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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 25, 2018

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty."

(Revelation 1:8)

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

25	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.....Deceased Members of our Parishes
25	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.....+Herman & Jeff Smith (Genevieve)
25	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe...(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
26	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Alan Finkeldei (Barb Whitehead)
27	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Paul Glenn (Daughters of Isabella)
28	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Memorial Mass for Sylvester & Ruth Steinke
29	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....For the Deceased Members of Our Parishes
30	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Andrew, Apostle..... For the Deceased Members of our Parishes
01	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	First Sunday of Advent.....Mass of Thanksgiving (Sobba Family)
02	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	First Sunday of Advent.....Deceased Relatives & Friends (Larry & Marge Donahue)
02	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	First Sunday of AdventMass of Thanksgiving (Dan Harris Family)
02	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	First Sunday of Advent.....(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 – Saturday, December 1st, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Brent Merkle, Judy Dewell
SERVERS: Desmond T., Caleb H., Giselle M.
GREETERS: Grant & Tia Harris Family
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Sunday, December 2nd, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Lucy Bromwell
SERVERS: Hailey S., Hayes S., Kerri V.
GREETERS: Larry & Debbie Eakes
COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Sunday, December 2nd, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Matthew Welsh
SERVERS: Alek H., Brook K., Cali K.
GREETERS: Flavin Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, December 2nd, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: James & Becky Hamilton, Sarah Jordan
MUSIC MIN: Cathy Heinz, Cherie Knott/ Jan
USHERS: Fred Boyd, Myron Burns
ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN: Mary A., Terry S., Traci E.
MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo
ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein

EUCH MIN: Kevin D., Susan D., Goudy F.
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: Woodruff Family
ROSARY: Devine Family

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,715.00	\$1,405.00	\$590.00
OFFERTORY:	\$53.00	\$117.00	\$237.00
CHILDREN:	\$41.00	\$16.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$24.00</u>	<u>\$103.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,833.00	\$1,641.00	\$823.00
		\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Advent, I suspect, is the least understood of the seasons of the Church year. Is it a preparation for Christmas? Is it a preparation for the end of time? Actually, it is both. During Advent we recall the ancient longing for a savior. Believing that the savior has come in the person of Jesus, we now await the day of his final coming. Advent serves to remind us that our hope lies not in anything earthly and to invite us to deepen our longing for the day that Jesus will return in glory to gather his faithful into the heavenly kingdom. As we anticipate his final coming, we also recall his first coming among us as the child of Bethlehem. As we move into the last part of Advent, the focus turns to the birth of the Savior. Celebrating the Savior's birth renews our hope that He will come again to bring us to the fullness of life—a sharing in the life of God Himself.
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COME JOIN US! Join Bishop Brungardt and Fr. Wesley Schawe for a 3 day-2 night pilgrimage to Conception Seminary, March 3, 4, 5. Cost is only \$265 for single occupancy or \$255 for double occupancy. Trip includes: deluxe motor coach transportation with pick ups in Dodge City and Great Bend and other stops as requested; a tour of the Clyde Monastery; time with the Seminarians (Eric Frieb, Carson Haupt, Esteban Hernandez, Jonathan Lemus); tour of Conception Seminary; evening dinner with Bishop Brungardt, Fr. Wesley and the Seminarians; accommodations at the Seminary and time for prayer and Eucharist with the Seminarians. Seating is limited so don't delay in making your reservations. A \$50 deposit with reservation is required. Make checks payable to: Diocese of Dodge City and send to: Office of Development, PO Box 137, Dodge City, Kansas, 67801. Trip is sponsored by the Office of Vocations and Development to help foster, promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

HOSPICE OF THE PRAIRIE: Hospice of the Prairie & Prairie Home Health invites those who have experienced the death of a loved one to a Remembrance Service of Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The service is a faith-based celebration of the lives of those special people who are no longer with us. It will take place at Hospice of the Prairie, 200 Fourth Circle, Dodge City and is open to everyone in the community. Please RSVP by November 30, 2018 to 227-7209.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING: Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas in response to growing secularism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. In 2018, the Church faces pressures from without and crisis from within. In addition to the challenges that Christians in a secular society must confront, the body of Christ must also tend to the wounds inflicted on the Church by priests and bishops who either committed acts of sexual abuse themselves or failed to respond to abuse with justice when they had the opportunity. The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever. Let us rededicate ourselves this year to recognizing the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart in every aspect of our lives.

VOCATION VIEWS: To testify to the truth; this is why Christ came; this is the mission of the priest and religious. Does your life testify to the truth that Christ is King? If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations

Advent is a hectic time. This is a free series designed to help you and your spouse stay connected during this busy Advent season. You are invited to take a short time - about 20 minutes a day- to do something for your marriage. Come Christmas, you will find greater unity, an increased appreciation for one another and gratitude for the small ways you've chosen to show your love and affection. Visit the website and download your free workbook today!" <https://marriageinchrist.com/resources/>

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Saturday, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. Masses in our parishes are: Friday, Dec.7, 5:45 p.m. in Fowler; 7:00 p.m. in Meade. Saturday, Dec. 8, 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m., (Spanish) in Plains.

Announcement for Plains

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

ANGEL TREE

Angel Tree is a program in the Plains/Kismet communities that provides clothing and toys at Christmas for children in need. The families in this program have to qualify based on their income level, so they are in real need.

If you would like to make a child's Christmas possible this year,

Please select an Angel off a tree located at one of these locations:

Plains State Bank, Plains Community Library, E-Z Stop in Plains, or the Kismet Library.

Return the gifts in an unwrapped box, with the Angel attached, to one of those locations by Monday, December 10th.

Monetary gifts can also be donated to Angel Tree at Plains State Bank, P. O. Box 38, Plains, KS 67869. Help a family in need this Christmas! Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMASING IN PLAINS is on Sunday, December 9th. Please bring a baked good to the St. Patrick's Catholic booth for the bake sale at the Plains Community Building by 10 a.m. on the 9th.

Announcements for Meade

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

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:00 p.m.

DECEMBER ACTIVITY: For centuries Nativity Scenes of the Birth of Jesus have adorned our homes each Advent & Christmas. In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi, who had a special devotion to Baby Jesus, created what is known as the first Nativity Scene. Many of us share the tradition of Nativity Scenes in our home but all scenes are special in their own way. We would love to see all the special Nativities in one gathering as well as join for fellowship as the Advent season begins.

Saturday, December 1st, we will be having a "Christmas Nativity Tour & Treats" event at St. Anthony's School following 5:30 p.m. Mass. At this time, we would like anyone interested in bringing their Nativity Scene to contact Pam Milford, [620-385-0852](tel:620-385-0852) or Jan Brock, [620-646-5556](tel:620-646-5556) to sign up. This is a free event! We will include more details at a later date. Please sign up by November 17th so we know how many tables to reserve. "For unto us a Child is born! And He will be called Wonder Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!" – Isaiah 9:6

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: In the gathering space, we are collecting non-perishable food in the container for the holiday food boxes and the local food pantry. The boxes will be assembled the 2nd week in Dec. If you would like to give a cash donation, you may give it to Father Ted, Steve or Judy.