

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2023



Catholic Communities of Meade County

St. Patrick Church			St. John the Baptist Church		St. Anthony Church	
P.O. Box 247 · Plains, KS 67869			P.O. Box 1207 · Meade, KS 67864		P.O. Box 80 · Fowler, KS 67844	
620-873-2003			620-873-2003		620-646-5297	
Pastor: Fr. James Dieker, 620-575-5520			https://meadecocatholic.org/		Catholic Radio, 88.3 FM	
Date	Time	Location	Mass	Intention	Notes	
Sun. 12/17	8:30 AM	Meade	Third Sunday of Advent	+Dale Woodruff (Janet Cook)		
Sun. 12/17	10:30 AM	Fowler	Third Sunday of Advent	+Eric Zimmerman (Jennifer & Kraig Lindsay)		
Sun. 12/17	1:00 PM	Plains	Third Sunday of Advent	For the Parishioners	Spanish	
Mon. 12/18			Week day in Advent	No Mass		
Tues. 12/19	6:00 PM	Meade	Week day in Advent	+Mark Rome (Mary Jo Rome)		
Wed. 12/20	12:05 PM	Fowler	Week day in Advent	Special Intention (Shelby Huslig)		
Thu. 12/21	8:30 AM	Plains	St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr of the Church	+Josephine Amerin (Shawn & Kathy Jacobs)		
Fri. 12/22	8:30 AM	Plains	Week day in Advent	+Mary Ann Chladek (Paula V. White)		
Fri. 12/22	6:00 PM	Plains	Week day in Advent	Vocations to the Priesthood / Consecrated Life	Spanish	
Sat. 12 /23	8:30 AM	Meade	St. John of Kanty, Priest	+Hank Fuhrman (Joe & Marie Ney)		
Sat. 12/23	5:30 PM	Plains	Fourth Sunday of Advent	+Dixie Hageman (Dolores Amerin)	Bilingual	
Sun. 12/24	8:30 AM	Meade	Fourth Sunday of Advent	+Mark Rome (Mary Jo Rome)		
Sun. 12/24	10:30 AM	Fowler	Fourth Sunday of Advent	+Manel Carrasco (Elia Wells)		
Sun. 12/24	5:30 PM	Meade	Christmas Vigil	Souls in Purgatory (Janet Cook)		
Sun. 12/24	10:00 PM	Fowler	Christmas Mass at Night	+Kenneth Butts (Fred & Dee Boyd)		
Sun. 12/24	9:00 AM	Plains	Christmas Day	+Mae Jacobs (Ray & Jenny Amerin)		
Mon. 12/25	11:00 AM	Plains	Christmas Day	For the Parishioners	Spanish	
Sacrament of Reconciliation : 30 Minutes Before Masses						

	PLAINS—SATURDAY 5:30 PM	MEADE—SUNDAY 8:30 AM	FOWLER—SUNDAY 10:30 AM
LECTOR	Jerrilynn Wood	Andra Cunningham	Stacy Milford, DD Dewell
SERVERS	Romeo S., Hayden S., Terry S.	James W., Malachi W., Michaela	Karson, Jacelyn, John M., Raidel
GREETERS	Kyle & Kimberly Amerin	Koons Family	John & Jill Leis
EUCH MIN	Ron E., Nefro S.	Kevin D., Susan D.	Sarah L., Dave W., Tom L., Steve
MUSIC	Suzanne Eakes	TBD	Choir
USHERS			Kevin Hageman, Mike Bucher
ROSARY	Jerrilynn Wood	Volunteer	
COLLECTION	Kathy Goertz	Smith Family	Cherie Knott, Jane Chance

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 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. You can register on our website.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send any items for the bulletin to the Fowler Rectory, or stanthonyfowler@gmail.com no later than **THURSDAY** noon.

Parish News & Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

December 3rd—10th			
	Fowler	Meade	Plains
Envelopes	\$1240.00	\$1078.00	\$ 780.00
Offertory	\$ 96.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 394.00
Youth	\$30 .00	\$.00	\$.00
Bldg. Online	\$50.00	\$.00	\$ 250 .00
Online	\$185.00	\$.00	\$550 .00
Bldg. Fund	\$100.00	\$.00	\$6050.15
Candles & I C	\$.00	\$.00	\$63.00
Rent	\$.00	\$200.00	\$.00
IMM. Concpt:	\$ 75.00	\$0 .00	\$.00
Totals	\$2001.00	\$1514.00	\$8087.15

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM:

Dear watchers and waiters,

Gaudate! Rejoice Sunday is here, as St. Paul writes, Rejoice, I say it again Rejoice Always! Gaudate! Our parishes were given 100 copies of a beautiful reflection book entitled, *“Why & How Much Should I be GIVING to the Church, to the Poor”, with the subtitle, “A Pathway to Peacefulness, A Gateway to Heaven!” Rejoice, I will make this little book by Layman and Benefactor, Ben Scott, available to as many of our parishioners as possible, Its message is a joyful response of a faithful disciple to the call of God to live for love, which St. Paul says is the fulfillment of the law.*

One reviewer said this. Success and wealth can easily overwhelm our love for Christ or it could be an opportunity for great good. This book’s scriptural message concerning wealth just might save your soul”, a rousing endorsement. The author writes, “Heaven is my number one goal and I hope it is yours as well.” Preparing for the celebration of the incarnation, the coming in the flesh of our God, we know that God’s gift of himself can never be equaled, and yet should inspire us to the heroic virtue of generosity, both materially and in mercy towards our brothers and sisters.

I often think of the generosity of the Forst brothers, largely responsible for the Forst Center at Meade. I am amazed that we have built a beautiful catechetical center and office in Plains. I look through the list of memorials contributing to our current “From our Past to our Future” campaign in Fowler with gratitude, and yet worry the debt to complete this work looms over the heads of our children and grandchildren.

It is noteworthy that the book ends with a Sermon by St Caesarius of Arles from the 6th Century on mercy. He ends by quoting our Lord, “Give and it will be given to you.” The last chapter asks the question, “How can we create a culture of Giving?” We are so blessed with benefactors who have gone before us to lay the foundations. Let us not fail to complete them!!!! Please be generous to the Church and the Poor in your year-end giving!

Rejoice, I say it again!

Fr. Jim

DON’T FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES & CALENDARS

Parish APP: myParish app for “Meade County Catholic”

For the busyness of the Advent season, Fr. Jim would like to postpone all Pastoral Council Meetings until 2024. See you in the New Year!

OCIA will meet on Sunday, December 17th, at 7:00 PM in the Forst Center in Meade.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS: The Mass schedule for Christmas eve will be as follows: 5:30 PM on Sunday, December 24, will be at St. John the Baptist Church in Meade; 10:00 PM, Mass at St. Anthony of Padua in Fowler; Monday, December 25, Christmas Day, Mass will be at 9:00 AM at St. Patrick Church in Plains; and 11:00 AM in Spanish, at St. Patrick Church in Plains.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR’S , MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD: The Mass schedule for Sunday, Dec. 31—5:30 PM in Meade; 7:00 PM in Fowler; Monday, Jan. 1 - 9:00 AM in Plains; 11:00 AM in Spanish in Plains.

NOTE THE SCHEDULE FOR THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE, JAN. 27: On Saturday, Jan. 27, there will be a Pilgrimage For Life , sponsored by the Diocese of Dodge City. See bulletin insert for registration.

Servers Training for Christmas Masses

6:00 PM Wednesday, December 20th at St. Patrick in Plains

11:00 AM Saturday, December 23rd at St. John in Meade

11:45 AM Sunday, December 24th at St. Anthony in Fowler
Announcements for Plains

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Adoration from 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 pm on Wednesday.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: Prayer for the Country rosary is on Sundays at 5:30 p.m.

MINISTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS: We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on December 17th after the Spanish Mass. Any help would be appreciated! Lector: Terry S., Servers: Hailey S., Penelope S. Nefro S. Euch. Min: Suzanne E., Mary A. Music: Martha S. Greeters: Bob & Gloria K. Money: Kathy G. Rosary: Teresa G.

New 2024 support envelopes are available in the back of church. If you do not see your name and would like a set, please contact Jenny Amerin. 620-629-5286 or jennyamerin@gmail.com

Announcements for Meade

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Adoration from 12:00 p.m.—1:00 p.m. on Friday.

Announcements for Fowler

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: There will be Adoration from 3:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. on Monday.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: The rosary for our country will begin at 5:30 p.m. , after Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We welcome you to come pray with us!

FOWLER COMMUNITY HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: Thanks for your generous food donations, monetary donations, and hamburger donations, and ham donations for those people in need this year. This has been an extremely trying year for everyone but your generosity has been such a blessing! Thank You So Much!

