

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 2021



## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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 .....+Fr. John Lavrih (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
07	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
08	Mon			No Mass today
09	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....+Jim Dale Woodruff (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
10	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Scholastica, Virgin.....+Patrick Danler (Steve & Judy Dewell)
11	Thu			No Mass today.....Father at Diocesan Priests' Day of Recollection
12	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time.....Gilbert Cordova
12	Fri	6:00 pm	(P)	Week day in Ordinary Time...(Spanish) .....For an end to abortions
13	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Saturday in Ordinary Time.....+Frank Devine (Dorothy Devine)
13	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Mark Verhoff (Don Verhoff)
14	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....+Dottie Gillen (Janet Cook)
14	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time .....+Frank Devine (Randy & Sharon Glenn)
14	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

30 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. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Barb Parker, Kevin Milford

**SERVERS:** Heath Hamilton

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Judy Dewell, Marcie Kumle

**NURSING HOME:**

**PLAINS – Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Jason Vajnar

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

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Traci Eakes

**MEADE – Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Tyler Flavin

**SERVERS:** Kemper F., Kynlee F., Preston I.

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Smith Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm (Spanish)**

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

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Karen McDowell, Diane Leis/Jan

**USHERS:**

**ROSARY:** Decina Heinz

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Nancy Hines

**ROSARY:** Lucy Bromwell

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**GIFTS:**

**ROSARY:** Cindy Hagemeyer

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,665.00	\$949.00	\$1,325.00
OFFERTORY:	\$31.00	\$21.00	\$4.00
BUILDING FND:	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
BLDG FD online:	\$0.00	.00	100.00
ONLINE	\$155.00	\$0.00	420.00
CANDLES:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
RENT:	<u>\$00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,308.50	\$970.00	2609.00

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear children of the light,

I am writing this on the Feast of the Presentation, more traditionally know as Candlemas Day, February 2nd. For those who calculate such things in their heads, it is 40 days after Christmas Day, in some circles considered the end of the Christmas season. For some diehards, they will still keep up their Christmas tree until Ash Wednesday which begins the penitential season of Lent on February 16th, this year, but February 2nd is a last chance for a Christmas Carole.

February 2nd is also, this year, the 10th anniversary of the ordination of Bishop John Baltasar Brungardt as the Bishop of Dodge City. This great feast depends heavily on Luke Chapter 2 and the consecration of Jesus and the purification of Mary to return to temple worship after the customary time of waiting 40 days. The feast depends heavily on the prophet Ezekiel, who sees the glory of God leaving the temple because of its corruption in the return from Babylon, and the loss of the Ark of the Covenant from the temple, and the last prophet of the Jewish scripture, Malachi, the “messenger”, who promises that the faithful will see the return of the Glory of the Lord to the temple. These Old Testament prophecies prepare Simeon and Ana, these elderly faithful, to see the glory of the Lord in the Christ Child presented in consecration to the temple as the first born son.

Our need for temple worship of God and the consecration of Jesus Christ to God the father is highlighted in this Feast of Lights. Yes, Epiphany is known as the Feast of Lights, and the Jewish 8 day festival of Hanukah celebrates the light in the temple, but the fullness of the mystery of the coming of the Lord to the temple is fully revealed in the Presentation to the temple. So, we bless the candles to be used throughout the year in the Church on this day, that they always are part and parcel to the light of Christ that has come into our lives by faith.

The tradition of the Blessing of the Throats with candles, on February 3rd on the Memorial of St. Blasé, flows from its close association to the blessing of the candles the day before. Unfortunately, the Holy See has issued a pastoral suggestion that candles and individual blessings not be given, due to the danger of spreading the Covid-19 Virus, but rather this year the blessing be simply prayed over the gathered congregation. Therefore before the final blessing of each Mass this weekend, following the Feast of the Presentation and the Memorial of St. Blasé, I will give the blessing of throats in this simple form, hoping that in 2022 we will be able to return to use of candles and the individual blessing. Just a pre-warning, the Vatican has also proposed as a Covid-19 measure, that the ministers do not mark the faithful with ashes, but only sprinkle them on the top of the head quietly, not speaking to each person. The light of Christ will return to the temple.

Blessed Candlemas! Fr. Jim

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for FORMED Daily Lenten Reflections at [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent). Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life. Sign up today for free by visiting [formed.org/lent](http://formed.org/lent)!

Not yet on FORMED?

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>.
2. Enter our parish's zip code or name. **St. Anthony's Fowler 67844**-that's where the bill gets pd.
3. Enter your name and email.

Coming Lent 2021 from St. Paul Center:. 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://meadecatholic.org>  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Wednesdays, from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**RAFFLE BENEFIT! St. Patrick's is doing a raffle of 2 steak dinners from the Plains Tavern in benefit of Terry Shinogle and Jonathan Mercado.** 5\$ a ticket. The drawing will be on Thursday the 11th. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact a junior high/ high school student or Carmen Puentes, 620-655-6701, Minerva Bernabe 620-417-0931, or Elisa Labra (620) 655-3112.  
PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY? If you have palms from previous years to donate to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to church and put in the basket in the back of church.  
NO MASS ON THURSDAY, February 11. Father will be at the Diocesan Priests' Day of Recollection.

### Announcements for Meade

ONLINE GIVING: The website is now set up for online giving. Go to <https://meadecatholic.org>  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will be on Fridays, from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
SHOWER HER WITH CARDS! The family of Gen Smith invites you to help celebrate her 80th birthday with a card shower in her honor. Send cards to: Gen Smith, c/o PO Box 87, Meade KS 67864  
PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY? If you have palms from previous years to donate to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to church and put in the basket in the back of church.

### 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://meadecatholic.org>  
OUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED: On Sunday, January 3rd, David Jordan 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: Pay to the online acct. for David & Sarah Jordan Fund, a check taken directly to the bank or put it in with your parish envelope. Keep David & Sarah in your prayers!  
PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY? If you have palms from previous years to donate to be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday, please bring them to church and put in the basket in the back of church.  
SERVER PRACTICE: This Wednesday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m., Father Jim will meet with the servers to practice serving at Mass. Parents please give of this time to help us!