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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Isaiah 60:1

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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| 07 | Sun | 8:30 am | (M) | The Epiphany of the Lord..... | For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life |
| 07 | Sun | 10:30 am | (F) | The Epiphany of the Lord..... | +Eugene Bergkamp (Shelby Huslig) |
| 07 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The Epiphany of the Lord..... | (Spanish)..... For the Parishioners |
| 08 | Mon | 6:00 pm | (M) | The Baptism of the Lord..... | +Dottie Gillen (Marjorie Gillen Family) |
| 08 | Mon | 6:00 pm | (F) | The Baptism of the Lord..... | +Michael William Danler (Steve & Judy Dewell) |
| 09 | Tue | 7:30 am | (M) | Week day in Ordinary Time | For an end to religious persecutions |
| 09 | Tue | 8:30 am | (P) | Week day in Ordinary Time..... | For conversions |
| 10 | Wed | 8:30 am | (P) | Week day in Ordinary Time..... | +Edna Knott (Anna Marie Kisner) |
| 10 | Wed | 10:00 am | (FRC) | Week day in Ordinary Time | For an end to human trafficking |
| 10 | Wed | 12:05 pm | (F) | Week day in Ordinary Time | Souls in Purgatory (Rita Bergkamp) |
| 11 | Thu | 7:30 am | (M) | Week day in Ordinary Time..... | For moisture |
| 11 | Thu | 8:30 am | (P) | Week day in Ordinary Time..... | For an end to abortion |
| 12 | Fri | 8:30 am | (P) | Week day in Ordinary Time | For Souls in Purgatory (Dolores Amerin) |
| 12 | Fri | 6:00 pm | (P) | Week day in Ordinary Time..... | (Spanish).....For couples having marital problems |
| 13 | Sat | 5:30 pm | (P) | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time..... | Josephine Amerin -90 th Birthday. (Amerin Family) |
| 14 | Sun | 8:30 am | (M) | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time..... | Intentions of Adam & Liz Gleason (Ginger Rupp) |
| 14 | Sun | 10:30 am | (F) | The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time..... | +Cyrilla Brace (Pat & Jim Nieman) |
| 14 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The Second 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, Jan. 14th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Judy Dewell, Brent Merkle

SERVERS: Jacey W., Kate C., Karson W.

GREETERS: Fred & DeAnn Boyd

COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz

NURSING HOME: Kevin & Stacy Milford

PLAINS – Saturday, Jan. 13th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Ron Eakes

SERVERS: Dolores A., Hailey S., Jesse O.

GREETERS: Lupe & Jared Hernandez

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 14th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Vince Koons

SERVERS: Kynlee F., Tayte F., Emily F.

GREETERS: Feldmeyer & Thomas Families

COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 14th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: The three wise men who came from the east to pay homage to the infant Jesus brought Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as part of their worship. What gifts have I brought to this celebration to offer to the new born Savior?

EUCH MIN: Steve D., Dave Weber, Sarah Jordan

MUSIC MIN: Brenda Martin, Cathy Heinz/Jan Brock

USHERS: John Weber, Myron Burns

ROSARY: Marilyn Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Terry S., Nefro S., Traci E.

MUSIC MIN: Nancy H.

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

EUCH MIN: Dorothy D., Audrey F., Cindy H.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Kastens & Smith Families

ROSARY: Devine Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

| | <u>FOWLER</u> | <u>MEADE</u> | <u>PLAINS</u> |
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| ENVELOPES: | \$1,084.88 | \$960.00 | \$4,104.00 |
| OFFERTORY: | \$83.00 | \$78.00 | \$72.00 |
| CHILDREN: | \$3.00 | \$2.00 | Bldg. Fd. \$80.00 |
| RENT: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| JAN. 1ST: | \$346.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| CANDLES: | <u>\$29.00</u> | <u>\$2.50</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$1,545.88 | \$1,042.50 | \$4,256.00 |
| | \$2,118.00 | \$1,250.00 | |

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: I would like you to invite you to hold the date of January 28 for a special Soup Supper. For the last several months, I have been reading about the conditions in parts of Eastern Africa. Over 20 million people are in danger of starvation. This is caused by a variety of things including drought, war, and terrorism. I have strongly felt that God is calling me to make an effort to reach out to these people. While I have made contributions to Catholic agencies that are serving the needs of these people, I realize that what I have done is hardly noticeable in the face of such a large crisis.

For this reason, I have invited the various churches of Meade to join with us in hosting a community Soup Supper. It will be held in the Forst Center on Sunday, January 28, 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be a variety of soups prepared by members of several congregations. We ask all who attend to make a free-will offering. The proceeds will be sent to religious agencies, both Catholic and Protestant, who have a record of using funds for the people in need. We need to send funds to agencies who have a history of withholding only a minimum for administrative costs.

If we take our faith seriously, we cannot be indifferent to the suffering of other people whether they live near us or far from us. We cannot resolve the problem facing these people, but we can reach out and make a small effort to alleviate the suffering of some of them.

THINKING ABOUT SEPARTION 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 January program beginning with a weekend on January 26-28 call Paul or Patty Miguel at 806-420-1520 or email us at retopairamarillo@gmail.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO TOPEKA: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 22, 2018. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. Open to High School and College-age youth & sponsors. Bus will depart from Dodge City at 5:30 am and stop in Great Bend at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day's activities will include Mass, march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building and an opportunity to hear abortion survivor, Melissa Ohden prior to leaving Topeka around 4:00. There will be a dinner stop in Salina. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally and speaker). Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home. Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to Gayla Kirmer, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801. 620-227-1525 or akirmer@dcdiocese.org.

VOCATION VIEWS: God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Is. 60:1-6) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED? Since making a directed retreat last September, I have been thinking about offering a brief retreat experience for members of our three parishes who would like to participate. Concretely, I am thinking over an overnight retreat that would be focused on praying with the Scriptures. The format would be very simple: the group would gather, after a brief explanation of the ways to pray using the scriptures, a scripture passage would be suggested for prayer, then individuals would go somewhere where they could pray in private using the scripture passage that has been suggested. Everyone would be encouraged to write a brief summary of what they experienced in prayer. After 40 to 45 minutes we would reassemble to share the experience with the group. No one would be forced to share, but all would be invited to do so. I envision this retreat taking place on a Friday evening and part of Saturday. So far a date or place has not been determined. However, I am thinking of using a facility in Cimarron. I will begin making concrete plans once I know if there are people who would be interested in such a retreat experience. The cost of the retreat would be a nights lodging. There may also be the cost of two or three meals. There may also be an option, depending upon the facility, of our providing our own food.

This would not be a retreat of total silence. The silent periods would be three or four periods when the group separates for private prayer. The purpose is to give parishioners an experience of using the scriptures in prayer and learning from the experience of other participants in the retreat. Please let me know if you would be interested, depending upon the date and the place in such an experience. I would ask that you send me a text or email expressing your interest. You may also hand me a note before or after Mass. It is best that I have something in writing. Often I cannot remember information given to me before or after Mass without something in writing.

Announcement 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.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Sunday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:30 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements for Meade

D OF I is scheduled on Monday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the Forst Center.

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

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:45 p.m., followed by Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is scheduled on Monday, January 8, 3:00 – 5:45 p.m.

80th BIRTHDAY: Adrian Milford will be celebrating his 80th birthday with a “Come & Go” Reception hosted by his family at the Fowler Senior Citizen’s Center on Saturday, January 27, 2018, 2 -4 p.m. No gifts please. In you are unable to join us, please remember Adrian with a card at P. O. Box 196, Fowler, KS. 67844.

D OF I is scheduled on Monday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m., in the Forst Center.

MORNING GLORY is scheduled Monday, January 14, after Mass, in the parish school.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Adrian Milford and family, on the passing of his sister Cyrilla Brace. May she rest in peace.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Bob Parker and family, on the passing of his father, Ramon Parker. May he rest in peace.