

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness and love. What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3:12-21). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations.

December 30 - 31, 2017

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE —January 1 - 7

	Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Mon.	9:00 a.m.	Church	Feast of Mary	Bill Downey
	Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Joan Indiek
	Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Eleanora Linnebur
	Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Alfred Heeke
	Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Marvin Gleason
	Sat.	4:30 p.m.			Confessions
		5:30 p.m.	Church		Suzie Stramel
	Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church		All Members of Our Parish



MINISTERS FOR January 6 - 7

Servers: (Sat.) Logan and Michaela Hubbell (Sun.) Clare and Elizabeth Kissling	Keyboard: (Sat.) Dana Howerton (Sun.) Dana Howerton
Greeters: (Sat.) Brian Myers (Sun.) Shawn Rich	Songleaders: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt (Sun.) Charlie Kissling
Lectors: (Sat.) Connie Burkhart (Sun.) R.J. Meyer	Ushers: (Sat.) Carl Hubbell, Steve Ackerman (Sun.) Dennis Schawe, Ron Temaat
Eucharistic: (Sat.) Ross Ackerman, Kali Ackerman, Phil Gleason, Mark Strecker, Jolene Tasset, Larry Tasset (Sun.) Mary Schartz, LynAnn Bowman, Connie Heskamp, Toni Aistrup, Mary Benjamin, Levi Benjamin	Gifts: (Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) Norbert Strecker
	Rosary: (Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) George Heskamp
	Collection: Jeff Hubbell
	Collect. Asst.: Leland Stein
	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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: December 23 - 24: Collection Total — \$10,081.00.

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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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STEWARDSHIP: December 31, 2017 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph) "Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit..."

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WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: World Day for Consecrated Life will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018, at St. Andrew Parish in Wright (11798 Jewell Road). The liturgy will begin at 10:30 am and will be followed by social provided by the Knights of Columbus and a special dinner provided by the St. Andrew Altar Society. Please RSVP yourself and any guests by contacting Gayla Kirmer, gkirmer@dcdioocese.org, or 620-227-1525 by Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

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VIBRANT MINISTRY: As of December 24, 2017, 157 families of our parish have helped us reach \$259,311.67 or 80% of our parish's \$325,850 of Vibrant Ministries Appeal goal. With everyone's help, we can easily reach our goal. It is time for all of us to say "yes" to Jesus' call to faith and ensure our parish (St John the Baptist) reaches its goal! Let's make it to the finish.

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2018: Evangelization: Religious Minorities in Asia That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

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A WORD OF APPRECIATION: Dear Parishioners, The longer I am around you, the more I realize that you are a genuinely generous and caring people. Thank you so very much for your gifts in different forms during this season of Christmas. May God richly bless you all.

As someone said "I consider you a gift from God, so I guess I should send Him a thank you card. I know His address, but could you tell me how much postage I'll need?" Lol. I love you all.—Fr John.

January 1 - 7 Birthdays

Jan. 2	Annette Benish, Charlene Halling, Jaymi Stein
Jan. 3	Mary Benjamin, Tasha Fage, Quentin Tasset, Molly Beckford
Jan. 5	Eric Slattery, Danica Halling

FIRST SATURSDAY DEVOTION: All are invited to the First Saturdays Devotion on January 6, at St. Stanislaus Church, Ingalls. 8:15 a.m. Confessions begin; 8:30 a.m. rosary; 9:00 a.m. Mass; Meditation, confessions, and refreshments after Mass. The Great Promise of Our Blessed Mother: "I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

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ESTATE PLANNING FOR CATHOLICS: The Catholic Diocese of Dodge City is pleased to sponsor: "Estate Planning for Catholics" presented by Tamara L. Davis, Attorney at Law and Legal Counsel for the Diocese. 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

January 30, 2018, 7:00 p.m., St. Dominic Parish Center, Garden City

February 6, 2018, 7:00 p.m., Sacred Heart School Cafeteria, Pratt

For more information, please contact:
Mark W. Roth
Director of Development
mroth@dcdioocese.org or (620)227-1535

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NEW YEAR'S DAY FOOTBALL: The Knights of Columbus will have the Knights Room at the Parish Center open, beginning at 3:30 p.m., on New Year's Day, and throughout the evening for Knights and their guests to watch the football games.