

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
JANUARY 28, 2024

TIME



Catholic Communities of Meade County

St. Patrick Church

P.O. Box 247 · Plains, KS 67869

620-873-2003

Pastor: Fr. James Dieker, 620-575-5520

St. John the Baptist Church

P.O. Box 1207 · Meade, KS 67864

620-873-203

https://meadecocatholic.org/

St. Anthony Church

P.O. Box 80 · Fowler, KS 67844

620-646-5297

Catholic Radio, 88.3 FM

-Date	Time	Location	Mass	Intention	Notes
Sun. 01/28	8:30 AM	Meade	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Mark Rome (Mary Jo Rome)	
Sun. 01/28	10:30 AM	Fowler	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Leroy & Stellie Huelskamp (Tom & Janet)	
Sun. 01/28	1:00 PM	Plains	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the Parishioners	
Mon. 01/29			No Mass		
Tues. 01/30	6:00 PM	Meade	Week day in Ordinary Time	Special Intention (Steve & Judy Dewell)	
Wed. 01/31	12:05 PM	Fowler	St. John Bosco	+Ron Beckerman (Tom & Janet)	
Thu. 02/1	8:30 AM	Plains	Week day in Ordinary Time	+Gilbert Suppes	
Fri. 02/02	8:30 AM	Plains	The Presentation of the Lord	+Mae Jacobs (Dolores Amerin)	
Fri. 02/02	6:00 PM	Plains	The Presentation of the Lord	For Vocations to the Priesthood & the Consecrated Life	Spanish
Fri. 02/02	7:30 PM	Fowler	First Friday	Hank Fuhrman (Leo Wenta Family)	
Sat. 02/03	8:30 AM	Meade	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr	For World Peace	
Sat. 02/03	5:30 PM	Plains	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Josephine Amerin (Dolores Amerin)	
			5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Hank Fuhrman (Koppers Family)	
Sun. 02/03	8:30 AM				
Sun. 02/03	10:30 AM	Fowler	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Sharon Glenn (Shelby Huslig)	
Sun. 02/03	1:00 PM	Plains	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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	Tyler Flavin	Stacy Milford, DD Dewell
SERVERS	Penelope S., Hayes S., Terry S.	Kasen F., Camdyn F, Kate P.	Jacelyn H., John Milford
GREETERS	Greg Donahue	Dewell Family	Devin & Laura Hamilton Family
EUCH MIN	Jenny A., Ron E.	Audrey F., Cindy H.	James & Becky Hamilton
MUSIC	Suzanne Eakes	TBD	Angie D., Cathy H./ Jan Brock
USHERS			Devin & Dustin Hamilton
ROSARY	Jerrilynn Wood	Flavin Family	Randy Leis
COLLECTION	Kathy Goertz	Koons Family	Duce Hamilton, Diane Leis

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation, please find someone to take your place.

**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:** Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!

January 21—28			
	Fowler	Meade	Plains
Envelopes	\$1935.00	\$ 398.00	\$ 880.00
Offertory	\$244.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 207.00
Youth	\$32.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Bldg. Online	\$ .00	\$200.00	\$200 .00
Online	\$235.00	\$300.00	\$ .00
Bldg. Fund	\$205.00	\$ .00	\$ 5.00
Candles	\$61.00	\$ .00	\$31.00
Rent:	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Other:	\$ .00	\$100.00	\$ .00
Totals	\$2712.00	\$1066.00	\$1123.00

### MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM:

Dear faithful friends,

“Who are you Lord? I am Jesus whom you are persecuting; you harm only yourself by kicking against the goad.” I am writing this on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Only in this third account of his conversion in Chapter 16 of Acts, of his “seeing the light”, do we have this well-known Greek proverb, though Paul specifically mentions that the voice was in the common language, probably Aramaic, “Kicking against the goad”, the modern equivalent being against the cattle prod, it is to say one is resisting the guidance of God, just as the farmer guided the ox with the goad, and it went well with those ox that were immediately response to the touch.

That Paul was an enemy of the Church, and by extension an enemy of Christ, is indisputable. The great conversion, the great change of mind and heart of this saint, comes by divine intervention. “You only harm yourself by kicking against the goad.” In the wake of the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict VI, there is a plethora of critical synthesis of the Church and its presence in the world. There are enemies from within and without who work to persecute the faithful church, like Paul the faithful Jew, defending the Jewish law.

In 1969, as a professor, Joseph Ratzinger wrote a critical thesis in the post Vatican II Church that was read on German radio and a famous line is often quoted; “ From the crisis of today, the Church of tomorrow will emerge, a church that has lost much. She will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning.” Fifty years later, the Catholic Church continues to be besought by enemies within and without who only want its destruction as a church of faith. Its future, as always, hinges on the conversion of sinners to saints through an encounter with Jesus of Nazareth, as Paul was converted to faith. Pope Benedict was no enemy of the Church, but a great lover of Christ. But many who are applying his words are attacking the faithful.

Pope Benedict predicted that what will remain, ..is not the Church of the political cult, but the Church of faith.” I fear much of Pope Benedict’s erudite theological reflections are being used for a political agenda within the church, to the demise of the Church of faith he propounded, With the zeal of Saul’s persecution of the Lord, many undertake to “purify” the church, when it is their very conversion that is wanting, “striking against the goad” as it were. That includes all of us to some degree. Let the light of our baptism awaken our great devotion to the Church as she is and as she will need to become. We celebrate the presentation of Jesus to the temple, the light brought into the temple of the world on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 40 days after Christmas. Let his light enter your hearts. Fr Jim

Parish APP: myParish app for “Meade County Catholic”.

OCIA will meet on January 28, in the Forst Center in Meade.

**UPCOMING ANDREW DINNERS:** There will be Andrew Dinners on upcoming Sunday evenings, February 25 in Larned, KS. and March 3 in Liberal, KS. Each of these evenings are for high school men and their pastors and Bishop John, to enjoy a meal, conversation and prayer.

**LENT WILL BE COMING SOON!** Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14. Our schedule of Services are: 12:05PM—Mass at St. Anthony’s in Fowler; 5:30 PM– Mass in St. John the Baptist in Meade. 6:00 PM—Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes in Fowler for the PSR Students and Parents; 700 PM—Mass in Plains.

**Enclosed is the Kansas Catholic Conference Legislative Report—Please stay connected with the important issues!**

**TUESDAYS WITH THE DIOCESE** Adult Formation is coming Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> ; March 5th; March 19<sup>th</sup> by Zoom. Mark your calendars!

**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 will be at 5:30 PM on Sunday.  
**WANTED PALMS:** We are collecting old palms to be burned for Ash Wednesday. Please bring any old palms that you want to get rid of by February 11. Thanks!

**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 of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday. 3:00 PM—5:30 PM.

**PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY:** The rosary for our country will be after Adoration.

**APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR JANE & LYNN CHANCE:** has been postponed until next Sunday. Thank You for your understanding. We look forward to seeing you next Sunday!

**THE WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will resume meeting on Monday, Feb, 5th at 6:30 pm and will meet weekly through Mar. 18th in the parish school. The group will be briefly discussing key takeaways from the book "The Rocking Chair Prophet" and will utilize a new Walking With Purpose podcast to read/discuss scripture and its practical application to everyday life. Bring your bible, a small snack and join in this fellowship opportunity. Please call/text Dee Dee Dewell @316-755-5633 with questions and to sign up.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** On Thursday, February 1, at 10:00 a.m., we have scheduled a Work day because our new Parish Center will be ready to be occupied. We could certainly use your help moving all the stuff we put in storage into the new building. This work day will involve moving and cleaning. Thank You for your consideration of this project!

**PARISH CENTER CLEANING:** We are seeking a person interested in cleaning the new parish Center and parish school on a bi-weekly basis. If interested, please contact Father Jim Dieker at 620-575-5520.

**Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dan Harris. Let eternal rest be granted unto him, Oh, Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him.**







