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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. ...the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. Luke 1: 35-36

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

24	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent.....Deceased Relatives (Bobby Lauppe & Sarah Jordan)
24	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Donald Gertner (Josephine Amerin)
24	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
24	Sun	6:00 pm	(M)	The Nativity of the Lord.....+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
24	Sun	6:00 pm	(P)	The Nativity of the Lord.....+George & Anna Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
24	Sun	9:00 pm	(F)	The Nativity of the Lord.....+Eugene Bergkamp (Shelby Huslig)
25	Mon	9:00 am	(M)	The Nativity of the Lord.....+Dottie Gillen (Dan & Carolyn Boyd)
25	Mon	10:00am	(P)	The Nativity of the Lord.....(Spanish).....For World Peace
26	Tues	7:30 am	(M)	St. Stephen+Dottie Gillen (Marjorie Gillen Family)
27	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. JohnFor Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
27	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. John.....+Norma Vrtiska (Carla Bartlett)
28	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	The Holy Innocents.....+Ralph Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
29	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.....Souls in Purgatory (Dolores Amerin)
30	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....Adam & Liz Gleason
31	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph..... Deceased Relatives (Sobba Family)
31	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & JosephFor Rain
31	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
31	Sun	5:30 pm	(M)	The Solemnity of Mary.....+Dottie Gillen (Marjorie Gillen Family)
01	Mon	8:30 am	(F)	The Solemnity of Mary.....+Norma Vrtiska (Carla Bartlett)
01	Mon	10:30 am	(P)	The Solemnity of Mary.....+Dan Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)

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 no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sun., Dec. 31st, 8:30 am**LECTOR:** Stacy Milford, Andra Cunningham**SERVERS:** Caleb H., Heath H., Desmond T.**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Jim & Laurie Devine, Dave Weber**USHERS:** Preston Cunningham, Hank Fuhrman**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Dave & Sarah Weber**MUSIC MIN:** Angie Dewell, Cathy Heinz/ Jan Brock**NURSING HOME:** Brigid Thurman**ROSARY:** Marilyn Dewell**COLL. COUNTERS:** Steve & Judy Dewell**PLAINS – Sun., Dec. 31st, 10:30 am****LECTOR:** Terry Shinogle**SERVERS:** George E., Yanet G., Hailey S.**EUCH. MIN:** Nefro S. Traci E., Lucy B.**GREETERS:** Ray & Jenny Amerin**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin G.**ROSARY:** Vern Kisner**MONEY COUNTERS:** Patricia Coates**MEADE – Sat., Dec. 30th, 5:30 pm****LECTOR:** Teresa Cottrell**SERVERS:** Taegan W., Walker K., James W.**EUCH. MIN:** Dorothy D., Audrey F., Cindy H.**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family**GREETERS:** Ewing Family **GIFTS:** Hollis Family**MONEY COUNTERS:** Knott Family**ROSARY:** Devine Family**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 31st, 1:00 pm****FOWLER – Sun., Jan. 1st, 8:30 am****LECTOR:** Phyllis Butts, Rhonda Milford**SERVERS:** Caleb H., Giselle M., Heath H.**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Tom Leis, Sarah Jordan, Judy Dewell**USHERS:** Fred Boyd, Sy Huelskamp**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Ron & Barb Beckerman**MUSIC MIN:** Pam Milford/ Clavinova**NURSING HOME:** Diane Leis**ROSARY:** Decina Heinz**COLL. COUNTERS:** Larry & Cherie Knott**PLAINS – Sun., Jan. 1st, 10:30 am****LECTOR:** Brendan Smith**SERVERS:** Bob K., Lucy V., Owen V.**EUCH. MIN:** Teresa G., Maria D., Silvia O.**GREETERS:** Vern & Angie Kisner**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar**ROSARY:** Ray & Jenny Amerin**MONEY COUNTERS:** Kristin Grilliot**MEADE – Sun., Dec. 31st, 5:30 pm****LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell**SERVERS:** Myles K., Brenna F., Preston W.**EUCH. MIN:** Janet R., Tom R., Vince K.**MUSIC MIN:** Belinda Chalker**GREETERS:** Faurot Family **GIFTS:** Inlow Family**MONEY COUNTERS:** Gleason Family**ROSARY:** Cindy Hagemeier

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

VOCATION VIEWS: Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say “let it be” in response to God’s call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,555.00	\$725.00		\$490.00
OFFERTORY:	\$90.00	\$65.00		\$449.00
CHILDREN:	\$4.00	\$2.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$20.00
K OF C:	\$.00	\$.00		\$375.00
MISC.	\$.00	\$25.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,649.00	\$817.00		\$1,334.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Merry Christmas! We say it often. I do wish you all a "Merry Christmas", but I want to wish you much more. I would like to wish for you that the Christ who came as an infant be born ever anew in your heart. I wish that you may encounter a peace that nothing in this world can give you. I wish that this peace may endure even in the more difficult moments of your life and that you might be able to share this peace with those who have yet to know the Lord who was born for us in Bethlehem.

As Christians, we are called to remember the reason for our celebration of Christmas. We celebrate because Hope has been born for us in a manger. Light has been given to us by One who was most likely born in the dark of night. Love has been given to us by One who has loved us beyond all measure. Peace has been made possible for us by the One who suffered and died for us. The more deeply we can ponder these truths, the more the joy of the Christmas celebration will extend throughout the year. This joy can endure long after the lights are taken down, the trees have been removed, the Christmas songs have fallen silent. May a deeper awareness of these truths bring you a truly blessed Christmas. May you extend that blessing to those you love and to those you will encounter during every season of the year.

IN THE BEGINNING... This is a series of bulletin messages describing the fetal development of "Chris." (week 40). Celebrate! Don't be surprised at how Chris looks after birth. Chris's head may be misshapen and the skin may be discolored with patchy looking rashes. Chris, like all babies, is made in the image and likeness of God. Even though childbirth is frightening, mom will be helped by keeping positive support people around her.. *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy His favour."* Luke 2::14

NOTE FROM LEXIE AMERIN: I wanted to take a moment to thank all of the people who gave donations or ordered t-shirts for Julie, Ben and myself to go to the March for Life in January. We raised enough money to go to the march together, however our college, St. Gregory's permanently closed their school as of the end of the fall semester. The Pro-Life team was kind enough to give us the option to use that money to go with a different group to the march in January. We made the choice to not go to the march, and donate our money raised instead. The money was donated to 2 different Pro-Life organizations and for a fundraiser for the 150 employees of St. Gregory's, who are out of a job right before the Christmas season. Have a blessed Christmas, Lexie Amerin **The t-shirts however did not get ordered, so we wanted to give you the chance to get your money back. If you ordered a t-shirt and would like your money refunded, please contact Lexie 620-655-4105 or Jenny Amerin @ 620-629-5286.**

Announcements for Plains

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.

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