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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

12	Sun	(P)	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
12	Sun	(M)	Easter Sunday For the Parishioners..... <u>11:00</u> via Facebook.....Catholic Churches
12	Sun	(P)	Easter Sundayin Spanish <u>1:30 p.m.</u> via Facebook.....Catholic Churches
13	Mon	(M)	Monday within the Octave of Easter.....+LaVerne Leis (Jim & Laurie Devine)
14	Tue	(M)	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter+Stellie Huelskamp (Doug & Decina Heinz)
15	Wed	(F)	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter+Irvin Sobba (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
16	Thu	(P)	Thursday within the Octave of Easter+Mark Verhoff (Dwane & Joyce Thompson)
17	Fri	(P)	Friday within the Octave of EasterFor the Parishioners
18	Sat	(F)	Divine Mercy Sunday.....+Don Leis (David Leis)
19	Sun	(P)	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)
19	Sun	(M)	Divine Mercy Sunday+Ted Woodruff (Jim & Diane Woodruff)
19	Sun	(P)	Divine Mercy Sunday...in Spanish... <u>1:00 pm</u> ...via Facebook.....Catholic Churches

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MAEDE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,620.00	\$2,029.00		\$12,695.00
OFFERTORY:	\$62.00	\$25.00		\$179.00
CHILDREN:	\$.00	\$.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$1,398.00
OTHER	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$27.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,709.00	\$2,054.00		\$14,272.06
		\$1,250.00		

CATHOLIC CHARITIES PANDEMIC APPEAL FUND: The Catholic Charities Wine Tasting that was scheduled for Friday, April 24th has been cancelled. Instead, please support the Catholic Charities Pandemic Appeal Fund to assist vulnerable families who need our help at this critical time:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/2020-pandemic-relief-fund>

ABBY JOHNSON PILGRIMAGE TO WICHITA HAS BEEN CANCELLED: Due to the uncertainty of the Coronavirus, the decision has been made to cancel the Abby Johnson pilgrimage to Wichita on May 2. Thank you to everyone who registered and or inquired about the trip. All payments received will be refunded

MEN'S PILGRIMAGE: A Young Adult in Great Bend is attempting to put together a men's pilgrimage! It will be a prayerful trek from Great Bend to Victoria, spread out over a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday morning. A potential time frame would be April 17-19, ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. (Of course, those walking will be keeping the appropriate distance from each other...in fact, a major goal of pilgrimages through the open country is precisely to gain social distance!) Please message Gentry Heimerman if you are interested so that he can connect you with the guy in charge! gheimerman@dcdiocese.org

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear Easter People,

We must not forget that we are, by Baptism, Easter people. Alleluia is our song. We are people of hope who believe in the Resurrection of Life. I am feeling the great absence of celebrating the Holy Mass of the Resurrection with the congregation on Easter Sunday and will do all that I can to continue to celebrate our faith together during this time of the Covid 19 worldwide pandemic.

A famous line from the epic movie “Jurassic Park” makes the observation that “We spent so much time focusing on if we could do it, we never asked the question, if we should do it!” I had felt that way about live streaming of the Mass, but I do not know how well that it is working for you, but for me, surprisingly, it has kept my enthusiasm and dedication to my daily celebration of the Eucharist daily alive.

I am in the middle of the process of whether we should join the nation-wide movement to a virtual offertory that is, giving on-line. I was with the ministerial alliance of Meade, and was fascinated that they all reported a 20-30% of their normal weekly collections the past few weeks. We need to remember especially in prayer the Catholic parishes with schools who are feeling the great weight of their weekly expenses that continue even with home quarantine. The diocesan representatives have stated unequivocally that every parish needs a way to receive on-line giving.

We must remember that envelopes are only a development of the past century. There is something satisfying about placing the envelope in the basket weekly, but our world has rapidly moved on to transferring money electronically by credit card, check payment, and text giving. It is not an accident that we are researching the same company, Our Sunday Visitor, who supplies our weekly periodical and our weekly envelopes, to seek the ability to receive your donations more conveniently, constantly, and planned by on-line giving. We must be concerned that our financial needs are met, especially during this time of isolation, but even more for the long range success of our needs and plans for the future.

Some may never feel comfortable losing the envelopes, but our young people have already moved there and as a result, have lost the spirit of tithing and giving. Ultimately there is a cost, but in the overall scheme, the cost is minimal, just like we accept the charges to the vendor or consumer of using a credit card in a retail store. Our first three months would be free to the parish, except for the hidden administrative cost, to this point, mostly my time at the computer. After three months, the service will cost the parish \$25.00/month administrative fee. If a credit card is used, there is the normal approximately 3% charge on the transaction, specific to each card. These losses could easily be balanced by losing the need to order the annual envelope box.

I have made the decision that we should implement this means of collection through our website. As it becomes available, I will be communicating more specific and practical information. Thank you to all those who joined the Palm Sunday procession in your cars and deposited your donation in the basket, but this is not doable each week. We pray for a rapid return to the new normal of Sunday participation, that I hope that will include a move toward on-line support of the parishes. He has risen! He has truly risen! Fr. Jim

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

VOCATION VIEWS: The stone is rolled back, the tomb is empty! We are to go and tell the Good News. Rejoice in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia! (John 20:1-9). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.

Food: Do you know someone who needs financial assistance for food? Please ask them to call Catholic Charities; we can help with that application over the phone.

How to Stay Connected?

Isolation and separation are the two great threats of the “stay at home order”. Families are scurrying to adapt to the discipline of a new routine in the home, school from home, working from home, but for the elderly and others that live alone, a good portion of our parishes, how to stay connected is a major concern.

If you have a texting on your phone, please Text APP to 88202 to download myParish App and select our parishes to receive pertinent messages for our communities. If you have internet access, go to www.meadecatholic.org for our website, specifically for Mass times of lived streamed Masses under Liturgy/Sacraments tab. If you are a Facebook member, go to Facebook “Catholic Churches of Meade County” to receive daily live streaming of the Eucharist with Fr. Jim and other special messages and services. If you can drop by the Church to pray, please pick up the bulletin and Southwest Kansas Catholic, or find the bulletin at the website. Feel free to call Fr. Jim anytime at 620-873-2003 or 620-575-5520. Confession times (only behind the screen) remain 30 minutes before live streamed masses at the same time and location they were scheduled before the stay home order. If we have a working e-mail address, we will be setting up zoom meetings on Wednesday evening and for RCIA on Tuesday evenings. Google chat is another more user friendly format for small group meetings.

Finally, thank you to the many families who came for palms and a Palm Sunday blessing last Sunday. We will not be able to offer the service again, because it was deemed too risky and not abiding by the stay at home order. We pray for a quick end to the Pandemic and its restrictions.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY VIEWED FORM'S
“TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE”, IT IS WELL WORTH YOUR TIME!**

[Announcement for Plains](#)

[Announcements for Meade](#)

[Announcements for Fowler](#)

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

IF YOU NEED HELP: If you need things from Dodge City and are unable to pick them up, we have an offer for help. Please call or text Judy at the Church office.

Have a Blessed Easter!