

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

Father James P. Dieker

(Pastor)

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## St. Patrick Church

P.O. Box 247  
Plains, KS 67869  
Phone: 873-2003

## St. John the Baptist Church

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Meade, KS 67864  
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## St. Anthony Church

P.O. Box 80  
Fowler, KS 67844  
Phone: 646-5297

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

25	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Easter.....	+Opal Smith (Herman Cordova)
25	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Easter .....	+Marilyn Dewell (Steve & Judy Dewell)
25	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Easter.....(Spanish).....	For the Parishioners
26	Mon			No Mass today	
27	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....	+Glenn Woodruff, Jr. (Janet Cook)
28	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Peter Chanel & St. Louis Grignion de Montfort..	+Eric Zimmerman (Tom & Janet H.)
29	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Dr. of the Church..	+Sylvester Faber (S. Brand Family)
30	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Pius V, Pope.....	+Gilbert Cordova (Herman Cordova)
01	Sat			Mass canceled for the Funeral of Bertha Mercado	
01	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter.....	Father Ted Skalsky (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
02	Sun	8: 30 pm	(M)	5th Sunday of Easter.Living & Deceased members of the Knott Family(Dick & Brenda)	
02	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fifth Sunday of Easter .....	+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
02	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter .....(Spanish).....	For the Parishioners

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

30 minutes before Masses

**OMEBOUND** If you would like Communion brought to you at home, or have someone in the hospital, please notify Father at 620-575-5520.

**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.

**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!

## Liturgical and Other Ministers

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**FOWLER – Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Bruce Millershaski, Judy Dewell

**SERVERS:** Kate & Abby Cunningham

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Steve & Judy Dewell

**NURSING HOME:**

**PLAINS – Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jerrilynn Woods

**SERVERS:** Lucy V., Dianna O.

**GREETERS:** Bob & Gloria Kaberlein

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Lucy Bromwell

**MEADE – Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell

**SERVERS:** Josie B., Emily F., Sarah K.

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

**EUCH MIN:** Becky Hamilton

**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Karen McD./Jan

**USHERS:**

**ROSARY:** Sarah Jordan

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Martha Saucedo

**ROSARY:** Vern Kisner

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**GIFTS:**

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1595.00	\$893.00	\$1540.00
OFFERTORY:	\$137.80	\$5.00	\$85.00
BUILDING FND:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BLDG FD online:	\$20.00	.00	500.00
ONLINE	\$155.00	\$275.00	605.00
CANDLES:	\$44.00	\$0.00	36.00
RICE BOWL	<u>\$440.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>746.38</u>
TOTAL:	\$2391.80	\$1173.00	3512.38

ON-LINE GIVING is easily accessible at [WWW.meadecatholic.org](http://WWW.meadecatholic.org).

**MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM:** Dear people under the Pandemic cloud,

The assembly of priests allowed the discernment that the planned time to remove the dispensation from the obligation to Sunday Mass will be the Feast of Pentecost, May 23rd in our diocese along with Salina. We remember that many places in the world still are not allowed to gather in public assembly in churches. It was Pentecost 2020 that, after 90 days of only private on-line celebrations of the Eucharist, we were allowed to gather, but with stringent and specific restrictions in place. These precautions have for the most part, remained in place through Easter, and only now, following the directions of the local health authorities, we are permitted to remove them to the level a pastor feels it remains safe for the faithful to gather.

The other side of the coin of the removal of the dispensation, remembering that it becomes a serious sin to not participate in Sunday Mass, except in circumstances such as health or inclement weather, we must also hope to return the ritual integrity of the Sunday Eucharist by removing as we can these restrictions and still honor the anxieties that still are present in our community of contracting the Coronavirus.

Since Christmas, in our diocese and parishes, we restored the option of receiving communion on the tongue, though I still try to disinfect my hands after giving to each person on the tongue. I announced on Divine Mercy Sunday, that masks have become optional and the responsibility and prerogative of taking this precaution belongs to you; though I will continue to wear a mask to be within 6 feet of the person receiving the Eucharist. . I have begun to allow as needed, the barriers to every other pew to come down. I have introduced and Bruce Millershaski is graciously preparing automatic holy water dispensers to provide the choice of a more sanitary way to make the holy water available from a font, which I consider a long term solution to the sanitary maintenance of the holy water distribution.

In short, rather than a “cold turkey” approach, I suggest for our parishes a gradual lessening of the precautions, until throughout the world, we have control of the Pandemic. For example, I do not see any need to remove the 6 feet reminders in the aisles, as this seems a good long term practice of approaching communion leaving the distance for adequate reverence and bowing as one approaches the Blessed Sacrament. Sanitary hand cleaner will remain available at the entrance. We will continue to disinfect the pews weekly, as we have. The only two recommendations of Bishop Vincke is to not begin giving communion of the precious blood and the sign of peace which remains an optional and debated addition to the liturgy, which means a step back for us. I will no longer invite the sign of peace, but if you feel comfortable and those receiving it feel comfortable, you are welcome to offer some respectful sign.

We want our people back to “right and just” worship of our Lord and full communion in the Lord. I plan to wait to begin the collection and offertory procession until the Feast of Pentecost, May 23rd. We have planned the confirmation of six young people on the Feast of Pentecost at the 5:30 Mass in Plains. It will be most appropriate that these six candidates for confirmation be the first to bring the bread and wine to the altar. Let us gather in the Lord and receive the Holy Spirit, Fr. Jim

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Meade County will host Totus Tuus for our youth at St. Patrick Church in Plains. I would like to make daily transportation available for those days from Fowler and Meade. The dates of this energizing diocesan program for our youth is July 25th through July 30th. Please consider sending them to this opportunity to know and live the Catholic Faith.

**KANSANS FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT** is coming Mother's Day, May 9 and will be closing Father's Day, June 20! Participants take baby bottles on Mother's Day, May 9, and save spare change, bills or checks in the baby bottle. On Father's Day, June 20, participants return the filled baby bottles to the church and the donations are collected and sent to Kansans for Life. Please be generous in your participation and fill the baby bottles with well-deserved cash for this worthwhile organization!

**PREGNANCY SUPPORT:** Pregnancy is an emotional journey on a good day; and even more so if it is your first pregnancy, an unintended pregnancy, or you don't have resources to support yourself and your child. But there is hope and you don't have to walk this journey alone. Catholic Charities offers free, compassionate pregnancy support for any woman regardless of faith, race, nationality, or age. We'll walk beside you while you think through options and connect with resources so that you can make the best choices for yourself and your baby. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org.

### Announcement for Plains

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be on Wednesday, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**MARIAN GARDEN:** We would like to build a Marian garden by asking the parish to bring roses throughout the month of May, to honor the Blessed Mother. When you bring roses for the Blessed Mother you are asked to say a rosary or some other form of prayer asking for the intercession of Mary for your intentions. Place the roses by Mary. And the roses can be brought any time in May. We will also have a basket by Mary for you to put your written intentions in. These intentions will be remembered at each Mass through the month of May.

### Announcements for Meade

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be on Friday, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**MEADE PASTORAL COUNCIL:** the Pastoral Council Meeting is rescheduled from Saturday, May 1st until Saturday May 8th after the 8:30 AM Mass at 9:00 AM because of the Funeral for Bertha Mercado. **CONGRATULATIONS** to Ethan Eugenio, Lyra Eugenio, Natalie Inlow, and Reese Rio on receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 25! All parishioners are invited to share in their joy at a reception in the Forst Center following the Sunday Mass.

PSR wrap up & celebration- PSR & Youth Group families, please join us for ice cream sundaes on Wednesday, Apr. 28th @ 7pm in the Forst Center.

### Announcements for Fowler

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will be on Monday, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL** will be on **Tuesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m.**