

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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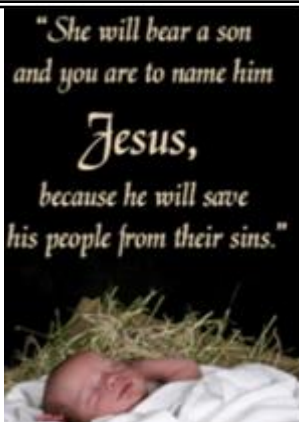
## St. Anthony Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019



## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

22	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+Darlene Gleason (Charlotte Settle)
22	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent.....+LaVerne Leis (Marilyn Dewell)
22	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday of Advent .....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
23	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. John of Kanty.....+Joseph Raple (Jane & Lynn Chance)
24	Tue	6:00 pm	(P)	Eve of the Lord's Nativity.....Deceased Relatives & Friends (Larry & Marge Donahue)
24	Tue	9:00 pm	(F)	Eve of the Lord's Nativity.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Fred & Dee Boyd)
25	Wed	9:00am	(M)	The Nativity of the Lord.....+Ron Beckerman (George & Rose Ann Hageman)
25	Wed	10:30 am	(P)	The Nativity of the Lord.....(Spanish).....For World Peace
26	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Stephen, the First Martyr.....+Mary Zircle Family (Mary Zircle)
27	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. John the Apostle & Evangelist.....For moisture
27	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. John the Apostle & Evangelist .....(Spanish).....For an end to abortion
28	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....+George & Anna Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
29	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph .....+LaVerne Leis (Floydene Leis)
29	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph .....Relatives of Sarah Jordan
29	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph .....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

45 minutes before Masse

**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!

**Liturgical and Other Ministers**

**FOWLER – Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Judy Dewell, Brent Merkle  
**SERVERS:** Caleb H., Heath H., Jacelyn H.,  
**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Kevin & Stacy M., Dave W., Becky & James  
**USHERS:** Tom Huelskamp, Luke Huelskamp  
**GREETERS/GIFTS:** Devin & Laura Hamilton Family  
**MUSIC MIN:** Choir  
**NURSING HOME:** Judy Dewell  
**ROSARY:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Larry & Cherie Knott

**PLAINS – Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jason Vajnar  
**SERVERS:** Hayes S., Hailey S., Nefro S.  
**EUCH. MIN:** Maria D., Mary A., Terry S.  
**GREETERS:** Lupe & Jared Hernandez  
**MUSIC MIN:** Suzanne Eakes  
**ROSARY:** Kerri Vajnar  
**MONEY COUNTERS:** Patricia Coats

**MEADE – Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am**

**LECTOR:** Vince Koons  
**SERVERS:** Kynlee F. Tayte F., Walker K.  
**EUCH. MIN:** Audrey F., Tom R., Debbie T.  
**MUSIC MIN:** Flowers Family  
**GREETERS:** Conrardy Family **GIFTS:** Haberman & Hagemeiers'  
**MONEY COUNTERS:** Knott Family  
**ROSARY:**

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:**  
**SERVERS:**  
**EUCH. MIN:**

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

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Open your mind and heart and listen to God's wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? (Matthew 1:18-24). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or [vocations@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org)

**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.

**FOWLER – Sun., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Milford, Phyllis Butts  
**SERVERS:** Jacelyn H., Jacey W., Karson W.  
**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:** Tom L., Laurie D., Steve D.  
**USHERS:** Doug Heinz, Larry Knott  
**GREETERS/GIFTS:** James & Becky Hamilton  
**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Cathy Heinz/ Jan  
**NURSING HOME:** Kevin & Stacy Milford  
**ROSARY:** Randy Leis

**COLL. COUNTERS:** John Weber

**PLAINS – Sat., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Lucy Bromwell  
**SERVERS:** Yanet G., Dianna O., George E.  
**EUCH. MIN:** Larry E., Traci E., Silvia O.  
**GREETERS:** Bob & Gloria Kaberein  
**MUSIC MIN:** Martha Saucedo  
**ROSARY:** Teresa Garza  
**MONEY COUNTERS:** Traci Eakes

**MEADE – Sun., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Teresa Cottrell  
**SERVERS:** Brenna F., Kasen F., Kate P.  
**EUCH. MIN:** Cindy H., Lisa K., Vince K.  
**MUSIC MIN:** Rachel Amerin  
**GREETERS:** Cottrell Family **GIFTS:** Hollis Family  
**MONEY COUNTERS:** Dewell Family  
**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the Leading of the Holy Spirit!

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,464.00	\$2,339.00		\$740.00
OFFERTORY:	\$119.00	\$58.00		\$315.00
CHILDREN:	\$7.00	\$1.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$75.00
MISC:	\$ .00	\$163.51		\$ .00
IMMAC. CONCEPT.	\$ .00	\$ .00		\$ 70.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$9.00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>		<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,599.00	\$2,561.51		\$1,200.00
		\$1,250.00		

**MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM:** My fellow procrastinators,

Only two days left until Christmas. It has long been anticipated for many different reasons, many different expectations. The question, “are you ready for Christmas?” means a great many different things to different people. Pope Benedict XV says that the only place to find lasting joy is in finding the Christ Child. All other things are passing and the joy they give can never last, but finding Christ in Christmas is the source of eternal joy for the believer.

There are so many things, worldly things that keep us from discovering the Christ Child. Our anxieties and worries, our preoccupations and distractions that promise a false fulfillment can only be transcended by the knowledge and love of the Christ child, and his gift of himself to us, perpetually given to us in the sacramental species of bread and wine. Our destiny is the eternal and grand banquet feast of heaven.

How can we miss it? How can we fail to be filled with immense inner joy that should well out into the world? One of our candidates for full communion with the Catholic Church asked about speaking in tongues. The question obviously comes from experiencing the outward sounding joy of the Charismatic movement, even the Pentecostal sects. As Catholics, we approach the mystery much more circumspect. We are much more cautious to express the inner joy, for the just fear of blaspheming God. We claim the Word of God in the very Body and Blood of Christ. It is why the incarnation, the coming in the flesh, is so very important to our faith.

And yet, the joyous Christmas Carols that we sing, the flashing lights and the evergreen forests we create, scream a joy that is longing to enter our souls. We nourish a joy in the coming of one who will suffer and die for our sins, that we might live. If you find a better deal, take it, as they say. It does not exist. The one who said “I am, who am” has spoken in his only begotten Son, and fills us with joy. Let us sing, “Joy to the World!” We cannot put it off any longer.

Looking for the fullness of Christmas! Fr. Jim

**MASS TIME CHANGES THE FIRST WEEKEND OF JANUARY 2020:** On January 4, Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at Fowler; Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, in Plains; Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. in Meade. Spanish Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. in Plains. This schedule will continue until the first weekend in July 2020.

**KANSAS ROSARY CRUSADE:** There is power in the Rosary! Kansans fought to enter the Union as a Free State. We must fight again to protect life in the womb by amending the State Constitution. Join the State-Wide Rosary Crusade. The plan is simple: On Thursdays, all across Kansas, parishes, families, individuals, or other groups will pray a Rosary for the passage of a State Constitutional amendment rejecting abortion as a Constitutional right. Time and place are up to those praying. The Five Luminous Mysteries are traditionally prayed on Thursdays, but those praying are free to experiment, as long as the intention is kept in mind. Please go to: [kansasrosarycrusade.org](http://kansasrosarycrusade.org) for a five-decade Rosary specific to this Crusade. You can also check the page for a word from Bishop John Brungardt on this effort and to enroll your parish, your family, your organization or yourself in the State-Wide Rosary Crusade.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD:** is Monday, January 1. Mass times will be at 5:30 p.m., on December 31, in Fowler; 8:30 a.m., on the 1<sup>st</sup>, in Plains; 10:30 a.m. in Meade; and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish in Plains.

### Announcements for Plains

**THRIFT SHOP:** The time has come for our turn to take care of the Thrift Shop. January is our month. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board. All help is greatly appreciated. The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday evening from 6-8 pm and on Friday afternoon 2-4 pm. Thank you to all who help with this service project in our community.

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

**CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS SCHEDULE:** Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup> in Plains. Mass on December 25<sup>th</sup>, will be at 10:30 a.m. in Spanish.

### Announcements for Meade

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

**CONFESSION TIMES REMINDER:** Father will be available for confessions on Monday, Dec. 23, 5:00 – 6:30.

**THANK YOU:** *Dear Friends,*

*Since my first knee surgery in late July, and the subsequent surgery in September, I have come to truly understand the support of friends and the power of prayer. I wish to thank all of you who shared your time to visit me, sent me a card, telephoned me, or said a prayer for my recovery. I firmly believe it is those prayers which helped me through the worse days, and will eventually lead me to a full recovery.*

*God bless all of you!*

*Dorothy Devine*

**CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS SCHEDULE:** 9:00 a.m. Mass on December 25<sup>th</sup>, will be in Meade.

### Announcements for Fowler

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

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** Christmas choir rehearsals will be: Full choir - Sunday, Dec 22 from 10:45-12:00. Newcomers are welcome to join for Christmas choir!

**CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS SCHEDULE:** Mass will be at 9:00 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup>.