

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

Father James P. Dieker

(Pastor)

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## St. Patrick Church

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The Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

15	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....+Mark Verhoff (Dwane & Joyce Thompson)
15	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Jim & Laurie Devine)
15	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
16	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Lent.....Special Intention for Barbara Brungardt
17	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Patrick.....Special Intention for Barbara Brungardt
18	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr of the Church.....+Jim Sobba (T. & J Huelskamp)
19	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Joseph.....+Mark Verhoff (Michael & Margery Sigley)
20	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent.....+Mark Faber (Sylvester Faber)
20	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	Week day in Lent...(Mass & Stations).....Don Leis Family (David Leis)
21	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Fourth Sunday of Lent.....+LaVerne Leis (Jan McGregor)
22	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Fourth Sunday of Lent.....+Mark Verhoff (Bob & Kathy Goertz)
22	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Fourth Sunday of Lent.....+Elsie Porter (Janet Cook)
22	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday of Lent.....(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!

## Liturgical and Other Ministers

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**FOWLER – Saturday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Rhonda Milford, Hannah Millershaski

**SERVERS:** Heath H., Avery H., & Jacey W.

**GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS:** Doug & Decina Heinz

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Steve & Judy Dewell

**NURSING HOME:** Brigid Thurman

**PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Terry Shinogle

**SERVERS:** Hailey S., Lucy V., Bob K.

**GREETERS:** Paul & Kristin Grillot

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Kathy Jacobs

**MEADE – Sunday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Teresa Cottrell

**SERVERS:** Sarah K., Walker K., James W.

**GREETERS:** Kastens/ Smith Families

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Koons Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**LECTOR:**

**SERVERS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

**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.

**EUCH MIN:** Steve Dewell

**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Angie Dewell/ Clav.

**USHERS:** Andy Boyd, T. J. Milford

**ROSARY:** Judy Dewell

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Suzanne Eakes

**ROSARY:** Vern Kisner

**EUCH MIN:** Kevin Dewell

**MUSIC MIN:** Rachel Burdett

**GIFTS:** Borth Family

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**EUCH MIN:**

**USHERS:**

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>		<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$855.00	\$1,287.00		\$477.00
OFFERTORY:	\$248.00	\$87.00		\$132.00
CHILDREN:	\$18.00	\$15.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$280.00
ASH WED.	\$0.00	\$8.00		\$0.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$29.00</u>	<u>\$187.51</u>		<u>\$20.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,150.00	\$1,569.51		\$909.00
		\$1,250.00		

**MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM:** Dear People of the Eucharist,

Astounding! All public gatherings of Rome, including all public celebrations of the Mass have been suspended until at least April 2, or essentially Palm Sunday. The daily “private” Mass of Pope Francis will be aired by You-tube, available to any faithful throughout the world to “participate” in the daily offering, but particularly the faithful of Rome. Our diocesan suspension of the Sign of Peace and the distribution of the Precious Blood pales in comparison. The graces that we so take for granted have been, for the pandemic of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, affecting especially China and Italy, a little bit of distance from us.

I am old enough to remember when these two practices of the sign of peace and the common cup were restored to the liturgical practice of the universal church following the directives that flowed from the Second Vatican Council, 1963-1965. These changes were not easily embraced, and to see how easily they are given up, is somewhat disheartening. And yet, the cooperative effort to minimize the spread and fatalities of the Coronavirus, spread so easily by physical contact and proximate sharing of space, is paramount to world health and shared commerce.

Perhaps these practices have become too commonplace, too profane, devoid of “liturgical style” that they were intended. The sign of peace, particularly, the rambunctious passing to all with hand shaking and back slapping, is probably more than is intended in the “kiss of Peace” of the Jewish tradition, as a sacred liturgical act preparing for communion. The careful reception of the precious blood can be too often a presumed right to the symbol of wine, rather than gracious partaking of the blood of Christ.

At any rate, for the near future, we will sacrifice these practices to the altar of the fears created in the unknown and contagious nature of the Coronavirus. Hopefully, those unknowns will be sorted out soon and Coronavirus will become a controlled and manageable disease within a pantheon of human diseases and controlled by the ordinary precautions against infectious diseases, and we will be able to restore our full liturgical celebration of the Eucharist throughout the world. The little black book reminds us that to sacrifice, is not so much to give up, but is to make holy. Let us sanctify this Lent with participating in the sacred mysteries as best we are able. It is a good reason to participate in the Communal Penance Services in our parishes to reconcile it all to God, March 15th, 4:00 PM in Fowler and 5:30 PM in Meade and 7:00 PM in Plains on Wednesday, March 25th. No touching, but the real presence of Christ in absolution.

Blessings! Frjim

**CHRISM MASS:** **Chrism Mass is scheduled for Thursday, April 2nd, at 11:00 am.** Each parish is welcome to invite 8 parishioners to participate in the Mass and meal to follow at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City. If you can participate in this wonderful liturgy when the Priests renew their vows and the Holy Oils are blessed by the Bishop, please contact Fr. Jim. Registration of names is due by March 20th.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE REMINDER:** Holy Thursday Masses will be at 5:30 p.m. at Meade and 7:00 p.m. Mass at Plains. There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. in Fowler. Good Friday Services are 12:00 p.m. in Meade; 3:00 p.m. in Fowler; 7:00 p.m. in Plains. At 8:00 p.m., Las Dolores de la Madre Santisima (in Spanish) will be prayed. Easter Vigil will be on Holy Saturday at 9:00 p.m. in Fowler; Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:30 am in Plains, 10:30 am in Meade and 1:00 p.m. in Spanish in Plains.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORGANIZATION (SFO): Any adult who has interest in knowing about the Franciscan Fraternity is welcome to share in a meeting in Plains of the Mother Cabrini Franciscan Fraternity, that in recent years formed in Liberal, at 1:00 PM on March 21, 2020. The SFO is the third order of the Franciscans that originated with St. Francis of Assisi's desire to include lay and secular religious in his spiritual family. Fr. Jim will be sharing a short Power point from his sabbatical on Jewish Muslim relations as part of the regular monthly fraternal meeting. Contact Fr. Jim if you wish to know more.

TOTUS TUUS in our parishes will be the following dates: June 21- 26 – Meade/Fowler; July 12 – 18 – Plains. **Please make note of these dates!**

### 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 will be on every Wednesday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. with the PSR students. There will be Stations at 8:15 a.m. before the Friday morning Masses during Lent. On Fridays at 5:30 p.m., there will be Spanish Stations of the Cross.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled at St. Patrick's on Wednesday, March 25, at 5:30 p.m., for the PSR students, and 7:00 p.m. for adults.

GREEN ENVELOPES: As you can see, the new building project is under way! We have permission from Bishop Brungardt to forego the 10% stewardship that we normally pay into the Diocese each month by using our Green Building Fund Envelopes. Please still support the church using the white envelopes, but all money that is collected using the green envelopes or that is written in the memo of your check that it is specifically for the Building Project, will be exempt from the 10% that we normally send in each month to help pay for the addition. Any and all donations towards this project are greatly appreciated!

### Announcements for Meade

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be at 12:30 p.m. each Friday during Lent.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled at St. John's on Sunday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m.

### Announcements for Fowler

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on every Monday, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be every Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. during Lent. On the first and third Fridays, there will be Mass in addition to the Stations of the Cross.

TY & JENNIFER WHITE BENEFIT MEAL: **It will be held at the Fowler Christian Church on March 21, 2020 from 5pm to 8pm.** It will be a come and go event. It is a soup supper with chili, beef vegetable soup, and corn bread and dessert.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE is scheduled at St. Anthony's on Sunday, March 15, at 4:00 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting is scheduled on Wed., March 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the parish school.