

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

2025 - MAY 17TH & 18TH

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Mike Hubbell
Meetings: 1st Thursdays @ 8PM

Parish Center Office Hours
Hours are approximate & will remain flexible & subject to change.
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If you are willing to be involved in Mass Ministry, please contact the parish office. We are all called to participate in the liturgy. A big thank you to all who have served and continue to serve. You are appreciated!

MASS SCHEDULE: MAY 19TH - 25TH			
DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
Mon. 5/19	No Mass on Mondays - Fr. John's Day Off		
Tues. 5/20	8:30 AM	Parkview	Mark Downey
"	9:30 AM	Southwind	Elmer Schuette
Wed. 5/21	8:30 AM	Parkview	Kenneth Schneweis
Thurs. 5/22	8:30 AM	Parkview	Butch Fagen
Fri. 5/23	8:30 AM	Parkview	Chaten Tasset
Sat. 5/24	6:30 PM	Church	Connie Burkhart
Sun. 5/25	8:00 AM	Church	All Parishioners of St. John the Baptist
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



Scan to find us on Facebook!

If you'd like to be added to the email prayer chain ministry, or have a prayer request to send out, please contact either Ginny Werner (ginny_werner@yahoo.com) or Lynnette Hessman (nettemae1984@yahoo.com).



MASS MINISTERS - MAY 24TH & 25TH		
Weekend Collection: Kaden Stein & Lori Burke		
MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristans	Bonnie Laudick	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Bellanie Friess, Jaelin Friess	Lena Gleason, Avery Hubbell
Lectors	Rich Gleason	Ashley Hubbell
EMCs	Ross Ackerman, Jeff Hubbell, Jill Vierthaler	Mary Benjamin, Lori Burke, Wesley Gleason
Musician	Recorded	Recorded
Cantor	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Cory Ackerman, Kelly Stein	Blake Connelly, Wesley Gleason
Gifts	Ross Ackerman Family	Blake Connelly Family

Vocation Views: God has chosen to dwell with us.

Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence. (Revelations 21:1 5)

-If you're discerning the priesthood, contact Fr. Ted Stoecklein at vicargeneral@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1555.-

Stewardship Series

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives His disciples – and us – a new commandment: “love on another.” Good stewards who spend their time and talents in service to others are well on their way to fulfilling this commandment.

TITHING REPORT for MAY 10TH/11TH:

Box Total: \$ 2,355.25 **Online:** \$ 1,170.00

IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU SERVE?

Over the next few months, we'd like to recognize our many parishioners who help fulfill the ministry jobs at Mass. We are so thankful for all the people who have served the church through various ministries for so many years! We should all approach our “jobs” at Mass not as obligations, but as opportunities to serve one another and our church. Our participation in the liturgy deepens our commitment to our faith community. Our church thrives on the involvement of many of all ages!

How might you get involved?

What strengths could you share with others?

- Are you fun-loving and enjoy working with kids? - We always need more willing catechists-particularly looking for 2 more this upcoming school year!
- Are you a behind the scenes kind of person? - We could use you as a sacristan to set up for Mass.
- Do you have ideas for events in our parish? - Join a parish council committee and help initiate the planning.
- Are you good with numbers? - The Finance Council needs some invested volunteers.
- Do you have a strong voice? - Use it to lector or lead music.

“We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and this all the more as you see the day drawing near.” - Hebrews 10:24-25

SACRISTANS:

This job is important in setting up all the items for Mass. The sacristan prepares the credence table with the various items used during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. They make sure the lights are on, the sound system is on, and that there's enough bread and wine for the Mass. After Mass, they “do the dishes,” and make sure the church is in order for the next day. *Please reach out if you also feel capable of serving in this way!*

THANK YOU to our current sacristans! - Mary Benjamin, LynAnn Bowman, Dana Howerton, Tonya Hubbell, Teresa Konrade, Bonnie Laudick, Barb Mages, Jenny Schmidt, and Chanda Schulte - and thank you, Judy Gleason for your many years of being a sacristan and training them! Bonnie Laudick feels it's a service she can do for God saying, *“When cleaning the vessels after Mass, I think about the privilege of cleaning the vessels that held not just the bread and wine, but the actual body and blood of our Lord, Jesus.”*

PARISH ROSARY CHALLENGE:

When you receive the statue, pray the rosary daily for a week- for your own intentions, an increase in vocations, and for the special intentions listed. *May - For working conditions: that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.*

May 18th - 25th: Cassie Sanko

MOWING TIME AGAIN:

The next mowing of the cemetery will be on *Wednesday, May 21st*. The **May/June & July/August** guilds will be working this time. We thank all who chipped in the last time to make quick work of mowing the cemetery and the land to the north! As usual, please have loved one's graves cleaned off of decorations not attached before the 21st. These may be replaced on Thursday, the 22nd and will not be disturbed for the week after Memorial Day.



UPCOMING ORDINATIONS

We are consistently reminded of the vocations shortages and are constantly praying for more priests in our diocese. Please gather in support and thanksgiving for these momentous ordinations that we have coming up!

There are two Transitional Diaconate Ordinations for Eric Frieb and Esteban Hernandez on May 31st.

God-willing, they will both be ordained to the priesthood next year.

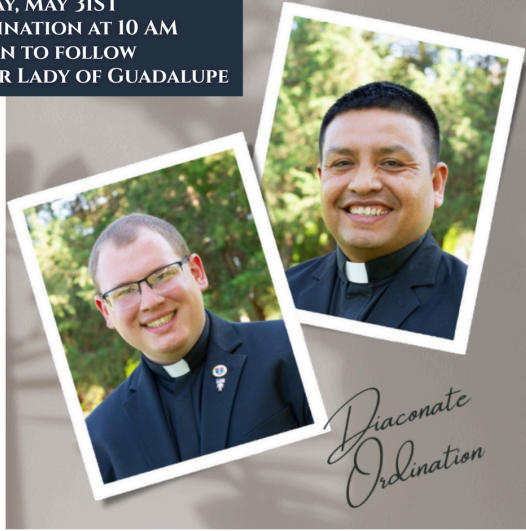
Praise God for these new vocations! Please continue praying for these men, that they become courageous and compassionate shepherds to the parishes of the Dodge City Diocese.

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST
MASS OF ORDINATION AT 10 AM
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

You may remember Eric Frieb (pictured left), as he helped us in Spearville with all the liturgies of Holy Week in 2024.

Esteban Hernandez (pictured right) spent a summer in Spearville during the start of his seminary formation to improve his English.

We're very excited for both of them!



Birthdays: May 19th-25th

May 19th	Laura Stein
May 22nd	Lori Burke, Ashley Wheaton
May 23rd	Cheyenne Ackerman
May 24th	Lester Schulte
May 25th	Erv Burkhart