

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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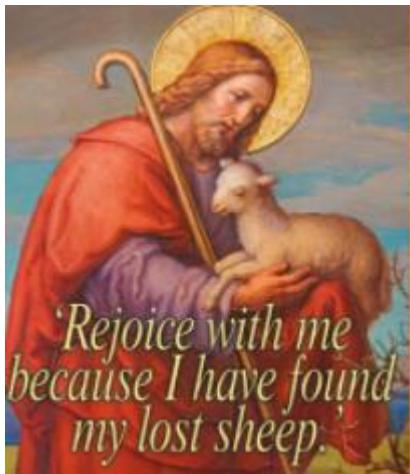
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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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15	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Darlene Gleason (Larry & Amy Teager)
15	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+LaVerne Leis (Mark & Jackie Strecker)
15	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ..... (Spanish).....For the Parishioners
16	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Ss. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, bishop & martyr.....+Stellie Huelskamp (F & D Devine)
17	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Robert Bellarmine.....+Darlene Gleason (Dick & Brenda Knott)
18	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Claude & LaVerne Leis (Barb Beckerman)
19	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Januarius.....For an end to abortion
20	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions .....For Vocations to the Priesthood
21	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Miguel A. Gallardo (Hector & Patricia Gallardo)
22	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Gloria Robison
22	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Ron Beckerman (Fred & Dee Boyd)
22	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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**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, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Brent Merkle, Phyllis Butts

**SERVERS:** Kate C., Braegon S.

**GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS:** TJ & Pam Milford Fam.

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Van & Cathy Heinz

**NURSING HOME:** Judy Dewell

**PLAINS – Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Lucy Bromwell

**SERVERS:** Hailey S., Lucy V., Dolores A.

**GREETERS:** Paul & Kristin Grilliot

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell

**SERVERS:** DeganB., Myles K. Kate P.

**GREETERS:** Holguin Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**LECTOR:**

**SERVERS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me?

**EUCH MIN:** Steve & Judy Dewell, Laurie Devine

**MUSIC MIN:** Cathy Heinz, Cherie Knott

**USHERS:** Devin Hamilton, Luke Huelskamp

**ROSARY:** Kevin Milford

**EUCH. MIN:** Mary A., Terry S., Nefro S.

**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar

**ROSARY:** Bob Kaberlein

**EUCH MIN:** Debbie T., Janet R., Tom R.

**MUSIC MIN:** Rachel Amerin

**GIFTS:** Woodruff Family

**ROSARY:** Cindy Hagemeyer

**EUCH MIN:**

**USHERS:**

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$2,855.00	\$1,156.00	\$2,595.00
OFFERTORY:	\$69.00	\$66.00	\$27.00
CHILDREN:	\$8.00	\$0.00	Bldg. Fd. \$70.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$55.51</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$35.76</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,987.51	\$1,322.00	\$2,727.76
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: My dear people,

Absence does certainly make one long for home. Yet, it is an incredible experience to prepare to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross having drawn close to Mt. Calvary, drawn close to the tomb, drawn close to the via dolorosa, the way of the cross preserved in ancient stone. This great feast, hailing back to the triumphant bringing of the true cross to Constantinople by St. Helen, the mother of Constantine, in the third century, for veneration, falls on this Saturday, September 14th. I have the opportunity to join a Jewish Octoberfest activity in the community of Taybeh, Israel, or take the 30 minute Palestinian Bus trip, depending on the traffic, to the Old City where the Franciscans will celebrate Mass in the confined space of the Church of the Sepulcher and spend the day with utter distraction, but glorious exaltation of the place of the cross, since from the time of the Ottoman occupation, the true cross has been lost.

I have been astounded to learn of the complex sharing of the Church of the Sepulcher (tomb) between the Roman Rite Latin Church represented by the Franciscan friars, the Greek Catholic Church, the Coptic Church, and the Eastern Greek Orthodox Church, and really all Christians, and even non-Christian, pilgrims that claim it. Oddly, a Moslem family has remained the keeper of the keys to the Church for the past 500 years to this day as a way of resolving that shared Christian space, and complex map of the Church, dividing the custody, (and the responsibility to clean) various parts of the Church that has not changed since it was created under the Ottoman Empire. I think every pilgrim is shocked by the confines of the Jerusalem wall, which I have now fully walked the ramparts and around the exterior, about a half mile rectangle that contained all of Jerusalem, yes all of Jerusalem, until only 150 years ago, no bigger than Fowler or Plains. And cramped in that space, is the remains of a great Cathedral for his time, built by Constantine in the third century to encompass Calvary, the tomb and the surrounding Garden that it encompasses, creating several layers of accessibility including the roof of the dome where the Coptic Monks live that guard the tomb. Only a portion of that Church remains and the rebuilding after the sacking of the Moslem invaders has really never had a chance of restoration.

And yet, there is something that draws millions of pilgrims from throughout the world to this holy place. It is somewhat of a miracle, as our Jewish guide observed, that it is a place without check points, or scanners, or access restrictions, except for the physical restrictions of the number who wait in line for hours to pass through the church and draw close to the relics and the times reserved for the Holy Mass to be offered, according to four different traditions.

So, we, I say we, prepare to exalt the cross, lift high the sign of our salvation we embrace. Our guide suggested we visit the other garden, the Protestant proposed site, on the other side of the Kidron Valley, just because it probably reflects physically a better representation of the sight in Jesus's time, that is now buried in the Church and centuries of veneration, so to speak. But there is an entrance fee to the other tomb, and has little historical support that it was the one, unlike the efforts of preservation for at least 1700 years of the Holy Sepulcher.

Our guide concluded that it probably is the miraculous meeting of the human and divine in such a disparate effort to preserve and access these places touched by Jesus of Nazareth. There is something beautiful here. I hope possibly you have found the chance to celebrate the Stations of the Cross on the Feast of the Exaltation, September 14, or I have brought you with me as I walked the one via dolorosa in Jerusalem. We adore you, O Christ and we praise you, Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Blessings from Jerusalem, Fr. Jim

**VOCATION VIEWS: We are called to proclaim God's abundant love for all people. Become an instrument of that love. Our world needs you! (Luke 15:1-32). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org**

ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Construction is well underway on Father Ted's new home in Greensburg, KS. We are looking for volunteer labor to help on Saturdays in September, and October. Please call Ron or Suzanne Eakes at 620-655-3100 for details and dates that you are available to help. Thank you.

DIOCESAN YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS: A few notes on upcoming events for youth and young adults! These events are specifically for young adults (18-39) and seek to foster community under the banner of Christ. - If you are interested in starting something similar at your own parish, please contact Gentry Heimerman, [gheimerman@dcdiocese.org](mailto:gheimerman@dcdiocese.org). It is not nearly as difficult as is often thought and I'd love to help out!

DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY: **The 2019 Middle School Youth Rally will be held in Dodge City on Sunday, October 13th!** Online registration and details can be found here on our website. If your student would like to be a part of the youth choir that day, please register by September 25th and indicate as such, otherwise the sign-up deadline is October 4th.

**Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass-October 20**

**Scripture Day-October 25**

Sunday, October 6 is Life Chain Sunday. The prayer chain will be held from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. along North 14th Ave. Pick up a prolife/prayer sign in the Ziegler Funeral Chapel parking area located at 1901 N. 14th. Please join fellow parishioners and neighboring churches for this annual event. There will be thousands of LIFE CHAINS all across America on October 6, and over 80 in Kansas and over 1,500 nationwide. Please join us in making a visible statement by standing for LIFE, and in opposition to abortion. Life is a precious gift from God.

**RCIA will be beginning soon. If you are interested, please contact Father Ted.**

#### Announcement for Plains

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

THRIFT SHOP: October is our month to take care of the Thrift Shop. 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 p.m. and on Friday afternoon 2-4 p.m. Thank you to all who help with this service project in our community.

#### 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.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: There are a lot of old desks in the furnace room at the school. We need them out of there. If you would like to have any, or would like to recycle them, please take them!