

St. John Parish

December 2 -3, 2017

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Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Church		Alfred Heeke
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Stanley Stramel
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Edward Durler
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Marvin Gleason
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Deceased of the Parish
Sat.	4:30 p.m.		Confessions	
	5:30 p.m.	Church		Sr. Renee Kirmer
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church		All Parishioners



MINISTERS FOR December 7, Holy Day Vigil

Servers: Nicholas Frasco, Augie Frasco	Keyboard: Bryce Ackerman
Greeters: Butch Fagen	Songleaders: Julie Knoeber
Lectors: John Stegman	Gifts: Melvin Habiger
Eucharistic: LynAnn Bowman, John Stegman, Lori Burke, L'Jean Dixon, Frank Mages, Kurt Kirmer	Rosary: Leroy Mages
	Sacristan: Charlie Kissling



MINISTERS FOR December 9 - 10

Servers: (Sat.) Haley, Hannah, Jenna Gleason (Sun.) Clare and Elizabeth Kissling, Carson Rich	Keyboard: (Sat.) Dana Howerton (Sun.) Dana Howerton
Greeters: (Sat.) Linda Friess (Sun.) Levi Benjamin	Songleaders: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt (Sun.) Julie Knoeber
Lectors: (Sat.) Lary Friess (Sun.) Kelly Tasset	Ushers: (Sat.) Kelly Stein, Glennn Helfrich (Sun.) R.J. Meyer, Ron Temaast
Eucharistic: (Sat.) John Stegman, Mark Strecker, Jolene Tasset, Larry Tasset, Jill Vierthaler, Jennifer Lindsay (Sun.) Trisha Sohm, Connie Heskamp, Larry Schmidt, Riley Schmidt, Paula Schneweis, Kevin Stein	Gifts: (Sat.) Mike Hubbell (Sun.) Glenn Helfrich
	Rosary: (Sat.) Shirley Stein (Sun.) Craig Bowman
	Collection: R.J. Meyer
	Collect. Asst.: Greg Vierthaler
	Sacristan: (Sat.) Charlie Kissling

Vocation Views: 'Be watchful! Be alert!' The call towards a vocation can come at an unexpected day and hour, prepare your heart to always say 'yes' to God. (Mark 13:33) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: November 25 - 26: Collection Total — \$2,579.83.

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

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ADVENT PENANCE: Our Advent Service for this year is on December 10 at 4:00 p.m. Peter wept bitterly over his triple denial of Christ but received the grace of conversion and expressed it with a three-fold confession of love for Jesus (cf. Lk. 22:54-62; Jn 21:15-19). The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores us to God's grace and joins us with Him in an intimate friendship.

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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

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UPCOMING PENANCE SERVICES

December 10, at 4:00 p.m. Spearville
December 10, at 1:00 p.m. Offerle
December 12, at 7:00 p.m. Kinsley
December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Wright
December 17, at 4:p.m. and 7:00 p.m..... OLG Cathedral
December 19 at 5:00 p.m. OLG Cathedral

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BISHOP BRUNGARDT VISITS ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH: Our Bishop John Brungardt will visit our parish on the weekend of December 16 and 17, 2017 to celebrate Mass to thank all parishioners for our generous contributions to the Vibrant Ministry Appeal.

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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: Christmas Potluck and Sock Exchange, Monday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m., at St. John Parish Center Oak Room. Bring a covered dish and pair of fun socks filled with goodies and/or small gift.

December 4 - 10 Birthdays	
Dec. 4	Lee Naasz, Mary Norma Schulte
Dec. 5	Denny Duesing, Nathan Bowman
Dec. 6	Jolene Eberle, Jennifer Helfrich, Steve Knoeber, Diana Nau
Dec. 8	Kyler Stein
Dec. 9	Hoyt Fry
Dec. 10	Dennis Nietling, C.J. Beckford

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Members of Parish Council and various Commissions are reminded of our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2017, at the parish center. The commission members will meet at 7:00 p.m., followed by Parish council member at 8:00 p.m. All new members are to attend and commission chairs are to remind new members to attend. Thanks.

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: Hospice of Prairie and Prairie Home Health invites those who have experienced the death of a loved one to a Remembrance Service and Celebration of Life Tree Dedication on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. The service is a non-denominational, spiritually based celebration of the lives of those special people who are no longer with us. It will take place at Hospice of the Prairie, 200 Fourth Circle, Dodge City. This service is open to everyone in the community. Please RSVP BY December 4, 2017, to 227-7209. If you have any questions contact Nancy @227-7209

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THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Our parish begins RCIA soon for those who want to join the church this coming Easter. Please if you have a friend, or a relative who may need a church home you may contact Fr. John at 620-385-2212.

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FUNERAL: Let's remember in our prayers Rita Naab who passed away and her funeral Mass was held November 27, 2017, at our parish. We extend our condolences to the Naab and Hain families. May the bereaved family find comfort, consolation and hope at this time of grieving. And may the soul of Rita rest in peace.

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PRO-LIFE PILGRIMAGE TO TOPEKA: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 22, 2018. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. Open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. Bus will depart from Dodge City, at 5:30 a.m., and stop in Great Bend at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day's activities will include a tour of the Capitol, Mass, lunch, a march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building. Leave Topeka around 4:00 to return back to the Diocese, with return stops in Salina, Great Bend and Dodge City. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally). Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home. Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to Gayla Kirmer, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801, 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

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STEWARDSHIP: December 3, 2017 (1st Sunday of Advent). We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.