

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

20	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Fourth Sunday of Advent .....+Bernie Stegman (+Ron) & Barb Beckerman
20	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent .....+Martin Conrardy (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
20	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Fourth Sunday of Advent .....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
21	Mon	6:00 pm	(M)	St Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr. Of the Church.....+Frank Devine (Dorothy Devine)
22	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Advent.....America's Dignity (Janet Cook)
23	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. John of Kanty, Priest.....Deceased Family, Relatives & Friends (Brigid Thurman)
24	Thu	5:30 pm	(M)	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.....Deceased Relatives (Janet Cook)
24	Thu	7:30 pm	(P)	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.....Anemone White (Paula Vandenberg White)
24	Thu	10:00 pm	(F)	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord.....Brothers & Sisters in Christ (Steve & Judy Dewell)
25	Fri	9:00 am	(P)	Nativity of the Lord.....Vernon Lamatrik (Mary Zirkle)
25	Fri	11:00 am	(P)	Nativity of the Lord....(Spanish).....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
26	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	St. Stephen, the First Martyr.....+Frank Devine (Ray & Jenny Amerin)
26	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....+Frank Devine (Tyler Flavin Family)
27	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Holy Family..... +Dave Waldon & Doris (+Ron) & Barb Beckerman
27	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Holy Family .....+Mr. & Mrs. George Kisner (Anna Marie Kisner)
27	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.....(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!

**Liturgical and Other Ministers**

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**FWOLER – Thu., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 pm**

**LECTOR:** Sarah Jordan, Barb Parker

**SERVERS:** Jacelyn H., Kate P., Karson W.

**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:**

**USHERS:**

**GREETERS/GIFTS:**

**MUSIC MIN:** TBD

**NURSING HOME:**

**ROSARY:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** John Weber, Steve Dewell

**PLAINS – Thu., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Ron Eakes

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

**EUCH. MIN:**

**GREETERS:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Martha Saucedo

**ROSARY:** Kerri Vajnar

**MONEY COUNTERS:**

**MEADE – Thu., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Tyler Flavin

**SERVERS:** Camdyn F., Tayte F., Walker K.

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Brooke & Cali Keith

**GREETERS: GIFTS:**

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Smith Family

**ROSARY:**

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 am**

**FWOLER – Sun., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Andra Cunningham, Judy Dewell

**SERVERS:** Kate Cunningham

**EXTRA. ORD. MIN:**

**USHERS:**

**GREETERS/GIFTS:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Cherie Knott, Angie Dewell/ Jan Brock

**NURSING HOME:**

**ROSARY:** Randy Leis

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

**PLAINS – Sun., Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Jason Vajnar

**SERVERS:** Owen V., Terry S.

**EUCH. MIN:**

**GREETERS:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin Grilliot

**ROSARY:** Lucy Bromwell

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Lucy Bromwell

**MEADE – Sat., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Cali Keith

**SERVERS:** Kemper F., Brock K., Logan K.

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Brooke & Cali Keith

**GREETERS: GIFTS:**

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Knott Family

**ROSARY:** Flavin Family

**PLAINS – SPANISH, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**

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

*Christmas Blessings to All of You!*

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** In the first reading, God promises King David that his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes" – I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." – that the promise finds fulfillment.

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$520.00	\$896.00	\$195.00
OFFERTORY:	\$40.00	\$23.00	\$7.00
ONLINE:	\$155.00	\$200.00	\$20.00
ONLINE BLDG FD:	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$500.00
CANDLES:	\$35.00	\$201.50	\$400.00
IMMAC. CON:	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$18.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$750.00	\$1,320.50	\$1,140.00
		\$1,250.00	

**MUSINGS FROM FATHER JIM:** Dear People of Advent Patience,

“Immunity gives impunity to have unity with the community.” It is a catchy phrase that a medical doctor threw out to me and it was music to my ears. Because I have had symptoms and a positive Antibody test, I am mostly assuredly given the pass on three months of strong immunity to the Covid-19 virus with little chance of being a vector or a victim of the Pandemic. Hallelujah! I am able to approach the coming Holy Days with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

The Bishops of the United States have made a detailed statement relative to concerns and recommendations to the faithful on receiving the vaccines being released. It can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>. They recommend the use of the vaccines despite the remote connection of all of the vaccines to cultured cell lines that originally were developed from aborted fetuses. But the bottom line is: “Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.” If we are not vaccinated, we have a moral responsibility to be social distancing and other preventative measures.

The Bishops are very stern in their assessment, that, we as a culture cannot become complacent to the moral evil of abortion. “As for the moral responsibility of those who are merely the recipients of the vaccines, the Congregation affirms that a serious health danger could justify use of “a vaccine which was developed using cell lines of illicit origin, while keeping in mind that everyone has the duty to make known their disagreement and to ask that their healthcare system make other types of vaccines available.” “While having ourselves and our families immunized against COVID-19 with the new vaccines is morally permissible and can be an act of self-love and of charity toward others, we must not allow the gravely immoral nature of abortion to be obscured.” The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are preferable, for their efficacy and remote use of aborted cell lines only in the proving stages of the vaccines. “The AstraZeneca vaccine should be avoided if there are alternatives available,” because of its extensive use of cell lines from aborted fetuses in development and manufacture of the vaccine.

Beyond the moral issues, the safety issues remain for many. From my Veterinary background, I am much less skeptical and fearful of the possible side effects of vaccination and personally believe that sufficient measures have been fulfilled to assure that safety to the general public. If it is made available to me, I will gladly receive the vaccination to affirm my immunity. I hope that you will prayerfully and responsibly make this decision for yourself, taking into full account the teaching of the Church. Waiting his Coming! 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.

NEW YEAR'S (SOLEMNITY OF MARY) MASSES IN OUR CLUSTER are scheduled as follows: Thursday, December 31, 5:30 p.m. Mass at Meade; 7:30 p.m. Mass at Fowler; Friday, January 1, 9:00 a.m. Mass at Plains; 11:00 a.m. Spanish Mass in Plains.

MASS TIMES CHANGE THE FIRST WEEKEND IN JANUARY IN OUR CLUSTER: They are scheduled as follows: Saturday January 2, 5:30 p.m. – at St. Patrick's Church in Plains; Sunday, January 3, 8:30 a.m. – at St. John the Baptist Church, in Meade; and 10:30 a.m., at St. Anthony's Church, in Fowler. Spanish Mass is at 1:00 p.m., at St. Patrick's Church, in Plains. This rotation will continue until the first weekend in July 2021.

COLLEGE ANDREW DINNER: The college Andrew Dinner is scheduled to be in Wright. The event will be on Sunday, January 3rd from 6:00 pm to 8 pm at the parish hall.

ONLINE GIVING ZOOM INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Fr. Reggie Urban, retired Diocesan Priest, will share how he initiated online giving when he was Pastor at St. Dominic and was able to get parishioners on board using it. Fr. Reggie will be joined with Jeff Clarke who was a member of the finance council at the time as well. This will be 30 minutes of Fr. Reggie and Jeff sharing, then time for questions following their discussion. Time: 12 PM Date: Wednesday December 30th. The zoom invitation is below. Please share this invitation with people in your parish that would benefit hearing it. A reminder email that morning DC Diocese Zoom will be sent reminding you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Increasing Online Giving

Time: Dec 30, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting <https://newmanu.zoom.us/j/95205790112>

### Announcements for Plains

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

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS meeting is January 5 in the St. Patrick Parish hall at 7:30 p.m.

### Announcements for Meade

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

MINISTRIES FOR MASS, DEC. 25, 8:30 AM: Lector: Kevin Dewell; Servers: Volunteers; Music: None; Rosary: Volunteer; Collection Counter: Dewell Family.

### Announcements for Fowler

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Monday, 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.