

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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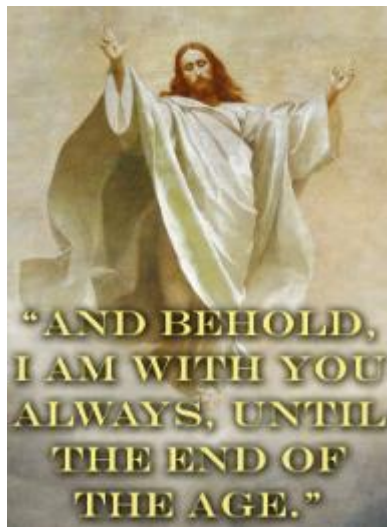
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The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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21	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Ascension of the Lord.....+Vicki Cox (Rita Bergkamp)
21	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Ascension of the Lord.....Living & Deceased Member of the Millershaski Family
21	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Ascension of the Lord.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
22	Mon			(No Mass)
23	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....+Mark Rome (Mark Rome Family)
24	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in the Easter Season.....+Kay Milford (Sarah Jordan)
25	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Dr.....+Patricia & Eliseo Arellano (Arellano Family)
26	Fri			No Mass today – Father will be gone
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27	Sat			No Mass this morning – Father will be gone
28	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Pentecost Sunday.....Herbert & Mary Arellano, 62 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary (Arellano Family)
28	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Pentecost Sunday.....+Bob McCulloch (Dick & Brenda Knott)
28	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Pentecost Sunday.....+Vivian Huelskamp (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
28	Sun	1: 00 pm	(P)	Pentecost Sunday.....(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.

**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](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 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Karrie Millershaski, Cherie Knott

**SERVERS:** Avery H., Sofie B.

**GREETERS:** DD Dewell, Debbie Bruner

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Karen M., Kris B.

**PLAINS – Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Robert S.

**SERVERS:** Hayden S., Hailey S., Gloria K.

**GREETERS:** Butch Amerin & Greg Donahue

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Tyler Flavin

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

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Ewing Family

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

**EUCH MIN:** Decina Heinz, Sarah Jordan

**MUSIC MIN:** Pam Milford/ Clavinova

**USHERS:** Dave Weber, Van Heinz

**ROSARY:** Sarah Jordan

**EUCH. MIN:** Suzanne Eakes, Mary Amerin

**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar

**ROSARY:** Kerri Vajnar

**EUCH MIN:** Lisa K., Vince K.

**MUSIC MIN:** Pat Gleason

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Gleason Family

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1555.00	\$530.00	\$1710.00
OFFERTORY:	\$106.00	\$46.00	\$196.00
YOUTH:	\$4.00		
BLDG online:	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$180.00	\$250.00
BUILDING FD.	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
CANDLES:	\$18.00	\$32.00	\$3.35
RENT:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
CENTEN. BK	<u>\$0.00</u>		
TOTAL	\$2118.00	\$888.00	\$2629.35

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM: Dear People of Easter,

Why are you standing their looking up into the sky? I am greatly amused, and moved by the ironic question to the apostles by the angel as they have just seen the Lord disappear into the cloud, “why are you standing there looking up at the sky? St. Luke, the apparent author of the Acts of the Apostles makes the curious observation that the apostles seem to be immobilized in the light of what has transpired. At least in the great commission ending Mathews Gospel, the Apostles, we, are left with directions to go forth baptizing and teaching. In the Acts, the disciples are left simply with the notion that they will be witnesses, but how, where and when is totally unknown to them standing overlooking the temple of Jerusalem.

Often in our private and public lives we are immobilized by the sheer wonder of the possibilities. St. Carlos Acutis, the modern teenage saint from Italy, was quoted to say as he was dying of Leukemia “Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. Infinity is our homeland. We are always expected in heaven.” — And yet to teach and baptize is the great commission. I shudder when parishioners say, “Oh you are so busy.’ What I hear reminds me of the lyrics of a Franciscan missionary priest, Fr. Eddie, who chided without love, we, religious people, are just “playing games and keeping very, very busy!” What I hear, is that “Father doesn’t have time for what I need or think is important.”

There is a translation of a Proverbs 29:18 that states, “without a vision, the people perish.” KJV. Whether it is a good translation, of the new American “Without prophecy the people become demoralized”, is debatable, but the thought rings true to me. Without a vision of the Holy Spirit coming, without a vision of Our Lord ascending into glory at the right hand of the Father, we certainly perish spiritually, without hope. The temporal matters I have asked each parish to consider can, but should not, distract us from the central mission of the church, gathering all peoples of the world to worship and praise the Lord, to know, love and serve in in this life and to be with him in the life to come. Let us not lose sight of that mission.

The church has always desired to build great temples, but with avoiding the sacrifice, that is without paying a penny. I think that is why the enmity was born historically by the Masons for the Church. It is the sacrifice that builds the temple. How to best use our earthly resources for that mission always is a struggle to discern. Jesus so often uses the shekel as an analogy and a reality of the true sacrificial nature of faith. The widows’ mite is the measure of all charitable giving. I hope that I have shared sufficiently the vision, to allow the work to be done, to be done well, and to be done to the glory of God. The rest of the verse 18 of Proverbs is “but happy is he who keeps the law.” To his glory, Fr. Jim

RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT: Women of abortion, do not stop living, do not give into despair. Do not let fear imprison you and prevent you from accepting the forgiving words of Jesus. There is hope for your future! -Pope John Paul II (paraphrased) Come on a Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat and experience the mercy and “good things” of Our Lord. He is waiting for you. **Next retreat: June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 1-877-447-4383 [rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org](mailto:rachelsvineyard@salinadiocese.org)**

COME HEAR PELICAN 212, a Catholic band, live on Friday night at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference, August 4 – 6, in Wichita, KS. This generation spanning family band has been on “America’s Got Talent” and is the successor to the previous family band called L’Angelus. Save up to \$30 with early bird registration by July 29. Register online at [www.catholicfamilyconference.org](http://www.catholicfamilyconference.org) or call 316-618-9787. Email questions to [info@catholicfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@catholicfamilyconference.org)

WEEKEND CHANGES: Fr. Jim will be making a retreat with his Secular Franciscan Fraternity and will be away Friday, May 26th through Memorial Day. Fr. John Strasser, retired diocesan priest from Garden City will be presiding for the Pentecost weekend. There will be no daily Masses on Friday, May 26th or Saturday, May 27th and no Friday adoration at St. John.

#### 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.

FOOD BANK: this month is our month for the Food Bank. Please deposit your donation in the foyer.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOHN IN MEADE: Bishop Brungardt has conferred the sacrament of Confirmation to Axel Gustavo Antonio-Salto, Kemper Matthias Flavin, Paige Addison Klaker, Saul Mendoza, Michael Alan Woodruff, James Dale Woodruff, Malachi Joseph Woodruff on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to all the Parents, Sponsors, and Catechists who made this possible.

#### 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.

PLEASE PICK UP A KANSAS FOR LIFE BABY BOTTLE: Fill it with money and please return it to the Church on June 18<sup>th</sup>, Father’s Day.

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11<sup>th</sup>: We will be celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, our Patronal Feast of St. Anthony of Padua and Father Jim’s 30th Ordination Anniversary on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will gather for the Solemn Mass at **3:30 p.m. that day** (instead of at 10:30 a.m.) followed by a parish meal in the school coordinated by the Guilds. Please make plans to join in this day of celebration for our parish.

FOWLER THRESHING DAY MARKET IN THE PARK, ON JULY 15<sup>th</sup>:

A Benefit raffle and market for the St. Anthony of Padua “From our Past to Our Future” campaign will be held at the Fowler Threshing Days. Sarah Jordan and Debbie Bush have quilted and Bruce Millershaski has finished several cutting boards and carrying trays to donate. If you have some items you would like to donate for sale or raffle, there will also be a food sale. Please donate and buy raffle tickets as they become available.

