

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21, 2021



Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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
22	Mon			No Mass today
23	Tue	6:00 pm	(M)	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop.....Worldwide end to abortion (Janet Cook)
24	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in Lent.....+Joe Neubauer (Tom & Janet Huelskamp)
25	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	The Annunciation of the Lord.....+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Brand Family)
26	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Week day in Lent.....+Sylvester Faber (Sylvester Faber Trust)
26	Fri	5:30 pm	(P)	Week day in Lent...(Spanish)For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
26	Fri	7:00 pm	(F)	Stations of the Cross
27	Sat	8:30 am	(M)	Saturday in Lent.....For World Peace
27	Sat	5:30 pm	(P)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.....+Mark Verhoff (Don Verhoff)
28	Sun	8:30 am	(M)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.....+Frank Devine (Randy & Sharon Glenn)
28	Sun	10:30 am	(F)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.....+Steven Zimmerman (Marilyn Dewell)
28	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord..(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. 28th , 10:30 am

LECTOR: Doug Heinz, Rhonda Milford

SERVERS: Kate & Abby Cunningham

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Steve & Judy Dewell

NURSING HOME:

PLAINS – Saturday, Mar. 27th , 5:30 pm

LECTOR: Timber Woods, Jerrilynn Woods

SERVERS: Dianna O., Owen V., Hailey S., Lucy V.

GREETERS: Ray & Jenny Amerin

COLL. COUNTERS: Patricia Coats

MEADE – Sunday, Mar. 28th , 8:30 am

LECTOR: Tyler Flavin

SERVERS: Tayte F., Brock K., Logan K.

GREETERS:

COLL. COUNTERS: Dewell 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: "If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "Let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting *me* to follow him? What service is He asking of me?

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Diane Leis, Karen M./ Jan

USHERS:

ROSARY: Randy Leis

EUCH. MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Suzanne E.,

ROSARY: Bob Kaberlein

EUCH MIN:

MUSIC MIN: Gleason Family

GIFTS:

ROSARY: Cindy Hagemeyer

	<u>FOWLER</u>	<u>MEADE</u>	<u>PLAINS</u>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,465.00	\$540.00	\$370.00
OFFERTORY:	\$56.00	\$20.76	\$34.00
BUILDING FND:	\$.00	\$275.00	\$50.00
BLDG FD online:	\$.00	.00	.00
ONLINE	\$255.00	\$.00	105.00
CANDLES:	\$20.00	\$97.00	\$.00
RENT	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>	<u>\$.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1796.00	\$932.76	\$559.00

MUSINGS OF FATHER JIM: Dear followers of Christ,

It is hard to believe we enter the Passiontide. It has arrived. We are all very well aware of Holy Week coming. I was impressed in Mexico that they still have the custom of closing schools and businesses, not just on Good Friday, but for the whole of Holy Week. But, Passiontide is the awareness that after the 5th Sunday of Lent, there is already a turning toward Jerusalem. Yes, Jesus will enter Jerusalem triumphantly on Palm Sunday, but clouds of the coming storm are already seeded with the raising of Lazarus and the plotting of the Jewish leaders, and so Passiontide begins this Sunday, the tide has begun to rise to the Holy Mountain.

And so we cover the statues of the saints and begin in serious our preparation to celebrate the Triduum, the three holy days, of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, anticipating the Passion of our Lord, which leaves him alone able to obediently fulfill the promise of salvation. Passiontide is upon us, and all our Lenten preparations, more or less successful in purifying and enlightening our souls, have prepared us to enter this holy time with eyes open and ears listening. As at every Mass, but with magnified intensity, we see our Lord offered as the perfect Lamb of God for the redemption of all who look upon him and his love poured out for humanity, even the whole world.

This year will be different, needless to say. The Sacred Congregation on the Liturgy from the Vatican have suggested that there be no Palm Sunday processions, no feet be washed on Holy Thursday, no kissing of the cross on Good Friday, only a genuflection before it or other sign of simple reverence,, with appropriate social distancing as we process to approach it, all reasonable efforts to avoid transfer of infectious agents. No official or formal directives have come from our diocesan offices except the advice to honor and follow the recommendations of the local health departments and school districts in maintaining the precautions implemented to avoid the spread of the Coronavirus that were promulgated last May until the health officials remove them.

I am trying to be judicious about the effort to bring some of our social freedoms back to the liturgy. It seems necessary to error on the side of caution, and respect for the concerns of the most vulnerable. We have scheduled really our first social events in a year's time, after hosting a benefit banquet for ABC pregnancy center in Plains and Meade last week, a soup supper to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick in St. Patrick parish is scheduled in Plains on Monday, March 22nd and a Ground Breaking Potluck after the 10:30 AM Mass on April 11th has been put on the calendar for St. Anthony's in Fowler. But we must proceed respectfully and cautiously as we feel the end of the Pandemic evolving, yet it does begin to feel the time has come to begin. "Let us go die with him!" Fr Jim

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.

MAKE THIS YOUR MOST FRUITFUL HOLY WEEK! You are invited to join 15,000+ Catholics already register for this free, one-day virtual event, Augustine Institute's Bible Conference, on March 27, 2021. Go to augustineinstitute.org

Upcoming Diocesan Events

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

4/19-21 - 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 everyone who gave to the fund for David's medical expenses. We are absolutely blessed to live in a community of so many awesome people. Thank you doesn't cover how grateful we are for your support. We thank you also for your gifts of kindness and prayers. May GOD bless all of you! David and Sarah Jordan.

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

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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.