

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

Father James P. Dieker

(Pastor)

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## St. Patrick Church

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## St. John the Baptist Church

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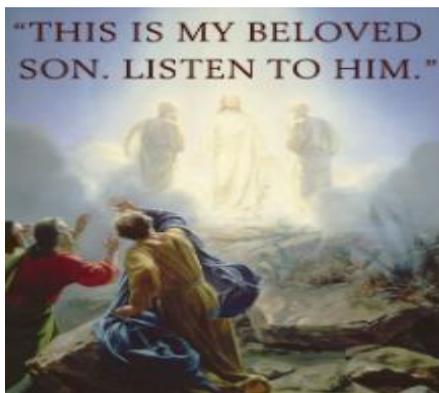
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The Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

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## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

28	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Second Sunday of Lent.....+Ted Woodruff (Cindy Woodruff)
28	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Second Sunday of Lent .....+Frank Devine (Randy & Sharon Glenn)
28	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Second Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners
01	Mon			No Mass today
02	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	Week day in Lent.....+Frank Devine (Randy & Sharon Glenn)
03	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	St. Katharine Drexel.....In Thanksgiving (Steve & Judy Dewell)
04	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	St. Casimir.....+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Faber Trust)
05	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	First Friday of the Month.....+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Brand Family)
05	Fri	5:30 pm	(P)	Week day in Lent...(Spanish) .....For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
05	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	Stations of the Cross followed by Mass..... +Sherry Dewell (Jo Cox)
06	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Saturday in Lent.....For an end to abortion
06	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....+Mark Verhoff (Don Verhoff)
07	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....All Souls in Purgatory (Janet Cook)
07	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....+Irvin Sobba (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
07	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Third Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

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**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 at 620-873-2003.

**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 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, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Bruce Millershaski, Cherie Knott

**SERVERS:** Kate Cunningham

**GREETERS:**

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

**NURSING HOME:**

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

**LECTOR:** Martha Saucedo

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

**GREETERS:** Jason Vajnar Family

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Traci Eakes

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

**LECTOR:** Tyler Flavin

**SERVERS:** Degan B., Emily F., Sarah K.

**GREETERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:** Koons Family

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

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare his own Son.” Are *my* gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

**EUCH MIN:**

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

**USHERS:**

**ROSARY:** Judy Dewell

**EUCH. MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Kristin Grilliot

**ROSARY:** Teresa Garza

**EUCH MIN:**

**MUSIC MIN:** Gleason Family

**GIFTS:**

**ROSARY:** Cindy Hagemeyer

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$2,421.00	\$760.00	\$1,365.00
OFFERTORY:	\$71.00	\$1.00	\$90.00
BUILDING FND:	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$5.00
BLDG FD online:	\$250.00	.00	\$ .00
ONLINE	\$155.00	\$180.00	20.00
CANDLES:	\$ .00	\$34.00	\$ .00
MISC.	<u>\$00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>	<u>\$ .00</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,897.00	\$975.00	1480.00

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear people on the way to Easter,

Here comes the sun! It has been such a relief to rise from the subzero temperatures and feel the warmth of the sun. Was this a 100 year freeze, a thirty year freeze? Who knows, but it was bitter cold for a time that seemed an eternity.

I mentioned at Mass that Dante Alighieri, the great Italian poet painted in his epic poem, Hell, “Invierno”, imagined the place as a frozen cavern and even, most poignantly the freedom of the devil frozen in his frantic efforts with his angel wings reduced to little bat wings to free himself at the center and deepest part of hell. I have scheduled our penance services early so that we can early leave that frozen tundra of sin behind and prepare for the full springtime that culminates in the resurrection of life.

I need to convince every baptized Catholic of the importance and power of the sacrament of reconciliation. I believe the experience of forgiveness is magnified in the communal penance service but is present each time someone comes contrite and humbly to acknowledge their sins with full culpability to the just punishment of God, only to find his infinite mercy and desire for us to forgive one another. But that forgiveness is not possible apart from an encounter with the risen Lord. We cannot confess our sins to ourselves, and fool ourselves when we say, “I confess directly to God” without coming to his Church as the prodigal son returns to his Father.

I hope that many of you will come to our service at 4:00 PM, Sunday, March 7th, at St. Anthony in Fowler, or 5:30 PM at St. John the Baptist, in Meade the same afternoon. If you missed the service in Plains last Wednesday, join us in Meade or Fowler. I have invited Fr. Charles Atwah from Ashland and Fr. Rudin Din from Dodge City to be with us. Fr. Charles now knows the way to Fowler after ending up at the directions given of our Director of Religious Formation from the diocesan directory in Advent and promises to be on time this time.

“Now is the time”, Jesus says. Instead of ending our Lent with confession, let us begin this time of Enlightenment and Purification with a clean conscience. Let us enter the springtime of our spiritual lives and return to the Church. Let us be on our way to die with the Lord, so that we may live with Him.

Sadly, I received news of two couples from my previous parishes that have finalized a divorce of their marriages, marriages that I esteemed. I knew that they had their struggles, but I thought they were strongly united in Christ, only to find that the Devil, the master of division, the master of deception, the master of diversion, the master of discouragement, had won the prize of fragmenting two wonderful families.

We need the strength of the sacrament of confession to not lose the light of Christ given us in baptism, loving one another, especially for marriage. Monthly, or more frequently is ideal, but our once a year Easter duty, is meant to provide a life line to the spiritual life and the reality that we cannot save ourselves from sin, but our in great need of one willing to die for us. We meet him in confession. Join us in humble and contrite prayer, the only prayer that allows the forgiveness of sins to transform our world. He loves you more than you can know or imagine!

Fr. Jim

Our parishes will host watch parties on Monday night, March 8th at 6:30 PM in St. Patrick’s new Center in Plains live, and the following night, March 9th, Tuesday, at 6:30 PM a replayed watch party in the Forst Center. A meal will be provided each night. Please come and support the Pro-Life efforts in Southwest, Kansas .

Information about the speaker can be found at

<https://abcpccarecenter.banquetstream.com/event/?dKey=xh834156&pageAction=>

We wish to thank you all so much for what you have done for us. All the prayers, kind wishes, food, help, and especially the money that you have given us. We have prayed for you all and ask that God Bless you and keep watch over you always.

With Love and Affection,  
Terry Shinogle Family

### 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for the PSR students; Fridays, 8:00 am and 5:30 pm in Spanish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING is scheduled on Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



BABY CHANGING STATIONS AT PLAINS: Fathers and Mothers of our infants, the infants weighing less than 50 pounds, now have access to baby changing stations in their corresponding rest rooms. Thank you for bringing your children to Christ!

### 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are on Fridays at noon with adoration.

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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION: Sunday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m. for St. John's parish. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!

ABC PREGNANCY CARE FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. will be the meal for the ABC Pregnancy Care Center in Meade. Please RSVP your intentions of attending to Lisa Tatro at 620-680-2233 by March 7.

ST. JOHN PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet after 8:30 AM Mass on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 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>

OUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED: You can still donate to the David & Sarah Jordan fund either online, at the bank or in the collection basket. Thank You for your generosity!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. Mass will be following on First Friday.

THANK YOU! We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all of you for your prayers, concerns and support during our brief encounter with cancer, especially the risky biopsy procedure. We are grateful to God for answering our prayers; and to you, for praying for our good outcome.

–Steve & Judy

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