

St. John Parish

VOCATIONAL VIEWS: The light of Christ shines upon you. Share that light with others. Consider the gift of a Church Vocation. If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

DECEMBER 26 & 27, 2015

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 28 - January 3				
Day	Time	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass			
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Sr. Evarista Durler	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Pete & Anna Mae Ackerman	
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Feast of Mary, Mother of God	Bill Scheve	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Feast of Mary, Mother of God	Deceased & Living Members of Marceda Schmidt Family	
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confessions		
	5:30 p.m.		Parishioners	
Sun.	9:30 a.m.		Bob & Jean Pauly	



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

MINISTERS FOR — JANUARY 2 & 3

Servers: (Sat.) Haley, Hannah & Jenna Gleason
(Sun.) Caleb & Carson Rich
Greeters: (Sat.) Ron & Janice Hornung
(Sun.) Jeff Heskamp Family
Lectors:(Sat.) J.T. Horacek
(Sun.) Craig Bowman
Eucharistic: (Sat.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, Joyce Rogers, Anne Schawe, Jenette Schuette, John & Berna Mae Stegman
(Sun.) Deacon Dwaine Lampe, John & Jeanette Gunkel, Trisha Sohm, Frank Mages, Larry Schmidt
Keyboard: (Sat.) Kiley Myers
(Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Songleaders: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt
(Sun.) Janel Calvin
Ushers: (Sat.) Phil Gleason, Rich Gleason
(Sun.) Ron Stein, Ron Temaats
Gifts: (Sat.) Renelda Hornung Family
(Sun.) Chris Sohm Family
Rosary: (Sat.) Edith Mae Giessel
(Sun.) Glenn & Pat Torline
Collection: Jackie Strecker
Collect. Asst.: Vicky Scheve
Sacristan: Charlie Kissling

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: December 19 & 20:
Collection Total — \$8,634.85.

INSTALLATION: Bishop John B. Brungardt will celebrate the weekend Masses on Saturday, Jan. 2 and Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, with us to install Fr. John Forkuoh as the new pastor of our Church Community-St John the Baptist Church, Spearville. Thanks!

K OF C #1539 NEW YEAR’S EVE DANCE: Buckner Creek Band — \$15.00 couple; \$10.00 person; St. John the Baptist Parish Center; Dec. 31; Doors Open at 7 p.m.; Band starts at 8:30 p.m. Bring your favorite finger food.

MERRY CHRISTMAS/GRATITUDE: My dear Parishioners, I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we reflect on the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us emulate Him in words and deeds by learning to practice the core lessons of love, peace, tolerance, sacrifice and generosity He stands for. May His peace reign in your hearts!! God bless you all!

I am also deeply thankful to you all and most especially those who sent me cards, gifts, cookies and sweets. Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

— Fr. John

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.

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.

ST. NICHOLAS SKI TRIP: The St. Nicholas youth group from Kinsley and Offerle, will be going on a ski trip to Monarch, on March 14, 15 & 16, over Spring Break and they have space available on the bus. If any of St. John youth group from Spearville, would like to go with them, contact Paula Hatstrup, at 620-338-5224, or Kayla Gleason, at 620-338-3261. Thank you!

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 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.

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

DECEMBER – ALERT: Ending slavery is everyone’s work. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (USCSAHT) 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

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.

TOPEKA PILGRIMAGE: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Friday, Jan. 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 p.m., 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.

CATECHIST FORMATION: Wednesday, Jan. 6 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon Sunday, Jan. 10 – 3 p.m. to 6 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.

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 Tena Gleason and she will get you set up. Thanks.

Dec. 28 - Jan. 3 Birthdays	
Dec. 28	
Dec. 29	Tammy Konrade
Dec. 30	Karla Gleason - Berniece Mages Trisha Sohm
Dec. 31	Mike Konda
Jan. 1	
Jan. 2	Annette Benish - Charlene Halling Jaymi Stein
Jan. 3	Mary Benjamin - Tasha Fagen Quentin Tasset - Molly Beckford