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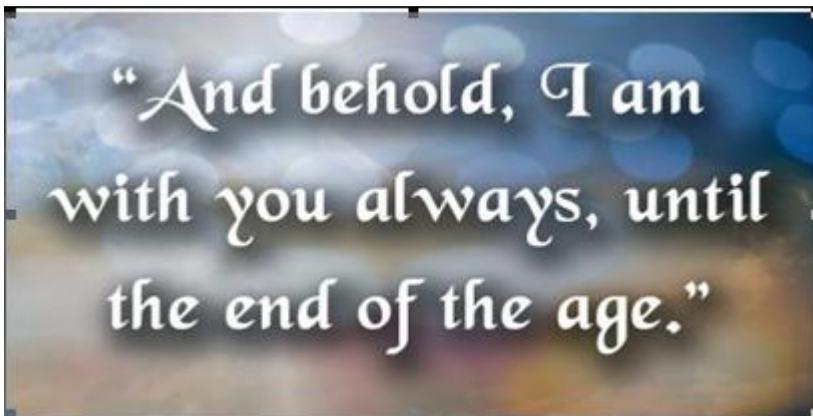
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The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

24	Sun			The Ascension of the Lord
24	Sun	11:00 am	(M)	The Ascension of the Lord.....+Ted Woodruff (+Ron) & Barb Beckerman
25	Sun	1:30 pm	(P)	The Ascension of the Lord.....(Spanish)
25	Mon		(M)	Memorial Day.....Andy & Heidi Whiting & Family (David Leis)
26	Tue		(M)	St. Philip Neri.....+Eleanor Burnos (Janet Cook)
27	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop.....+Mary Jane Edwards (Doug & Decina Heinz)
28	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Easter time.....+Mark Verhoff (Michael & Margery Sigley)
29	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Paul VI, Pope.....+Buddy Zircle (Stillwaugh)
30	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Solemnity of Pentecost.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Rita Bergkamp)
31	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Solemnity of Pentecost.....All Souls (Stillwaugh)
31	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Solemnity of Pentecost+Brenda Deanon (John & Debbie Thomas)
31	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Solemnity of Pentecost.....(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 no later than **THURSDAY** noon. Thanks!

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.

Liturgical and Other Ministers

FOWLER – Saturday, May 30th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Cherie Knott
SERVERS: Cooper L., Jacelyn H., Kate C.
GREETERS & GIFT BEARERS: James & Becky Hamilton
COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber
NURSING HOME:

EUCH MIN:
MUSIC MIN: / Clavinova
USHERS: Preston Cunningham, Doug Heinz
ROSARY: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Sunday, May 31st, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Ron Eakes
SERVERS: Hailey S., Lucy V., Terry S.
GREETERS: Max & Silvia Olvera
COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

EUCH. MIN:
MUSIC MIN: Kristin Grilliot
ROSARY: Vern Kisner

MEADE – Sunday, May 31st, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Vince Koons
SERVERS: Kynlee F., Tayte F., Walker K.
GREETERS: Kastens & Smith Families
COLL. COUNTERS: Koons Family

EUCH MIN:
MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family
GIFTS: Borth Family
ROSARY: Flavin Family

PLAINS – Sunday, May, 31st, 1:00 pm

LECTOR:
SERVERS:

EUCH MIN:
USHERS:

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,215.00	\$431.00	\$875.00
OFFERTORY:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHILDREN:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BUILDING FD:	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	120.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$46.25</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,761.25	\$431.00	\$995.00
		\$1250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear people of the parishes,

When will we have Mass again? It is the most recurrent question of the day. Which curiously brings us to the fourth pillar of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan; “To Pray with Devotion-Worship the Father, through Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit as community and individually. **“Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks.” (1Thes.517-18).** We, obviously do this best in the Eucharist. Bishop Brungardt has given restricted permission to begin to celebrate the Eucharist. “I have decided to restore the celebration of public Holy Masses in limited areas with important guidelines.” One can view the 4 page guidelines at www.MeadeCoCatholic.org.

Until then, I do remind you that the live streaming of the Mass daily is a Facebook live “Catholic Churches of Meade County”. But we certainly know the limits of on-line prayer, that spiritual communion still leaves us hungering for the Eucharist, the physical presence and many do not have access. Three strikes and you are out. I tried twice to stream an hour of adoration last Thursday and did not operate the camera correctly, and then for Mass on Saturday morning, had the camera dark and then in trying to correct that misplacement, ended the live stream at the time of the offertory. I apologize for my failure to make the holy hours and Eucharist effectively present.

So, we begin to think how we can return to praying with devotion, to worship the Holy Trinity in our community. I ask for your patience. There are those who think we should just go back to the way it was, and others that are a long way from feeling comfortable to gather in any numbers any time soon. There are those hosting parties, and those who still only buy groceries every few weeks. (Note that gatherings or receptions associated with Mass, are not permitted at this time. There are those who feel comfortably healthy, and those who feel very vulnerable to the illness. There are those who are promoting herd immunity and those who wear gloves and masks and stay at home, and use disinfectant by the case. It is going to take some patience to figure out how to return to the physicality of the Eucharist and all the sacraments.

One of the great benefits of this time, is that many have discovered individual devotions that lead them to spiritual communion in their homes. But the downsized is that we are by the mandate of the Lord, called to gather and give thanks, “Do this in memory of me!” Social distancing is diametrically opposed to the intimacy of the Eucharist. A mask hiding the face can only stand in the way of seeing the face of God. Hyper-sanitation cannot remove the reality that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness and reconciliation. We hunger for the not only divinity, but the humanity of Christ.

So, I am confused as anyone, and waiting for direction. Ultimately that direction must come from the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I hope that you started the novena to the Holy Spirit, which begins on Friday, May 22nd. I will be live streaming the novena at 7:00 AM until Pentecost, May 31st. (In Spanish at 7:15 AM.) Come Holy Spirit Come! Fr. Jim

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/>.

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

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. Where are you being called to share your gifts? (Matthew 28: 16-20). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

Diocesan Guidelines for Mass, May 20, 2020.

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=3b4592c6b2&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1667221524343984278&th=17232924a0689096&view=att&disp=inline>

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

WORD OF LIFE QUOTE: “Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched ‘the Word of life’ (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!” Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily © 2020 Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

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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SENIOR SHOUT OUTS: We have two seniors who will be graduating and continuing their education beyond Fowler & Minneola, KS. They are: Caleb Heinz and Jacey Wideman. Please join me in congratulating them! 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!!!