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Sunday of Divine Mercy (2nd Sunday of Easter)

April 19, 2020



Mass Intentions for the Week

19	Sun	(P)	Divine Mercy Sunday (2 nd Sunday of Easter)
19	Sun	(M)	Divine Mercy Sunday...+Ted Woodruff (Jim & Diane Woodruff)... <u>11:00</u> via Facebook.
19	Sun	(P)	Divine Mercy Sundayin Spanish.... <u>1:30 p.m.</u> via Facebook...Catholic Churches
20	Mon	(M)	Monday in the Easter Season.....+Dottie Gillen (Janet Cook)
21	Tue	(M)	St. Anselm, Bishop & Dr. of the Church+Ted Woodruff (Jim & Diane Woodruff)
22	Wed	(F)	Wednesday in the Easter Season+Ron Beckerman (Rita Bergkamp)
23	Thu	(P)	St. George, Martyr, St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr...+Mark Verhoff (M & M Sigley)
24	Fri	(P)	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr.....For the Parishioners
25	Sat	(F)	Third Sunday of Easter.....+Mary Jane Edwards (+Ron) & (Barb Beckerman)
26	Sun	(P)	Third Sunday of Easter
26	Sun	(M)	Third Sunday of Easter.....+C J Thomas (Janet Cook)
26	Sun	(P)	Third Sunday of Easter...in Spanish.. <u>1:30 pm</u> ...via Facebook...Catholic Churches

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$2,240.00	\$1,753.00		\$1,300.00
OFFERTORY:	\$.00	\$10.00		\$.00
CHILDREN:	\$.00	\$.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$550.00
RICE BOWL:	\$253.59	\$.00		\$299.29
RENT:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$27.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,520.59	\$1,763.00		\$2,149.29
		\$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>

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

WORD OF LIFE QUOTE: If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities **Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear people of the Resurrection,

“Let us dance with delight in the Lord and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing, for eternal salvation has appeared on the earth. Alleluia!” (from the Liturgy of the Hours) It is hard to dance when one is still confined to the home, especially when one lives alone. Thankfully, there is beginning discussion of life after the pandemic. And yet the discussions, including Pope Francis, has commented that life can never return to the way it was, “ordinary”, but must be a renewed life, a life where priorities and purpose have been altered forever.

I particularly relish the animal and environment perspective, that there is a certain renovation of life for the natural environment where it had been experiencing the exploitation and disregard of humans. Pope Francis’ encyclical of 2015, “Care of our Common Home”, carries a new weight in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. Our responsible stewardship of worldly resources and sharing them equitably is illumined by the respirator and hospital bed concerns, even to the toilet paper and disinfectant shortages. We have limited resources and wise use of health care is paramount for all.

But, probably most importantly, is the renewal of spiritual and religious lives that reflect our resurrection in Christ. Many have experienced the wonder of family life again, the priority of prayer, the priority of parents in the education of their children, the blessing of material things that we have and need to be grateful for receiving and grateful to the “essential” people in our lives who provide them.

As we had a beautiful Easter Vigil night, that would have been perfect for an outdoor fire, it was with great sadness that I have had to postpone the reception of our catechumen and candidates into the full communion of the Church. We are hopeful that Pentecost, May 31st, will be a time that it will become possible. But our session this week for RCIA, entitled “Conversion, a Life Long Process” reminds us that conversion is a lifelong process for all of us. Our suffering and loss are redemptive as much as they unite us to Christ and his cross. We are changed forever in baptism. That change is fulfilled in the daily risings that we are called to embrace in following Christ. Pray that we will rise from this time, better, more faith filled, more alive, and more hopeful than ever imagined. “Thus the grace of that spiritual love is always available to us, enabling us continually to offer ourselves to God as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to him forever.” (From a book addressed to Monimus by Saint Fulgentius of Ruspe, bishop)

In the Mercy of God, Fr. Jim

Earth Day IS APRIL 22ND

This worldwide day of honoring the Earth provides a good opportunity to study Pope Francis’s encyclical, Laudate Si, Care for our Common Home. The encyclical is easily found through Google or at the www.vatican.va.org website. In many ways, the Covid-19 Pandemic has provided a pause in human activities that may be affecting the earth negatively. Take this opportunity to seek a spirituality of Christian Stewardship of the beauty of our Planet.

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: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Do you believe in Jesus' call to you? Act on it! (John 20:19-31). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.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.

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told / [La segunda historia más grande jamás contada] by Fr. Michael Gaitley is a video found on www.Formed.org that would be the perfect watch for Divine Mercy Sunday for you and your family.

FAITH AND COMMON SENSE: The Catholic Response to an Epidemic, is an OSV brochure that can be found in the entrance of our Churches. It is just that, a common sense Catholic approach to our current Pandemic. Please pick one up and above all offer the “Prayer during an Epidemic” that is offered in the context of the Catholic view of faith.

[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.

