

St. John Parish

VOCATIONAL VIEWS: What ought we to do? Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus. (Luke 3:10-18) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Wesley Schawe, at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 7 - 13

	Day	Time	Celebration	Intention
DECEMBER 5 & 6, 2015	Mon.	6:30 p.m.		Norman Lee Giles
	Tues.	8:30 a.m. PV		Austin & Katie Kropp
	Wed.	8:30 a.m. PV		Ignatius Strecker
	Thurs.	8:30 a.m. PV		Special Intention of Carl & Lyla Strecker
	Fri.	8:30 a.m. PV		Bill Downey
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	Parishioners
		5:30 p.m.		
	Sun.	9:30 a.m.		Sydney Tann (Sick)



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 nettemae1948@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, 620-561-1339.

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

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 jeanettgunkel63@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.

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.



MINISTERS FOR — DECEMBER 12 & 13

Servers: (Sat.) Austin & Jory Lampe (Sun.) Levi & Clinton Stein, Calista Stein	Keyboard: (Sat.) Dana Howerton (Sun.) Dana Howerton
Greeters: (Sat.) Rich Gleason Family (Sun.) Lyle & LaWana VanNahmen	Songleaders: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt (Sun.) Julie Knoeber
Lectors: (Sat.) Connie Burkhardt (Sun.) R J Meyer	Ushers: (Sat.) Bernie Stegman, Kelly Stein (Sun.) Ron Temaat, Keith Brack
Eucharistic: (Sat.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Carl & Jane Hubbell, Phil Gleason, Joyce Rogers, Anne Schawe (Sun.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Norbert Strecker, LaWana VanNahmen, Tony Frasco, Toni Aistrup, Mary Benjamin	Gifts: (Sat.) Rod & Carol Durler (Sun.) John Calvin Family Rosary: (Sat.) Edith Mae Giessel (Sun.) Craig Bowman Collection: Levi Benjamin Collect. Asst.: Larry Tasset Sacristan: (Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) Mary Benjamin

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: November 28 & 29: Collection Total — \$3,025.50.

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THE FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION): We celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception this Tuesday. The Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation here at Spearville will be Monday at 6:30 p.m., and Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. at Parkview. Offerle's Mass will be on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and Kinsley and Wright's Masses are on Tuesday evening at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively.

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K OF C: on Dec. 7 — Rosary at 7:40 p.m.; meeting at 8 p.m.

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D OF I: meeting will be Dec. 14, beginning with a covered dish supper, at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. We will have a \$5 gift exchange and donations will be collected for the ARK, the local youth center.

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PENANCE SERVICES: during Advent, will be celebrated in various parishes as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 13 — Offerle at 2 p.m.

Spearville at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 — Dodge City at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 — Wright at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17 — Kinsley at 6-7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20 — Dodge City at 4-7 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON:

Thursday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve — 9 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day — 9 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 26, Holy Family — 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27, Holy Family — 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve — 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day — 8:30 a.m.

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MINISTERS FOR — DECEMBER 7, 6:30 p.m.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Servers: Kolby & Kyler Stein

Greeters: Glenn & Pat Torline

Lector: Vicki Broz

Eucharistic: Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Shirley Moritz, Lynnette Hessman, Steve Hubbell, Larry & Jolene Tasset

Keyboard: Bryce Ackerman

Songleader: Julie Knoeber

Ushers: Ron Stein, Val Stein

Gifts: Tom & Lori Burke

Rosary: LeRoy Magee

Sacristan: Charlie Kissling

PARISH COUNCIL: meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 10, at 8 p.m., in the Oak Room in the Parish Center. Different Commissions are also reminded of their meetings on the same day at 7 p.m.

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ADORATION: There will be Adoration and reconciliation on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 - 8 p.m. Please come and spend an hour in prayer with Jesus!!!

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YEAR OF MERCY: Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy to begin on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, and conclude in 2016 on the Solemnity of the feast of Christ the King, Nov. 20. The Pope stated that he wants his Church of 1.2 billion members to be more merciful and less rigid toward sinners. He declared a Jubilee year as an encounter for all members, and the Church itself, to rediscover the need to be forgiving and generous.

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HOSPICE OF THE PRAIRIE: invites those who have experienced the death of a loved one to a Remembrance Service and Celebration of Life Tree Dedication on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7 p.m. The service is a non-denominational, spiritually based celebration of the lives of those special people who are no longer with us. It will take place at First United Methodist Church, 210 Soule, Dodge City (use the east entrance). This service is open to everyone in the community. Please RSVP by Dec. 7, to 227-7209. If you have any questions regarding this announcement or the Remembrance Service, please contact Nancy at 227-7209. Thank you.

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CHOIR PRACTICE: for Christmas is on Sundays, at 7 p.m. We can use a lot more voices. Please consider joining us. Practice CDs are available. If you have any questions, contact Gayla Kirmer at 385-0467 or 385-2506.

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December 7 - 13 Birthdays

Dec. 7	
Dec. 8	Kyler Stein
Dec. 9	Hoyt Fry
Dec. 10	Dennis Nietling - C J Beckford
Dec. 11	
Dec. 12	Haley Gleason - Cindy Hubbell
Dec. 13	Amanda Stein - Chad Barnett Quincy Donovan - Sophie Sigmund