

# St. John Parish

**Stewardship Moment** — “Giving back of your time and talent is what stewardship is all about. Being able to provide music for the weekly Mass or lend assistance to a funeral Mass means so much to me. There are times when you can’t put into words what you want to say, but, through music, you can convey that thought of sympathy or the joy of a Christmas Mass or the reverence of a holy week service. My life would not be the same without the opportunity to provide this service to the Lord and the church community.”

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 1 - 7

**NOVEMBER 29 & 30, 2014**

**Father Rene Labrador 385-2212**  
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**Coordinator of Ministries**  
**Judy Gleason 385-2881**

| Day    | Time         | Celebration                   | Intention        |
|--------|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Mon.   | No Mass      |                               |                  |
| Tues.  | 8:30 a.m. PV | Advent                        | Jim Langlois     |
| Wed.   | 8:30 a.m. PV | St. Francis Xavier            | Norman Lee Giles |
| Thurs. | 8:30 a.m. PV | St. John Damascene            | Matthew Wadley   |
| Fri.   | 8:30 a.m. PV | Advent                        | D of I — Living  |
| Sat.   | 4:30 p.m.    | Confession                    |                  |
|        | 5:30 p.m.    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent | Ann Brack        |
| Sun.   | 9:30 a.m.    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent | Parishioners     |

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** Claire Albert, 620-225-6576.

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

**ADORATION:** Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, we will have an hour of adoration, starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending before 8 p.m. The priest will be available for confession during that time. You are most welcome at this hour of prayer.

**RENT THE PARISH CENTER:** call Rosann Tasset, 385-2487.  
**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 [jeanettegunkel@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanettegunkel@hotmail.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.

**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 Lyza Frasco at 316-371-5678 or [elizabethfrasco@aol.com](mailto:elizabethfrasco@aol.com).

## MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 8, 6:30 P.M. HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Servers:** Caleb & Carson Rich, Gavin Schneweis  
**Greeters:** Kreg Fagen Family  
**Lector:** Audrey Ackerman  
**Eucharistic:** Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Trisha Kolbeck, Frank Mages, Larry Schmidt, Marylda Heskamp, Carl Hubbell  
**Keyboard:** Dana Howerton  
**Songleader:** Gayla Kirmer  
**Ushers:** Erv Burkhart, Rod Durler  
**Gifts:** Rod & Carol Durler  
**Rosary:** Craig Bowman  
**Collection:** Mike Hubbell  
**Collect. Asst.:** Kathy Knoeber  
**Sacristan:** Jenette Schuette

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** November 22 & 23:  
Collection Total — \$3,411.63.

**K OF C:** on Dec. 1; rosary at 7:40 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m. Christmas party after the meeting.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** December meeting is canceled. Fr. Rene will be attending the Priests Deanery Meeting, in Kinsley. Commissions may still have a meeting in case they have important matters to discuss.

**CATHOLIC T-SHIRTS:** After Mass on Dec. 6 & 7, Tony Frasco will be selling Catholic T-shirts. Cost is from \$10 - \$20. You can look at the shirts at [www.romanticcatholic.com](http://www.romanticcatholic.com). If you have any questions, contact Tony.

**39 HAPPY CHILDREN!:** Thanks to all the youth of our parish who teamed together to assemble 39 shoe boxes full of goodies to be shipped across the world to less fortunate children through Operation Christmas Child.

**LANCER TEENS:** Grades 7 - 12, next lesson will be Sunday, Dec. 7, at 6:30 p.m., at the Parish Center. Bring your clean, but wrinkled dress clothes. Come join your friends for fun and games in a Christian based environment, while learning everyday life skills that will prepare you for the future. Topics like Manners, Interview Skills, Dance Lessons, Money Management and Cooking are still on the agenda to learn. Contact Dana Rich for more information.

**DCCC MUSIC CONCERT:** will be Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, at Windthorst. The College Choirs and Dodge City Symphony will perform.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR:** Practices are Sundays, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Gayla Kirmer at 385-2506.

**“Stewardship of Hospitality”:** As Christ committed himself to the Will and plan of God the Father to save humanity through his suffering and death on the cross, may we also commit ourselves to love and serve Christ and his body, the church, through our stewardship way of living.”

**MOVIE:** “Of Gods and Men” will be shown on Friday, Dec. 5, at 6:15 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Great Bend.

**SPIRITLIFE LESSONS:** will be at Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend, on Saturday, Dec. 6, beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding at 3 p.m. For more information, please visit [www.heartlandspirituality.org](http://www.heartlandspirituality.org) or contact Ann at 620-792-1232, by email: [ann@heartlandspirituality.org](mailto:ann@heartlandspirituality.org). Cost for the day is \$50 (lunch included). A personal retreat including overnight stay, breakfast, lunch and classes is \$75.

**PARISH WIDE EVENT:** After Mass, on Dec. 7, in the basement, there will be an introductory meeting about the all new “Little Flower” Girl’s and “Blue Knights” Boy’s clubs that will begin soon for all ages of children. It’s a “check it out” meeting (it’s free). It’s like Girl/Boy Scouts only pro-life, pro-family and pro-faith. We are wanting to team-up with any and all members of the parish to help build up the youth in this awesome and faith-inspiring program.

**PRESENTS WITH A MISSION:** You might have noticed a random Christmas tree in the Holy Cross room that is sporting odd-looking Christmas ornaments. Those ornaments are to take and fulfill the request on the back and return to under the tree. They will be mailed to our sister parish in New Mexico, to help them raise funds and help out needy families by allowing them to buy the gifts at a fraction of the cost or to buy with service hours. Take a flyer for more information and get into the spirit of giving this Advent season. Thanks from the Youth Commission.

**NOTICE TO D OF I MEMBERS:** We will have a tasting booth at the Downtown Shopping, on Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Parish Center, 5 - 8:30 p.m. Please bring some of your favorite holiday “goodies”. There will be a speaker at the meeting on Dec. 8, after Mass. Please send your prayer partner a Christmas card and be sure to sign it. New partners will be drawn in January. We will have a covered dish supper, Christmas party and gift exchange at the January meeting. Dues for 2015 are \$10 and due in January.

**DONUTS & COFFEE:** downstairs after Sunday Mass.

## MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 6 - 7

**Servers:** [Sat.] Austin & Jory Lampe  
[Sun.] Youth  
**Greeters:** [Sat.] Butch & Judy Fagen  
[Sun.] Youth  
**Lectors:** [Sat.] John Stegman  
[Sun.] Youth  
**Eucharistic:** [Sat.] Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Jill Vierthaler, Larry B. & Kenna Ackerman, Phil Gleason, Lynnette Hessman  
[Sun.] Deacon Dwaine Lampe, LynAnn Bowman, Lori Burke, L’Jean Dixon, John & Jeanette Gunkel  
**Keyboard:** [Sat.] Amy Seachris  
[Sun.] Julie Knoeber  
**Songleaders:** [Sat.] Ross Ackerman  
[Sun.] Gentry Snyder  
**Ushers:** [Sat.] Cory Ackerman, Steve Ackerman  
[Sun.] Youth  
**Gifts:** [Sat.] Erv & Connie Burkhart  
[Sun.] Youth  
**Rosary:** [Sat.] Edith Mae Giessel  
[Sun.] Youth  
**Collection:** Ginny Werner  
**Collect. Asst.:** Jonita Brack  
**Sacristan:** Virginia Ryan

## December 1 - 7 Birthdays

Dec. 1  
Dec. 2 Rex Aistrup  
Dec. 3 Jenna Gleason - Jacob Stegman  
Dec. 4 Lee Naasz - Mary Norma Schulte  
Dec. 5 Denny Duesing - Nathan Bowman  
Dec. 6 Jolene Eberle - Jennifer Helfrich  
Steve Knoeber - Diana Nau  
Dec. 7 Drennon Hawkins