

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

*“One mightier than I is coming after me...
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”*

Mark 1:7-8

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

10	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Second Sunday of Advent.....	For World Peace
10	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent	+Donald Gertner (Josephine Amerin)
10	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent	(Spanish)..... For the Parishioners
11	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Damasus I.....	+Bill Dewell (Kevin & Susan Dewell)
11	Mon	6:00 pm	(F)	St. Damasus I.....	Deceased Relatives & Friends (Brigid Thurman)
12	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Our Lady of Guadalupe.....	+Dottie Gillen
12	Tue	8:30 am	(P)	Our Lady of Guadalupe	For Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life
13	Wed	8:30 am	(P)	St. Lucy	For an end to human trafficking
13	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Lucy	For an end to religious persecution
13	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Lucy	+Eric Zimmerman (Steve & Judy Dewell)
14	Thu	7:30 am	(M)	St. John of the Cross.....	For Rain
14	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. John of the Cross	For couples having marital problems
15	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....	For a renewal of faith in our parishes
15	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Advent.....	(Spanish)..... For Rain
16	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	Third Sunday of Advent.....	+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
17	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Third Sunday of Advent	+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
17	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent.....	+Donald Gertner (Josephine Amerin)
17	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent.....	(Spanish)..... For the Parishioners

HOMEBOUND If you would like Communion brought to you at home, or have someone in the hospital, please notify Father.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masses

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, Dec. 17th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Cherie Knott,

SERVERS: Crystal M., Paige H., Kale H.

GREETERS: Sarah Jordan, Brenda Wenta

COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber

NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 17th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein

SERVERS: Jesse O., Terry S., Hailey S.

GREETERS: Butch Amerin, Greg Donahue

COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Saturday, Dec. 16th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell

SERVERS: Kynlee F., Tayte F., Taryn I.

GREETERS: Borth Family

COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 17th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: Steve Dewell, Laurie & Jim Devine

MUSIC MIN: Pam M., Cindy Lackey/ Jan

USHERS: Brent Merkle, Hank Fuhrman

ROSARY: Randy Leis

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

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Brendan Smith

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Audrey F., Vince K.

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GIFTS: Gleason Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeier

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,135.00	\$626.00	\$2,061.00
OFFERTORY:	\$141.00	\$43.00	\$497.00
CHILDREN:	\$56.00	\$3.00	Bldg. Fd. \$115.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
OTHER:	\$.00	\$.00	\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$18.00</u>

TOTAL:	\$1,332.00	\$682.00	\$2,691.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Bishop Brungardt is inviting all the priests of the diocese to lunch at his house. We are invited in groups of four or five over the next several months. I was in the group that met with the Bishop this past Tuesday. At the end of a very relaxed gathering the Bishop told us that he would offer a Mass for each of our intentions. When he asked for my intentions, I responded with two intentions: 1) for the spiritual renewal of the three parishes I serve and that I would be given the grace to follow God’s will for me. I want you to know that the bishop has or will soon celebrate a Mass for the spiritual renewal of the three parishes of Meade County. Let us all pray for that intention.

IN THE BEGINNING... This is a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of “Chris.” (week 38) Chris is now considered full-term but continues to gain and grow every day. Lungs are days from completion. “I’m practicing breathing with my amniotic fluid.” It is easy to grasp things with Chris’s little fingers. Typically, boys will weigh more than girls at birth. Only 4% of babies are actually born on their due date. Mom, pack your bags and don’t forget the camera for those all-important pictures of the baby.

“They will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God” Isaiah 35:2

COUNSELING SERVICES AT CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES No one needs to go through life’s most difficult challenges alone. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is offering free professional counseling services in Dodge City, Garden City and Great Bend for adults, children, couples, families and seniors, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.

CATHOLIC PLANNED GIVING AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is pleased to sponsor: “Catholic Planned Giving and Estate Planning”. These seminars are part of the Department of Development’s stewardship education program and concentrate on the Christian steward’s right to plan for the prayerful and orderly distribution of one’s estate. The purpose of these seminars is to inform Catholics within the diocese of their rights to ensure that their wishes and the needs of their family are carried out as intended. At the same time, we will illustrate some gift planning techniques people may use in coordination with their estate plan and to give back to God some of the material blessings He has bestowed on all of us. People generally recognize the importance of giving to their parish and diocesan ministries during their lifetime; not too many consider similar gifts in their estate plans and wills. Our vision is to show you the opportunities!

Please join us at one of the Seminars listed:

January 10, 2018, 7:00pm Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City

January 15, 2018, 7:00pm St. Anthony Parish Center, Liberal

January 25, 2018 7:00pm Prince of Peace Parish Center, Great Bend

Sacred Heart Pratt to be announced as soon as determined.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE IN OUR CLUSTER: Mass will be at **6:00 p.m.** on Christmas Eve in Meade and in Plains. Mass will be at **9:00 p.m.** on Christmas Eve in Fowler. Mass will be at **9:00 a.m.** on Christmas Day in Meade. Mass will be at **10:00 a.m.** in Spanish on Christmas Day.

VOCATION VIEWS: God calls us to proclaim the Good News. How do you share that Good News? Pray for the grace to be a faith-filled witness of God's love. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

BLESSING OF YOUR BABY JESUS: Families are invited to bring the baby Jesus from their home Nativity (crèche) to Mass on the third Sunday of Advent, Dec. 17. There will be a special blessing of all the figurines after the Prayers of the Faithful (General Intercessions). That same Sunday at the Vatican, Pope Francis is scheduled to bless the figurines of all those who gather in St. Peter's Square for the praying of the Angelus and his weekly message. Blessed Pope Paul VI began the figurine blessing tradition at St. Peter's in 1969. It is called "Bambinelli Sunday" ("bambinelli" is Italian for the Nativity figurines).

ADVENT CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE: Sunday, December 10, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. -in Fowler
Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. - in Plains
Saturday, December 16, after 5:30 p.m. Mass - in Meade
Sunday, December 17, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - in Plains
Wednesday, December 20, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Fowler
Friday, December 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. (after Spanish Mass) to 7:30 p.m. in Plains

Announcement for Plains

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

THRIFT SHOP: The time has come for our turn to take care of the Thrift Shop. January 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 pm and on Friday afternoon 2-4 pm. Thank you to all who help with this service project in our community.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: On Wednesday, December 13, Pastoral Council is scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by the rosary for our country.

D OF I: St. Anthony's D of I will meet on December 11th in St. Anthony's Parish School in Fowler. Our State Regent will be here for audit and installation of Officers. Officers bring your books and please be there at 5:00 p.m. for audit with the State Regent. Meeting and installation will begin at 5:30 p.m. We will be collecting Christmas donations for Birthright.

Announcements for Fowler

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: We are collecting food for the Community Holiday Food Boxes. Please contribute nonperishable food to the boxes in the gathering space. You may also contribute monetary donations to Judy or Steve Dewell for those in need.

DECORATING OUR CHURCH for Christmas will be done after Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent, the 17th. Please stay after Mass and help us!

MORNING GLORY, LITTLE LAMBS & FIRST COMMUNION CLASS will be on December 17 after Mass.

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