

2023 - DECEMBER 9TH & 10TH

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Meetings: 1st Thursdays @ 8PM

Parish Center Office Hours

Fr. John:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and
Fridays : 10 am—12 pm

Jenny:

Mondays—Fridays: 12:30—4 pm

*Hours will remain flexible and
subject to change.*

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MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 11TH - 17TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Mon. 12/11	- NO MASS on MONDAYS-		
Tues. 12/12	8:30 AM	Parkview	Austin & Katie Kropp
“	3:00 PM	Southwind	Kenneth Stegman
Wed. 12/13	8:30 AM	Parkview	Healing for Alan Schneweis
Thurs. 12/14	8:30 AM	Parkview	Mark Downey
Fri. 12/15	8:30 AM	Parkview	Helen MacBride
Sat. 12/16	6:30 PM	Church	Butch Fagen
Sun. 12/17	8:00 AM	Church	All Parishioners
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			



KofC Meetings
1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



Dofl Meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room



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If you'd like to be added to the email prayer chain
ministry, or have a prayer request to send out,
please contact :
Ginny Werner: ginny_werner@yahoo.com OR
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Vocation Views: John the Baptist stands as a sign of contradiction, calling his contemporaries back to a relationship with the Living God. Perhaps you are being called to follow in John's footsteps today. (Mark 1:1-8)

-- If you're discerning the priesthood, contact **Fr. Wesley Schawe** at **vocations@dcdiocese.org** or **620-227-1533**--

Parish News & Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

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."

TITHING REPORT for DEC. 2ND & 3RD:

Collections: \$13,896.00

Online Giving: \$ 570.00

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

Father John, Father Ted, and Father Ben will be hearing confessions THIS Sunday, December 10th. The penance service will begin at 4 PM.

MANY THANKS:

"A big thank you to all for the prayers and cards received for my 40th anniversary as a permanent Deacon. A special thank you to Fr. John for the special Mass, and the Parish for the gifts and attending the Mass on a cold and snowy night." - Deacon Dwaine Lampe and Louise-

Dofl DECEMBER MEETING:

The Daughters of Isabella will meet on Monday, December 11th. Supper is provided and will begin at 6:30pm. Members are asked to bring a kitchen knife or utensil to gift to the Parish Center for the Community Service Project. The brief meeting will end with a Christmas party!

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES:

Please note the change of Mass time for Christmas Day.

Christmas Eve:

Spearville - 5:00 pm

Hanston - 7:00 pm

Christmas Day:

Spearville - 8:30 am

Jetmore - 10:30 am

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1st)

Dec. 31st Vigil - Jetmore - 5:00 pm

Jan. 1st - Spearville - 8:30 am

Jan. 1st - Hanston - 10:30 am



Come sing in the choir for Christmas!
(Robes not required.)
Email jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com
for the song list.

NOTICE OF FUNERAL:

Marcella (Sally) Heeke recently passed away. The family wanted to give notice that her funeral will be in Texas, but streamed online at ssjwoodlands.com on Friday, December 15th at 10 AM. She will be buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Windthorst at a later date.

PARISH ROSARY CHALLENGE:

When you receive the statue, pray the rosary daily for a week for your own intentions and the special intentions of the month - **December:** For the poor, the homeless, and the unemployed - that they are shown kindness and generosity from all who love and follow the Lord.

December 10th - 17th:

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

During the National Eucharistic Revival, discussions on how to receive the Eucharist have been a prevalent point in the conversation. Receiving in the hand while standing has been the most common posture in the U.S. since Vatican II. However, many prefer to receive the Eucharist directly on the tongue or in a kneeling posture. Why? Some simple, possible explanations:

~"I receive standing and in my hands that make a throne for our King. We welcome the Eucharistic Lord as one who stands upright and is worthy of praise."

~"I stand and receive on the tongue being fed by the Lord and receiving him with childlike faith."

~"I kneel and receive on the tongue or in the hand, assuming a posture that reflects my absolute dependency on God who feeds us."

As long as **we're all approaching the altar with reverence, contrite hearts, and devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist**, no way is wrong.

In an effort to help all our parishioners receive the Eucharist in their preferred manner, we will start placing a kneeler at the head of the center aisle for anyone who'd like to kneel and receive. This will begin sometime after the New Year when we have a Eucharistic Minister renewal and training for new EMCs.



*"Lord, I am not worthy that you
should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed."*

Birthdays December 11th - 17th

Dec. 11th	Delaney Konrade
Dec. 12th	Haley Gleason, Cindy Hubbell
Dec. 13th	Amanda Stein
Dec. 14th	Becky Hornung
Dec. 16th	Melvin Habiger, Kiley Myers
Dec. 17th	Pat Habiger, Pat Sanko, Chris Konrade, Kelton Konrade, Debra Stegman

If you are willing to be involved in Mass Ministry, please contact the parish office. We are all called to partake in the liturgy. A big thank you to all who have served and continue to serve. You are appreciated.