

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

29	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	First Sunday of AdventSpecial Intention Fred & Manuel (Elia Wells)
29	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	First Sunday of Advent+Vernon Lamatrik (Mary Zirkle)
29	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	First Sunday of Advent(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
30	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Andrew, Apostle.....For Firefighters Everywhere (Janet Cook)
01	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....+Frank Devine (Randy & Sharon Glenn)
02	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Advent.....+Frank Devine (Shelby Huslig)
03	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Francis Xavier, Priest.....Health of Paula White (Paula Vandenberg White)
04	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. John Damascene, Priest & Dr. of the Church...+Martin Conrardy(Sandi Ackerman)
04	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	First Friday.....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
04	Fri	7:30 pm	(F)	First Friday.....+Stellie Huelskamp (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
05	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	First Saturday.....+Frank Devine
05	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	2nd Sunday of Advent....Deceased Relatives Flavin/Robben Family (Tyler & Heather)
06	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Second Sunday of Advent.....Special Intention Tanna (Elia Wells)
06	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent +Vernon Lamatrik (Mary Zirkle)
06	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Second Sunday of Advent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

45 minutes before Masse

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 – Sun., Dec. 6th, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Stacy Milford & Phyllis Butts

SERVERS: Jacelyn Huelskamp

EXTRA. ORD. MIN:

USHERS: Mark Wideman, Randy Leis

GREETERS/GIFTS:

MUSIC MIN: Pam Milford/ Jan

NURSING HOME:

ROSARY: Kevin Milford

COLL. COUNTERS: Cherie & Larry Knott

PLAINS – Sun., Dec. 6th, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Timber Woods

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

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MUSIC MIN: Suzanne Eakes

ROSARY: Vern Kisner

MONEY COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sat., Dec. 5th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Vince Koons

SERVERS: Kemper F., Taryn I., Katie W.

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GREETERS: GIFTS:

MONEY COUNTERS: Knott Family

ROSARY: Flavin Family

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 6th, 1:00 pm

FOWLER – Mon., Dec. 7th, 7:00 pm

LECTOR: Barb Parker & Kevin Milford

SERVERS: Kate Cunningham

EXTRA. ORD. MIN:

USHERS: Preston Cunningham, Jared Weber

GREETERS/GIFTS:

MUSIC MIN: TBD

NURSING HOME:

ROSARY: Judy Dewell

COLL. COUNTERS: Judy Dewell

PLAINS – Tues., Dec. 8th, 7:00 pm

LECTOR: Ron Eakes

SERVERS: Hayes S., Dianna O., Gloria K.

EUCH. MIN:

GREETERS:

MUSIC MIN: Martha Saucedo

ROSARY: Kerri Vajnar

MONEY COUNTERS:

MEADE – Mon., Dec. 7th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Volunteer

SERVERS: Volunteers

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Volunteer

GREETERS: GIFTS:

MONEY COUNTERS:

ROSARY: Volunteer

PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 12th, 5:00 am

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

DECEMBER 8, SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is a holy day of obligation. Masses in the cluster will be as follows: Monday, December 7th, 5:30 p.m. Mass in Meade; December 7th, 7:00 p.m. Mass at Fowler. Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m. Mass in Plains (bilingual).

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,645.00	\$376.00	\$780.00
OFFERTORY:	\$20.00	\$12.00	\$61.00
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$18.00	Bldg. Fd. \$5606.14
RENT:	\$.00	\$100.00	\$.00
BUILDING FD.	\$.00	Misc. \$2663.77	\$750.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$56.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$57.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,876.00	\$3,151.77	\$8,243.14
		\$1,250.00	

MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM: Dear People of Advent,

“The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. They were singing what seemed to be a new hymn before the throne, before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been ransomed from the earth.” Rev. 14: 1-5 This passage jumped out at me on Monday of this last week of the Church year. It has been difficult for us to learn the new song of praise to God during this Pandemic, but really every generation since the first coming of Christ, has struggled to learn the hymn of heaven.

I had hoped that the coming of Advent would bring with it the return to practices in the Mass that have been suspended, and we do have permission to place our hymnals in the pews, though some have still reservations, but if you sanitize your hands when you enter and leave, and sit mostly in the same seats each week and return the books to their places, there is very little risk that has been found to carry the mostly airborne virus to others, which the books mostly sit idle for a week.

I had proposed in the mission, that for the four weeks of Advent, we simplify our Mass with the simple chant for the Mass parts that is provided in the front of our Breaking Bread Hymnals with the Order of the Mass, Penitential Rite #2, Page 4, Holy, Holy, #9 Page 14, Memorial Acclamation #12, Page 17, Our Father #13, Page 26 and the Lamb of God, #14, Page 27. They are old in the sense that the Latin Gregorian Chant goes back to St. Gregory the Great in the 7th Century. They are new in the sense that in the revised Roman Missal, the tones are put to the English vernacular. My desire and hope is to beautify our celebration of the liturgy that opens the doors to heaven for the many, but follow the directive to make the Advent season a more solemn and reflective time.

As we prepare for the joy of singing the Gloria at Christmas, I believe it would be a tragedy to dismiss all singing in the Church. The reserved solemn tones of the Chant Mass are much less inviting to overly vigorous projection of the vocal sounds, but have a great beauty. On the internet, there are various sites that provide audio of these mass parts as we learn them. I think the best is [Musica Sacra https://musicasacra.com/recordings/videos-rm2011/](https://musicasacra.com/recordings/videos-rm2011/) . I invite you to listen to these beautiful solemn tones and learn to join in the heavenly song.

Let us relish joining in the heavenly song, Fr. Jim

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN OUR CLUSTER are scheduled as follows: Thursday, December 24, 5:30 p.m. Mass at Meade; 7:30 p.m. Mass at Plains; 10:00 p.m. Mass at Fowler. Friday, December 25, 8:30 a.m. Mass at Meade; 11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass in Plains.

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Announcements for Plains

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Wednesdays, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Friday, December 11, there will be no evening Mass. Saturday, December 12, at 5:00 a.m. Mananitas in Plains; 11:00 a.m. Misa Plains.

CHRISTMASING IN PLAINS: The Plains Lions Club announces the 53rd Annual event, Sunday, December 6th, “Christmasing in Plains” parade. The theme is “Candy Cane Lane”. We would like to invite you to participate in the parade with a float. Parade line-up and judging will be at 2:15 p.m.

Sunday and the parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. Floats will be judged, and cash prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. For more information, please contact Richard Roberts at 620 655-5215.

ANGEL TREE: We are scheduled to have Angel Tree pick up this year on December 17 from 5-6:30pm at Plains State Bank. We currently have 61 families signed up. That is an increase from the 46 families we had last year. We knew that with the economic state we are in that there would be an increase, however, we were not expecting this. Angels are now available at the Plains State Bank, E-Z Stop, Kismet and Plains Community Libraries, and the General Store.

Kayla Mendoza and I are happy and humbled to offer this opportunity to serve our community which we love. We know that these efforts are not done alone. With that said, we will continue to plan to collaborate with the Ministerial Alliance for meals and the community for angel adoptions.

If you have any questions about Angel Tree or would like to offer any suggestions please let Kayla or myself know. Thank you! Kayla Mendoza and Norma Sanchez

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES: Wednesday, Dec.16, 5:30 p.m. Plains youth; 7:00 p.m.- All parish.

Announcements for Meade

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Fridays, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES Sunday, December 20, 4:00 p.m. in Fowler; 5:30 p.m. in Meade.

Announcements for Fowler

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Mondays, from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY: On Monday, there will be rosary for our country at 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES: The Fowler Ministerial Association is collecting non-perishable food for those in our community on fixed incomes or unable to meet the needs of their families. If you could donate food, a monetary donation or hamburger to help us with this project, we would be extremely grateful. Please be sure to check the dates on the food packages. We are unable to distribute out-dated food.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES Sunday, December 20, 4:00 p.m. in Fowler; 5:30 p.m. in Meade.