

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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12	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time .....	For an end to the War in Ukraine (Janet Cook)
12	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time .....	+Ray Thompson (Steve & Judy Dewell)
12	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time...(Spanish).....	For the Parishioners
13	Mon			(No Mass)	
14	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Bishops.....	For World Peace (Janet Cook)
15	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	+Mark Low (Peggy & Bob Higgins)
16	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	+Josephine Amerin (Pat & Janet Gleason)
17	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order.....	+Margaret Cordova
17	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	The 7 Holy Founders...(Spanish)....	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
18	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Saturday in Ordinary Times.....	For all who suffer in grief (Janet Cook)
18	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Gerald Jacobs (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
19	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Dale Woodruff (Kathy & Bob Goertz)
19	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time .....	+Mark Liebl (Phyllis & Kenneth Butts)
19	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Seventh 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.

**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](http://www.meadecocatholic.org).

**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!

**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 – Sunday, Feb. 19th, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Stacy Milford, DD Dewell

**SERVERS:** Jacelyn H., John Milford, Saul M.

**GREETERS:** Kevin & Stacy Milford

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Becky Hamilton, Andy Boyd

### **PLAINS – Saturday, Feb. 18th, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Timber Wood

**SERVERS:** Jordan L., Romeo S., Kerri V.

**GREETERS:** Vern & Angie Kisner

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Patricia Coats

### **MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 19th, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Nick Borth

**SERVERS:** Brenna F., Kasen F., Kate P.

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Flavin Family

**ROSARY:** Cindy Hagemeyer

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

**EUCH MIN:** Steve Dewell, Jane Chance

**MUSIC MIN:** Diane Woodruff, Cherie K./Jan

**USHERS:** Kevin Milford, Tom Huelskamp

**ROSARY:** Sarah Jordan

**EUCH. MIN:** Mary A., Terry S.

**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar

**ROSARY:** Teresa Garza

**EUCH MIN:** Kevin D., Susan D.

**MUSIC MIN:** Pat Gleason

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Gleason Family

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1445.00	\$914.00	\$820.00
OFFERTORY:	\$111.00	\$30.00	\$70.10
YOUTH:	\$33.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
BLDG FD online:	\$10.00	.00	\$200.00
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$180.00	\$300.00
BUILDING FD.	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$470.00
Ist Offering:	\$2.00		
CANDLES:	<u>\$32.00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2088.00	\$1524.00	\$1860.10

**MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM:** Dear Family of God,

“The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood.”

I was graced to preside at a nuptial mass for a young man and his young bride last Saturday, whom I had pastored for 15 years of his childhood in St. Alphonsus parish of Satanta. The vows were made before the altar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita in the shadow of the tomb of blessed Fr. Emil Kapaun. It has been too long since I have served a wedding where all of the groomsmen were in communion with the Church and the couple in their celebration of their vows. It was an astounding witness of the beauty and sanctity of the vows of matrimony and the call to the communion of love.

The Church calls this act of faith, the Sacrament of Matrimony. The Word and concept of marriage has become so diffused and misappropriated that it has been seriously weakened in our time. I cherish the word matrimony because it highlights the protection of motherhood. I heard a well-known exorcist of the church say that all the sexual dysphoria and sexual liberality of our age is a direct attack of the evil one upon motherhood. I had never thought of the attack on marriage in that light.

The theme of “one flesh given and received” brings into full light the sacramentality of matrimony entered with full commitment and prayer. The union of man and woman is a sacred act of the Church in faith to receive new life and preserve it for eternity. The sacrament is for the salvation of souls, though marriage is only until “death do us part”. This is something willed by God, but profaned by sin, by the misguided will of those who refuse to glorify God with their lives of faith. So, it was great joy to see such beautiful entrance into a life commitment of love ordained to the family. They are our hope for the future.

Valentine's Day has been reduced to the glorification of erotic love. The sacrament of matrimony stands as the witness to the eternal love of God and his will for his people. I am a romantic and relish Valentine's Day that does promote acts of affective love, but know that without the redemption of fidelity and lifelong commitment, these acts are like the passing wind when what is needed is a holy sanctuary of an eternal dwelling in and through Jesus Christ. I give thanks for all those witnessing in the sacrament of Holy Matrimony and pray for those who have suffered the pain of broken families . Fr. Jim

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES INFANT ADOPTION PROGRAM:** Struggling to start a family? Have you thought about infant adoption? Start or learn more about the Catholic Charities Infant Adoption Program by contacting Lori Titsworth at 620-792-1393, or by email at [ltitsworth@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org](mailto:ltitsworth@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org). There is no pressure and this is a good way to ask questions and learn more.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Struggling to provide food for yourself or your family? Catholic Charities staff members are available to help with the application for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP Food Assistance). Call 620-272-0010.

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.

FROM DEBORAH FACTOR OF CORE MINISTRIES: "Thank you for your amazing generosity! We at Youth Core Ministries greatly appreciate your donation and sacrifice. Your Support helps to further our mission, which is "To forever transform our communities through leading kids to Jesus, connecting them to caring adults, and wrapping around families to solve poverty". St. John donated the weekly use of the Forst Center and \$1000.00. St. Anthony donated \$500.00. 9 adults are currently in the life coaching classes each Monday at 6:00 PM in the Forst Center.

#### 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.

LOOKING AHEAD; ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS FEBRUARY 22ND: Mass times will be in Plains at 7:30 p.m. on the 22nd.

K OF C RAFFLE: St. Patrick Parish Knights of Columbus have available raffle tickets to win \$200.00 Visa Card, and 2nd prize, a \$100.00 to assist their charitable efforts. St. John the Baptist parish received a \$375.00 donation to support its Religious Education. Please support their raffle. Tickets are available after Mass.

#### 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 Wednesday, February 15th, 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.

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#### 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.

LOOKING AHEAD; ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS FEBRUARY 22ND: Mass times will be at St. Anthony's on the 22nd at 7:00 a.m. and 12:05 (noon).

THANK YOU! Barb Beckerman would like you to know how much she appreciated your acknowledging her Birthday with cards and well wishes! Thank You Very Much!

ST. ANTHONY'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fowler Public Library.