

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Solemnity of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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28	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Pentecost Sunday.....+Bob McCulloch (Dick & Brenda Knott)
28	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Pentecost Sunday.....+Vivian Huelskamp
28	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Pentecost Sunday.....(Spanish)..... <b>Communion Service</b>
29	Mon			(No Mass)
30	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Eighth Week in Ordinary Time.....For Health of Jim & Barbara Brungardt
31	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....+Dixie Hageman (Donnie Bergkamp)
01	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Justin, Martyr.....For Healing (Paula White)
02	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs.....+Gerald Jacobs (Shawn & Kathy Jacobs)
02	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs(Spanish)For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
02	Fri	7:30 pm	(F)	First Friday.....+Irvin Sobba (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
03	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs.....World Peace (Janet Cook)
03	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Most Holy Trinity.....+Josephine Amerin (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
04	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Most Holy Trinity.....+Bob McCulloch (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
04	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Most Holy Trinity.....+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
04	Sun	1: 00 pm	(P)	The Most Holy Trinity.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

30 minutes before Masses

**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, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Doug Heinz, Judy Dewell

**SERVERS:** Jacelyn H., Karson W., Saul M.

**GREETERS:** DD Dewell, Debbie Bruner

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Marci Kumle, Becky Merkle

### **PLAINS – Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Elisa P.

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

**GREETERS:** Ray & Jenny Amerin

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Goertz

### **MEADE – Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell

**SERVERS:** Camdyn F., Kynlee F., Kate P.

**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Faurot Family

**ROSARY:** Volunteer

### **PLAINS – Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

**EUCH MIN:** Kevin & Stacy Milford

**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Karen M./ Clavinova

**USHERS:** Devin Hamilton, Randy Leis

**ROSARY:** Bruce Millershaski

**EUCH. MIN:** Nefro S., Ron E.

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin Grilliot

**ROSARY:** Bob Kaberlein

**EUCH MIN:** Audrey F., Debbie T.

**MUSIC MIN:** Pat Gleason

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Koons Family

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$910.00	\$1122.00	\$575.00
OFFERTORY:	\$193.00	\$10.00	\$181.00
YOUTH:	\$9.00		
BLDG online:	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ONLINE:	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
BUILDING FD.	\$25.00	\$00.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CENTEN. BK	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
TOTAL	\$1487.00	\$1337.00	\$956.00

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM: Dear People of God,

The recent spring rains have revived our world! It is so exciting to see planting transformed into a hopeful effort of faith in the harvest. Our parishes have initiated building projects, and all of them have somewhat lagged. But there are signs of spring. Last winter, I committed to a Franciscan Fraternity retreat on Memorial weekend and an Engaged Encounter weekend in English on the weekend of June 11<sup>th</sup>, our St. Anthony patronal feast celebration. I question my sanity when the time arrives, but both retreats offer great spiritual benefit for the participants. But these commitments and other commitments have impeded my launching into aggressive moving along of these projects.

The most common question that I receive is, “When will we be able to use the new parish hall in Fowler?” We hope by the end of summer. Time overruns and cost overruns are part and partial to such a bold undertaking. The inside is looking amazing and the outside will shine when we complete the concrete work and guttering. We are looking for sources of extra funding. Theresa Tate of the Chancery has applied on our behalf for a grant from the Extension Society. We are looking at the possibilities of liquidating the property owned by the parish in Seward County. If these two things produce fruit, we may still be able to remain debt free upon completion.

And “whatever happened to the tabernacle, fence and parking lot projects at St. Patrick’s parish?” The Nosekabel’s, the owners of the previous rectory, have committed to installing a vinyl fence on the alley, but its construction is totally in their hands. The finance council advised that we wait on the parking lot until the debt has been paid. The good news is that we paid our last payment early and the full debt for the catechetical building has been retired. I have just not been able to move ahead on the sanctuary remodeling because of the complexity of design and inability to fit in another committee meeting, but I will be trying to meet with the tabernacle committee of Suzanne Eakes, Mayra Puentes, Martha Saucedo, Terry Shinogle, and myself as soon as possible to consider two bids on the work.

And what is this I hear about renovation at St. John the Baptist? St. John was dedicated in 1975, making the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church just on the horizon. We have permission from the Bishop to plan for the long awaited carpet update and while replacing the flooring, looking at several other possible improvements to our worship space, including handicapped accessible restrooms, more religious imagery in our sanctuary, possibly moving the organ to the choir loft and several other possibilities. A building committee is in the process of forming.

Did I hear of a Catholic radio station coming to Meade County? The independent non-profit Meade County Catholic Radio Corporation appears to be ready to launch the 24 hour Guadalupe Network, the same network transmitted by Sacred Heart Radio in Dodge City. The target date of June 15<sup>th</sup> seems very probable at this time. We have depended on independent donations for startup and on-going operation. All these projects are about Eucharistic Revival and the mission of proclaiming the Gospel, first to our communities, but then to the whole world. Please pray for the Divine Assistance we need for these projects to be successful. Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Blessings! Fr Jim

We're excited to announce two AmeriCorps VISTA opportunities with Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas! As a VISTA Donation and Fundraising Coordinator in Great Bend, you'll work towards developing better ways to manage in-kind donations and create enduring relationships with our donors. On the other hand, our VISTA Volunteer Coordinator in Dodge City will help us create and implement a program to manage and support volunteers across our various direct service programs. We're looking for mission-minded job seekers, college graduates, retirees, and/or advocates for the poor to apply for these full-time positions that come with various benefits. If you are interested in one of these positions, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible; we'll be taking applications until the position is filled!

Visit <https://bit.ly/42XcQ6v> or contact Rebecca at 620-792-1393 or [rford@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org](mailto:rford@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org)

Memorial Day falls just after Pentecost this weekend, an odd pairing, but really not, when we consider the salvation proclaimed on Pentecost for the living and dead. We have hope in the Resurrection. Because of a Franciscan Fraternity retreat. Fr. Jim has asked Fr. John Strasser to serve the Sunday Masses, but neither will Fr. Jim be available to offer a cemetery service this year for Memorial Day. All are encouraged to make a visit to the cemeteries of their departed loved ones, especially those who died after service to our country in the military, and offer the Glorious mysteries of the Rosary for the repose of their souls of those buried in that sacred place.

**PLEASE JOIN US!** Come listen to Father Robert Spitzer, host of EWTN's "Father Spitzer's Universe". He will be joining us at the Midwest Catholic Family Conference on August 4- 6, in Wichita, KS. 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.

**Deacon Hector Rios will serve the communion service in Spanish on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> in Plains.**

**SANCTUARY COMMITTEE MEETING:** The sanctuary committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the parish Hall.

#### Announcements for Meade

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

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to all the faithful who responded to my appeal for help with Gen Smith's yard, the Flavin boys, the Borths, Keiths, Dewell, and Kasten families. It was a great joy to see the beautification that was made in just a couple of hours! Fr. Jim.

#### 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.

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to the volunteers who joined Fr. Jim in preparing for the flooring installation in the School Building scheduled to begin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Doug Heinz, Van Heinz, Kevin Hageman, Kevin Milford, Pam Milford and the Milford children, Tom Leis and his grandson. We will need volunteers again, on **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**, we hope to move the furniture and contents from the cafeteria to the classrooms and office and prepare for the potluck dinner on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. **(Remember the Mass time on June 11<sup>th</sup> is 3:30 PM instead of 10:30 AM at St. Anthony Parish.**