

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

29	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Danny Dewell (Carol Snodgrass)
29	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Deceased Family & Friends (Sobba Family)
29	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time...(Spanish).....	For the Parishioners
30	Mon			(No Mass)	
31	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. John Bosco, Priest.....	+Mark Low (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
01	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	Deceased Family Members (Rita Bergkamp)
02	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	The Presentation of the Lord.....	Deceased Relatives (Larry & Marge Donahue)
03	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr.....	+Josephine Amerin (Dolores Amerin)
04	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
05	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Dale Woodruff (Janet Cook)
05	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
05	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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. One can register on-line at www.meadecocatholic.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Please send any announcements you want put in the bulletin to the Fowler Rectory, or email @stanthonyfowler@gmail.com no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sunday, Feb. 5th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Bruce Millershaski, Hannah Dirks
SERVERS: Jacelyn H., Saul M., John Milford
GREETERS: Bruce & Karrie Millershaski
COLL. COUNTERS: Dee Dee Dewell, Debbie Bush

PLAINS – Saturday, Feb. 4th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Jerrilynn Wood
SERVERS: Hayes S., Hailey S., Ron E.
GREETERS: Ray & Jenny Amerin
COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Goertz

MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 5th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell
SERVERS: Brock K., Logan K., Alek H.
GREETERS/GIFTS: Ewing Family
ROSARY: Flavin Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 5th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

EUCH MIN: Dave Weber, Stacy Milford
MUSIC MIN: Cherie Knott, Diane Leis/ Jan
USHERS: John Weber, Steve Dewell
ROSARY: DD Dewell

EUCH. MIN: Lucy Bromwell, Terry Shinogle
MUSIC MIN: Suzanne Eakes
ROSARY: Jerrilynn Wood

EUCH MIN: Audrey Flowers, Cindy Hagemeyer
MUSIC MIN: TBD
COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1425.00	\$620.00	\$724.00
OFFERTORY:	\$136.00	\$32.00	\$2233.16
YOUTH:	\$10.00	\$.00	\$.00
BLDG FD online:	\$10.00	.00	\$.00
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$180.00	\$200.00
BUILDING FD.	\$5970.69	\$.00	\$50.00
MISC:	\$34.10	\$1999.00	
CANDLES:	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$7740.79	\$2831.00	\$3007.16

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear faithful friends,

“Who are you Lord? I am Jesus whom you are persecuting; you harm only yourself by kicking against the goad.” I am writing this on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Only in this third account of his conversion in Chapter 16 of Acts, of his “seeing the light”, do we have this well-known Greek proverb, though Paul specifically mentions that the voice was in the common language, probably Aramaic, “Kicking against the goad”, the modern equivalent being against the cattle prod, it is to say one is resisting the guidance of God, just as the farmer guided the ox with the goad, and it went well with those ox that were immediately response to the touch.

That Paul was an enemy of the Church, and by extension an enemy of Christ, is indisputable. The great conversion, the great change of mind and heart of this saint, comes by divine intervention. “You only harm yourself by kicking against the goad.” In the wake of the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict VI, there is a plethora of critical synthesis of the Church and its presence in the world. There are enemies from within and without who work to persecute the faithful church, like Paul the faithful Jew, defending the Jewish law.

In 1969, as a professor, Joseph Ratzinger wrote a critical thesis in the post Vatican II Church that was read on German radio and a famous line is often quoted; “From the crisis of today, the Church of tomorrow will emerge, a church that has lost much. She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning.” Fifty years later, the Catholic Church continues to be besought by enemies within and without who only want its destruction as a church of faith. Its future, as always, hinges on the conversion of sinners to saints through an encounter with Jesus of Nazareth, as Paul was converted to faith. Pope Benedict was no enemy of the Church, but a great lover of Christ. But many who are applying his words are attacking the faithful.

Pope Benedict predicted that what will remain, ..is not the Church of the political cult, but the Church of faith.” I fear much of Pope Benedict’s erudite theological reflections are being used for a political agenda within the church, to the demise of the Church of faith he propounded, With the zeal of Saul’s persecution of the Lord, many undertake to “purify” the church, when it is their very conversion that is wanting, “striking against the goad” as it were. That includes all of us to some degree. Let the light of our baptism awaken our great devotion to the Church as she is and as she will need to become. We celebrate the presentation of Jesus to the temple, the light brought into the temple of the world on Thursday, February 2nd, 40 days after Christmas. Let his light enter your hearts. Fr. Jim

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 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.

LOOKING AHEAD: ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS FEBRUARY 22ND Mass times will be in our cluster on the 22nd at 7:00 a.m. in Fowler; 12:00 (noon) in Fowler; 5:30 p.m. in Meade; and 7:30 p.m. in Plains.

Announcements for Plains

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

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a community meeting regarding renovation of the sanctuary on Saturday, February 11th following the 5:30 PM Mass and following the 1:00 PM Mass on Sunday, February 12th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS, who were confirmed on January 25th! They are Jeremiah Alvidrez, Mary Jane Alvidrez, Jackie De La Torre, Emmanuel Dominguez, Cinthya Garcia, Johnathan Mercado, Angel Puentes, Edwin Puentes, Brayan Ramirez, Rene Chavez, Alejandro Balderrama. May the Holy Spirit enliven your faith and continue to grow and fill you with wisdom & peace!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS of Larry Donahue. Larry's example of marital fidelity and care for his family has truly been a witness of love for all of us! May the Lord bless him, and you, during this time and may you know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers!

VIGIL for Larry Donahue is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, the 29th, and the Funeral is 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 30th at St. Patrick's in Plains.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m.

Announcements for Meade

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

MEADE MENS GROUP is continuing to meet biweekly at 5:30 AM every other Wednesday at St. John Parish in Meade, They will meet next Wednesday, February 1st continuing the "Into the Breach" video series. All men are welcome.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: for a community potluck and meeting on Sunday, February 19th at 6:00 PM.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILY & FRIENDS of Vickie Cox. Know of our thoughts & prayers for Vickie and also for you!

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.