

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

Father James P. Dieker

(Pastor)

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## St. Patrick Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

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### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

02	Sun	8:30 am	(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
03	Mon			No Mass today
04	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Faber Trust)
05	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in the Easter Season.....+Lawrence Danler (Steve & Judy Dewell)
06	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in the Easter Season..... +Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Brand Family)
07	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	First Friday.....Fr. Ted Skalsky (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
07	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	First Friday.....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
07	Fri	7:30 pm	(F)	First Friday.....+Ron Beckerman (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
08	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	First Saturday.....All Souls in Purgatory (Janet Cook)
08	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Sixth Sunday of Easter.....+Irene Labra (Seven Sisters)
09	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Sixth Sunday of Easter.....+Ted Woodruff (Cindy Woodruff)
09	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Sixth Sunday of Easter .....+Marilyn Dewell (Rita & Donnie Bergkamp)
09	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Sixth 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Andra Cunningham, Karen Johnson

**SERVERS:** Avery Hamilton

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Larry & Cherie Knott

**NURSING HOME:**

**PLAINS – Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Bob Kaberlein

**SERVERS:** Hailey S., Owen V.

**GREETERS:** Jason & Kerri Vajnar Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Vince Koons

**SERVERS:** Degnan B., Alek H., Walker K.

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Knott Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** In today’s Gospel, Jesus says that God is glorified when a disciple, grafted in Christ, produces abundantly and bears much fruit. The disciple must then be a good steward of that abundance.

**EUCH MIN:** Sarah Jordan

**MUSIC MIN:** Diane Leis, Cathy Heinz/ Clavinova

**USHERS:**

**ROSARY:** Randy Leis

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Nancy Hines

**ROSARY:** Teresa Garza

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** TBD

**GIFTS:**

**ROSARY:** Volunteers

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$2184.00	\$377.00	\$324.00
OFFERTORY:	\$40.00	\$10.00	\$104.00
BUILDING FND:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BLDG FD online:	\$20.00	.00	.00
ONLINE	\$1315.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
CANDLES:	\$5.00	\$44.00	\$1.00
RICE BOWL	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3564.00	\$431.00	\$449.00

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

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

It's officially in the works, "Apostolic Administrator Gerald Vincke has announced the dispensation from attending Mass will be lifted on Pentecost weekend, which is May 22 to 23, in the Diocese of Dodge City. The dispensation will still be in place for the elderly, those who are immune-compromised, those who are sick, etc. Apostolic Administrator Vincke is writing a pastoral letter on the importance of attending Sunday Mass."

I think we have moved very close to our full attendance levels, though a few families have continued to stay away. I fear with all of the clergy, that this may become a permanent disassociation from the practice of the faith. We mostly have been able to accommodate our congregations with the 50% capacity of closed pews. The recommendation of the county nurse has been to maintain masking as long as possible, and encouraging social distancing voluntarily.

Unfortunately, after weeks of no active cases, the health department is reporting today five active cases of the Coronavirus in our County, focused mainly in Meade and involving the County Hospital. This has dampened my enthusiasm for removing the Coronavirus precautions. I am going ahead with the addition of automatic holy water dispensers. We will continue with voluntary distancing and masks for the time being, but will gradually begin removing the ropes, leaving them in the back few pews for those who choose to practice social distancing.

Fr. Klein, last week quoted Karen Armstrong, a theologian and author. "I practice religion to find my meaning in life and I can only do that with others, (through the Sacred Assembly)." The Mass is a public work that we do together. The Mass is a sacrificial offering to the Glory of God that restores us to communion. It is the necessary food from heaven. Our Administrator, Bishop Vincke will be sending a pastoral letter in this vein in the next few weeks to restore our confidence and commitment to the Eucharist.

We need to be healed and the beauty of our liturgy to be restored. I have struggled recently to keep live streaming of the Mass, having substitute priests and technical difficulties. Rather than investing more in equipment and management of live streaming, I will discontinue the live streaming of the Sunday Eucharist on Pentecost, as well as restoring the offertory and the procession of gifts at that time. These remaining weeks, I will try to return the Masses' weekly presence on Facebook for the few weeks that remain before Pentecost.

Grace and Peace, Fr. Jim

**NEWMAN CONNECTIONS:** This year, ensuring high school grads get connected to college campus ministry will be easier than ever, with the Newman Connect App! Instead of waiting for a campus minister to reach out when they get to campus this fall, students can download Newman Connect for their iPhone or Android device and find their college campus ministry, instantly! Naturally, we will also connect students the traditional way, by passing their contact information to the campus minister where they plan to attend college but we are really excited about how quickly students can connect on their own with the Newman Connect App! More information will be coming about the app when you sign up to connect your students.

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

**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!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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](mailto:afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org).

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### 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.

### 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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our First Communicant, Sofia Boyd. May Jesus continue to draw you close to Himself!