

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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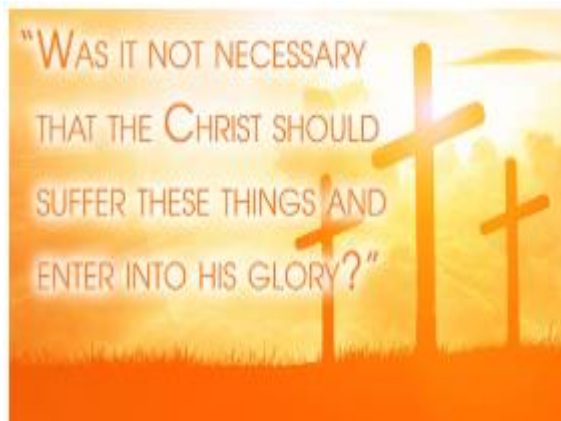
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 9, 2023

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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| 09 | Sun | 8:30 am  | (M) | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.....+Vicki Cox (Rita Bergkamp)         |
| 09 | Sun | 10:30 am | (P) | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord....+Larry Donahue (Bob & Kathy Goertz) |
| 09 | Sun | 1:00 pm  | (P) | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners |
| 10 | Mon |          |     | (No Mass)  |
| 11 | Tue | 6:00 pm  | (M) | Tuesday within the Octave of Easter.....+Mark Rome (Mark Rome Family)                |
| 12 | Wed | 12:05 pm | (F) | Wednesday within the Octave of Easter.....+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)                |
| 13 | Thu | 8:30 am  | (P) | Thursday within the Octave of Easter.....For the health of Alice Morrison            |
| 14 | Fri | 8:30 am  | (P) | Friday within the Octave of Easter.....+Gerald Jacobs (Lori Fleming)                 |
| 14 | Fri | 6:00 pm  | (P) | Friday within the Octave (Spanish)For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life |
| 15 | Sat | 8:30 am  | (M) | Saturday within the Octave of Easter.....St. John the Baptist Parish (Janet Cook)    |
| 15 | Sat | 5:30 pm  | (P) | 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy.+Michaelangelo St. Cross Family (PW)    |
| 16 | Sun | 8:30 am  | (M) | 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy.....+Herman Smith (Gen Smith)           |
| 16 | Sun | 10:30 am | (F) | 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy.....+Kevin Fairchild (Greg Bradford)    |
| 16 | Sun | 1:00 pm  | (P) | 2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy...(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!

## Liturgical and Other Ministers

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### **FOWLER – Sunday, Apr. 16th, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Stacy Milford, DD Dewell

**SERVERS:** Avery H., Brody H.

**GREETERS:** Andy & Ashley Boyd & family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Karen McDowell, Kris Bucher

### **PLAINS – Saturday, Apr. 15th, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Zack C.

**SERVERS:** Lucy V., Ronaldo S., Terry S.

**GREETERS:** Shawn & Kathy Jacobs

### **MEADE – Sunday, Apr. 16th, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Nick Borth

**SERVERS:** Kasen F., Alek H., James W.

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Parker Family

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

### **PLAINS – Sunday, Apr. 16th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

|              | <b><u>FOWLER</u></b> | <b><u>MEADE</u></b> | <b><u>PLAINS</u></b> |
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| ENVELOPES:   | \$1105.00            | \$521.50            | \$1404.00            |
| OFFERTORY:   | \$103.00             | \$95.00             | \$258.00             |
| YOUTH:       | \$34.00              | \$0.00              | \$0.00               |
| BLDG online: | \$10.00              | \$20.00             | \$200.00             |
| ONLINE:      | \$155.00             | \$0.00              | \$200.00             |
| BUILDING FD. | \$235.00             | \$0.00              | \$450.00             |
| CANDLES:     | <u>\$38.10</u>       | <u>\$0.00</u>       | <u>\$77.56</u>       |
| TOTAL:       | \$1680.10            | \$636.50            | \$2589.56            |

**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:** Sarah Jordan, Jane Chance

**MUSIC MIN:** Angie D., Cathy H. / Jan Brock

**USHERS:** Doug Heinz, Andy Boyd

**ROSARY:** Bruce Millershaski

**EUCH. MIN:** Jenny A., Mary A.

**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar

**ROSARY:** Teresa Garza

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

**MUSIC MIN:** Pat Gleason

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Smith Family

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear Easter People,

He is Risen! He has truly Risen! The traditional Greek Orthodox greeting for Easter has so much to merit it over the “Happy Easter” greeting that has become standard in our culture. First, “Happy” has become washed out of meaning as the pursuit of worldly happiness has replaced the hope of eternal joy. Secondly, Easter is a name taken from the spring Roman Goddess and betrays a worldly concern for Easter eggs and Easter rabbits. Thirdly and most importantly Happy Easter says nothing explicit about the Resurrection, but “He is Risen! He has truly Risen” forms a true confession of faith in the Resurrection.

Our bilingual celebrations of Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday Vigil are attempts to honor the precept on these days, that only one Mass is to be offered in the parish on those days, and the Eucharistic celebration is to include the whole community. The difficulty of inviting people to cross parish lines, ordinarily a good practice of commitment and loyalty, is very evident in the attendance to these services. It has been difficult to enlist faithful feet to wash at the Lord’s Supper.

These powerful holy days, present symbolically in every celebration of the Eucharist, are profound building blocks of our faith in the Resurrection of Life. As our population continues to decline and the number of young people neither returning to the community or to the faith continues to grow, these are important days to reaffirm our faith in Jesus Christ and his Church. Our participation is “in the spirit of Jewish consciousness since the time of the Babylonian exile” to lament, “next year in Jerusalem” professing a hope for a return to the idealistic time of the Kingdom of Israel in the days of King David.

It is easy to become sentimental for “the good old days”. Our parish effort in St. Anthony wisely named “From our Past to Our Future” could be concentrated too much in the temporal concern of building a place of gathering for our faithful, and not enough in the real effort of gathering the faithful in prayer, formation, hospitality and outreach. The iconic “build it and they will come” line from the 1989 movie “Field of Dreams” inspires us, but cannot let us lose sight of the real goal of our religion, the salvation of souls, the resurrection of life. The octave of Easter should be over-laden with “the cloud of witnesses” professing their joy, peace, and eternal love poured out into the world. He has Risen! Fr. Jim

**Chancery Chatter** is the delightful recurring podcast from Gentry Heimerman who heads the Young Adult ministry of our diocese. We are in need of young adult missionaries. You can listen to his personal appeal at <https://www.dcdiocese.org/diocesan-news/chancery-chatter>. Particularly of interest to our parishes is the Prayer and Action <https://www.dcdiocese.org/summer-missions-youth/prayer-and-action> looking for high schoolers to participate in one of the four weeks, **June 18-23 in Meade** and **June 26-30 in Plains**. You can also on-line register your youth for **Totus Tuus in Plains on July 17-21st** <https://www.dcdiocese.org/summer-missions-youth/totus-tuus>. Finally, the Cristo Rey camps for **5th to 8th graders are multiple opportunities for June 5th Clark Co. Lake, Minneola; June 8th, Scott Lake, Scott City; June 12th-15th (OVERNIGHT) Camp Aldrich, Claflin.** Again, registration is easy on line, or forms are available from our Religious Formation Directors, <https://www.dcdiocese.org/summer-missions-youth/camp-cristo-rey>

**LECTIO DIVINA:** We encourage all families to gather to pray and reflect on the Gospel each week in preparation for Sunday Mass. Read the Gospel aloud and then discuss the reflection question at the end. You may end with an Our Father and Hail Mary. You can find these reflections on the diocesan website or Facebook page! Please share with families. <https://www.dcdiocese.org/mfinfo> Facebook-  
[@DodgeCityDiocese](https://www.facebook.com/DodgeCityDiocese)



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Please join Fr. Jim or the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 16th at 3:00 PM St. Patrick Church in Plains or by streaming at Facebook live at “Catholic Churches of Meade County”. Saint Pope John Paul II initiated the honoring of the Divine Mercy as revealed to Sr. Faustina Kowalski on this Second Sunday of Easter, the completion of the Octave, the eight holy days of Easter, with the appearance to the apostles of the risen Lord, showing his wounded hands, side and feet to the frightened apostles in John's Gospel. The appearance is a great revelation of merciful love that has been poured out into the world by the rays of the water and blood issuing from the side of the crucified Lord. Chaplet cards remain available in the entrance of the Church, along with bulletins, and other materials. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed live streaming and the chaplet will be prayed, first in English, then in Spanish. Please join this hour of adoration by live stream.

**FORMED has a terrific program for Divine Mercy, called “The Second Greatest Story Ever Told”. It’s lengthy, but terrific! We have the series on DVD’s. If you would like to borrow them, you are welcome to do so!**

Please welcome Fr. John Strasser, retired diocesan priest from Garden City for the English Masses on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15 & 16 as Fr. Jim will be hosting an Engaged Encounter weekend in Spanish at St. Patrick Church in Plains. Please pray for all those preparing for Marriage in the Church.

#### Announcements for Plains

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

#### 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.

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA HALL FACILITATOR:** The St. Anthony Pastoral council in anticipation of the dedication of our new parish hall is seeking a parishioner who will be the Hall Facilitator. If you are interested in this position and interested in being part of the policy guidelines being developed by the pastoral council, please contact Fr. Jim.

**BUILDING FUND UPDATE:** Last Month Donations = \$5210

Total of All Donations = \$420,810.47

Pledges left to collect = \$55,915

All Building Expenses to date= \$450,655.76

*He is risen! Alleluia!*