

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: God calls us to proclaim the Good News. How do you share that Good News? Pray for the grace to be a faith-filled witness of God's love. (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

December 9 - 10 2017

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 11 - 17

	Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Church		Eleanora Linnebur
	Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Margaret Kirmer
	Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Lois Gleason
	Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Suzie Stramel
	Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Anna Stein
	Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Sat.	4:30 p.m.		Confessions
		5:30 p.m.	Church		Charles & Elizabeth Ackerman
Sun.		9:30 a.m.	Church		All Parishioners



MINISTERS FOR December 16 - 17

Servers: (Sat.) Candace and Erika Fry (Sun.) Mia, Jacob and Evan Benjamin	Songleaders: (Sat.) Julie Knoeber (Sun.) Charlie Kissling
Greeters: (Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) John Calvin	Ushers: (Sat.) Mike Hubbell, Carl Hubbell (Sun.) Keith Brack, Scott Burke
Lectors: (Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen	Gifts: (Sat.) Steve Hubbell (Sun.) Chris Sohm
Eucharistic: (Sat.) Steve Hubbell, Tonya Hubbell, Mike Hubbell, Jill Vierthaler, Kenna Ackerman, Jeff Hubbell (Sun.) Kevin Stein, Norbert Strecker, Tony Frasco, Mary Shartz, Charlie Kissling, Connie Heskamp	Rosary: (Sat.) Volunteer (Sun.) George Heskamp
Keyboard: (Sat.) Kiley Myers	Collection: Elliott Nold Collect. Asst.: Nadine Lampe Sacristan: (Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) Mary Benjamin



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.

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 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.

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

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.

December 11 - 17 Birthdays	
Dec. 12	Haley Gleason, Cindy Hubbell
Dec. 13	Amanda Stein, Chad Barnett, Quincy Donovan, Sophie Sigmund
Dec. 14	Becky Hornung, Ethan Halling
Dec. 15	Butch Fagen, Nicholas Frasco, Agnes Frasco
Dec. 16	Melvin Habiger, Kiley Myers
Dec. 17	Pat Habiger, Chris Konrade, Tony Mages, Debra Stegman, Pat Sanko

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: December 2-3: Collection Total — \$3,794.11.

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CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR: Practice schedule will be December 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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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.

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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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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. 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.

FUNERAL: Let's remember in our prayers Gerald Schmidt who passed away and his funeral Mass was held December 1, 2017, at our parish. We extend our condolences to the Schmidt and Konrade families. May the bereaved families find comfort, consolation and hope at this time of grieving. And May the soul of Gerald rest in peace.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 24, Morning Mass 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25, Christmas Day 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 31, Morning Mass 9:30 a.m.
Monday, January 1, 2018, New Year's Day 9:00 a.m.

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STEWARDSHIP: December 10, 2017 (2nd Advent) John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live – the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards.

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VIBRANT MINISTRY: As at December 1, 2017, we have reached \$259,311.67 of our Parish goal of \$325,850. It is with deep gratitude that we thank the 157 families who have made pledges and gifts to help us attain 80% of our Vibrant Ministries goal. Thanks for your generosity. Our goal is not a "must reach" one. Our parish is not going to pay the difference in case we are not able to reach our goal. But, we encourage you to help us reach our goal by making a donation if you have not yet made one. Thanks.

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CATHOLIC PLANNED GIVING AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR: The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is pleased to sponsor: "Catholic Planned Giving and Estate Planning". These seminars are part of the Department of Development's stewardship education program and concentrate on the Christian steward's right to plan for the prayerful and orderly distribution of one's estate.

The purpose of these seminars is to inform Catholics within the diocese of their rights to ensure that their wishes and the needs of their family are carried out as intended. At the same time, we will illustrate some gift planning techniques people may use in coordination with their estate plan and to give back to God some of the material blessings He has bestowed on all of us. People generally recognize the importance of giving to their parish and diocesan ministries during their lifetime; not too many consider similar gifts in their estate plans and wills. Our vision is to show you the opportunities!

Please join us at one of the Seminars listed:
January 10, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Cathedral of our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City
January 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m., St. Anthony Parish Center, Liberal
January 25, 2018 7:00 p.m., Prince of Peace Parish Center, Great Bend
Sacred Heart Pratt to be announced as soon as determined.
For more information Contact chancery at 620-227-1500.

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CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES: The 2018 Contribution envelopes are available at the back of church.