

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020



*“I will not leave
you orphans; I will
come to you.”*

Mass Intentions for the Week

17	Sun	(P)	Sixth Sunday of Easter
17	Sun	(M)	6th Sunday of Easter+LaVerne & Fern(Kathy, Jackie, David & Pat)11:00 via Facebook
17	Sun	(P)	Sixth Sunday of Easter...in Spanish.....1:30 p.m. . via Facebook.....Catholic Churches
18	Mon	(M)	St. John I, Pope & Martyr.....Special Intention (Jim & Diane Woodruff)
19	Tue	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....+Fr. John Lavrih (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
20	Wed	(F)	St. Bernardine of Siena.....+Marcella Finkeldei (Marilyn Dewell)
21	Thu	(P)	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest & Comp., Martyrs.....+Mark Verhoff (Thompsons)
22	Fri	(P)	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious.....+George Zircle (Mary & Genise Zircle)
23	Sat	(F)	The Ascension of the Lord.....+Glenn Jensen (Steve & Judy Dewell)
24	Sun	(P)	The Ascension of the Lord
24	Sun	(M)	The Ascension of the Lord+Ted Woodruff (+Ron) & Barb Beckerman)
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>		<u>PLAINES</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,215.00	\$225.00		\$.00
OFFERTORY:	\$.00	\$.00		\$.00
GOOD FRIDAY:	\$.00	\$50.00	Bldg. Fd.	\$.00
RICE BOWL:	\$.00	\$100.00		\$.00
RENT:	\$.00	\$100.00		\$.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$46.25</u>	<u>\$96.00</u>		<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,261.25	\$671.00		\$.00

\$1,250.00

The online contributions are
Not included in our total.

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/>.

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”

VOCATION VIEWS: The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14:15-21). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear members of the Meade County Catholic Community,

We now come to the third pillar of Diocesan Pastoral Plan for the new millennium. It is “To Build Community with Love-Unite all in a hope-filled relationship with God and one another. “That they may all be one” John 17:21” It is a bold and optimistic goal founded in the expressed desire of our Lord, that we all be one.

One of the impressive parts of visiting Mexico to learn Spanish was the wonderful feeling of the visible presence of the Church, literally, being the center of every community. Especially in the rural pueblos, the center of the town remains a plaza, and at the center of the plaza is the local Catholic Church, usually a prominent gothic structure with a large steeple reaching to heaven, a lasting sign from the colonial days of evangelization of Mexico.

Our communities are made up of various church communities and have the added burden, or maybe opportunity, of the growing number of non-affiliated members of our community. There is a social aspect to this goal of unity, but the unity must go deeper to our communal life together. I am excited that we have embarked on a parish catechetical center in Plains, and a parish hall vision in Fowler. We relish the faith and generosity of the Forst Brothers that have left us with such a serviceable facility in Meade in which we have all been able to come together through the years. I believe the coming together in the Meade community to update our Church flooring is the next step of improving the potential of unity of these facilities.

The real unity must go much deeper than these projects. We share a faith in God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, one God alive and dwelling in our facilities, our communities. And yet, the concrete actions we can take to assure the unity into the future are these substantial efforts to build a place of unity, were we are able to come together to celebrate Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals and, most importantly, our weekly Eucharist.

The hunger for returning to public masses is growing. I hope this time of “staying at home” has not become a refuge of convenience for those who are on the fringes of our community, a place of comfortable feeling of dwelling, very well, thank you, in my own individual and isolated life. We are to build community and unite in a hope-filled relationship with God and one another. Concretely, we do this by remaining financially committed to the future care of our common homes of faith. Please join us as you are called and able! Hope-filled for the future, Fr. Jim

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

WORD OF LIFE QUOTE: “As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country's founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB.

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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS our RCIA Catechumen & Candidates Michele Weber, Timber & Gerilyn Woods and Liana Galindo as they prepare to receive the sacraments soon.

Announcement for Plains

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

SENIOR SHOUT OUTS: Seniors 2020 from Plains St Patrick's Catholic Church are: Michelle Alvidrez, Gabriel Arellano, Gerardo Garcia, Graciela Garcia, Angel Garcia, Ernesto Hernandez, Sader Hernandez, Sandra Lujano, Natalie Portillo & Elian Puentes.

We also have some eighth graders who are moving up to high school and we are glad to have the opportunity to share more time with you! They are: Roberto Funes, Heidi Mijarez, Cesar Olvera, and Victor Testa.

Announcements for Meade

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SENIOR SHOUT OUTS: We have two seniors who will be graduating and continuing their education beyond Meade, KS. They are: Monica Gleason and Preston Woodruff. Congratulations to you both! We wish you well in your future endeavors and we thank you for your contributions to our community!

We also have some eighth graders who are moving up to high school and we are glad to have the opportunity to share more time with you! They are Logan Keith, Brock Keith and Kynlee Flavin. Congratulations!

Announcements for Fowler

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

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

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