

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2018

*Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ...your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?*

*1 Corinthians 6: 17, 19*

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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
15	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day.....	For vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
15	Mon	6:00 pm	(F)	Martin Luther King Jr. Day .....	For World Peace
16	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time .....	For an end to human trafficking
16	Tue	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For moisture
17	Wed	8:30 am	(P)	St. Anthony.....	For an end to abortion
17	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	St. Anthony.....	For an end to human trafficking
17	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Anthony.....	Souls in Purgatory (Rita Bergkamp)
18	Thu	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For couples having marital problems
18	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For an end to religious persecutions
19	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time .....	For moisture
19	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	(Spanish)...For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious life
20	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Betty Morris (Anna Marie Kisner)
21	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	For World Peace
21	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Cyrilla Brace (Pat & Jim Nieman)
21	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Third 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

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**FOWLER – Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Cherie Knott, Doug Heinz

**SERVERS:** Caleb H., Crystal M., Paige H.

**GREETERS:** Myron & Carma Burns

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Steve & Judy Dewell

**NURSING HOME:** Brigid Thurman

**PLAINS – Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Bob Kaberlein

**SERVERS:** Kerri V., Lucy V., Hailey S.

**GREETERS:** Kelby & Rebi Ross

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Lucy Bromwell

**MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Tyler Flavin

**SERVERS:** Taryn I., Amanda K., Sarah K.

**GREETERS:** Flavin Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**LECTOR:**

**SERVERS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, "Here I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

**EUCH MIN:** Pam Milford, Kevin & Stacy Milford

**MUSIC MIN:** Diane Leis, Laurie Devine/ clavino

**USHERS:** Kevin Hageman, Larry Knott

**ROSARY:** Kevin Milford

**EUCH. MIN:** Teresa G., Lucy B., Larry E.

**MUSIC MIN:** Martha Saucedo

**ROSARY:** Brendan Smith

**EUCH MIN:** Janet R., Tom R., Vince K.

**MUSIC MIN:** Belinda Chalker

**GIFTS:** Keith Family

**ROSARY:** Cindy Hagemeyer

**EUCH MIN:**

**USHERS:**

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$920.00	\$1,158.00	\$2,269.00
OFFERTORY:	\$153.00	\$109.00	\$242.00
CHILDREN:	\$12.00	\$3.25	Bldg. Fd. \$105.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,105.00	\$1,370.25	\$2,616.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

**THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED:** Last week, I wrote about a soup supper that is being planned for January 28 at the Forst Center. The purpose is to assist the millions of people in parts of Africa that are facing starvation. Many of these are small children. The question has been within me for months that, if we believe in Christ, how can we not do something to come to their assistance? Admittedly, we will not be able to solve the problem or rescue a significant number of people from starvation. However, many of the great problems our world faces, including hunger and homelessness, could be solved if all of us were to do a small amount to bring relief to others. The problems and challenges facing our world are too large for any one of us or any small group of us to resolve. That does not mean we are not responsible to do something. Reaching out to the needs of others may be inconvenient or even uncomfortable, but did not Jesus endure much inconvenience and discomfort for our salvation? Are we not challenged by Him to do the same? Jesus said that, if we wish to be His disciples, we must take up our cross and follow Him. Genuine love entails denying ourselves in order to reach out to others.

Helping others not only helps them. It also is transforming for us. When we can deny ourselves to help others, our capacity to love greatly increases. As we grow in our ability to love, our joy and our fulfillment will increase. While we may give others something to eat, we will have gained much more. We will find more joy, more peace, more fulfillment. Please mark your calendars for January 28th. Fr. Ted Skalsky

**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.

**VOCATION VIEWS:** “We have found the Messiah!” After his encounter with Jesus, St. Andrew goes first to find his brother Peter to also bring him to Christ. Do not be afraid to bring others to Christ as well! (John 1:41) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or [vocations@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org).

**SOUP SUPPER- SAVE THE DATE:** On Sunday Jan. 28 from 4:30-7 pm there will be a community soup supper at the Forst Center at St. John the Baptist Church in Meade. A free-will offering will be asked with all proceeds being sent to Catholic and Protestant relief agencies currently working in East Africa to combat starvation brought on by war, terrorism and drought. This event is a joint project of Meade-area churches. A variety of soups prepared by members of the different congregations will be served.

**FREE PARISH APP COMING** — Parishioners of all ages use smartphones and apps to connect to their world every day. Soon, Meade County Catholic parishes will begin offering a FREE app to help you keep connected with the parish and our Catholic faith. This is a free service that will help you & your family keep up to date with parish events, Mass and confession schedules, notifications and so much more. The app also features prayers, a how-to-guide for the sacrament of confession, daily Mass readings, reflections, the weekly bulletin and other unique features. A roll-out of the new app will take place at all weekend Masses, and you will be given the opportunity to download and begin using the parish app on the spot. It will even send you a reminder to silence your phone before Mass begins. The app is for both iPhone and Android models.

**CHURCH SECURITY MEETING:** On January 27, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting at the Emmanuel Mennonite Church in Meade of members of area churches on church security.

### Announcement for Plains

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

### Announcements for Meade

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY:** On Monday, there will be rosary for our country after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. **OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** to the family and friends of Luis Rivera-Holguin. Our thoughts and prayers are with Luis, and with you at this time of grief. May Luis rest in peace.

**PSR:** There will be no PSR classes for Meade this week (Jan. 17) due to no school for teacher in-service.

**THANK YOU:** A heartfelt word of gratitude to the many people who responded so generously to the family of Louie Rivera. I am grateful for all who served in the liturgy for the funeral and for the vigil. I also want to thank those who prepared for the refreshments after the vigil and the funeral Mass. God bless you all! Fr. Ted Skalsky

### Announcements for Fowler

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

**80<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY:** Adrian Milford will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** is scheduled on Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m.