

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 6, 2022

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

06	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Mark Low (Barb Whitehead)
06	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Marlyn Morrison (Nieces & Nephews)
06	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
07	Mon			No Mass today
08	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Jerome Eiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin.....+Jim Dale Woodruff (Tom & Janet)
09	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Sonja Strecker (Fred & Dee Boyd)
10	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Scholastica, Virgin.....+Marlyn Morrison (Nieces & Nephews)
11	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Our Lady of Lourdes..... For an end to abortion
11	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Our Lady of Lourdes.....(Spanish)....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
12	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....For an end to Human Trafficking (Janet Cook)
12	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....Diane Koppelman (Debra Thomas)
13	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time .....+Victor Martinez (Sarah Jordan)
13	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....Deceased Family of Larry & Marge Donahue
13	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(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.

**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, Feb. 13th , 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Cherie Knott, Sarah Jordan

**SERVERS:** Jacelyn H., Karson W., Raidel V.

**GREETERS:** Nathan & Gwendolyn Leis

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

**PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 13th , 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Timber Woods

**SERVERS:** Hayes S., Lucy V., Gloria K.

**GREETERS:** Paul & Kristin Grilliot

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Saturday, Feb. 12th , 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Tyler Flavin

**SERVERS:** Camdyn F., Kynlee F., James W.

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Giebler/Kelsay Family

**ROSARY:** Volunteer

**PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 13th , 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** In today's readings, both Isaiah and Peter hear the call of God and feel themselves unworthy. But, reassured by the Lord, both answer and follow. Do / hear the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send?" Am / prepared to answer "Here I am, Send *me!*"

**EUCH MIN:** James Hamilton

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

**USHERS:** Mike Bucher, Larry Knott

**ROSARY:** Bruce Millershaski

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Suzanne Eakes

**ROSARY:** Bob Kaberlein

**EUCH MIN:** Cindy Hagemeyer

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Koons Family

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1720.00	\$746.00	\$640.00
OFFERTORY:	\$105.00	\$80.00	\$233.00
BUILDING FND:	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$ .00
BLDG FD online:	\$10.00	\$ .00	\$300.00
ONLINE	\$155.00	\$ .00	200.00
Fuel/ heat:	\$ .00	\$ .00	.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$ 2.00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$10.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2067.00	826.00	1383.00

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear people of the light,

It appears that Candlemas, February 2nd, the celebration of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, the day of prayer for consecrated religious, will fall on a snow day this year. Eleven years ago, Bishop John was ordained in the Cathedral at Dodge City on an extremely cold, windy, and icy day on this Feast Day. St. John Paul II established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers." It is quite natural to bring these two things together, the presentation of the child Jesus at the Temple and the consecration to the Religious life by men and women of our age.

A parent told me that their children were praying for another snow day. I don't remember a day like in December, when the schools were given a "wind" day of staying safely in the home, but the modern prognostic ability to predict storms allows for the reasonable practice of cancelling the scheduled activities of the day in respect of the inclement weather. A snow day always seemed like a gift of freedom as a child, yet cancelling is always unsettling to me, a person very dependent on routine, to carry out my ministry is hindered when events are cancelled. Consecrated religious have a sense that their calling is never being put on hold or postponed. Consecrated Religious have made a visible and outward sign of the constancy of God's love. Yes, God does give the Sabbath, but even the Lord healed on the Sabbath.

I will have blessed candles on Wednesday at the Mass at St. Anthony, a symbolic gesture that allows the bees wax candles we use in the church to give the spiritual light for which they are intended. We continue to pray that Bishop John will be exonerated and return to serve the diocese. The end of the investigation seems mysteriously slow in coming to a conclusion. February 8th will mark one year anniversary of the public announcement and the message of Bishop John, to which he has firmly held, that he will make no other public statement until the conclusion of the investigation. Bishop Vincke of Salina has been very gracious in the administration of the diocese, but all are hoping soon to the return of the light of apostolic witness in our local church.

Though not technically a consecrated religious, it is very appropriate that we add Bishop John to our worldwide prayer for all those who are consecrated in the religious life, as he was ordained a Bishop on this very Feast, and his light came into our temple of worship. Also, I, being a professed member of the Secular Franciscans, need your prayers. "God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen." Saints Simeon and Anna, pray for us! Fr. Jim

**Call to Continuing Conversion/Rite of Election.** Bishop Gilmore will celebrate these rites with us this year on Sunday, March 6, at 3 pm, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

**MADE FOR GREATNESS:** High School Pilgrimage for the Diocese of Dodge City will be held on February 20th from 4-6 p.m. This is a free event for high schoolers from the diocese to learn about virtuous living and Saints who exemplify a virtuous life. Registration can be found at <https://www.dcdiocese.org/youth-events>

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic School in Dodge City Now Hiring for 2022-2023 School Year, K-8 Physical Education Teacher, 2nd Grade Teacher (due to increased enrollment), Please contact Lynee Habiger, Principal for more information  
[lynee.habiger@dcschcs.com](mailto:lynee.habiger@dcschcs.com) / 620-227-6532

**CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY RETREAT:** a one-day retreat for individuals, families, and community members impacted by addiction. For more information or to register for the retreat, call the parish office. However, it is not necessary to register, you can just show up.

### Announcement for Plains

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

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

**PLAINS PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Plains is scheduled to have a pastoral Council meeting on Wednesday, February 9th, at 7:00 PM, in the parish center.

### Announcements for Meade

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

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

**RESCHEDULED:** The Potluck and Parish Meeting scheduled for following the 5:30 PM Mass on February 5th has been cancelled and will be planned and re-scheduled for a later date because of Covid-19 considerations and preparation for the meeting.

### Announcements for Fowler

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

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

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

**GUILD 1: February and March** are the months that **Guild 1** will be in charge of fundraisers, funerals, or coffee & rolls. The people on Guild 1 are: **Judy & Steve Dewell, Tia & Grant Harris, Cherie & Larry Knott, Diane & Jim Woodruff, Angie Dewell, Becky & Duce Hamilton, Barb Beckerman, Dave & Sarah Weber, Janice Brock, Brenda Wentta, Jerri & Tom Leis, John Weber, Mattie & Luke Huelskamp, Kris & Mike Bucher, Laura & Devin Hamilton, Norma & Angel Mendoza, Phyllis & Kenneth Butts, Candace Lang, Sonia & Luis Miramontes, Lupe & Rigoberto Holguin, Shelly & Mo Ptacek, Glenda Merkle, Debbie Bruner, Gertie Kessen, Brenda & Dan Harris, and Dee Dee Dewell.** Be aware that in February and March, we will be needing help for any funerals, fundraisers, or coffee and rolls. So, if you are called upon, please be ready.