

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

19	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Lent	+Fr. Francis Stuart
19	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Lent	+Mark Low (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
19	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....	For the Parishioners
20	Mon			(No Mass)	
21	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....	+Dottie Gillen (Janet Cook)
22	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Lent.....	+Leonard Beckerman (Fred & Dee Boyd)
23	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop.....	+Josephine Amerin (Brogan Family)
24	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent.....	+Gerald Jacobs (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
24	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Lent.....(Spanish)....	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
25	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	The Annunciation of the Lord.....	+Mark Rome (Mark Rome Family)
25	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Lent.....	+Vicki Cox (Dan Eakes Family)
26	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fifth Sunday of Lent.....	For Health of Jim & Barbara Brungardt
26	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fifth Sunday of Lent	+Dixie Hageman (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
26	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Lent	(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.

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, Mar. 26th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Karrie Millershaski, Cherie Knott

SERVERS: Heath H., Brody H., Sofie B.

GREETERS: Doug & Decina Heinz

COLL. COUNTERS: Becky Hamilton, Andy Boyd

PLAINS – Saturday, Mar. 25th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle

SERVERS: Lucy V., Hayes S., Bob K.

GREETERS: Butch A., Greg D.

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Goertz

MEADE – Sunday, Mar. 26th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Vince Koons

SERVERS: Camdyn F., Alek H., James W.

GREETERS/GIFTS: Kastens & Smith Families

ROSARY: Volunteer

PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 26th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,053.00	\$1277.00	\$2772.00
OFFERTORY:	\$216.00	\$133.00	\$339.00
YOUTH:	\$16.00	rent \$100.00	\$0.00
BLDG online:	\$50.00	.00	\$350.00
ONLINE:	\$185.00	\$0.00	\$850.00
BUILDING FD.	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$63.00</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1833.00	\$1510.00	\$3361.00

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.

EUCH MIN: Jane Chance Kevin Milford

MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis/ Jan Brock

USHERS: Doug Heinz, Ron Hageman

ROSARY: Decina Heinz

EUCH. MIN: Jenny A., Mary A.

MUSIC MIN: Suzanne Eakes

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

EUCH MIN: Audrey F., Debbie T.

MUSIC MIN: TBD

COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: “Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth.” I was captivated by this thought of St. Peter Chrysologos, Bishop. In our current local want of rain, it gives one pause to hope in the coming rain as mercy is poured out on one another. The new wording of the prayer before the absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been changed, or possibly refined would be a better expression, from “sent the Holy Spirit”, “to poured out the Holy Spirit”. Listen for it. St. Peter of “the golden words”, the literally meaning of his earned name, Chrysologos, continues, “if you fast and your mercy is thin, your harvest will be thin.”

He further elaborates, “Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives!” Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should be our refuge in this time of drought, trusting in the eternal mercy of God. Our Lenten practices should awaken us to the hope of a new and better world in the goodness of God, entering into the Lord’s Passion so that we might share in the resurrection of life. Lenten disciplines should not be burdensome, but freeing of our wills to trust in the eternal love of God and lead to abundant acts of mercy. Our prayers need to be watered by acts of mercy.

I hope you have remembered your Lenten Rice Bowl, the most direct way we participate in the almsgiving of the church, compounded in the cooperation of the whole Catholic world in sending assistance to the most troubled parts of the world, like Syria and Turkey, like Ukraine, like drought and war torn parts of Africa, like those under Communist oppression, like the refugees seeking asylum throughout the world. All of these are places we are unable to reach as individuals, but through Catholic Relief Services, extend our almsgiving far and wide. See www.CRSricebowl.org

I ask your particular prayers for the one adult to be baptized and the three additional adults to receive confirmation at our Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 PM at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Fowler. Please see the Holy Week Schedule for Meade County. I hope many will choose to come to the Easter Vigil, called the mother of all vigils awaiting the coming of the grace of our Lord. We are half way through Lent with the celebration of Laudate, (Joy) Sunday. Let us intensify our preparation for this great Passover Feast and the new life of renewing our baptismal promises. Lord, have mercy on us! Fr. Jim



Meade Food Bank has moved to the basement of the First Baptist Church in Meade at 510 E Rainbelt, entering through the west door facing Webb Street. Dana Hanson is leading volunteers in operating the food distribution to Meade County residents. With the increase in food costs, many families are struggling and are welcome to come to the food bank from 4:00-6:00 PM every Tuesday afternoon to choose a bag of food at the west door of the Church. The ministerial alliance is always seeking sources of food and seem always in need of monetary donation or in kind, canned fruit, peanut butter and staples always seem to be in need. Dana is desiring to train representatives from every church to be able to serve the distribution.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT — DRIVEN BY A DREAM: Malnutrition is widespread in Rwanda, but Gloriose and her husband are doing everything they can to keep their children healthy and set them up for success. From learning to grow a kitchen garden to participating in a micro-savings group. Gloriose and Karekezi know it takes many resources to help their children thrive. How have you helped others access what they need this Lent? Visit csrcricebowl.org to learn more.

DODGE CITY PREGNANCY SUPPORT: We are a Christian organization existing to encourage, equip and empower women and their families. 106 Frontview, PO Box 1274 Dodge City, KS. 67801, anntaylor.dcps@gmail.com Services provided: free pregnancy test, information on pregnancy options, free limited ultrasounds, free parenting classes, resource referrals, post-abortion recovery support, free community boutique. For more info, please contact Ann Taylor or Samantha Maldonado, 620-682-3015.

PLEASE NOTE THE TRIDUUM & EASTER CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE: **Easter Confessions:** Tuesday, April 4th, at 5:30 p.m. — St. John the Baptist, Meade. Wednesday, April 5th, 11:30 a.m. — St. Anthony, Fowler. 4:00 — 5:30 p.m., St. Patrick, Plains.

Holy Triduum — Holy Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m., St. Patrick, Plains — bilingual.

Good Friday — April 7th, Noon at St. John the Baptist, Meade; 3:00 p.m. at St. Anthony, Fowler; 5:30 p.m. at St. Patrick, Plains; 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick, Plains ESPANOL.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 8, 9:00 p.m. St. Anthony, Fowler.

Easter Sunday, April 9th — 8:30 a.m., Easter Sunday, St. John the Baptist, Meade; 10:30 a.m. — St. Patrick, Plains; 1:00 p.m.(Spanish) — St. Patrick, Plains.

Announcements for Plains

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are scheduled during Lent at the following times: Friday mornings after the 8:30 Mass in Plains; on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. in Spanish in Plains, followed by 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: Men's group meets biweekly. Our next meeting is March 29th at the rectory at 5:30 a.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are scheduled during Lent at the following times: Friday at noon, during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament time.

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.

ST. ANTHONY'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet on Monday, March 20th, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fowler Public Library.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are scheduled during Lent at the following times: on Fridays at 7:00 p.m. in Fowler. On First Fridays, Mass will follow the Stations of the Cross.

ST. ANTHONY PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish School. The Minutes of the Parish council meetings are published, as soon as possible, at www.MeadeCoCatholic.org/news/pastoralcouncilminutes.