FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



Catholic Communities of Meade County

St. Patrick Church

St. John the Baptist Church

St. Anthony Church

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620-646-5297

| -Date | Time | Location | Mass | Intention | Notes |
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| Sun. 02/18 | 8:30 AM | Meade | First Sunday of Lent | +Danny Harris (Dorothy Devine) | |
| Sun. 02/18 | 10:30 AM | Fowler | First Sunday of Lent | +Bob Higgins (Deb & Ron Mahan) | |
| Sun. 02/18 | 1:00 PM | Plains | First Sunday of Lent | For the Parishioners | |
| Mon. 02/19 | | | No Mass | | |
| Tues. 02/20 | 6:00 PM | Meade | Week day in Lent | +Hank Fuhrman (Myron Hermes) | |
| Wed. 02/21 | 12:05 PM | Fowler | St. Peter Damian, Bishop | +Dixie Hageman (Kevin Hageman) | |
| Wed. 02/21 | 6:00 PM | Plains | Stations of the Cross | | |
| Thu. 02/22 | 8:30 AM | Plains | The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle | For World Peace | |
| Fri. 02/23 | 8:30 AM | Plains | Stations of the Cross & Mass | For an end to Abortion | |
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| Fri. 02/23 | 12:00 PM | Meade | Adoration | | |
| Fri. 02/23 | 5:30 PM | Plains | Stations of the Cross & Mass | Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life | Spanish |
| Fri. 02/23 | 7:00 PM | Fowler | Stations of the Cross | | |
| Sat. 02/24 | 8:30 AM | Meade | Saturday in Lent | For an end to human trafficking | |
| Sat. 02/24 | 5:30 PM | Plains | Second Sunday of Lent | +Mae Jacobs (Dolores Amerin) | |
| Sun. 02/25 | 8:30 AM | Meade | Second Sunday of Lent | +Mark Rome (Mary Jo Rome) | |
| Sun. 02/25 | 10:30 PM | Fowler | Second Sunday of Lent | +Bob Higgins (Jan & Rick McGregor) | |
| Sun. 02/25 | 1:00 PM | Plains | Second Sunday of Lent | For the Parishioners | Spanish |

Sacrament of Reconciliation—30 Minutes Before Mass

| | PLAINS—SATURDAY 5:30 PM | MEADE-SUNDAY 8:30 AM | FOWLER-SUNDAY 10:30 AM |
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| LECTOR | Timber Wood | Andra Cunningham | Cherie Knott, Bruce Millershaski |
| SERVERS | Ronaldo S., Hayes S., Ron E. | Brenna F., Kynlee F., Tayte F. | Avery & Brody Hamilton |
| GREETERS | Kyle & Kimberly Amerin | Flowers Family | Kevin & Stacy Milford |
| EUCH MIN | Jenny A., Mary A. | Tom R., Debbie T. | James & Becky Hamilton |
| MUSIC | Suzanne Eakes | TBD | Cathy Heinz, Cherie Knott/ Jan Brock |
| USHERS | | | Doug & Van Heinz |
| ROSARY | Jerrilynn Wood | Flavin Family | Bruce Millershaski |
| COLLECTION | Kathy Jacobs | Dewell Family | Cherie Knott, Karen McDowell |

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: The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism . . . that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

| February 4— February 11 | | | | | |
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| | Fowler | Meade | Plains | | |
| Envelopes | \$1065.00 | \$ 587.00 | \$1724.00 | | |
| Offertory | \$197.00 | \$88.00 | \$ 193.43 | | |
| Youth | \$ 9.00 | \$7.00 | \$.00 | | |
| Bldg. Online | \$70.00 | \$.00 | \$350.00 | | |
| Online | \$265.00 | \$200.00 | \$950.00 | | |
| Bldg. Fund | \$310.00 | \$50.00 | \$350.00 | | |
| Candles | \$28.00 | \$.00 | \$42.80 | | |
| Rent: | \$.00 | \$.00 | \$.00 | | |
| Misc: | \$.00 | \$200.00 | \$.00 | | |
| Totals | \$1944.00 | \$ 932.00 | \$3285.23 | | |

Dear People of Penance,

Are you ready? To enter a penitential season is very countercultural. That we must die to live is absurd to a self-satisfied culture. To acknowledge our sinfulness is contrary to modern man's measure of selfworth. Suggesting forty days in the wilderness can only produce a bewildered "why?" by those who do not know and follow Christ.

We must face the darkness of the world, and our own souls, to prepare for the light of Christ's redemption of our humanity. We are in great need to allow Christ into our lives by a time of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. We do this as a collective body and become, as St. Francis of Assisi asserted so fiercely, become penitents for the sins of the world. Only through this sacred time in the wilderness, can we prepare to enter into the Paschal Mystery, the mystery of Christ's life, Passion, Death, and Resurrection celebrate in every Eucharist given to us. It is our time of Lent that makes us ready for Holy Week being raised to new life.

Practically, we need to deny ourselves, pick up our crosses and follow Jesus. There is no more contemplative and powerful devotion in our tradition than the Stations of the Cross. Almost 150 years ago, Canon Law mandated that every Catholic Church have within it the images of the Way of the Cross, but the sense of the faithful has always been to keep the Passion always before us. I hope you will strive to make this devotion part of your Lenten Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

The Rice Bowl (CRS) remains and is a sacred part of our communal almsgiving for the salvation of the world. Catholic Relief Services have been very present to the people of Ukraine and the people of Gaza and this major resource of donations to the annual Rice Bowl are very important. A major part of our pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, and hopefully an abundance of dollars that you put in your rice bowl box throughout these 40 days return to help our Catholic Social Services with offices in Dodge City, Garden City, Great Bend, and most recently, Liberal.

Finally, fasting, obligatory for those between the ages of 14 and 59 without major health issues, is the hinge of it all. Fasting has been defined as at least reducing one's daily meals to two, and halving one of those meals reduced to one half, but each adult needs to work to choose those things that seem to have a domination in our fallen desires for excess and deny themselves. Our collective abstinence of meat on Ash Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent is another communal expression of this fasting, being penitential in our sorrow for sin. Call a Fast! Fr.Jim

Parish APP: myParish app for "Meade County Catholic"
OCIA will meet on February 18, in the Forst Center in Meade.

Rite of Election.-Bishop John will be receiving our Catechumens and Candidates at the Rite of Election at Our Lady of Guadalupe Cathedral at 3;00 PM on Sunday, February 18th. Our Catechumens are Tanner Dirks of St. Anthony Parish, Richard Alcala and Kyle Speer of St. John the Baptist Parish and Dominique Fabian Soto-Zamudio and Emiliano Garcia Ramirez of St. Patrick Parish, Our candidates for Profession and Full Communion are Ivonne Selene Arredondo and John Aaron Johnson of St. Anthony Parish, David Garcia and Deisy Huerta Garcia of St. Patrick Parish. Please pray for their preparation for Easter Sacraments to be celebrated at St. John the Baptist Church at the Easter Vigil.

St. Andrew Dinner will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Anthony Parish in Liberal on Sunday, March 3rd. Please see Fr. Jim to register your high school male for this opportunity for a meal with Bishop Brungardt.

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.

Stations of the Cross: Wed. at 6:00 pm in Plains; 8:30 am in Plains on Fridays; at 5:30 pm in Spanish on Fridays in Plains.

Announcements for Meade

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

YOUTH NEWS: Please keep Annie Woodruff in your prayers this week as she prepares to make her First Reconciliation. (February 21). There will be a Youth Mass on Sunday March 3 at 8:30 AM Mass. Everyone is invited to the Forst Center for donuts after Mass. Please join us!

<u>Stations of the Cross</u>: during the hour of Adoration on Fridays in Meade

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.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 PM, in the Parish School.

Stations of the Cross: at 7:00 pm on Fridays in Fowler.

Mark your calendars for the official dedication of the new parish center on Sunday, June 9th.