

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed."
(John 20:31)

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

- 08 Sun 8:30 am (M) Sunday of Divine Mercy.....+Eleanor Burnos (Janet Cook)
 - 08 Sun 10:30 am (F) Sunday of Divine Mercy.....+Bill Dewell (Marilyn Dewell)
 - 08 Sun 1:00 pm (P) Sunday of Divine Mercy.....(Spanish Mass).....For Parishioners
 - 09 Mon 6:00 pm (M) The Annunciation of the Lord.....For an end to religious persecutions
 - 10 Tues 7:30 am (M) Week day in Easter time.....+Marlene Blehm (Janet Cook)
 - 11 Wed 10:00 am (FRC) St. Stanislaus.....For Vocations to the priesthood & religious life
 - 11 Wed 12:05 pm (F) St. Stanislaus.....+Leo Wenta (Wenta Family)
 - 12 Thu No Morning Mass today
 - 13 Fri No Morning Mass today
 - 13 Fri 6:00 pm (P) Friday within the Octave of Easter..... (Spanish).....For an end to abortion
 - 14 Sat 5:30 pm (P) Third Sunday of Easter.....+John & Elizabeth Kaberlein (Bob & Gloria Kaberlein)
 - 15 Sun 8:30 am (M) Third Sunday of Easter.....+C J Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
 - 15 Sun 10:30 am (F) Third Sunday of Easter+Claude Leis (Marceline Hoffman)
 - 08 Sun 1:00 pm (P) Third Sunday of Easter.....(Spanish Mass).....For the parishioners
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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, call the Dewells (646-5300), or send an email to 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 – Sun., APR. 15th , 10:30 pm

- LECTOR:** Laurie Devine, Kevin Milford
- SERVERS:** Desmond T., Crystal M., Kale H.
- EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Sarah J., Steve & Judy D.
- USHERS:** Joel Milford, Seth Hageman
- GREETERS/GIFTS:** Rhonda & Tim Milford
- MUSIC MIN:** Diane Leis, Laurie Devine/ Jan
- NURSING HOME:** Brigid Thurman
- ROSARY:** Randy Leis
- COLL. COUNTERS:** John Weber

MEADE – Sun., APR. 15th, 8:30 am

- LECTOR:** Vince Koons
- SERVERS:** Kynlee F., Tayte F., James W.
- EUCH. MIN:** Cindy H., Janet R., Tom R.
- GREETERS:** Welsh Family
- GIFTS:** Flowers Family
- MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family
- ROSARY:** Flavin Family
- MONEY COUNTERS:** Smith Family

PLAINS – Sat., APR. 14th, 5:30 p.m

- LECTOR:** Martha Saucedo
- SERVERS:** George E., Yanet G., Hailey S.
- EUCH. MIN:** Debbie E., Silvia O., Ron E.
- MUSIC MIN:** Nancy H.,
- GREETERS/GIFTS:** Bob & Gloria Kaberlein
- ROSARY:** Teresa Garza
- MONEY COUNTERS:** Lucy Bromwell

PLAINS –Sun., APR. 15th, 1:00 p.m.

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURERS:The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.

| | <u>FOWLER</u> | <u>MEADE</u> | <u>PLAINS</u> |
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| ENVELOPES: | \$2,160.00 | \$961.00 | \$1,128.00 |
| OFFERTORY: | \$500.00 | \$169.00 | \$525.11 |
| CHILDREN: | \$18.00 | \$16.00 | \$0.00 |
| HOLY THURSDAY: | \$304.00 | \$92.40 | \$0.00 |
| BUILDING FUND: | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$83.00 |
| OTHER: | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$2,982.00 | \$1238.40 | \$1,736.11 |
| CURRENT WEEKLY BUDGET: | | \$1,250.00 | |

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED: This Sunday the Church observes Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II declared the Sunday after Easter as a Sunday to celebrate the mercy of God. We have seen the depth of God's mercy in the willingness of God's Son to become one of us and die upon a cross. The Gospel today shows us how God extends that mercy through the ages through the Sacrament of Penance. Jesus explicitly gave the Apostles the authority to forgive sins. This authority has been passed down through the ages. Unfortunately, many are choosing not to avail themselves to this font of mercy. God would not have given us this Sacrament if he did not want us to use it. God wants us to humble ourselves, admit that we are sinners and come to the Sacrament for forgiveness. I urge everyone to reconsider their use of the Sacrament of Penance. Ask God for the gift of a humble heart so that you can confess your sins and experience the merciful love of our God.

ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S CALL The Encounter weekend is April 14 -16. Young men - high school juniors, seniors, and those of college age - are invited to join Fr. Wesley for a road trip to Conception Seminary College. The weekend is a time to hear talks and spend time with seminarians while enjoying time with other young men who are seeking God's will in their life. There is no charge for the weekend and transportation is provided. Register online at <http://dcdioocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or contact Ana Gaytan at 620-227-1500 or agaytan@dcdioocese.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: The 2018 Wine Tasting Event will be at the Great Bend Event Center on Friday, April 20th. Mark your calendars now and plan on coming for a good time and a good cause!

Prayer and Action is a 5-day mission trip that takes place within Southwest Kansas. Participants stay at the host parish in simple accommodations; prepare their own meals; join the parish for daily Mass; and serve local families that are in need. Typical services include painting, minor repairs, house and yard cleaning, etc. and is carried out for Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

If you would like to take a group of students from your parish, or if you are an individual who is interested in helping out with this important mission, please check out our website for more information and the on-line registration forms. (www.dcyouth.org/prayer-action) The participants – college students, high school students, and adult chaperones – grow by putting their faith directly into action, and practice the Christian lifestyle of “prayer without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

RICE BOWL: Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at church.

VOCATION VIEWS: *Despite our lack of faith, Christ still calls and gives the strength to respond. Bring your questions to Him, that He might answer your doubts with His gentle, but persistent love. (John 20:19-31). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.*

DIOCESAN SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS: The diocese has a strong tradition of offering a summer camp to middle school students, and we look to continue under a new name. This will be held at Camp Lakeside near Scott City, and it is designed to immerse teenagers into God's love through beauty and nature. Unfortunately due to staff and lodging restrictions at Camp Lakeside, the maximum number of registrations for each camp is 50. *Please register quickly to reserve your spot as they will fill!*

June 10-12th - For those students who have completed the 5th or 6th grade

June 14th-16th - For those students who have completed the 7th or 8th grade

For registration details visit our website: <https://www.dcyouth.org/camp-cristo-rey>

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: On April 29, there will be a Protecting God's Children Session explicitly organized for the members of the three parishes of Meade County. The immediate impetus for requesting the diocese to provide this training was the awareness that we were struggling to find people who could provide babysitting services for the participants of the ALPHA program. However, we frequently struggle to find people who have completed this required training to assist in the Religious Education Program or to provide transportation to children or teenagers to various events. This is training that could profit every adult in our parish communities. Teachers, daycare workers and grandparents could benefit from this training in that it could help them recognize children in danger of abuse. The more we are aware of the signs that children are being abused, the more quickly we can give our children the protection they need. Even if someone never plans to be part of the religious education program, I am asking you to attend this session or a session that will be provided somewhere in this area in the future. It is easy to complain or to judge those who abuse our children, but we all have an obligation to do everything we can to protect them. Studies show that it is usually a family member or someone that is trusted by the family that is responsible for the abuse. We must be alert to prevent harm to our children. The session will be at 2:00 p.m. on the 29th. I will announce later whether the session will be in Fowler or Meade. This will depend upon the number we are expecting to attend.

Announcements for Plains

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL is scheduled on Wed., April 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the parish rectory.

NOTICE SCHEDULE: No morning Mass on Thursday and Friday, the 12th & 13th of April.

Announcements for Meade

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

D OF I: On Monday, April 9, there will be a D of I meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Forst Center.

Announcements for Fowler

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:00 p.m.

D OF I: On Monday, April 9, there will be a D of I meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Forst Center.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS, Molly Harris, Avery Hamilton, Cash Lang, and Adan Mercado, who received Jesus for the first time today! May you remain

close to Him and be blessed with many years of His love and joy!