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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020



Lord, let your
Mercy
be on us, as
we place our
Trust
in you.

Mass Intentions for the Week

10	Sun	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter
10	Sun	(M)	Fifth Sunday of Easter+Brenda Deanon (John & Debbie Thomas)11:00 via Facebook
10	Sun	(P)	Fifth Sunday of Easter...in Spanish.....1:30 p.m. . via Facebook....Catholic Churches
11	Mon	(M)	Monday in the Easter Season.....+C. J. Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
12	Tue	(M)	Ss. Nereus & Achilleus, St. Pancras Martyrs.....+Jim Dale Woodruff (Janet Cook)
13	Wed	(F)	Our Lady of Fatima.....+Bob & Lula Belle Sobba (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
14	Thu	(P)	St. Matthias, Apostle.....For Parishioners
15	Fri	(P)	St. Isidore.....+Mark Verhoff (Bob & Kathy Goertz)
16	Sat	(F)	Sixth Sunday of Easter.....+John & Flo Hampel (Doug & Decina Heinz)
17	Sun	(P)	Sixth Sunday of Easter
17	Sun	(M)	Sixth Sunday of Easter.....+ LaVerne & Fern (Kathy, Jackie, David & Pat)
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: “The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells his disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINES</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$900.00	\$1,493.00		\$2,125.00
OFFERTORY:	\$62.00	\$.00		\$.00
CHILDREN:	\$.00	\$.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$50.00
RICE BOWL:	\$40.00	\$.00		\$82.81
OTHER:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$66.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>		<u>\$70.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,006.00	\$1,493.00		\$2,245.00
		\$1,250.00		

My words of hope and prayer come from a verse of “There is a Longing”

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you our God.

For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

(c. 1992, Anne Quigley. Published by Oregon Catholic Press)

COVID HELPLINE & ASSISTANCE: Catholic Charities staff members want to help you if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19Help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org. We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.

The USCCB has produced an excellent resource list for marriage and family ministry during COVID-19 at the For Your Marriage website: <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/virtual-resources-for-responding-to-covid-19/>.

VOCATION VIEWS: “How can we know the way?” Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do great works in you. (John 14:1-12). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear faithful,

Share the contagion of Joy! This sentiment is attributed to Pope Francis. Amidst the contagion of the Covid-19 Virus, contagion is a fearfully negative word, but “to evangelize with joy” is the 1st of the five pillars of our diocesan pastoral plan, and assuredly Christian joy, like the joy of the apostles, should be contagious. Building on the second pillar of Bishop John’s diocesan pastoral plan is “where the rubber hits the road” to share this joy, that is, “to catechize in the Catholic Faith with diligence-Form all as faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ”. The psalmist in psalm 25:5 sings “Guide me by your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior.”

With a loss of two full months of our normal catechesis due to our need to stay at home, and the perennially struggling efforts for a consistent and effective formation of all ages of Catholics, it is a good time to step back and re-group our efforts of faith. Nearly all of the diocesan summer activities and programs have been shelved for this summer. Is it an opportunity to do something more on a local level? Do we double down on family catechesis in the home? Do we invest more in digital Medias to reach more homes? Can we even plan for any programs in the coming year?

The importance of Catechesis is huge. From its very beginning, the magisterial Catechism of the Catholic Church reflects this attitude. CCC#4 “Quite early on, the name catechesis was given to the totality of the church’s efforts to make disciples, to help men believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name, and to educate and instruct them in this life, thus building up the body of Christ.”

Too often catechesis suffers from what I call the M & M syndrome. First, the proverb, moderation in all things is a virtue followed. Though I find this moderation helpful in most areas of life, more often it leads to the second color of the M & M, the real chocolate heart, mediocrity. One would have to admit that many times, we haven’t excelled in our catechesis of ourselves and our youth even though it is the most important key to salvation, the most direct road to joy.

As we see glimmers of hope that restrictions necessary to contain the pandemic are starting to lessen, our minds and wills need to kick into high gear to put into action this pillar to “catechize with diligence,” forming us in the faith so needed in these days of blatant apostasy. Where do we begin? Hopefully, we begin with the joy of celebrating the Easter sacraments, Baptisms, Confirmations and First Communions that hopefully will soon become publicly possible. Hopefully, like the first catechesis, we will soon return to communion as at Emmaus, and know the Lord in the breaking of the bread. Yours in faith, Fr. Jim

WORD OF LIFE QUOTE: “O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

RICE BOWL: Our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. We come together to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty. Thank you. You may turn your donations in to the church, you may give by phone: To give by phone: 1-877-435-7277. Or you may give by mail. To give by mail:

Catholic Relief Services
CRS Rice Bowl
P.O. Box 17090
Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

We miss our mothers greatly, especially in this regimen of social distancing that we remain for their protection and the protection of their families. On this day, we ask that our loving God give them peace and joy and forgiveness in their hearts for their often unfaithful children. “Bless all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and mothers-to-be and mother-in-laws, too and welcome to eternal life those who have died.” (Fr. Ed Hayes) Eternal rest grant to those who have died O, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them!”

We are still livestreaming Mass on our Facebook page at Meade County Catholic Churches.

Announcement for Plains

ONLINE GIVING: The website is now set up for online giving. Go to <https://meadecocatholic.org>

FROM THE DIOCESE: I regret to inform you that all of our Summer Missions programs (Camp Cristo Rey, Totus Tuus, and Prayer and Action) have been cancelled.

Announcements for Meade

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Announcements for Fowler

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

SENIOR SHOUT OUTS: We have two seniors who will be graduating and continuing their education beyond Fowler, KS. Please join me in congratulating them! They are Caleb Heinz & Jacey Wideman. It has been a pleasure to watch you both grow up in our community. You have both been **amazing** examples to our younger kids and it seems so unfair to not be able to celebrate your graduations and toot horns for you! Know that we are rooting for you and will always be grateful for your leadership and joy in service to our faith community!!!

PLEASE UPDATE your email address to the church office. Our email address is stanthonyfowler@gmail.com.

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