

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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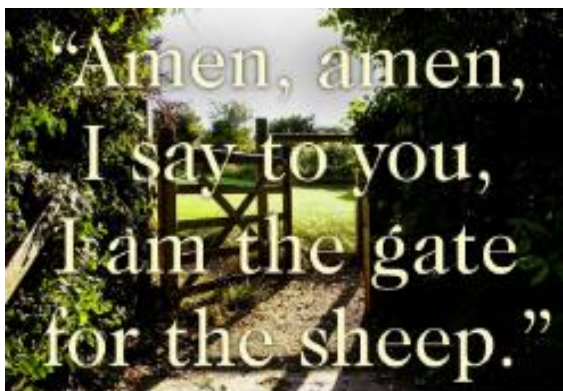
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website: <https://meadecocatholic.org>

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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30	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Easter.....+Danny Dewell (Carol Snodgrass)
30	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Easter .....Special Intention (Rita Bergkamp)
30	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Easter .....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
01	Mon			(No Mass)
02	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Athanasius, Bishop & Dr. of the Church.....+Mark Rome (Mark Rome Family)
03	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.....+Kay Milford (Kevin, Stacy, Tim & Rhonda Milford)
04	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in the Easter Season.....+Josephine Amerin (Dolores Amerin)
05	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	First Friday of the Month.....+Larry Donahue (Bob & Kathy Goertz)
05	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	First Friday of the Month (Spanish).For Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
05	Fri	7:30 pm	(F)	First Friday of the Month.....Deceased Family, Relatives & Friends (Sarah Jordan)
06	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	First Saturday of the Month.....St. John's Parish (Janet Cook)
06	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter.....+Marlyn Morrison (Alice Morrison)
07	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Fifth Sunday of Easter.....+Vicki Cox (Dick & Brenda Knott)
07	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Fifth Sunday of Easter .....+Vivian Huelskamp
07	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter .....(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, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Bruce Millershaski, Hannah Dirks

**SERVERS:** Jacelyn H., Julian M.

**GREETERS:** Doug & Decina Heinz

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Duce Hamilton, Diane Leis

**PLAINS – Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Ron Eakes

**SERVERS:** Roberto S., Ronaldo S., Terry S.

**GREETERS:** Nefro Saucedo Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Goertz

**MEADE – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Vince Koons

**SERVERS:** Walker K., Malachi W., Michael W.

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Borth Families

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**EUCH MIN:** James & Becky Hamilton

**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Angie Dewell/ Greg

**USHERS:** Ron Hageman, John Weber

**ROSARY:** Judy Dewell

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

**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar

**ROSARY:** Lucy Bromwell

**EUCH MIN:** Audrey F., Tom R.

**MUSIC MIN:** Pat Gleason

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1262.00	\$886.00	\$1,590.00
OFFERTORY:	\$146.00	\$12.00	\$307.00
YOUTH:	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BLDG online:	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ONLINE:	\$255.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
BUILDING FD.	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
Candles:	\$93.00	\$136.50	
Rice Bowl:	<u>\$30.00</u>	<u>\$00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2177.00	\$1034.50	\$2667.00

**MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM:** Dear faithful flock,

This is a quote from Dr. Peter Kreeft's book, Food for the Soul. "The cynical philosopher Machiavelli advised anyone who wants to be a successful political prince to use fear instead of love in attaining and wielding power because, he argued, "Others will love you when they choose, but they will fear you when you choose." This has been poured into our modern world by the power of the human will born in the philosophy of Frederick Nietzsche. It appears that President Putin following such leaders as Adolf Hitler, who have fully bought into fear politics, where power is control, is fully vested in this destructive path.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter each year we celebrate "Good Shepherd" Sunday and one of the many aspects of Psalm 23 and John chapter 10 characterizing the nature of the Good Shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd is challenged by the reality of shepherding sheep, which could arguably be the least loveable, the dirtiest, dumbest, and least affectionate of the domesticated animals. We have embraced the warm image of a tender shepherd in place of the harsh reality of shepherding sheep. And in many ways that is the point. The easiest way to deal with sheep is by herding them, letting them huddle in the flock, not giving them an individual, name as we do our dogs and cats, suffering the losses, "a sick sheep is a dead sheep" etc. This husbanding reality of sheep is really quite the opposite of what we find in the image of David, the image of our Lord in leading the flock. Jesus seeks out the lost sheep, calls them by name, and carries them on his shoulders. This is quite the contrary to leading by fear.

Our current political leaders seem so far from this image of servant leadership created in David and fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth. It is frightening to see the growing anti-Christian ideologies very much based upon fear management of the "flock" and leadership by sheer military power. We desperately need to pray for our leaders, and, especially the shepherds chosen to lead the Catholic Church. We desperately need leaders willing to die for the sheep and seek the lost. We desperately need to know the voice of the good shepherd and our call to follow him. We need to enter the gate that leads from the kingdoms of this world to the kingdom of God. Lead us Lord and give peace to Ukraine and Sudan. Peace be with you. Fr. Jim

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS UPDATE:** The Diocese of Dodge City will not be organizing a delegation to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024. After much discussion and review of the total costs for tickets, travel and housing, the price was too high. However, the diocese encourages individuals, families, small groups or parishes to consider attending. To determine what it would cost you or your group to attend and to register, please visit [www.eucharisticcongress.org](http://www.eucharisticcongress.org). The diocese is studying the possibility of holding our own one-day Eucharistic Congress in the fall of 2024.

*Prayer and Action is looking for high schoolers to participate in one of the four weeks, **June 18-23 in Meade** and **June 25-30 in Plains**, **Garden City Week 1: July 9 – 14** and **Garden City, Week 2: July 16 - 21**. **Totus Tuus in Plains will be on July 17-21st. Go online to register.** <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**. Register at - <https://www.dcdiocese.org/summer-missions-youth/camp-cristo-rey>

Proclaim 365 is an appeal to follow-up the Vibrant Ministries Appeal of several years ago that you have or will receive in a mailing soon, a "soft" appeal. The needs of the diocesan ministries are on-going. All of our parishes are currently benefiting from the diocesan policy to forgo the ordinary tithing to the diocese on building fund donations. It is time for us to step up and continue our support of diocesan ministries. Currently, the parish tithing is supplying less than 50 % of the diocesan needs, the majority of the rest met through grants and continued collection on Vibrant Ministries. Please prayerfully consider a generous pledge or donation in an on-going basis. Bishop Brungardt has celebrated every scheduled Sunday Mass in our 48 parishes at least once during the last 12 months. This is paid through the diocesan funding. He has come for confirmation, he has worked diligently to supply priests, he has funded youth and young adult programs directly coming to our parishes, Totus Tuus, Prayer and Action, and Cristo Rey Camps. Please involve your children and young adults in these programs, but also support them with your almsgiving.

**Mission for Peace—June 2-6, 2023—with the Dominican Sisters of Peace: The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a no cost "Mission for Peace" prayer and service immersion program, designed to help women explore contemporary Dominican life. Experience Dominican prayer and community with our Sisters and reflect on God's call for your life. The service program begins at 9:00am on Friday, June 2 and concludes at noon, Tuesday, June 6 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 1230 West Market Street, Akron, OH 44313-7108. For more information, call, or text Sister June Fitzgerald at 570-336-3991 or email [jfitzgerald@oppeace.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@oppeace.org). (The sisters can offer some travel assistance on a need basis.)**

#### Announcements for Plains

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

Wednesday, May 3rd is the closing party for the Religious Formation program at St. Patrick in Plains. Parents and children are invited for hot dogs and games.

ATTENTION GRADUATES: Baccalaureate will be on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:30 PM in Plains at the Methodist Church.

Graduates are invited to attend and wear their gowns at the Sunday Mass of Graduation weekend for a blessing at the Mass.

#### Announcements for Meade

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

ATTENTION GRADUATES: Baccalaureate will be on Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 PM in Meade at the Baptist Church.

Graduates are invited to attend and wear their gowns at the Sunday Mass of Graduation weekend for a blessing at the Mass.

#### 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.

WILL YOU HELP US? There are some people interested in helping with the Building Fund for Threshing Day. They are interested in selling food (bake sale items) and possibly raffling a quilt, possibly selling crafts. We would like you to be thinking how you can help our Parish during this prime time of fundraising for St. Anthony's Parish. Let's make an all out effort to raise our funds and have fun doing it!