

# St. John Parish

November 18 - 19, 2017

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| Day    | Time      | Location | Celebration | Intention                             |
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| Mon.   | 7:00 p.m. | Church   |             | No Mass                               |
| Tues.  | 8:30 a.m. | PV       |             | Joan Indiek                           |
| Wed.   | 8:30 a.m. | PV       |             | Eleanora Linnebur                     |
| Thurs. | 8:30 a.m. | PV       |             | Leona Naab                            |
| Fri.   | 8:30 a.m. | PV       |             | Carl Strecker                         |
| Sat.   | 4:30 p.m. |          | Confessions |                                       |
|        | 5:30 p.m. | Church   |             | Living and Deceased Members of D of I |
| Sun.   | 9:30 a.m. | Church   |             | All Parishioners                      |



## MINISTERS FOR November 25 - 26

**Servers:** (Sat.) Austin Lampe, Jaron Lindsay  
(Sun.) Ayden Ruiz, Paige Broz, Alissa Heskamp

**Greeters:** (Sat.) Craig Lindsay  
(Sun.) Shawn Rich

**Lectors:** (Sat.) Connie Burkhardt  
(Sun.) Vickie Broz

**Eucharistic:** (Sat.) Steve Hubbell, Tonya Hubbell, Mike Hubbell, Jeff Hubbell, Jill Vierthaler, Kenna Ackerman  
(Sun.) Riley, Schmidt, Paula Schneweis, Kevin Stein, Norbert Strecker, LaWana VanNahmen, Tony Frasco

**Keyboard:** (Sat.) Bryce Ackerman  
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**Songleaders:** (Sat.) Melanie Bryan  
(Sun.) Charlie Kissling

**Ushers:** (Sat.) Rich Gleason, Phil Gleason  
(Sun.) Kevin Mages, LeRoy Mages

**Gifts:** (Sat.) Bill Hornung  
(Sun.) John Calvin

**Rosary:** (Sat.) Virginia Ryan  
(Sun.) George Heskamp

**Collection:** Jan Rabe  
**Collect. Asst.:** Frank Mages

**Sacristan:** (Sat.) Bonnie Laudick  
(Sun.) LynAnn Bowman



**A WARM WELCOME** to new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass. There are family information cards located in the back of church. Feel free to fill out and drop in the collection basket to register.

**RENT THE PARISH CENTER:** Call Rosann Tasset, 385-2487.

**ST. JOHN'S PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have someone you would like to have on our prayer chain, please call Lynnette Hessman, at 620-408-8582 or email her at nettemae1984@yahoo.com. You may also request to be added to the calling tree or email list.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Engaged couples, please contact the pastor at least four months in advance to allow sufficient time for necessary marriage preparation. A wedding is tentative until this is completed.

**INFANT BAPTISMS:** Parents should be registered in the parish. For baptismal preparation, please contact the pastor at 385-2212.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** Deanna Johnston, 620-225-4802, ext. 203 or [djohnston@dodgecitycatholic.com](mailto:djohnston@dodgecitycatholic.com).

**HOMEBOUND:** Call the pastor if you would like to receive Holy Communion on Thursday mornings.

**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA:** If you would like to know more about the D of I, or are interested in joining, please contact Jeanette Gunkel at [jeanettegunkel63@gmail.com](mailto:jeanettegunkel63@gmail.com) or 385-2799; or Berna Mae Stegman at 385-2810.

**FACEBOOK YOUTH PAGE:** Youth Commission would like to invite parishioners with a Facebook account to "like" the "Spearville St. John Youth" page. We are using this as a means of promoting activities and scheduling events in our parish and the Dodge City Diocese.

**MEALS FOR NEW MOMS:** If you have recently had a baby, or know a parishioner who has, and would like to receive meals celebrating this new addition, please contact Sandy Ackerman at 385-2857.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** November 11 - 12: Collection Total — \$3,551.51.



**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR:** Practice schedule will be November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10, 17 & 20. Practice CDs will be available. For more information, please call Gayla Kirmer at 385-2506.



**FUNERAL:** Please remember in your prayers Marvin Gleason whose funeral Mass we celebrated on November 10. We extend our condolences to the Gleason families. May God give them comfort, consolation and hope in this difficult time, and may Marvin's soul rest in peace.



**THE IMPORTANCE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Eucharistic Adoration is the only opportunity we get to physically be with Jesus one on one outside the Mass. The more time we spend with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, the more we grow in tune with God. We put ourselves in a position to talk to Him, and also to listen. It is a time where we unload unto Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. On the other hand, we also remain open to His gentle promptings and allow Him to speak to us in the silence. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

One of the graces that flow from Eucharistic Adoration is an increase in priestly and religious vocations. Statistics from around the world have proven that Eucharistic Adoration is linked to significant increases in vocations. In parishes or dioceses that implemented Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration or Holy Hours for vocations, priestly and religious vocations flourished. We cannot overlook this, especially in the Dodge City Diocese where religious vocations are so desperately needed.

At St. John's in Spearville, we have ample opportunity to spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Please find the time and commitment to sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration this month! Sign-up sheets can be found in the Body Room at the back of church.



### November 20 - 26 Birthdays

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| Nov. 20 | John Gunkel, Michaela Hubbell, K.C. Preisner |
| Nov. 21 | Angus Synder                                 |
| Nov. 24 | Richard Broz, Michael Brown, Cathy Mages     |
| Nov. 25 | Tonya Hubbell, John Harris                   |

**FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEKEND:** Please join us for another Faith Formation gathering, Sunday, November 19, after Mass. Our video on the Bible will begin promptly at 10:45 and will follow with a lunch of potato soup and ham sandwiches, provided by the Faith Formation Committee. Attendees are welcome to bring sides or desserts.

Even if you do not attend Faith Formation, please sign up to spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration, running from 1 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, until 1 p.m. on Monday. St. John Paul II said, "I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament, for we are called to abide in the presence of God."



**RETROUVAILLE:** Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about the December 8, Retrouvaille Program for couples, contact Dacia & Kieran (800) 470-2230 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)



**JOB OFFERING:** The Kansas Catholic Conference (KCC) is the public policy arm of the Catholic Church in Kansas and serves the state's four Catholic bishops from an office located in Topeka. They currently have a job opening for a Legislative Assistant. The position involves significant clerical and administrative office support responsibilities. For more information: <http://www.kscathconf.org/2017/10/11/open-position-legislative-assistant>.



**COUNSELING SERVICES:** No one needs to go through life's most difficult challenges alone. Catholic Charities of Southwest Kansas is offering free professional counseling services in Dodge City, Garden City and Great Bend for adults, children, couples, families and seniors, regardless of race, religion or socioeconomic status. Contact Amy Falcon at 620-227-1590 or [afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org](mailto:afalcon@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org) for more information and/or to schedule an appointment.



**WINE TASTING EVENT:** The 2018 Wine Tasting Event will be at the Great Bend Event Center on Friday, April 20. Mark your calendars now and plan on coming for a good time and a good cause!

