

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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(Pastor)

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Welcome the stranger
- Heal the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish the sinner
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offenses
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

17	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Easter.....	+Eric Zimmerman (Ron & Barb Beckerman)
17	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	Fourth Sunday of Easter	+Kim Eakes (Ron Eakes)
17	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Easter.....	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
18	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....	+Fr. Henry Hildebrandt (Steve & Judy Dewell)
19	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....	+Eric Zimmerman (Kraig Lindsay Family)
20	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in the Easter Season	+Ed Bergkamp (Rita Bergkamp)
20	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in the Easter Season	+Kate Heinz (John Heinz)
21	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Anselm.....	+Leroy Huelskamp (Joyce Knott)
22	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in the Easter Season.....	+Kim Eakes (Ron Eakes)
22	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in the Easter Season.....	(Spanish).....+Kim Eakes (Ron Eakes)
23	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	Fifth Sunday of Easter.....	+Mike Montoya (Ed Mein, K & M Kirsling, Colleen Burns)
24	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Fifth Sunday of Easter	+Leroy Huelskamp(Mary Helen Sobba)
24	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter	+Fr. Jake Roth (Joyce Knott)
24	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter	(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masses.

HOMEBOUND

If you would like Communion brought to you at home, or have someone in the hospital, please notify Father.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN OUR PARISH? If you are new, we welcome you and would like to get to know you.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send or fax any announcements you want put in the bulletin to the Fowler Rectory, or call the Dewells (646-5300), or email [@stanthonyfowler@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com) no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

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.

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Sunday, April 24th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Milford & Phyllis Butts
SERVERS: Kambrey W., Crystal M., Caleb H.
GREETERS: Tom & Jerri Leis
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME: Brigid Thurman

PLAINS – Sunday, April 24th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Ron Eakes
SERVERS: Dianna O., Jesse O., George E.
GREETERS: Paul & Kristin Grilliot
COLL. COUNTERS: Lucy Bromwell

MEADE – Saturday, April 23rd, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Cali Keith
SERVERS: Kynlee F., Tayte F., Walker K.
GREETERS: Kastens & Smith Families
COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, April 24th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

GREETERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message that they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use our gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

EUCH MIN: Stacy Milford, Brenda Martin & Judy D.

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Jan Brock

USHERS: Dan Harris, Grant Harris

ROSARY: Decinda Heinz

EUCH. MIN: Nefro S., Silvia O., Teresa G.

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

EUCH MIN: Vince K., Dorothy D., Teresa C.

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS: Bolton Family

ROSARY: Audrey Flowers

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

COLL. COUNTERS:

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,470.00	\$1,060.00		\$3,411.00
OFFERTORY:	\$422.00	\$128.00		\$579.76
CHILDREN:	\$3.00	\$9.00	Bldg. Fund:	\$490.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
RICE BOWL:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$770.90
CANDLES:	<u>\$32.00</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>		<u>\$64.80</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,927.00	\$1,217.00		\$5,316.46
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00		

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: The mercy of Jesus is like an ocean ready to flow into any soul who asks for even a small portion. Experience the healing touch of Jesus' mercy.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats. ***Healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time***

Next Retreat: May 20-22

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THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: A number of years ago, I heard a speaker tell a story that made a lasting impression upon me. The story was of a man who approached a Jewish Rabbi and said to him: "You Jews, you really keep the Sabbath". The Rabbi thought for a moment and he said: "You have it all wrong. We Jews do not keep the Sabbath. The Sabbath keeps the Jews." What he meant was that the regular observance of the Sabbath, refraining from work and listening to the word of God, keeps the Jews faithful to their relationship with God. The same thing can be said about us as Catholics. We are kept in the faith by our observance of Sunday. It is our pausing in the routine of our lives that helps us appreciate the faith we have been given and to pursue an ever closer relationship with the Lord who has saved us by His death and resurrection. The primary way we pursue a deepening of our relationship with Christ is through the Eucharist. As presented in the homily last Sunday, at the Eucharist we offer ourselves to the Father in union with the offering of Jesus on the Cross. We take all of the joys and sorrows, triumphs and failures of the week that has passed and offer them to God. The Father then offers us the Body and Blood of his Son so that we might grow in an ever deeper oneness with the Son. To voluntarily skip the Sunday Mass is to say, indirectly, that my relationship with Christ is not important to me. It is to state by my actions that I have other things in my life that are much more important. We do well to ask ourselves what of my earthly life will be as seen important when life on this earth is over and I am in the presence of God reviewing my life.

We must remember that ours is a God who delights not in condemning, but in offering salvation. We are not forced to accept salvation because God greatly respects our freedom. Our heavenly Father invites us to draw near to his Son so that we can find salvation through him. However, the choice is always ours. If we do not want to be with God for all eternity, God will respect our decision.

Prayer & Action registration forms can be found under the Prayer & Action tab on the diocesan website.

Prayer and Action Dates -June 19-24: College Week – Meade; June 26-July 1: High School Week 1 – Meade; July 10-15: High School Week 2 - St. John; July 17-22: High School Week 3 - St. John.

VOCATION VIEWS: Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit will serve our Church. (Acts 3: 14, 43-52) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US! Celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy with a weekend away for gathering, learning, praying. Discover the “Me” in Mercy, April 29-May 1, 2016, Spiritual Life Center, Wichita. Three ways to learn new insights about God’s mercy. Enjoy meals and socials with old and new friends from throughout western Kansas! Pray throughout. English and Spanish. Sponsored by the Dioceses of Dodge City and Salina. Presenters: Fr. Frank Coady, Fr. Bob Schremmer, Fr. John Fahey. More information: <http://www.dcdioocese.org/news/archive/2892-me-in-mercy-1/file> Contact: Coleen Stein, cstein@dcdioocese.org, 620-227-1538. Cost is: Commuters - \$90.00; Double - \$140.00; Single - \$160.00. Course cost for college credit is an additional \$50.00.

April –ALERT NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. Children are trafficked for forced labor, domestic work, as child soldiers, for begging but most children are trafficked for sexual exploitation. There is a demand for younger and younger victims worldwide. This demand comes from customers in the growing global sex industry. Pray for children of the world. **Access the web site sistersagainstrafficking.org...U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**

The 15th Annual Wine Tasting Event, supporting those in need through Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas, will be held on April 29th at the Great Bend Events Center in Great Bend Kansas. Wine 101 Workshop begins at 6 pm; Tasting begins at 7 pm; Auction begins at 8 pm. \$50 for one; \$450 for a table of ten. A block of rooms have been reserved at the Best Western Angus Inn for overnight guests making their reservations by April 15th. For tickets and/or information, visit www.catholiccharitiesswks.org/wine-tasting-event, or contact Rebecca Ford at ford@catholiccharitiesswks.org, 620-792-1393.

SPECIAL DAYS OF PILGRIMAGE to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe during the Jubilee of Year of Mercy are: Sunday June 12, 4:00 p.m., Prayer Service with the Anointing of the Sick, a light meal to follow. Monday, August 15, 5:30 p.m. Mass (English), 6:30 Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. Sunday, September 11, 3:00 p.m., Anyone Who has been Touched by Suicide, Prayer & Remembrance Service. Sunday, October 2, 3:30 p.m., for anyone who has lost a child of any age. At each of these times, they will be a Prayer service & blessing led by Bishop John Brungardt.

THANK YOU TO OUR DRES & RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS: Our Religious Education programs will soon be ending for the 2015 – 2016 school year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them so much for their giving of their time and talents to our communities of children. If you haven’t already done so, please express your appreciation for their tireless efforts in the parish community.

Announcements for Plains

WE ARE CONTINUING the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the 1st Wed. of every month, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

RICE BOWLS: Please return your Rice Bowls. Thus far, we have received \$770.90 for CRS.

Announcements for Meade

Announcements for Fowler

RICE BOWLS: Please return your Rice Bowls. Thus far, we have received \$577.00 for CRS.

FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, in the parish school.

NOTICE: We are updating the Prayer Chain List and the Guild List. Please watch for the updates and discard your old lists.