

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Solemnity of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

31	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Solemnity of Pentecost.....All Souls (Stillwaugh)
31	Sun	11:00 am	(M)	The Solemnity of Pentecost.....+Brenda Deanon (John & Debbie Thomas)
31	Sun	1:30 pm	(P)	The Solemnity of Pentecost.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
01	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church.....Special Intention (J & D Woodruff)
02	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs.....Victims of Abuse (Janet Cook)
03	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs.....+Irvin Sobba (Sobba Family)
04	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....Zircle Family 57 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. (Stillwaugh)
05	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr.....+George Zircle (Mary & Genise Zircle)
05	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St Boniface.....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
05	Fri	7:30 pm	(F)	First Friday.....+Andy & Cecilia Leis (David Leis)
06	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	St. Norbert, Bishop.....+Ron Beckerman (Doug Heinz Family)
06	Sat	5:30 pm	(F)	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity..+Leroy & Stellie Huelskamp(T & J Huelskamp)
07	Sun	8:30 am	(P)	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.....+Mark Verhoff (Carol Nighswander)
07	Sun	10:30 am	(M)	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.....+C J Thomas (John & Debbie Thomas)
07	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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**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](mailto: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**

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**FOWLER – Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Rhonda Milford, Judy Dewell

**SERVERS:** Heath H., Avery H.

**GREETERS:** Doug & Decina Heinz

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Steve & Judy Dewell

**NURSING HOME:**

**PLAINS – Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Jason Vajnar

**SERVERS:** Dianna O., Hayes S., Ron E.

**GREETERS:** Larry & Debbie Eakes

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Traci Eakes

**MEADE – Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell

**SERVERS:** Sarah K., Kate P., Katie W.

**GREETERS:** Keith Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Dewell Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 pm**

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

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Angie D. / Clavinova

**USHERS:**

**ROSARY:** Randy Leis

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Nancy H.

**ROSARY:** Ray & Jenny Amerin

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**GIFTS:**

**ROSARY:** Cindy Hagemeyer

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, “There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord.” How am I using my gifts “for the common good”?

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,915.00	\$788.00	\$0.00
OFFERTORY:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CHILDREN:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BUILDING FD:	\$0.00	\$0.00	.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$21.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1936.00	\$788.00	\$0.00
		\$1250.00	

**MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM:** Dear people of the parishes of Meade County,

“Friends all gather round the table of the Lord!” These lyrics from a children’s song have always been music to my ears. To serve the table of the Lord, the altar of the Lord, is one of the great joys of my life, and I believe all ministers of the Mass share this special joy, from servers, to ushers, to musicians, to greeters, to those in recent years called to serve as extraordinary ministers of communion.

We come to the final, the fifth pillar of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, “to serve with compassion-accompany all in the Lord, especially the poor”, quoting Paul in his letter to the Galatians, “Serve one another through love,” at this special moment of Pentecost and the return to public celebration of Mass. What we long to do ritually should only be a prefiguring of what is happening each day in our lives. It is not inappropriate to say that the world becomes our altar. There was a challenging post by an Episcopalian bishop, challenging the notion that our churches have been closed. Yes, our buildings have been closed, at least empty, but his point was that at this time of pandemic particularly is when the Church has needed to be most open for business than ever, that is in the faithful charity responding to the great needs for serving those ill and destitute around us.

I not only share with the faithful the heartfelt missing of the Eucharist together, but the “stay at home” order left me searching desperately for what was essential in my daily ministry and the daily ministry of all believers. I have felt pangs of guilt at not being able to visit the hospital and care homes. I ponder how the faithful have felt the lack of freedom to reach out and touch others in their lives. I know I should have used the phone and internet more effectively, but we have discovered, or maybe knew, the great limitations of virtual social media. There are heroic stories of those who delivered food and provided care for those who have lost loved ones, lost employment, lost income, lost security. But unfortunately, probably too many of us were like the scattered sheep, lost and helpless.

We have the great opportunity to come together for Pentecost, maybe a little like the apostles, locked in and afraid, asking for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit to animate us once again to serve freely and generously, without fear. We take baby steps in asking for your cooperation to follow the guidelines of the health and church officials, who hopefully, truly, have our best interests in mind. This, too, will pass, but not without leaving the discomfort of the need to avoid close contact and impediments it places upon us to freely serve one another in love.

May we go out from the church, guarded in our social interaction at the doors of the church, but freely enlisted into the mission to go into the world, baptize all nations, teaching them and trusting that the Lord is true to his promise, “I am with you until the end of the age!”

May the Holy Spirit move us! 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:** Holy Spirit, with your seven-fold gifts. Inspire, enlighten, energize, and encourage me to be a witness for the gospel. (1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

**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 Editricea Vaticana.

**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.

### Announcement for Plains

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

**FIRST COMMUNICANTS** We will be having 7 kids who will be making their First Communions this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time. They are: Marie Puentes, Aylin Villarreal, Yaretsi Martinez, Yareli Martinez, Jose Martinez, Leidy Martinez and Cesar Garcia.

**SOUTHWEST KANSAS CATHOLIC:** Be sure to look at the Southwest Kansas Catholic online and see the pictures of our new building featured on page 15!

### Announcements for Meade

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

**FINANCE COUNCIL:** On Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., in the church.

### 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](mailto:stanthonyfowler@gmail.com).

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**FIRST COMMUNICANTS** We will be having 9 kids who will be making their First Communions this year. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time. They are Jeronimo Castillo, Abby Cunningham, Haylen Faurot, Makenna Laudick, Anthony Mendoza, Aaron Mercado, Max Prather, Braian Valiente and Raidel Valiente.

*May the Holy Spirit fill your hearts with joy!*