

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

19	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time...+Ron Beckerman (Kevin & Sheila Hageman)
19	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time... Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
19	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
20	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr.....+Mary Jane Edwards (Jo Cox)
21	Tue	8:30 am	(M)	St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Dr. Of Church.....+Dottie Gillen (Janet Cook)
22	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Mary Magdalene.....For Rain (Gertie Kessen)
23	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Bridget, Religious.....Children & Grandchildren of Paula Vandenberg
24	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Sharbel MakhluF, Priest.....For World Peace
24	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	St. Sharbel MakhluF, Priest.....(Spanish).....For an end to abortion
25	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	St. James, Apostle.....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
25	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time....+Gene & Betty Flowers (Tom & Audrey)
26	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+LaVerne Leis (Ron & Mary DeGraffenreid)
26	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
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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

FOWLER – Sunday, July 26th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Andra Cunningham, Judy Dewell

SERVERS: Caleb Heinz, Saul Mendoza

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS:

NURSING HOME:

PLAINS – Sunday, July 26th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Terry Shinogle

SERVERS: Hailey S., Lucy V., Bob K.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Saturday, July 25th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Teresa Cottrell

SERVERS: Camdyn F., Tayte F., Malachi W.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, July 5th, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Diane Woodruff, Cherie Knott/Jan

USHERS:

ROSARY: Decina Heinz

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Suzanne Eakes

ROSARY: Vern Kisner

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Brooke & Cali Keith

GIFTS:

ROSARY: Volunteer

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards, too.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$2,695.00	\$825.00	\$465.00
OFFERTORY:	\$15.00	\$1.00	\$8.00
OTHER:	\$0.00	\$1,095.00	Online BI \$1500.00
BUILDING FD:	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$230.00
ONLINE	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$20.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$24.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,914.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,223.00
		\$1250.00	

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear parishioners,

Albert Einstein said, “In the middle of difficulties lies opportunity.” Bishop Brungardt published guidelines for the use of parish facilities on July 2nd to become effective July 16th, this past Thursday. I have made these guidelines available for our councils. (These guidelines can be found at www.MeadeCoCatholic.org) It begins, “Pastors, please meet with your pastoral council(s) and other consultative bodies to discuss the guidelines of the CDC, the State of Kansas, your local county, and Catholic Mutual Insurance regarding gatherings, including gatherings when serving food/drinks.” The guidelines are very closely following the general social distancing and sanitation guidelines that have become standard expectations in restaurants and all public places. Simply, the directives mean that we should cautiously begin again to use our facilities, but with the appropriate protective measures to continue to minimize the potential of the spread of the Covid-19 Virus.

I find in our community as in our nation, individuals are all over the board on the need for these measures. I hope we can, with St. Thomas, find virtue in the middle. I know we are called to communion and communion always involves some vulnerability. Insurance companies want to remove all risk factors. We can by faith overcome the unreasonable fears and imposed limitations upon our ministries.

I do want to share with you in our community the efforts of our Protestant communities to begin again to gather for charitable events. St. John Lutheran Church in Meade will have held a Pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 18th from 7 to 10 am with proceeds going to benefit Bobbi Rogers. The Fowler Christian Church has planned on Friday, July 17th from 5 to 8 pm a benefit dinner for Ty and Jennifer White, a benefit postponed from the spring. We have blessing from the Bishop to allow the Red Cross to receive blood on August 8th in the Forst Center, a date that was made over a year ago. We are considering a cookout at St. John in Meade on Saturday, July 25th.

It is obvious the rush to rioting and young people’s gatherings in large groups, like in night clubs and on beaches, have complicated the opening of our social lives and caused the spikes in positive tests. Patience and prudence are called for, but fear and failing to make the effort has no place in this time of testing. We must move ahead with prayer and diligence to guard the most vulnerable in our community, our senior citizens. In a book Conquering Coronavirus, Teresa Tomeo writes, “We need your gifts, strengths, and talents, tools that can guide us on to better days. Take heart and call on God to help you stand your ground.”

Awaiting our re-union! Fr. Jim

CATHOLICS VOTE! A key tenet of Catholic life is faithful citizenship. We ALL have a responsibility to exercise that citizenship by voting. The Kansas Catholic Conference is helping by initiating a statewide nonpartisan voter registration drive. Please go to www.KansasCatholic.org and click the link for VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION for instructions on how to register to vote online. Time is of essence. The deadline to register in the important summer primary is July 14. Please register TODAY and vote your Catholic values. In our government, the people are sovereign over the government and exercise this by voting. The great Catholic philosopher Orestes Brownson once said that if even a minority of Catholics exercised their faithful citizenship, they could steer our culture away from tyranny and toward the common good.

VOCATION VIEWS: Good and evil exist together in the world. Pray that good may grow and take root in you like a mustard seed that, when full-grown, is the largest of plants. What are you doing to nurture good in our world? (Matthew 13:24-43). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELPLINE: Catholic Charities staff members want to help 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.

USCCB SECRETARIAT OF PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES: SAVE THE DATE: “Walking with Moms in Need” Public Webinar
Wednesday, July 29 @ 8:00 pm (EST) We're offering an introductory webinar for anyone interested in learning more about Walking with Moms in Need. The webinar will explain the vision and inspiration for the Year of Service. It will also walk through the website and materials—including the full Parish Action Guide—and explain how these tools can be used to implement Walking with Moms in Need in your parish community. Space is limited, so be sure to register to secure your spot. A recording of the webinar will be made available afterwards for those unable to attend.

Announcement for Plains

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

Announcements for Meade

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COME JOIN US! We are going to have a meal at the Forst Center after Mass on July 25th. The menu will include hamburgers and the fixings, followed by homemade ice cream! Please come join us for a tasty meal together!

MASS TIME CHANGE: Please note the Tuesday Mass. It is at 8:30 a.m. instead of at 6:00 p.m.

Announcements for Fowler

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

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DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA: Last year, Amy Laudick and Andra Cunningham worked together to provide religious formation for our youth. Amy has discerned that with her work and family obligations, she will be unable to fulfill that obligation in the uncertainty of the coming year. We are cautiously awaiting the school districts fall plan to be released on July 15th. We still are discerning when to best bring the 8 children to First Communion, if they are prepared, and if it would not be better to celebrate those First Communion in stages. I am looking for someone to step up and help in this most important work for our parish. No matter, our times require more responsibility and participation of parents and assured commitment to the Sunday obligation. We are most grateful for the faithful efforts of these two parishioners and the parents who have worked with them.