

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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## St. Patrick Church

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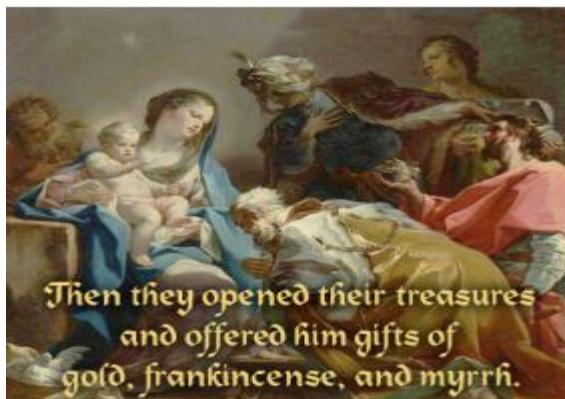
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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2023

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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08	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....+Diane Kopplemann (Dick & Brenda Knott)
08	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....+Vivian Huelskamp
08	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Epiphany of the Lord.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
09	Mon			No Mass
10	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	First Week in Ordinary Time.....+Larry Wenta (Peggy & Bob Higgins)
11	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Kay Milford (Dave & Sarah Weber)
12	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time .....+Joseph Toan Van Dinh (Ngu Thi Pham)
13	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Hilary, Bishop & Dr. of the Church.....+Josephine Amerin (Mary Ann Conrardy)
13	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. Hilary.....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
14	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Saturday in Ordinary Time.....+Mark Rome (Mark Rome Family)
14	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Gerald Jacobs (Shawn Jacobs Family)
15	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time .....For all who suffer in grief (Janet Cook)
15	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time .....+Mark Low (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
15	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second 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 email [@stanthonyfowler@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com) no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

**Liturgical and Other Ministers**

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**FOWLER – Sunday, Jan. 15th, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Stacy Milford, DD Dewell  
**SERVERS:** Avery H., Brody H., John Milford  
**GREETERS:** Greg, Jessica & Silas Bradford  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Cherie Knott, Myron Burns

**PLAINS – Saturday, Jan. 14th, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Zack C.  
**SERVERS:** Jordan L., Hayes S., Bob K.  
**GREETERS:** Shawn & Kathy Jacobs  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Sunday, Jan. 15th , 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Nick Borth  
**SERVERS:** Walker K., James W., Malachi W.  
**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Borth Families  
**ROSARY:** Volunteer

**PLAINS – Sunday, Jan. 15th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

**EUCH MIN:** Tom Leis, Sarah Jordan  
**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Diane Woodruff/Jan  
**USHERS:** Dave Weber, Kevin Hageman  
**ROSARY:** Kevin Milford

**EUCH. MIN:** Lucy B., Jenny A.  
**MUSIC MIN:** Martha Saucedo  
**ROSARY:** Teresa Garza

**EUCH MIN:** Lisa K., Vince K.  
**MUSIC MIN:** P. Gleason  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Smith Family

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Today’s responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.” May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,270.00	\$15.00	\$10,274.00
OFFERTORY:	\$146.00	\$507.00	\$130.00
YOUTH:	\$4.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
BLDG FD online:	\$10.00	.00	\$200.00
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$180.00	\$200.00
BUILDING FD.	\$250.00	\$1195.00	\$451.00
OTHER:		\$100.00	
CANDLES:	<u>\$22.00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$33.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1857.00	\$622.00	\$11,288.00

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear children of the light,

The celebration of Epiphany predated the celebration of Christmas in the Church calendar for several hundred years. In some parts of Latin America, Tres Reyes, the Fiesta of Three Kings is the holiday celebrated most festively, though western influence is diminishing this in our world with its exporting of Santa Claus. In most dioceses in the US, the Epiphany celebration is moved to the nearest Sunday and the baptism of the Lord is moved to the Monday following, this year, January 9th. Our local promotion of letters to Santa Claus with a wish list is a contributing factor, I fear. The reason for the season is therefore much more spotlighted at the center of the great festival of lights, the mysterious star that has risen into our lives, the epiphany of our Lord.

Epiphany has traditionally been the day the Church recommends having your home and family blessed, symbolic of welcoming the Magi with their message of the coming of the King to our dwelling. We will mark the doors of our churches with chalk in the traditional manner, 20 +M + C + B + 23, marking the new year with the initials of the traditional names given the three kings, Melchior, Casper, and Balthasar, noting the year of our Lord. A Catholic prayer of blessing is easily found on the internet.

There is a saying, that, the darker the darkness, the easier it is to see the light. I wish that were always true, but the blindness of our sins often obscures the hope needed to see the light of God's forgiveness that inspires us to repentance. Let the light in! But it hurts! But, only for a moment does it take to adjust to the fullness of light. I doubt whether we are ever able to look directly into the full light of Christ in this life, but drawing closer and closer each year, we are illuminated a bit each year.

I pray your New Year resolutions are bold and brave going forward into the light. We begin ordinary time with the baptism of the Lord, a good time to hear for those in Christ, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." Blessings on the New Year!. Fr. Jim

**EPIPHANY CHALK BLESSING Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name all those who with it write the names of your saints, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in the homes where this chalk is used, we make this prayer through Jesus the Christ. Amen. 20 +M +C + B +23**

SIGN UP FOR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Individual registration for the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024 has been extended to February 2023. If you are interested in learning more about the Congress and possibly being part of a diocesan delegation to the July 17-21, 2024 Congress in Indianapolis, please contact Father Tim S. Hickey as soon as possible at [tshickey@icloud.com](mailto:tshickey@icloud.com) or at 203-996-7854 (text/voice). This is not a commitment to attend but only an expression of your interest in the Congress. Please be sure to include the number of tickets you are interested in and your parish. Thank you.

Celebration of life for Vicki Cox will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 28th, 2023 at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Meade, Kansas, and interment will follow at the Plains Cemetery. In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place.  
**Don't forget to pick up your envelope boxes at the entryway of the Church! Start your year out right with regular donations to our parish!**

### Announcements for Plains

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 PM.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!** 2023 support envelopes are available in the back of Church. If your name is not on a box and you wish to have one for your donations, contact Jenny Amerin [jennyameri@gmail.com](mailto:jennyameri@gmail.com).

Reminder- Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Patrick Church in Plains presided by Bishop Brungardt on Wednesday, January 25 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome!

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We will be taking down Christmas decorations after Mass on Sunday, January 8th after Spanish mass at 2 pm. Everyone's help would be greatly appreciated!**

### Announcements for Meade

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

### Announcements for Fowler

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Adoration from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. this Monday.

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

PSR UPDATE: Parents & Students: PSR classes will resume January 11 for Little Lambs & PreK-5th at the Fowler Grade School from 6-7PM. **Please enter the main door on the southwest side.** 6th – 12th monthly class will be held January 15 at the home of Tim & Rhonda Milford. Class will begin at 9 AM with breakfast. Mass will follow class at 10:30 AM

**We will continue to monitor progress on the parish school restoration and adjust accordingly when class can resume at our parish. We look forward to seeing you!**

The St. Anthony's women's group will kick off its winter session on Monday, February 13, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (location to be determined). The group will complete a six-week book study called "Reclaiming Friendship", a Walking with Purpose series. Through the Bible study, women will see how God created each of them in His image. He created them for an authentic community, the kind in which they experience His joy and goodness. Come and enjoy fellowship with other women in discovering God's plan for friendships.

The women's group will meet weekly on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m., ending March 20. Participants will need to purchase a study book for \$22. Contact Dee Dee Dewell by phone/text at 316-755-5633 or by email at [ddewell67@gmail.com](mailto:ddewell67@gmail.com) if interested in participating. Please sign up as soon as possible or no later than January 23 to ensure adequate supply of books.

## RECLAIMING FRIENDSHIP



God's Plan for Deep Connection

