

2023 - DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Pastor

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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 18TH - 24TH			
DAY	TIME	LOCATION	INTENTION
Mon. 12/18	- NO MASS on MONDAYS-		
Tues. 12/19	8:30 AM	Parkview	Gail Shellberg
“	3:00 PM	Southwind	Leland Stein
Wed. 12/20	8:30 AM	Parkview	Kaleb Hagans’ s Birthday
Thurs. 12/21	8:30 AM	Parkview	Living & Deceased Members of Dofl
Fri. 12/22	8:30 AM	Parkview	Carolyn Hendricks
Sat. 12/23	6:30 PM	Church	Larry Ackerman
Sun. 12/24	8:00 AM	Church	Tonya Kasselmann’s Birthday
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
Lynnette Hessman: nettemae1984@yahoo.com

MASS MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 23RD & 24TH		
Collection: LaWana VanNahmen		Collection Asst: Rich Gleason
	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristans	Dana Howerton	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	AJ & Caleb Herrmann	Mia Benjamin & Hudson Schmidt
Lectors	Larry Friess	Ashley Hubbell
EMCs	Mike Hubbell, Tonya Hubbell, Joyce Rogers	Connie Heskamp, Drew Hubbell, Riley Schmidt
Musician	Dana Howerton	Dana Howerton
Cantor	Chase Howerton	Chase Howerton
Ushers	Rod Durler & Rich Gleason	Keith Brack & Kevin Mages
Gifts	Ross Ackerman Family	Lester & Peggy Schulte

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.

Vocation Views: Rejoice always! Our Savior is near! The call to priesthood and/or religious life is a source
of great joy to those who embrace their call with their whole heart, mind and soul. (1 Thes 5:16)

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

Parish News & Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

*All of the people in today’s readings – the prophet Isaiah,
the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist – seemed to
understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling
them to be and to do. Do I?*

TITHING REPORT for DEC. 9TH & 10TH:

Collections: \$2,657.00

Online Giving: \$1,390.00



OTHER CHRISTMAS MASS OPTIONS:

Christmas Eve: Hanston - 7:00 pm

Christmas Day: Jetmore - 10:30 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

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

Jan. 1st - Spearville - 8:30 am

Jan. 1st - Hanston - 10:30 am

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE:

There is an optional rehearsal for the Christmas choir this
Sunday the 17th at 4 PM. Please come if you’re able and
plan on joining the choir for Christmas Eve.

MASS MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS		
	CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 PM (CHOIR AT 4:30)	CHRISTMAS MORNING 8:30 AM
Mass Intention	For all Parishioners of St. John the Baptist	For Priestly Vocations in the Dodge City Diocese
Sacristan	Jenny Schmidt	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Austin & Blake Hornung	Kaleb, Kambre, & Kaley Konrade
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	LaWana VanNahmen
EMCs	Ross Ackerman, Larry Schmidt, Jill Vierthaler	Levi Benjamin, Mary Benjamin, Phil Gleason
Musician	Bryce Ackerman	Bryce Ackerman
Cantor	Choir	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Cory Ackerman, TJ Ackerman	Tom Burke, Phil Gleason
Gifts	TJ Ackerman Family	Melvin & Pat Habiger

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: Justin & Chanda Schulte Family

December 17th - 24th: Melvin & Pat Habiger

DODGE CITY PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE:

All are invited to the Pilgrimage for Life on January 27th
beginning at 10 am at Dodge City Middle School
Auditorium, followed by a respect life prayer walk to the
Cathedral for Mass and lunch. To register, please visit
dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life.

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:

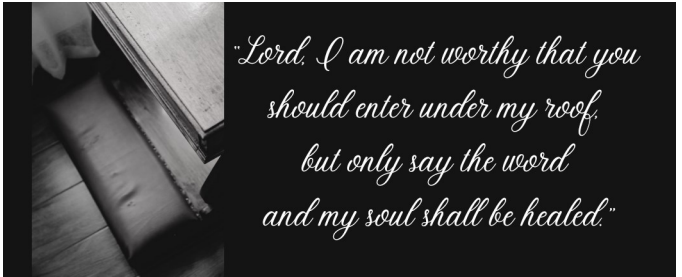
~“I receive standing and in my hands that make a throne
for our King. We welcome the Eucharistic Lord as one
who stands upright and is worthy of praise.”

~“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.



Birthdays December 18th - 24th

Dec. 18th	Frank Mages, Gayle Linnebur, Austin Ruiz
Dec. 23rd	Carol Durler, Joyce Schulte, Kim Steimel
Dec. 24th	Kevin Mages