

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

Father James P. Dieker

(Pastor)

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**St. Patrick Church**

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**St. Anthony Church**

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**Catholic Radio from  
Dodge City. 90.7 FM**

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Third Sunday of Advent/  
Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12, 2021

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

12	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent .....	Deceased Family of Larry & Marge Donahue
12	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Third Sunday of Advent.....	For an end to Religious Persecutions
12	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Third Sunday of Advent .....	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
13	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr.....	For an end to human trafficking
14	Tue			No Mass today, Father is gone	
15	Wed			No Mass today, Father is gone	
16	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....	+Mr. & Mrs. George Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
17	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Advent.....	+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Faber Trust)
17	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Advent.....	(Spanish)..... For an end to abortion
18	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Saturday in Advent.....	Jana Leis Brey (David Leis)
18	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....	+Eric Zimmerman (Cherie & Larry Knott)
19	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....	Deceased Family of Larry & Marge Donahue
19	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....	For Missions Worldwide (Janet Cook)
19	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent.....	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

30 minutes before Masses

**HOMEBOUND** 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](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 – Saturday, Dec. 18th, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Stacy Milford, Cherie Knott

**SERVERS:** Jacelyn Huelskamp

**GREETERS:** Andy & Ashley Boyd Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** John Weber & Steve Dewell

**PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 19th, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Terry Shinogle

**SERVERS:** Diana O., Lucy V., Ron E.

**GREETERS:** Paul & Kristin Grilliot

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Lucy Bromwell

**MEADE – Sunday, Dec. 19th, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell

**SERVERS:** Degnan B., Camdyn F., Alek H.

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Parker Family

**ROSARY:** Flavín Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Dec. 19th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**EUCH MIN:** Tom Leis

**MUSIC MIN:** Cathy Heinz, Angie Dewell/Jan

**USHERS:** Andy Boyd, T J Milford

**ROSARY:** Bruce Millershaski

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Jentre S.

**ROSARY:** Vern Kisner

**EUCH MIN:** Janet Rickard

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Knott Family

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$2020.00	\$930.00	\$2505.00
OFFERTORY:	\$115.00	\$45.00	\$189.00
BUILDING FND:	\$345.00	\$ .00	\$670.00
BLDG FD online:	\$660.00	\$ .00	1740.00
ONLINE	\$165.00	\$ .00	300.00
Other:	\$ .00	\$9044.16	.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3305.00	9189.16	5404.00

**MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM:** My people awaiting the coming of the Lord, How could I have missed it? In three editorial revisions, how could I have missed Christmas day is on Saturday, not Friday? I suppose I wanted so bad subconsciously to have an extra day between Christmas and Sunday, a three day weekend, I willed it into being. Within 48 hours, we have scheduled to celebrate 9 Masses, as is. The Saturday evening Mass will count for the Sunday obligation, but Christmas trumps Sunday Vigil in the rank of solemnities and the readings for that Mass will be the Mass of Christmas Day, my personal favorite Mass of the year, “The Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us!”. On Saturday evening, the church will not use the readings of the Solemnity of the Holy Family, but of Christmas Day. So please note in the Christmas Card I hope that you have received, the times, date, and locations are correct in the schedule, but the day of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are in error. Just mark out Thursday and Friday and replace with Friday and Saturday, an easy fix.

If you did not receive a Christmas card, you must not be registered currently and please contact your parish. I have added a simple on-line registration at [www.MeadeCoCatholic.org](http://www.MeadeCoCatholic.org) under the tab about/registration and have placed blank registration forms in each entryway. The most innovative pillar of discipleship of the seven spoken of by the Casting Nets Ministries, for me personally, was the challenge to be “inspirational”. Too often, that is relegated to priests or religious or maybe visiting lay missionaries like Tony and Chris, but that our lives are inspirational to others is a key component of being a faithful disciple. If others do not see in our actions, hear in our words, the spirit of God, our life is meaningless.

It surely is not inspirational to have the day of Christmas wrong on the calendar. Yet, many have lost the inspiration of the Christmas Day as it has been dissipated out until the Christmas mystery is mixed with Halloween and Thanksgiving and has completely obliterated an Advent Season. We are blessed to have the longest Advent Season this year possible, one day short of a full four weeks. I watched a raving tiktok podcast where a young lady berates anyone who has Christmas lights on before Thanksgiving, but I would say we all have rushed Christmas Day into oblivion. I sentimentally long for the Midnight Mass of Christmas that truly initiated a Christmas celebration that lasted until the Epiphany and beyond, a time when the Christmas Mass was the focal point of the whole season.

So, I apologize for any confusion I may have caused in your plans for Christmas Day. I only pray that you will make your participation in the Christmas weekend Masses a central piece of your commemoration of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem. Wishing a meaningful and holy Advent season for you. Fr. Jim

**SUPPORT FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, INC.:** For the last two years the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City has been partnering with the Catholic Diocese of Wichita to provide scholarships to eligible students attending Catholic Schools within our diocese. To date we have several students attending Catholic schools in Dodge City, Ness City, and Garden City with scholarships amounting to over \$300,000. Funding for this program so far has been from generous stewards from the Wichita diocese. If our Catholic schools are important to you, I am asking you to please consider a gift to the Support for Catholic Schools, Inc. By donating, you are eligible to receive a 70% Kansas income tax credit that can be applied to your Kansas state income tax liability.

For more information on Support for Catholic Schools please contact:  
Daniel Stremel, CPA, CDFM, Director of Finance at [dmstremel@dcdiocese.org](mailto:dmstremel@dcdiocese.org) (620) 227-1517.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:** If you missed the Advent penance services in Meade County, there are public penance services at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday, December 14th at 5:00 PM and again on Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 and 7:00 PM. Also at St. Anthony of Padua in Liberal on December 19th at 7:00 PM. Fr. Jim hopes to be present before the remaining Advent Masses for individual confessions. Please prepare spiritually to celebrate the birth of the Lord.

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE** will be on December 31, 5:30 pm Mass in Meade; 7:30 pm Mass in Fowler; Saturday, January 1, 9:00 am Mass in Plains; and 11:00 am Spanish Mass in Plains.

**MASS SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE** the first weekend in January, January 1 -2. At that time, the schedule will be as follows: Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass will be at St. John's in Meade; Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Mass will be at St. Anthony's in Fowler; 10:30 a.m. Mass will be at St. Patrick's in Plains; 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass will also be at St. Patrick's in Plains.

### **Announcement for Plains**

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas are as follows: **Friday, December 24**, 5:30 pm at Meade; 7:30 p.m. at Plains; 10:00 p.m., at Fowler; **Saturday, December 25**, Mass will be at 8:30 a.m., at Meade; and at 11:00 a.m., in Spanish, at Plains.

### **Announcements for Meade**

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

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:** Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas are as follows: **Friday, December 24**, 5:30 pm at Meade; 7:30 p.m. at Plains; 10:00 p.m., at Fowler; **Saturday, December 25**, Mass will be at 8:30 a.m., at Meade; and at 11:00 a.m., in Spanish, at Plains.

**MASS TIME CHANGES THIS WEEK:** On December 14 – 15, Bart Schuchts from the JP Healing Center will be in Hays at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church. . All priests are invited. Fr. Jim will be participating, so the Tuesday evening Mass scheduled at Meade will be celebrated on Monday evening, December 13th at 6:00 PM. The parish Mass on Tuesday, December 14th is canceled. Please pray for spiritual healing for those in need.

### **Announcements for Fowler**

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

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY:** The Rosary will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:** Please join us after Mass next Sat. to decorate the church for Christmas.

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**WEEK DAY MASS TIME CHANGES THIS WEEK:** On December 14 – 15, Bart Schuchts from the JP Healing Center will be in Hays at St. Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church. . All priests are invited. Fr. Jim will be participating. The parish Mass on Wednesday, December 15th is canceled. Please pray for spiritual healing for those in need.

**FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL** is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, December 15, instead of the 14th.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** for your generous support for the Christmas Food Boxes!