

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

09	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	6th 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
10	Mon			No Mass today
11	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....All religious workers (Janet Cook)
12	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras, Martyrs..... John Bruner (Steve & Judy Dewell)
13	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Our Lady of Fatima..... +Margaret Cordova (Herman Cordova)
14	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Matthias.....Deceased Family & Friends (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
14	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. Matthias.....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
15	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	St. Isidore.....Living & Deceased Members of the Knott Family (Dick & Brenda Knott)
15	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Ascension of the Lord.....+Albert Amerin (Josephine Amerin)
16	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Ascension of the LordDorothy Devine (Gertie Kessen)
16	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Ascension of the Lord+Leroy & Stellie Huelskamp (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
16	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Ascension of the Lord(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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.

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!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sunday, May 16th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Stacy Milford, Phyllis Butts

SERVERS: Karson Wideman

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

NURSING HOME:

PLAINS – Saturday, May 15th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Martha Saucedo

SERVERS: Lucy V., Hailey S.

GREETERS: Vern & Angie Kisner

COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sunday, May 16th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Camdyn F., Brock K., Logan K.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, May 16th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Jesus’ commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God’s people?

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.

EUCH MIN: Decina Heinz

MUSIC MIN: Karen McD., Cherie Knott/ Clavinova

USHERS:

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Suzanne Eakes

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: TBD

GIFTS: HS/JH Graduates

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1965.00	\$560.00	\$630.00
OFFERTORY:	\$68.00	\$1.00	\$273.00
BUILDING FND:	\$.00	\$.00	\$455.00
BLDG FD online:	\$10.00	.00	300.00
ONLINE	\$155.00	\$180.00	420.00
CANDLES:	\$.00	\$44.00	\$1.00
RICE BOWL	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2198.00	\$741.00	2078.00

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

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear parishioners,

Where did it go? The Easter Season has seemed to have passed me by while I was off participating in Engaged Encounter for two weeks. The optional memorial of St. Joseph on May 1st, and the coinciding opportunity for the crowning of Mary were mere blinks of the eyes and they were gone. I was grateful to return to the Sunday Mass, but I am way out of my routine to prepare for each week.

The Meade Ministerial Alliance has prepared a baccalaureate for all the graduates of Meade High School on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 PM at the Meade Nazarene Church. I have been given the part of explaining why we, together as a ministerial alliance, present a Bible to each graduate. The protestant pastors have been gracious in allowing our graduates to receive a complete Bible with the so-called Apocrypha. For the baccalaureate at Southwestern Heights on Wednesday, May 19th, I was only asked to provide eight dozen cookies from the parish. The reality of the number of high school graduates in our county that do not participate in any Christian Church, let alone the Catholic faith, is humbling and the context of beginning evangelization with joy, by at least introducing the inspired Word of God to them, yet from our Catholic perspective, is useless without inspired interpretation of the Word. I am grateful, unlike a year ago, that we are able to gather, even in the discomfort of an ecumenical prayer service.

The Governor of Florida has made much waves with his bold departure from the national trend to enforced mandates by proposing legislation to restrict the government's authority to mandate such restrictions on individual rights and removing imposed fines for businesses that did not fully comply. His thought is that to continue to mandate masks after massive vaccinations with a vaccine that has proven effective, even beyond expectations, is only perpetrating a view that the vaccinations are not effective in preventing the illness.

I am grateful we have the increasing freedom to remove the barriers that were necessary for a time, but now have passed their time of rationally being imposed, allowing freedom for individual citizens to take their own measures needed to protect their health and the health of their loved ones. I look forward to Pentecost on May 23rd, when social distancing and masking become entirely voluntary according to the discernment of the individual parishioner to fulfill their obligation to assist at the Eucharist each Sunday.

The year of restrictions on the Sunday Mass are coming to an end. As I mentioned last week, the two precautions that remain are withholding distribution of the precious blood and leaving the sign of Peace as an optional gesture of those so inclined. For this reason, I will not say the optional words, "Let us share with one another a sign of peace", but if you feel moved by the spirit to risk the contact, and receive the contact, it is by your choice before singing the Lamb of God to share a sign of peace with your neighbor. Peace be with you! 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.

BACCALAUREATE: “ an address or sermon delivered to a graduating class at commencement”. It is an effort of our Ministerial alliances to keep prayer and God in the lives of our children educated in secular institutions and so the Baccalaureate no longer is held at the commencement. We are inviting the class to a time at one of our churches to make this address. In Fowler, this has been reduced to handing the graduates a gift certificate to go out into the world at the commencement this weekend at 7:00 PM on Saturday, May 8th. This address will even be given at Meade by the two recipients of the newly established scholarship fund on Wednesday, May 12th at 7:00 PM at the Nazarene Church of Meade. The Baccalaureate will be held at the Methodist Church in Plains on Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. The community is welcome. God bless our graduates!

FLOWERS FOR MARY: St. Patrick Church is making available a table before the image of Mary for any cut flowers that parishioners would like to offer to Mary throughout the Month of Mary. Remember that we celebrate the First Apparition at Fatima on the anniversary, Thursday, May 13th. There is space in all three churches to offer fresh cut flowers from your garden to Mary. We have plenty of vases, just ask.

MOTHER'S DAY: Blessed Mother's Day to all of our mothers! We are so blessed with the feminine genius that forms our mothers into nurturing, caring and loving expressions of the Divine Love begotten of our Heavenly Father. May God richly endow you with the pure love of your children and of God.

KANSANS FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE PROJECT 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.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION: The obligation to assist at Sunday Mass, with exception for the elderly, sick, and home-bound will be removed from suspension on Pentecost, May 23rd for the diocese of Dodge City.

Announcement for Plains

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! They are: High School – Makenzie Arellano, Lizbeth Chavez, Adan Garcia, Anaee Gutierrez, Bryant Olvera, Sergio Puentes, Walter Ramirez, Emma Rios, Clarissa Sanchez, and Owen Vajnar. 8th grade Jr.High – Jeremiah Alvidrez, Javier Baray, Cinthya Garcia Alvarado, Yasmin Ochoa Garcia, Yanet Gutiérrez, Yasmin Martínez, Johnathan Mercado, Angel Puentes, Edwin Puentes, Juanita Puentes, Brayan Ramirez, Joselyn Reveles.

Announcements for Meade

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES! They are: High School – Katie Welsh. Junior High – Alek Holguin, Walker Koons, and Tayte Flavin.

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 GRADUATES! They are: High School – Angelica Mendoza. Junior High – Heath Hamilton, Braeagon Shelor, and Isaias Miramontes.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, June 13th, falls on Sunday this year. We invite all parishioners and any members of the community to join us for a free will donation New Mexico style Fried Taco Dinner with all the fixings served from 11:30-1:30 on Sunday, June 13th for a last hurrah for the old parish hall. Donations will be added to the Parish Center building fund. Invite your neighbors!