

# CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES of MEADE COUNTY

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The Ascension of the Lord

May 8, 2016

**Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Welcome the stranger
- Heal the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

**Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish the sinner
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offenses
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living and the dead

## Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

08	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	The Ascension of the Lord.....+Irvin Sobba (Larry & Jeryl Palkowitsh)
08	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	The Ascension of the Lord .....+Father Leonard Stegman (Joyce Knott)
08	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	The Ascension of the Lord..... (Spanish).....For the Parishioners
09	Mon	7:00 pm	(M)	Week day in the Easter Season.....+Eric Zimmerman (Knights of Columbus)
10	Tue	7:30 am	(M)	St Damien de Veuster.....+Father Henry Hildebrandt (Steve & Judy Dewell)
11	Wed	10:00 am	(FRC)	Week day in the Easter Season .....+Karen Mills (Stacy & Dean Cordes)
11	Wed	12:05 pm	(F)	Week day in the Easter Season .....+Bill & Ed Bergkamp (Rita Bergkamp)
12	Thu	8:30 am	(P)	Ss. Nereus, Achilleus; St. Pancras.....+Kim Eakes (Ron Eakes)
13	Fri	8:30 am	(P)	Our Lady of Fatima.....+Jim Rison (Joyce Knott)
13	Fri	7:00 pm	(P)	Our Lady of Fatima ... (Spanish).....+Joe & Christina Roth Family (Father James Roth)
14	Sat	5:30 pm	(M)	Feast of Pentecost.....+Leroy Huelskamp (Garret & Kathy Hampel)
15	Sun	8:30 am	(F)	Pentecost Sunday .....+Eric Zimmerman (Larry & Cherie Knott)
15	Sun	10:30 am	(P)	Pentecost Sunday .....+Kim Eakes (Joyce Knott)
15	Sun	1:00 pm	(P)	Pentecost Sunday .....(Spanish).....For the Parishioners

**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 or fax 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, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Sarah Jordan, Brent Merkle  
**SERVERS:** Caleb H., Crystal M., Angel M.  
**GREETERS:** Graduates  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Steve & Judy Dewell  
**NURSING HOME:** Diane Leis

**PLAINS – Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**

**LECTOR:** Terry Shinogle  
**SERVERS:** Lucy V., Owen V., Kerri V.  
**GREETERS:** Nefro Saucedo Family  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Lucy Bromwell

**MEADE – Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm**

**LECTOR:** Tyler Flavin  
**SERVERS:** Blake K., Brock K., Logan K.  
**GREETERS:** Koons Family  
**COLL. COUNTERS:** Knott Family

**PLAINS – Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm**

**LECTOR:**

**SERVERS:**

**GREETERS:**

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

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

**EUCH MIN:** Kevin & Stacy Milford, Brenda Martin  
**MUSIC MIN:** Laurie Devine, Diane Leis/ Jan Brock  
**USHERS:** John Weber, Dave Weber  
**ROSARY:** Diane Leis

**EUCH. MIN:** Mary A., Michele C., Nefro S.  
**MUSIC MIN:** Jason Vajnar  
**ROSARY:** Teresa Garza

**EUCH MIN:** Kim E., Janet R., Tom R.  
**MUSIC MIN:** Belinda Chalker  
**GIFTS:** Devine Family  
**ROSARY:** Audrey Flowers

**EUCH MIN:**

**USHERS:**

**COLL. COUNTERS:**

	<b><u>FOWLER</u></b>	<b><u>MEADE</u></b>	<b><u>PLAINS</u></b>
ENVELOPES:	\$1,565.00	\$666.00	\$1,277.00
OFFERTORY:	\$45.00	\$266.00	\$269.11
CHILDREN:	\$27.00	\$7.00	Bldg. Fund: \$26.00
RENT:	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS:	\$0.00	\$41.10	Memorial: \$61.00
CANDLES:	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$61.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,637.00	\$1,080.10	\$1,683.11
	\$2,118.00	\$1,250.00	

**THOUGHTS FROM FATHER TED:** In a recent homily, I spoke about the importance of our spiritual growth. Spiritual growth is, in reality, a growth in holiness. I fear that among many Christians holiness is seen as something for the spiritually elite, but not for the ordinary Christian. It is easy to say that those who are saints led holy lives, but I am not a saint. The reality is that everyone who has been baptized is called to become a saint. Perhaps we are not called to be a canonized saint, but each of us is called to enter God's presence for all eternity after life on this earth is ended. This means that each and every one of us is called to be holy. Holiness is more than avoiding sin, even though that is an important part of holiness. Holiness is growing into a deeper relationship with God and allowing that deeper oneness with God to transform the way we live our day-to-day lives. To grow in holiness, prayer is essential. This is made clear in the biblical letter to the Hebrews which states: "Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord." (Heb.12:14) Unless we give time to God we cannot become holy. Prayer should be nourished by listening to or reading the word of God and by reception of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). These are the tools God has given us to grow into holiness of life. Just as a person wishing to climb a steep cliff would be foolish to not use a rope that someone has thrown from the top of the cliff, so the person wishing to spend eternity with God would be foolish to reject the very tools God has given us. An excellent resource on prayer for those who have internet access is in the series on the FORMED website entitled "Lectio". Look for the program entitled "Prayer." It consists of six presentations of about 30 minutes each. They are video presentations but one can listen while doing tasks that do not require concentration. Watching is not necessary.

BISHOP BRUNGARDT ANNOUNCES A 3-YEAR SPECIAL DIOCESAN APPEAL! With the overwhelming, positive response to priorities put forth in the recent planning study and after much consultation and prayer, Bishop John Brungardt has decided to proceed with a \$10 million, 3-year Special Diocesan Appeal. The appeal will fund needs in our Diocese in the areas of works of mercy, faith formation and priestly vocations. More information about the Special Diocesan Appeal will be published in the upcoming May 8 *Southwest Kansas Catholic*. Please pray for the success of the appeal.

**COUNSELORS NEEDED:** We invite you to participate as a camp counselor in REACH Camp 2016. If you like being outdoors enjoying God's creation and helping others this is the place for you. REACH Camp will be held June 20 to 22 and June 27 to July 1 at Camp Lakeside north of Scott City, KS. REACH Camp is a Christian camp for adults with disabilities 16 to 99 years old. Volunteers need to be 18 years old or older and willing to attend a camp training and online training prior to camp. Counselors will help campers participate in camp activities. Please contact Laurie & Steve Gerber @ [620-521-6262](tel:620-521-6262) or [620-521-4010](tel:620-521-4010).

**VOCATION VIEWS:** Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness. (Luke 24:46-53). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or [vocations@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org).

**FREE ROSARY REPAIR:** Margaret Witsken, of Dodge City, has asked to put an item in our bulletin inviting people who have rosaries that need repaired to allow her to make the repairs. Margaret cannot get out much because of health issues. Repairing rosaries is one way for her to continue to give to others. The only thing she asks in return is that you pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you have a rosary that needs repaired, give it to Father Ted along with your name and telephone number. He will get it to Margaret when he goes to Dodge City.

**KANSANS FOR LIFE MOTHER'S DAY CAMPAIGN:** We are again participating in the Kansans for Life Baby Bottle Pro-Life Campaign. Please save your change and place it in the baby bottle and return the bottle on Father's Day. This is a very worthwhile Pro-Life campaign. Please be generous in your support!

**UPCOMING DIACONATE ORDINATIONS** Bishop John B. Brungardt will ordain Jacob Schneider and Mark Brantley to the order of deacon, 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2016. Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows.

**WE HAVE A WEBSITE!** Check it out! Thanks to Stacy Cordes for all her help in this service!

<http://14049.sites.ecatholic.com/>

### Announcements for Plains

**WE ARE CONTINUING** the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**D OF I** meeting is scheduled on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Anthony's School in Fowler.

**PLAINS PASTORAL COUNCIL** is scheduled to meet on Wed., May 11, in the parish rectory, at 7:30 p.m.

### Announcements for Meade

**YOU ARE WELCOME!** Our religious ed. students are having a potluck on Wed., May 11, at 7:00 p.m., in the Forst Center. The parish is invited to join us!

**D OF I** meeting is scheduled on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Anthony's School in Fowler.

### Announcements for Fowler

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** We will continue to do this on the First Monday of the month, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**D OF I** meeting is scheduled on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. Anthony's School in Fowler.

**GRADUATION RECEPTION** for Anna-Marie Lauppe is after graduation on May 14, at the Fowler Senior Center.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:** We will soon be needing 2 Pastoral Council Members. Please be thinking of possible replacements for 2 of our current members.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES** to Laurie Devine on the death of her mother, Liz Sturgeon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your mother. May eternal rest be granted to her!