mass on Sunday, September 24 at the Parish School. Serving biscuits and gravy. Please mark your calendars!

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