

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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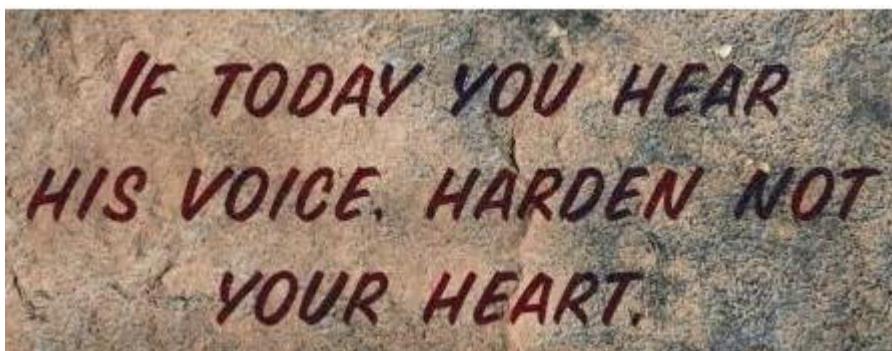
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The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 31, 2021

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### Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

31	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Frank Devine
31	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time .....David Jordan Intention (Steve & Judy Dewell)
31	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
01	Mon			No Mass today
02	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	The Presentation of the Lord.....+Frank Devine (Dorothy Devine)
03	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, St. Ansgar, Bishop.....+Sylvester Faber (S. FaberTrust)
04	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Wednesday in Ordinary Time.....+Lawrence Smith
05	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr.....+Anemone White (Paula Vandenberg White)
05	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	First Friday.....(Spanish) .....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
05	Fri	7:30 pm	(F)	First Friday.....+Leroy & Stellie Huelskamp (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
06	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs.....For World Peace
06	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Edna Knott (Anna Marie Kisner)
07	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Brand Family)
07	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time .....+Father John Lavrih (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
07	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(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 – Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Stacy Milford, Phyllis Butts

**SERVERS:** Kate Cunningham

**GREETERS:**

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

**NURSING HOME:**

**PLAINS – Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Ron Eakes

**SERVERS:** Hailey S., Lucy V., Terry S.

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Patricia Coats

**MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Kevin Dewell

**SERVERS:** Camdyn F., Taryn I., James W.

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Gleason Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Pam Milford/ Jan Brock

**USHERS:**

**ROSARY:** Kevin Milford

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin Grilliot

**ROSARY:** Vern Kisner

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**GIFTS:**

**ROSARY:** Volunteer

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Moses told the people, "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,015.00	\$970.00	\$709.00
OFFERTORY:	\$40.00	\$5.00	\$24.00
BUILDING FND:	\$160.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BLDG FD online:	\$50.00	.00	\$0.00
ONLINE	\$155.00	\$180.00	\$20.00
CANDLES:	\$20.00	\$3.00	\$0.00
RENT:	<u>\$00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,390.00	\$406.00	\$753.00

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear parishioners,

The wintry weather we have experienced in January is a test to our constitution. I was pondering the early settlers less than one hundred and fifty years ago, a mere six or seven generations before us, who would have had refuge in sod houses and spent their days gathering wood and buffalo chips to survive the winter. The winter of 1887 was particularly harsh, and many Native Americans and settlers as well as livestock died that winter. Many could argue that it was the harsh winter that ended the Indian wars, more than any military success, and the need for working together for survival that forced a common shared destiny.

Many of our parishioners work in the gas and oil industry that provides us with the capability to live in such a harsh environment. My sister and her husband, first were snowbirds, but have built a home and plan to live in Phoenix, Arizona to escape the harsh winters we sometimes experience here in the Plains. It is confusing to hear the use of even natural gas, but even more the diesel that powers the hundreds of trucks that pass Meade County as suppliers of the world's goods to our markets being subject to such criticism. As, I bask in the warmth of the rectory, I know the comfort that I have is nothing earned or deserved. We can only live in Thanksgiving.

Dr. Scott Hahn has co-authored a new book, "It is right and just!", highlighting the only true orientation of our life is to be found in the Divine worship of adoration and praise of a God who has entered our world, that it is only in Christ, not in Utopian solutions or liberalism and secularism that we can find any sustaining hope for our future. The obedience to the divine command to keep holy a Sabbath is such an essential act of redemption and saving grace that we need in our lives of struggle in this world. We struggle to do what is right and just, and it is only in reconciling that outside of Christ, we can do nothing, that not only is it "right and just" but our very salvation depends upon it. The earlier translation from the Latin, "it is right to give him thanks and praise", limped to the simple but profound statement of what is "right and just", only to be found in Christ.

So many of our young people are products of a secular and liberal formation that prides itself in the abandonment of religion, the denial of God's right and justice to receive our praise and adoration. This is most manifest in the disregard for the sacredness of marriage and Sunday worship. Our witness to what is "right and just" can only be grounded in knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ, and through him, the love of the Father, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Let us take our ultimate refuge in the Lord, trusting his preparation of an eternal home "Where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever." (from the Order of Christian Funerals) Peace, Fr. Jim

Metanoia: A Journey with Christ in Conversion

Consider joining Fr. Jim on a walk through the Holy Land on the way to conversion at 7:00 PM every Thursday beginning Thursday, January 14th Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4265155854?pwd=WXp1MWp6NEc4U2FCWXVYzJyMWQvdz09>

Meeting ID: 426 515 5854 Passcode: 777333111 or by sending your email to [diekerjames@gmail.com](mailto:diekerjames@gmail.com) for a direct link.

Support for Catholic Schools, Inc.: For the last two years the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City has been partnering with the Catholic Diocese of Wichita to provide scholarships to eligible students attending Catholic Schools within our diocese. To date we have several students attending Catholic schools in Dodge City, Ness City, and Garden City with scholarships amounting to over \$300,000. Funding for this program so far has been from generous stewards from the Wichita diocese. If our Catholic schools are important to you, I am asking you to please consider a gift to the Support for Catholic Schools, Inc. By donating you are eligible to receive a 70% Kansas income tax credit that can be applied to your Kansas state income tax liability. For more information on Support for Catholic Schools please contact:  
Daniel Stremel, CPA, CDFM, Director of Finance at dmstremel@dcdiocese.org (620) 227-1517.

Coming Lent 2021 from St. Paul Center: Why return to Mass? Our very lives depend on it. It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation. It's time to wake Catholics up to the awesome power, the incredible gift, that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The alternative is unthinkable. Enter **Parousia: The Bible and the Mass**, coming Lent 2021. In our latest **Journey Through Scripture study**, get ready to join host Scott Hahn to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, is ordered to the Mass. **Sign up now to watch all ten episodes for FREE!** Go to **stpaulcenter.com**

### Announcement 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, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

K OF C MEETING: Knights meeting is February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### 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.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTH GROUP: Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Jan. 31 @ 7pm in the Forst Center.

Pizza will be provided. Come hungry & bring your competitive spirit.

### Announcements for Fowler

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

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

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

Fundraiser for David & Sarah Jordan....

OUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED: On Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, David was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. He has endured biopsies & several surgeries in a short time. He has now begun chemo treatments in hopes to slow the spread of the aggressive cancer. David is not able to work. Sarah is working off & on as much as possible. Due to covid, St Anthony's parish cannot have a meal fundraiser, so to help offset the financial hardship this diagnosis has created for David & Sarah a monetary donation can be made from now until the end of February! To contribute make your check out to St. Anthony's Parish with 'David & Sarah Jordan Fund' written in the memo. The donation will not be applied to the Jordans' unless they are specified in the "memo section" only! Options: check taken directly to the bank or put it in with your parish envelope. Keep David & Sarah in your prayers!