

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018

“... all Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of love, and by this holiness a more human manner of life is fostered also in earthly society.”

**Vatican II - Dogmatic Constitution
on the Church (Lumen Gentium), Paragraph 40**

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

04	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Luis Rivera-Holguin (Bob & Jean McCulloch)
04	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	+Farran D. Merkle (Glenda Merkle)
04	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	(Spanish)..... For the Parishioners
05	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Agatha.....	For Moisture
06	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St. Paul Miki & Companions.....	For an end to religious persecutions
07	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	For World Peace
07	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....	+Gerald & Virginia Herrman (Rita Bergkamp)
08	Thu			No Mass today	
09	Fri			No Mass today	
09	Fri			No Mass	
10	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
11	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	For moisture
11	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	+Farran D. Merkle (Glenda Merkle)
11	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....	(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 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, Feb. 11th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Andra Cunningham, Rhonda Milford

SERVERS: Giselle M., Kate C., Caleb H.

GREETERS: Preston & Andra Cunningham Family

COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber

NURSING HOME: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Saturday, Feb. 10th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle

SERVERS: Gloria K., Dianna O., Hailey S.

GREETERS: Max & Silvia Olvera

COLL. COUNTERS: Traci Eakes

MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 11th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell

SERVERS: Myles K., Walker K., James W.

GREETERS: Haberman & Hagemeyer Families

COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 11th, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:

SERVERS:

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

EUCH MIN: Kevin & Stacy Milford, Sarah Jordan

MUSIC MIN: Angie D., Cindy L., Jan B.

USHERS: Tom Leis, Mark Wideman

ROSARY: Decinda Heinz

EUCH. MIN: Mary A., Lucy B., Nefro S.

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Vern Kisner

EUCH MIN: Janet R., Tom R., Cindy H.

MUSIC MIN: Belinda Chalker

GIFTS: Roberts Family

ROSARY: Devine Family

EUCH MIN:

USHERS:

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,160.00	\$1,287.00	\$484.00
OFFERTORY:	\$201.00	\$85.00	\$138.00
CHILDREN:	\$12.00	\$18.00	Bldg. Fd. \$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,373.00	\$1,670.00	\$622.00
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: Last week I wrote about the reality that the renewal of the Church requires the personal renewal of each of us. Today I wish to reflect upon the fact that each of us, through Baptism, have received a call from God to live holy lives. Holiness is not just for a select few people; it is for everyone who has been reborn in the waters of Baptism. We grow toward this holiness as we go about the tasks of our daily lives. This also means the holiness of life will look differently for each one of us. For example, the holiness of a mother of several small children will look much different than a nun who lives in a contemplative monastery. The father of a family will live a holy life much differently than a monk in a monastery. The holiness of a bishop or parish priest will be much different than that of a business man or a worker for a corporation or a small business. A mother who spends hours in prayer may not be living her holiness as God calls her. She is to grow in holiness through her caring for her children and nurturing the family both physically and spiritually. A priest or bishop who spends hours a day in front of the Blessed Sacrament is not living a holy life if he is neglecting his pastoral duties. My point is that we are all called to live holy lives, but that this call will look very different depending upon our vocation in life and the personal gifts that God has given to each of us. We must never use our vocation or calling in life as an excuse not to become holy. Each way of life is meant to provide us with a path to deeper union with God through our oneness with Jesus, the Son of God. May each one of us take seriously this call to holiness of life that we received on the day of our Baptism.

SOUTHWEST KS. YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: A conference designed specifically for those between the ages of 18 and 39 will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe on March 4th! Expect great speakers, relevant topics, sweet t-shirts (and free babysitting for those with kids), all in order to draw young people closer to Christ and to one another! Contact Gentry Heimerman (gheimerman@dcdioocese.org) with any questions! Register by Feb. 14th @ dcyoungadult.com

RICE BOWL: We are called to love our neighbor but we may find ourselves wondering, "Who is my neighbor?" This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl-Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program, will help us answer that question. We are invited to reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor, as companions on life's journeys, can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. Join our faith community and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church on Sunday. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor. Visit crsricebowl.org for more information and family resources.

VOCATION VIEWS: Christ raises up, from among our midst, those called to the Consecrated Life so that they might be unique signs of the Kingdom and "to be all things to all people". (1 Cor 9:22). We pray for those who have left everything to follow Him. If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations.

THANK YOU! Thanks to all who attended the community soup supper held Sunday, Jan. 28 at the Forst Center. The event raised more than \$3,100 in free-will donations for relief agencies working in East Africa to fight famine there. The soup supper was sponsored by several of the Christian churches in Meade.

LENTEN APPS: Your smartphone can be a useful tool for your Lenten program of prayer. Many Catholic app developers and others have recently announced Lenten content including daily inspirational messages sent directly to you as a text message or in your email in-box. Here are four Lenten apps you may wish to review and download.

FORMED is the online Catholic educational resource currently in use in our parishes. The people behind FORMED are offering daily Lenten reflections from Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Ind. These are available in both English and Spanish. The daily 10-minute reflections include a 5-minute video, a passage from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and reflection questions. To learn more or sign up, please visit here.

Auxiliary Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles ("Catholicism" DVD series, Word on Fire) has prepared daily reflections for Lent. These brief reflections are centered on the daily Mass readings and also offer a link to the Scripture. To learn more or sign up, please visit here.

Dynamic Catholic is also offering a daily Lenten reflection sent to your phone or in-box through its "Best Lent Ever" program. To learn more or sign up, please visit <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 14. Our Ash Wednesday schedule will be as follows. Mass at 7:00 a.m., at Fowler; Mass at 12:00 p.m., at Meade; Mass at 5:30 p.m., at Meade; Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of Ashes, at 5:30 p.m. at Fowler; Mass at 7:00 p.m., at Plains.

Announcement for Plains

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Sunday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:30 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT On Wednesday, Feb. 7, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays for the youth, Stations of the Cross at 8:15 a.m. on Fridays before Mass, and Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish.

Announcements for Meade

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Forst Center.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday during Lent at 12:40 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, Feb. 5, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary for our country at 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., followed by the rosary for our country. On Fridays at 7:00 p.m., there will be Stations of the Cross.

