

St. John Parish

VOCATIONAL VIEWS: Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God’s grace. (Luke 2:41-52) If you think God is calling you to priest-hood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

DECEMBER 19 & 20, 2015

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 21 - 27				
Day	Time	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass			
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Ruth Temaat	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Carl & Lyla Strecker	
Thurs.	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve.	Bernard Strecker	
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Christmas	Sydney Tann	
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confessions		
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Family	Parishioners	
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Holy Family	Deceased Members Knights of Columbus	



MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24 — 9:00 P.M. & DECEMBER 25 — 9:00 A.M.

Servers:	(Thur.) Catherine & Nathan Bowman, Tess Ackerman (Fri.) Jakob & Evan Benjamin, Gavin Schneweis	Keyboard:	(Thur.) Bryce Ackerman (Fri.) Julie Knoeber
Greeters:	(Thur.) Lynnette Hessman Family (Fri.) Levi Benjamin Family	Songleaders:	(Thur.) Choir (Fri.) Janel Calvin
Lectors:	(Thur.) Audrey Ackerman (Fri.) LaWana VanNahmen	Ushers:	(Thur.) Steve Ackerman, Erv Burkhart (Fri.) John Gunkel, Glenn Helfrich
Eucharistic:	(Thur.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Larry & Jolene Tas-set, Larry B. & Kenna Ackerman, Philip Gleason (Fri.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Paula Schneweis, Trisha Sohm, Frank Mage, Larry Schmidt, Riley Schmidt	Gifts:	(Thur.) Jim Halling Family (Fri.) Melvin & Pat Habiger
		Collection:	Bryce Ackerman
		Collect. Asst.:	Frank Mage
		Sacristan:	Dwaine Lampe



MINISTERS FOR — DECEMBER 26 & 27

Servers:	(Sat.) Ben Stegman, Kate Steimel (Sun.) Paige & Zach Broz
Greeters:	(Sat.) Renelda Hornung Family (Sun.) Levi Benjamin Family
Lectors:	(Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) Richard Broz
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Lynnette Hessman, Carl & Jane Hubbell, Steve Hubbell, Shirley Moritz (Sun.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Kurt Kirmer, Kevin Stein, Norbert Strecker, LaWana VanNahmen, Tony Frasco
Keyboard:	(Sat.) Dana Howerton (Sun.) Dana Howerton
Songleaders:	(Sat.) Rakel Halling (Sun.) Julie Knoeber
Ushers:	(Sat.) Cory Ackerman, Rod Durler (Sun.) Jeff Heskamp, Kevin Mage
Gifts:	(Sat.) Lynnette Hessman Family (Sun.) Glenn & Sandy Helfrich
Rosary:	(Sat.) Tony & Joan Indiek (Sun.) Leland & Annette Stein
Collection:	Bryce Ackerman
Collect. Asst.:	Frank Mage
Sacristan:	Jenette Schuette

MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 31 — 6:30 P.M.

Servers:	Alissa & Luke Heskamp
Greeters:	John Calvin Family
Lectors:	John Stegman
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Mary Benjamin, LynAnn Bowman, Lori Burke, L’Jean Dixon, Kurt Kirmer
Keyboard:	Bryce Ackerman
Songleaders:	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers:	Dennis Schawe, Shawn Rich
Gifts:	Rich Gleason Family
Rosary:	Shirley Stein
Collection:	Jackie Strecker
Collect. Asst.:	Vicky Scheve
Sacristan:	Kevin Stein

December 21 - 27 Birthdays

Dec. 21	Brooklyn Schneweis
Dec. 22	
Dec. 23	Carol Durler - Joyce Schulte Kim Steimel
Dec. 24	Kevin Mage
Dec. 25	Rose Thomas
Dec. 26	Vern Stein - Lakin Pianalto
Dec. 27	Kreg Fagen

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: December 12 & 13:
Collection Total — \$3,502.23.

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THANKS: to Spearville News staff and City crew for helping with recycling of the old hymnals from church.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES are at the back of church. Please pick up yours as soon as possible. If you do not find your name, please contact 0 Gleason and she will get you set up. Thanks.

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K OF C TEXAS HOLD ‘EM TOURNAMENT: Sunday, Dec. 20, at the Parish Center in Spearville. \$25 suggested donation to enter. Tournament starts at 2 p.m. Registration opens at 1:30 p.m. Contact Riley Schmidt (620-385-0203) or R.J. Meyer (620-546-6071) for more information.

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR’S:

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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TOTUS TUUS: Camp registration open for Totus Tuus. Search Catholic Diocese of Wichita website under Totus Tuus. Camps are for students entering 5-12 grades. Questions? Call Chrissy Kissling 316-258-6795.

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FATHER-DAUGHER DATE NIGHT: If you attended, a USB flash drive with pictures from the event is available for you to pick up in the body room of the church. The Youth Commission would like to thank Farm Credit of Southwest Kansas for donating the USB flash drives.

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QUO VADIS: Quo Vadis is a retreat for single men (high school seniors through age 30) held at the Spiritual Life Center in Wichita, beginning the evening of Jan. 1, and concluding Jan. 3, at noon. During Christmas break, would you invest a little time to strengthen your connection with Jesus and think about where you’re going? What does God want you to do with your life? There is no charge and transportation is provided by the Diocese of Dodge City. Register online by Dec. 21 at <http://dcdiocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or contact Fr. Wesley Schawe at 620.227.1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

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PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION SPRING 2016: THEO 4003 Christology (3 hour course) Instructor: Fr. Steve Heina

Course Description: We are aware of things in our life and world that are in need of redemption. This course will take an in-depth look at what Catholics believe about how Jesus Christ brings the redeeming power of true God and true humanity to you and your world. We will explore the Scriptures, teachings of the church, and the human condition. Class Times: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5, 12. Saturday morning 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Location: Interactive Television Sites throughout the Dodge City and Salina Diocese. For more information contact Coleen Stein, 620-227-1538 or cstein@dcdiocese.org.

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SNOW REMOVAL: St. John Parish Property Commission is looking for someone for snow removal for this winter. Contact Keith Brack.

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DECEMBER – ALERT: Ending slavery is everyone’s work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USC-SAHT) is a collaborative, faith-based network that offers educational resources, information about access to survivors’ services, and engages in advocacy in an effort to eradicate modern-day slavery. Visit the web site: sistersagainsttrafficking.org

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LATE NITE CATECHISM: Tickets are now on sale for Late Nite Catechism: “Til Death do us Part. Two Performances ONLY 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2016, and 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 3, 2016. Come see Late Nite Catechism at the “Dreiling Theater” on the campus of Thomas More Prep-Marian, Hays, Kansas presented by the Daughters of Isabella. Log on to www.tmp-m.org/dofi/ to reserve your seats, tickets are \$30 each. Late Nite Catechism, the show which the *New York Times* declares “speaks to an audience much broader than any one church...” and the *Daily News* crowned as “Blessedly Funny”. That’s www.tmp-m.org/dofi/ for tickets. Proceeds to support Vocations and Religious Life in Kansas.

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TOPEKA PILGRIMAGE: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Friday, January 22, 2016. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. Open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. Bus will depart from Dodge City at 5:30 a.m. and stop in Great Bend at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day’s activities will include a tour of the Capitol, Mass with Fr. Wesley Schawe, lunch, a march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building. Leave Topeka around 4:00 to return back to the Diocese, with return stops in Salina, Great Bend and Dodge City. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally); Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home. Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to Gayla Kirmer, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801, 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

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CATECHIST FORMATION: Wednesday, January 6 – 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, January 9 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Sunday, January 10 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Spanish). Fr. Gale Hammerschmidt will present the Wednesday and Saturday session in English. Sr. Angela Erevia will present the Sunday session in Spanish. Ways the World Wounds (Busyness, Consumerism and Materialism, Violence and Revenge, Individualism and Relativism, Entitlement). Creation is good but distorted by sin. Catechist Formation will discuss five primary ways that our culture can wound and otherwise eat away our relationship with God and the hope the Gospel brings. We will discuss suggestions for both practical action and prayerful reflection.

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