

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2020

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*...he was made  
known to them in  
the breaking  
of bread.*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

26	Sun	(P)	Third Sunday of Easter
26	Sun	(M)	Third Sunday of Easter...+C. J. Thomas (Janet Cook)... <u>11:00</u> via Facebook...
26	Sun	(P)	Third Sunday of Easter...in Spanish... <u>1:30 p.m.</u> ... via Facebook.....Catholic Churches
27	Mon	(M)	Monday in the Easter Season.....For an end to abortion (Janet Cook)
28	Tue	(M)	St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis de Monfort .....+Ron Beckerman (Rick & Jan McGregor)
29	Wed	(F)	St. Catherine of Siena, Dr of the Church.....+George Zircle (Mary & Genise Zircle)
30	Thu	(P)	St. Pius V, Pope.....For the Parishioners
01	Fri	(P)	St. Joseph the Worker, First Friday.....+George Zircle (Mary & Genise Zircle)
02	Sat	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Easter.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Fred & Dee Boyd)
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,690.00	\$843.00		\$.00
OFFERTORY:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CHILDREN:	\$.00	\$.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$.00
RICE BOWL:	\$.00	\$304.30		\$.00
GOOD FRIDAY:	\$.00	\$50.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$45.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,735.00	\$1,197.30		\$.00
		\$1,250.00		

### How to Stay Connected?

Isolation and separation are the two great threats of the “stay at home order”. Families are scurrying to adapt to the discipline of a new routine in the home, school from home, working from home, but for the elderly and others that live alone, a good portion of our parishes, how to stay connected is a major concern.

If you have a texting on your phone, please Text APP to 88202 to download myParish App and select our parishes to receive pertinent messages for our communities. If you have internet access, go to [www.meadecocatholic.org](http://www.meadecocatholic.org) for our website, specifically for Mass times of lived streamed Masses under Liturgy/Sacraments tab. If you are a Facebook member, go to Facebook “Catholic Churches of Meade County” to receive daily live streaming of the Eucharist with Fr. Jim and other special messages and services. If you can drop by the Church to pray, please pick up the bulletin and Southwest Kansas Catholic, or find the bulletin at the website. Feel free to call Fr. Jim anytime at 620-873-2003 or 620-575-5520. Confession times (only behind the screen) remain 30 minutes before live streamed masses at the same time and location they were scheduled before the stay home order. If we have a working e-mail address, we will be setting up zoom meetings on Wednesday evening and for RCIA on Tuesday evenings. Google chat is another more user friendly format for small group meetings.

**WORD OF LIFE QUOTE:** “From your first moments of existence, you had all the DNA that would determine your sex, facial features, physique, and the color of your skin, hair, and eyes. At 24 days, your heart began beating. By 8 weeks, all your organs were present, and your unique fingerprints were forming. Ultrasounds show that by 18 weeks, you could swim, somersault, suck your thumb, and even cover your ears if you heard loud music.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Another Look at Abortion”

“We are all called to combat every form of slavery and build fraternity– all of us, each one according to his or her own responsibility “(Pope Francis). **HUMAN TRAFFICKING DEMANDS OUR ATTENTION – LET’S WORK TOGETHER TO END IT.** U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. ([www.sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://www.sistersagainstrafficking.org)) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

**MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM:** Dear parishioners,

I dearly miss seeing you, and seeing you on ZOOM and Facebook just isn’t the same. Pope Francis warned this week in his Monday homily of the great danger inherent in virtual participation. “It is dangerous because people could start living their relationship with God for just myself, detached from the people of God. As the Gospels show, Jesus’ disciples always lived their relationship with the Lord as a community –they gathered “at the table, a sign of community it was always with the sacrament, with bread.” We must not be detached from the people of God, **for it is there we receive life.**

We are praying soon for the day we can gather as Christians have for 2000 years at the table of thanksgiving, a sacrificial offering made of the Body of Christ. Until then, we make the best effort to stay connected and viable for the blessed days that we believe are coming. The great barrier to faith in our time is our modern means of living our lives for ourselves, for what we can squeeze out of this life from the safety of one’s home. I am so grateful that I was born into a large family that quickly revealed that it is not even close to being all about me. I am so grateful for my Catholic faith that taught me from the earliest days that gathering as the Body of Christ was essential for life.

I have yet to hear of a verified case of infection of the Covid-19 illness in Meade County, but with Dodge City, and Liberal, and Garden City, exploding with cases, it is inevitable that the virus should reach here, or is it? Gratefully, our farmers and ranchers are still very much about their business and other illnesses have not seemed to have plagued our community, that is mostly we seem pretty healthy and ready to resist the infection when it comes.

We still have a very strong sense of connection and concern for one another in our county. We are committed to protect and help the most vulnerable to stay safe. We are committed to seeing this through with love and concern for the whole world. We believe that the Pentecost we await will truly renew the face of the earth and bring a new day of rejoicing together in the Lord.

Awaiting the Great Day of Pentecost, Fr. Jim

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Do you recognize Jesus in your midst? Is your heart burning within you? Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a priest, brother,

**FAITH AND COMMON SENSE:** The Catholic Response to an Epidemic, is an OSV brochure that can be found in the entrance of our Churches. It is just that, a common sense Catholic approach to our current Pandemic. Please pick one up and above all offer the “Prayer during an Epidemic” that is offered in the context of the Catholic view of faith.



### **RECONSECRATION TO MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Archbishop Jose Gomez, president of the U.S. bishops' conference, is inviting all U.S. bishops to join him on May 1 in reconsecrating the U.S. to the Blessed Virgin Mary in response to the pandemic. The reconsecration is timed to coincide with the bishops of Canada consecrating their own country to Mary at the same time. Archbishop Gomez, who is the Archbishop of Los Angeles, said in a letter sent to all American bishops April 22, that the Marian reconsecration would be done under the title of “Mary, Mother of the Church.” He invited all the bishops of the country to join him in prayer on May 1 at 12 p.m. PDT, or 3 p.m. EDT. (2 PM Central time). “Every year, the Church seeks the special intercession of the Mother of God during the month of May. This year, we seek the assistance of Our Lady all the more earnestly as we face together the effects of the global pandemic,” he said in his letter. The

announcement follows similar plans made by the bishops of Canada, who will consecrate the Crown Dominion to Mary under the same title on the same day.

Fr. Jim will offer a prayer of consecration at 2:00 PM on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> via livestream at Facebook ‘Catholic Churches of Meade County’. Please join him for 20 minutes of prayer at this hour in union with the Bishops of the United States and Canada. Let us pray together for deliverance from the Covid 19 Epidemic.

### Announcement for Plains

ONLINE GIVING: The website is now set up for online giving. Go to <https://meadecocatholic.org>

### Announcements for Meade

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### Announcements for Fowler

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

PLEASE UPDATE your email address to the church office. Our email address is [stanthonyfowler@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com).

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