

St. John Parish

VOCATIONAL VIEWS: God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy spirit to guide you on the path of life. (Luke 4:1-13). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations.

FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2016

Father John Forkuoh, 385-2212
<http://www.stjohnspearville.com>

Coordinator of Ministries
Judy Gleason, 385-2881

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — February 8 - 14			
Day	Time	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass		
Tues.	8:30 a.m. PV		Willard Brack
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday	Bill Scheve
Thurs.	8:30 a.m. PV		Sr. Evarista Durler
Fri.	8:30 a.m. PV		Bill Sander
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	
	5:30 p.m.		Parishioners
Sun.	9:30 a.m.		Patricia Schartz



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 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, 620-561-1339.

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 — FEBRUARY 13 & 14

Servers: (Sat.) Kolton Bennett (Sun.) Wyatt Hessman	Keyboard: (Sat.) Bryce Ackerman (Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Greeters: (Sat.) Drew Hubbell Family (Sun.) Vern Stein Family	Songleaders: (Sat.) Melanie Bryan (Sun.) Lorne Benish
Lectors: (Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen	Ushers: (Sat.) Cory Ackerman, Rod Durler (Sun.) Ron Temaat, Keith Brack
Eucharistic: (Sat.) Jill Vierthaler, Larry B. & Kenna Ackerman, Phil Gleason, Lynnette Hessman, Steve Hubbell (Sun.) Paula Schneweis, Norbert Strecker, Tony Frasco, Larry Schmidt, Riley Schmidt, L'Jean Dixon	Gifts: (Sat.) Greg & Jill Vierthaler (Sun.) Lyle & LaWana VanNahmen
	Rosary: (Sat.) Virginia Ryan (Sun.) LeRoy Mage
	Collection: Levi Benjamin
	Collect. Asst.: Ron Temaat
	Sacristan: (Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) Mary Benjamin

MINISTERS FOR — FEBRUARY 10, 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday

Servers: Haley, Hannah & Jenna Gleason
Greeters: Carl & Jane Hubbell
Lector: Larry Friess
Eucharistic: Phil Gleason, Lynnette Hessman, Anne Schawe, L'Jean Dixon, John & Jeanette Gunkel
Keyboard: Gayla Kirmer
Songleader: Julie Knoeber
Ushers: Shawn Rich, Dennis Schawe
Gifts: Larry B. & Kenna Ackerman
Collection: Jackie Strecker
Collect. Asst.: Nadine Lampe
Sacristan: Charlie Kissling

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: January 30 & 31: Collection Total — \$5,095.97.

D OF I: meeting on Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m.

ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST: will be Sunday, Feb. 7, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., at the Parish Center. All are welcome to attend!

K OF C SUPER BOWL PARTY: Sunday, Feb. 7, 5 p.m., K of C Room. Open to all members and a guest. Bring your favorite snack and enjoy some football!

FISH FRY: Mark your calendars. Lent is just around the corner. The annual K of C Fish Fry will be on Friday, Feb. 26, 5 - 7:30 p.m., at the Parish Center.

THE SEASON OF LENT: begins with *Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10*, and the Mass is scheduled **at 7 p.m.** All of us are encouraged to attend Mass on this day to mark the beginning on the Lent season. The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BUILDING PROJECTS: St. John the Baptist Parish is about to start a pair of repair and update projects. The first project is to replace the sound system in the Church. Our old system has been patched together for many years and needs to be updated. The second project is to service and update the 3 bells in our steeple and upgrade the obsolete controls. Operating them as is could cause severe damage or could possibly crack the bells. The total cost for both projects is about \$90,000. Donations for these necessary and expensive undertakings can be placed in an envelope marked "Building Projects" and dropped in the collection plate. They can also be mailed to St. John the Baptist Parish. Thank you for your continued support. For more information, please contact Greg Werner at 385-2272.

RALLY FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Feb. 17: Noon - 1 p.m., hosted by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas and others concerned about the future of religious freedom, inside the Kansas State Capitol Building, under the dome. A large turnout is needed to demonstrate to Kansas lawmakers that support for religious freedom in Kansas is strong. Let's make this as successful as the rally in 2012, which garnered national attention and was broadcast live on EWTN. We

will have outstanding speakers including Ryan Anderson of the Heritage Foundation.

CREATE A SPACE FOR GOD IN YOUR LIFE: The two-year Spiritual Formation Program at Heartland Center for Spirituality will help you to discover a new attentiveness to the meaning of Grace, allowing you to live intentionally in spirit Centered ways. On the journey, you will be introduced to Christian Spirituality, explore contemporary issues and learn tools for your own inner exploration. You will also encounter Christian Tradition, explore different ways of Spiritual Development and learn tools to help you discern and implement Spirituality in your everyday life.

Our spiritual Director Training program is designed to nurture the Spiritual heart of those called to the ministry of "Holy Listening." You will learn skills needed to companion with others on their Spiritual Journey, helping them to recognize their spiritual gifts and fulfill their desire for personal spiritual deepening.

For more information, visit www.heartlandspirituality.org/ spirit life. To register, email office@heartlandspiritulaity.org or call Ann Axman at 620-792-1232.

DODGE CITY DIOCESE: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9*

Over the past two years, Bishop Brungardt has consulted with the pastors, diocesan leaders, and committed lay volunteers about the challenges and opportunities that face the Diocese of Dodge City. This process has resulted in a list of issues and needs that the diocese would like to consider addressing with a special appeal. Before moving forward, it is important that we gather your feedback regarding our preliminary plans. The plans include initiatives focused on works of mercy for the most vulnerable among us, formation of faith among our youth and adults and vocations such as seminarians and retired priests.

You will be given the opportunity to share your thoughts through a diocesan-wide planning study, which will take place over the next two months. Your responses, recommendations, and thoughts will be gathered through a variety of methods, including personal interviews, Faith Forums, and mail or online surveys. Please be prepared to get involved and share your voice. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Roth, Director of Development at 620-227-1535. Again, we are thankful for you finding the time to share your thoughts with us. Your opinions are valuable in planning for the future of our Diocese.

February 8 - 14 Birthdays

Feb. 8	Brian Myers
Feb. 9	Eileen Stegman - Nathan Slattery
Feb. 10	Ann Claussen
Feb. 11	Delores Scheve - Melissa Messino
Feb. 12	Erin Huston
Feb. 13	Lawrence Nietling
Feb. 14	Weston Stein - Teaghen Elledge Tracy Brown - Layson Wheaton