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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you....Nations shall walk by your light. (First Reading for the Epiphany from Isaiah 60:1-6)

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

06	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....+Rita Hoffman (Carol Snodgrass)
06	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....+Edna Knott (Anna Marie Kisner)
06	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
07	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Raymond of Penafort.....+Paul Glenn (Daughters of Isabella)
08	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Christmas Weekday..... +Eleanora Glenn (Dixie Hageman)
09	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Christmas Weekday.....+Julianne Post (Sobba Family)
10	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Christmas Weekday.....+Joseph Raple (Steve & Judy Dewell)
11	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Christmas Weekday.....+Dan Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
11	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Christmas Weekday....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life
12	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	The Baptism of the Lord.....Special Intention (Ronda & Mark Meyer)
13	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Baptism of the Lord.....+Ron Beckerman (Diane Hageman)
13	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Baptism of the Lord.....Deceased Relatives & Friends (Larry & Marge Donahue)
13	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Baptism of the Lord.....(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, January 13th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Phyllis Butts
SERVERS: Jacey W., Karson W., Braegan S.
GREETERS: Karen McDowell, Angie Dewell
COLL. COUNTERS: Larry & Cherie Knott
NURSING HOME: Diane Leis

PLAINS – Sunday, January 13th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Bob Kaberlein
SERVERS: Hayes S., Hailey S., Dolores A.
GREETERS: Sam & Teresa Garza
COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Saturday, January 12th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Vince Koons
SERVERS: Preston W., Kate P., James W.
GREETERS: Keith Family
COLL. COUNTERS: Gleason Family

PLAINS – Sunday, January 13th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

EUCH MIN: Stacy M., James Hamilton, Sarah J.
MUSIC MIN: Cathy Heinz, Pam Milford/ Jan
USHERS: Brent Merkle, TJ Milford
ROSARY: Decina Heinz

EUCH. MIN: Nefro S., Traci E., Larry E.
MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot
ROSARY: Vern Kisner

EUCH MIN: Cindy H., Janet R., Tom R.
MUSIC MIN: Brooke & Cali Keith
GIFTS: Flavin Family
ROSARY: Devine Family

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$795.00	\$1,195.00	\$3,090.00
OFFERTORY:	\$118.00	\$185.00	\$42.00
CHILDREN:	\$0.00	\$1.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SOLEMN. OF MARY:	\$1,351.00	\$341.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$8.52</u>	<u>\$2.50</u>	<u>\$105.80</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,272.52	\$1,624.50	\$3,237.80
		\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: I have spoken frequently about the desire that God has to draw us into an personal relationship with Him. For this reason, God sent His Son to become one of us, walk this earth and eventually give His life for our salvation. The New Testament makes abundant references to this truth that God desires this closeness with us. This can be seen in the First Letter of St. John. St. John writes: "... we know that we remain in him [God] and he in us..." (1 John 4:13) A few verses later St. John continues: God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." (1 John 4:16) In the Gospel of St. John we read: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. (John 14:23) In chapter 15, verse 4, Jesus says: "Remain in me, as I remain in you." Jesus goes on to use the image of branches connected to a vine. We are to remain as connected to Jesus as branches are connected to a vine. Just as a branch can only bear fruit if it stays united to the vine, so we can bear the fruit God desires only if we stay closely connected to Jesus. St Paul, in his letters, repeats frequently the phrase "in Christ". He develops the image of the Body of Christ. We are to remain as connected to Christ as the parts of our bodies are connected to the whole. Not to make this reflection too long, I invite you to read the First Letter of St. John. It is brief and not difficult to understand.

January – This month serves as a reminder that slavery has never ended. January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking month. Assemble a group and invite a speaker to talk about human trafficking in your area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking VISIT: sistersagainstrafficking.org

NOVENA FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE Pray the novena for the respect of Human Life, January 14-22, 2019--9 Days for Life is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. Participants can receive the novena by downloading the free 9 Days for Life app, or by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up.

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO TOPEKA: The March for Life to Topeka will be departing Dodge City on January 21 at 5pm to travel to Topeka to spend the night and then take part in the March activities on Tuesday, January 22 at the Topeka Performing Arts Center beginning at 8:30am with the Ignite Event, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, the March to the Capitol Steps and rally and tours of the Capitol before returning to Dodge City. Cost this year is \$65 per person and is open to High School and College age and sponsors. Donations are welcome to help cover the expenses. Registration forms and payment should be received by January 14 and checks made payable to the Diocese of Dodge City. Mail to Gayla Kirmer at PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801. Call 620-227-1525 or email: gkirmer@dcdiocese.org

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: The Office of Stewardship will be hosting Financial Peace University on the ITV network beginning February 13, 2019. People interested in getting control of their finances can find more information plus make reservations at the stewardship website at <https://www.dcdiocese.org/stewardship>

VOCATION VIEWS: The light of Christ shines upon you. Share that light with others. Consider the gift of a Church vocation. If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

LIFE VIEWS: “Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!”“Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their ‘Ad Limina’ Visit, February 3, 2001” © 2001, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

PLEASE 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.

FREE PREGNANCY SUPPORT: Free Pregnancy Support: Catholic Charities offers free pregnancy support services for all women regardless of age, income, marital status or religious affiliation. There are no fees for this service. If you know someone who is facing an unintended pregnancy, please ask them to contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590.

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 6:00 p.m. Mass.

COUNTRY STORE BINGO: The St. John's Wednesday morning men's group is hosting a chili supper & Country store bingo on Saturday, January 5, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Members of all three Meade County parishes are invited. You are invited to bring gift items as prizes for bingo.

D OF I: On Monday, January 14, D of I is scheduled to meet at 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's School, Fowler.

Announcements for Fowler

JOIN US FOR COFFEE & ROLLS: On Sunday, January 20, after Mass there will be coffee and rolls in the Parish School. Guild I is in charge.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES to Laurie & Jim Devine on the loss of Laurie's dad, Larry Sturgeon. May he rest in peace. Know that our thoughts & prayers are with you and your dad.

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