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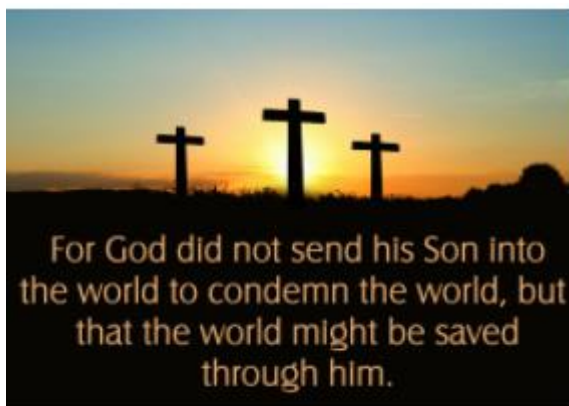
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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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| 14 | Sun | 8:30 am | (M) | The Fourth Sunday of Lent.....+Frank Devine (Randy & Sharon Glenn) |
| 14 | Sun | 10:30 am | (F) | The Fourth Sunday of Lent +Dianne Lubenski (Marilyn Dewell) |
| 14 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The Fourth Sunday of Lent.....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners |
| 15 | Mon | | | No Mass today |
| 16 | Tue | 6:00 pm | (M) | Week day in Lent.....+Frank Devine (Randy & Sharon Glenn) |
| 17 | Wed | 12:05 pm | (F) | St. Patrick, Bishop.....+Bob & Lula Belle Sobba (Tom & Janet Huelskamp) |
| 18 | Thu | 8:30 am | (P) | St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr. of the Church.....+Sylvester Faber (SFTTrust) |
| 19 | Fri | 8:30 am | (P) | St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Brand) |
| 19 | Fri | 5:30 pm | (P) | St. Joseph.....(Spanish)For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life |
| 19 | Fri | 7:00 pm | (F) | Feast of St. Joseph – Stations and Mass.....For an end to abortion |
| 20 | Sat | 8:30 am | (M) | Saturday in Lent.....For an end to religious persecutions |
| 20 | Sat | 5:30 pm | (P) | The Fifth Sunday of Lent.....+Patricia & Eliseo Arellano (Teresa Garza) |
| 21 | Sun | 8:30 am | (M) | The Fifth Sunday of Lent.....For Peace in our Land (Janet Cook) |
| 21 | Sun | 10:30 am | (F) | The Fifth Sunday of Lent.....+Leroy & Stellie Huelskamp (Tom & Janet Huelskamp) |
| 21 | Sun | 1:00 pm | (P) | The Fifth Sunday of Lent.....(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 at 620-575-5520.

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

FOWLER – Sunday, Mar. 21st, 10:30 am

LECTOR: Barb Parker, Kevin Milford

SERVERS: Heath Hamilton

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: John Weber, Steve Dewell

NURSING HOME:

PLAINS – Saturday, Mar. 20th, 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Kristin Grilliot

SERVERS: Lucy V., Hayes S.

GREETERS: Kelby & Rebi Ross

COLL. COUNTERS: Kathy Jacobs

MEADE – Sunday, Mar. 21st, 8:30 am

LECTOR: Kevin Dewell

SERVERS: McKenna B., Camdyn F., Malachi W.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Smith Family

PLAINS – Sunday, Mar. 21st, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. “We are truly his handiwork,” says St. Paul in the second reading, “created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.”

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Cathy Heinz, Angie Dewell/Jan

USHERS:

ROSARY: Bruce Millershaski

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Jason Vajnar

ROSARY: Lucy Bromwell

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS:

ROSARY: Volunteer

| | <u>FOWLER</u> | <u>MEADE</u> | <u>PLAINS</u> |
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| ENVELOPES: | \$1,616.00 | \$2398.00 | \$589.00 |
| OFFERTORY: | \$187.00 | \$3.00 | \$101.00 |
| BUILDING FND: | \$650.00 | \$.00 | \$200.00 |
| BLDG FD online: | \$.00 | .00 | 700.00 |
| ONLINE | \$155.00 | \$.00 | 120.00 |
| CANDLES: | \$90.50 | \$.00 | \$.00 |
| RENT | <u>\$.00</u> | <u>\$100.00</u> | <u>\$.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$2688.50 | \$2501.00 | 1710.00 |

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear communicants,

The only thing worse than not communicating, is thinking that you have been communicating and, to the contrary, the message has gone out into the ether. I have been experiencing “your connection is unstable” throughout the past few weeks and it has become unnerving that e-mails that I had pushed the “send” button and I thought were out there, disappeared into thin air. I even experienced on my phone bad connections, interruptions of data access, worse, a failed messaging app. The Message app, which by the way, one cannot uninstall, but only “force stop” whatever that means, would ask the caller to leave a message, but that message was not delivered to me. I apologize to those who felt I was ignoring them or just being hard to contact when your voice messages that I never heard were never answered. It is just as well I am not entertaining Facebook during Lent.

But the promise of fiber optics looms ahead. Then, all my communication will be perfect. NOT. Human communication and communion is always fraught with the devil’s interference and confusion of all things. I don’t believe it to be an inappropriate analogy to compare the Worldwide Web to the Tower of Babel. The Internet offers so much benefit, but at what cost, loss of our innocence, our physical contact, our face to face time, our eye to eye contact, our physical embrace. Don’t get me wrong, I am all in for the use of these devices that magnify our capacity, but not without warning and temperance in their application and the mercy of understanding when it fails.

So, what a blessing to have upon us the year of St. Joseph, the husband of Mary, the Father of the Church, to help and guide us in the use of all of our tools. The year was initiated on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th. St. Joseph’s reception of messages in dreams and his ability to humbly and chastely put them into practice in the Holy Family is an instrument of our salvation, in receiving a Savior and in reconciling our sinful nature to full obedience to the Father. The Holy Father has doubled down by the initiation on the Feast day of St. Joseph, that in conjunction with the Fatherhood of Joseph, it is, too, a year of Marriage and the Family. It is the good question to ask, is the technology we are using building up and strengthening our family, our marriages, our pilgrimage with St. Joe?

I hope and pray our parish families are stronger for the on-line streaming and website and messaging services that we use. My greatest fear is that when I think I am communicating, the message is not reaching its intended target. Today, marvels and marvels, my internet is like new, because I panicked and called the 24 hour emergency number in the looming live stream from the Forst Center for the ABC Pregnancy Center Benefit and I have installed a working voice message system on my phone. I did a full test, and it’s all systems go. Praise God and the wonder of the internet. May a few babies’ lives be saved and a few families made holy by our efforts. Peace and Joy! Frjim

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

3/30 - Chrism Mass held at the Cathedral in Dodge City and live streamed on the Cathedral and Diocesan Facebook pages.

4/19-22 - Priest Spring Assembly held at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE: Palm Sunday Masses will follow the current Mass schedule: **5:30 p.m.**, on Saturday, at St. Patrick's, Plains; **8:30 a.m.**, on Sunday, at St. John the Baptist, Meade; **10:30 a.m.**, at St. Anthony of Padua, Fowler; **1:00 p.m.**, in Spanish, at St. Patrick's, Plains.

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper, at **7:00 p.m.** at St. Anthony's Church Fowler; followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12:00 a.m.

The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Good Friday Services: **12:00 Noon**, at St. John the Baptist Church, Meade; **3:00 p.m.**, at St. Anthony of Padua, Fowler; 5:30 p.m., in English, at St. Patrick's Church, Plains; **7:00 p.m.**, in Spanish, at St. Patrick's Church, Plains.

The Easter Vigil, Holy Saturday: **9:00 p.m.**, at St. John the Baptist, Meade.

Easter Sunday: **8:30 a.m.**, St. Patrick's Church, Plains; **10:30 a.m.**, St. Anthony of Padua, Fowler; **1:00 p.m.**, in Spanish, St. Patrick's Church, Plains.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who participated in the ABC Pregnancy Center Benefit, particularly Lisa Tatro, Annette Keith, Heather Flavin, and Suzanne Eakes who helped coordinate the event. If you were unable to attend and would like to make a donation, the program can be watched at <https://abcpcarecenter.banquetstream.com/> or you can donate by googling ABC Pregnancy center or mailing your donation to ABC Pregnancy Care Center, 509 N. 6th St., Garden City, KS 67846. Please pray for the unborn.

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.

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.

PLEASE COME! St. Patrick Day Soup Supper at St. Patrick Parish in Plains, Monday, March 22nd, beginning with bilingual Stations of the Cross begin at 6:00 PM followed by 6:30 Dinner. All the parish is welcome! Social distancing is recommended.

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.

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

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.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS are at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays. On Friday, March 19, we will have Stations & Mass, celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph.

FOWLER PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, March 16th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish School.