

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Second Sunday in Lent

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“Lent is the time to have the courage to reject anything that leads us away from God and repent,... but it is not a sad time...“It is a joyful and serious duty to strip ourselves of our selfishness, of our ‘old man,’ and to renew ourselves according to the grace of our Baptism...during Lent, we must listen to the call of Christ and be converted, recognizing that true happiness lies in God alone.”

Pope Francis

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

25	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Second Sunday of Lent	For vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
25	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Second Sunday of Lent.....	Repose of Souls (David Leis)
25	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Second Sunday of Lent.....	(Spanish)..... For the Parishioners
26	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Lent.....	For Moisture
27	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Lent.....	Adam & Liz Gleason (Ginger Rupp)
28	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Lent.....	+Claude Leis (Steve & Judy Dewell)
28	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Lent.....	For World Peace
01	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent.....	For an end to abortion
02	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	First Friday.....	For an end to human trafficking
02	Fri	12:40 pm	(M)	Stations of the Cross	
02	Fri	7:00 pm	(P)	Mass & Stations of the Cross.....	Repose of Souls (David Leis)
03	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....	For World Peace
04	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....	For Moisture
04	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....	+Repose of Souls (David Leis)
04	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....	(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 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, Mar. 4th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Sarah Jordan, Stacy Milford

SERVERS: Giselle M., Crystal M., Angel M.

GREETERS: Diane Hageman, Seth Hageman

COLL. COUNTERS: Van & Cathy Heinz

NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

PLAINS – Saturday, Mar. 3rd, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein

SERVERS: Kerri V., Hailey S., Yanet G.

GREETERS: Shawn & Kathy Jacobs

COLL. COUNTERS: Kristin Grilliot

MEADE – Sunday, Mar. 4th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Cali Keith

SERVERS: Nolan D., Alek H., Horacio H.

GREETERS: Kastens & Smith Families

COLL. COUNTERS: Knott Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 4th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare his own Son.” Are *my* gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

EUCH MIN: Brenda Martin, Kevin Milford, Tom Leis

MUSIC MIN: Cherie Knott, Angie D./ Jan

USHERS: Preston Cunningham, Andy Boyd

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Ron E., Debbie E., Nefro S.

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Brendan Smith

EUCH MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Goudy F.

MUSIC MIN: Tom Flowers

GIFTS: Bolton Family

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,300.00	\$1,059.00	\$763.00
OFFERTORY:	\$153.00	\$435.00	\$129.00
CHILDREN:	\$17.00	\$3.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
ASH WED.:	\$189.00	\$64.00	\$284.50
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$23.01</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,659.00	\$1,736.00	\$1,199.09
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Lent has its origins in the adults of the first centuries of Christianity preparing for Baptism. Christians soon became aware that not only those preparing for Baptism, but those already baptized need a time of more intense prayer and penance. Otherwise, the promises of Baptism would become forgotten and ignored. Baptism calls us to a rejection of sin and Satan. It also calls us to a life of faith in Jesus Christ. This is more than just a casual acknowledging that Jesus lived, died and rose from the dead. Instead, to live a life of faith in Christ entails trying to live by the attitudes and values he taught. It means a life of self-giving love. It calls us to place our relationship with Him above every other relationship and commitment of our lives. We are also challenged to be as forgiving to those who have offended us as we ask God to be forgiving of us. In brief, to live our Baptism requires that we sincerely strive to live holy lives. We will fail often, but that is why we must trust deeply in God's mercy. We are not asked to achieve perfection instantly. Instead, we are to make a determined effort and to place our failures in the hands of a merciful God.

SOUTHWEST KS. YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: A conference designed specifically for those between the ages of 18 and 39 will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe on March 4th! Expect great speakers, relevant topics, sweet t-shirts (and free babysitting for those with kids), all in order to draw young people closer to Christ and to one another! Contact Gentry Heimerman (gheimerman@dcdioocese.org) with any questions!

PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION: Connecting, Equipping, Sending Spring One-Hour course THEO 4881 Get Equipped. Get Equipped supports the spiritual life and the practical ministry of those who serve during Eucharistic Liturgy. Focusing on hospitality, proclamation, prayer and mission, it is for greeters, lectors, ministers of holy communion, music ministers, all who gather for Eucharist. *This course is one of the elective courses needed to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry. Presenters: Fr. Frank Coady, Dolores Martinez, Fr. Robert Schremmer and others to be announced. Class Dates: Fri., April 27 and Sat., April 28. Begins with Registration Friday 4:00 p.m. ends Saturday 1:30 p.m. Location: Heartland Center for Spirituality, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS. Cost: \$57.00 room and meals. \$22.00 commuter Additional \$50.00 for 1 hr. college credit - contact Coleen at cstein@dcdioocese.org or 620-227-1538. Personal enrichment fee is included with your payment to Heartland Center for Spirituality. Make reservations at Heartland Center for Spirituality: <https://heartlandspirituality.org/pastoralministryformation/>

FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION: All are invited to the First Saturdays Devotion on March 3 at St. Stanislaus Church, Ingalls. 8:15 am. confessions begin; 8:30 am rosary; 9:00 am. Mass; Meditation, confessions, and refreshments after Mass. The Great Promise of Our Blessed Mother: "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

VOCATION VIEWS: God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing? (Gen. 22:1-2). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations.

RICE BOWL: In Iraq, we encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building businesses to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit <https://www.csricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-2> for Cesia's story.

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS: Here I am!' he answered." - GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

RETREAT OVERNIGHT—The retreat that is in the planning will take place on Friday evening, March 9 and Saturday morning March 10 at the Cimarron Crossing motel in Cimarron. We will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end by noon on Saturday. Even if you have not expressed interest up to this time, you are welcome to register and attend. Please make reservations by calling 620-855-2225 before March 1. When registering, tell them that you are with the retreat group that is being organized by Fr. Ted Skalsky. The cost per room should be \$75. Please verify the cost when registering. The only meal involved will be breakfast. I would be grateful if someone planning to attend could organize the plans for breakfast. We will need to bring our own food. You are asked to bring a Bible and a note pad for journaling your prayer experience.

Announcement for Plains

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

BUILDING PROJECT FOR ST. PATRICK PARISH—The committee planning the classroom building met with the Diocesan Building Committee on February 13. The Diocesan Committee approved of our plans and authorized us to move forward toward construction. The Bishop requests that we present him with finalized plans and a detailed cost estimate before we proceed with construction.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays for the youth, Stations of the Cross at 8:15 a.m. on Fridays before Mass, and Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish.

Announcements for Meade

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent at 12:40 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, Feb. 26th, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary for our country at 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary for our country. On Fridays at 7:00 p.m., there will be Stations of the Cross.

Every other week there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Mass.