

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Where can you bring joy this week? Find your strength in God’s promise. (Isaiah 35:10) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

December 3 - 4, 2016		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 5 - 11				
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com		Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881		Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Church		Rain
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Families of Bobbie & Elmer Schuette
		Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Church		Louise VanNahmen
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Margaret Werner
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Norman Lee Giles
		Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
			5:30 p.m.	Church		Children of Carl & Lyla Strecker
		Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church		All Parishioners



MINISTERS FOR December 7, Vigil Mass, 7 p.m.

Servers:	Nicholas Frasco, Kate Steimel	Keyboard:	Dana Howerton
Greeters:	Linda Friess	Songleaders:	Gayla Kirmer
Lectors:	Larry Friess	Ushers:	Keith Brack, Scott Burke
Eucharistic:	Norbert Strecker, LaWana VanNahmen, Tony Frasco, Toni Aistrup, Mary Benjamin, LynAnn Bowman	Gifts:	Keith Brack
		Rosary:	Shirley Stein
		Sacristan:	Phil Gleason



MINISTERS FOR December 10 - 11

Servers:	(Sat.) J.J. Chapman, Kolten Bennett (Sun.) Levi Stein, Chaten and Trace Tasset	Songleaders:	(Sun.) Julie Knoeber (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt
Greeters:	(Sat.) Kurt Lampe (Sun.) Rex Aistrup	Ushers:	(Sat.) Kevin Rabe, Kelly Stein (Sun.) Kraig Lindsay, Tom Burke
Lectors:	(Sat.) J.T. Horacek (Sun.) Craig Bowman	Gifts:	(Sat.) Steve Hubbell (Sun.) Tom Burke
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Steve Hubbell, Anne Schawe, Jill Vi-erthaler, Louise Lampe, Larry B. Ackerman, Kenna Ackerman (Sun.) Frank Mages, Larry Schmidt, Tony Frasco, Paula Schneweis, Kevin Stein, Norbert Strecker	Rosary:	(Sat.) Tony Indiek (Sun.) George Heskamp
Keyboard:	(Sat.) Bryce Ackerman	Collection:	Greg Werner
		Collect. Asst.:	Greg Vierthaler
		Sacristan:	(Sat.) Bonnie Laudick (Sun.) LynAnn Bowman

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 jeanettegunkel63@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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: November 26 - 27: Collection Total — \$5,653.50.



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, December 8, 2016, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is a holiday of obligation. Mass will be celebrated in Church on Wednesday night; December 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in anticipation. Thursday Morning Mass will be celebrated at Parkview.



VIBRANT MINISTRIES-UNITING OUR CHURCH: WILL YOU SHARE A PORTION OF THE GIFTS WITH WHICH GOD HAS BLESSED YOU? Our St. John the Baptist Parish has raised \$127,599 or 39.2 percent of our \$325,850 goal to serve the least among us, strengthen faith and family and help our men respond to God’s call to Priestly vocations.

IF YOU HAVE YET TO GIVE, YOU HAVE THREE WAYS TO DO SO: Complete the pledge card you received in the mail and place it in the offertory at Mass.

Respond to a phone call. Our volunteers are making follow up calls to Bishop Brungardt’s and Fr. John’s pledge request letter. Please pray about the gift you can share over the next three years and answer the call by responding in a generous manner.

Misplaced or need help completing your pledge card? Go on-line at www.dcdiocese.org/vibrant-ministries, print the pledge card and follow along with the tutorial.

PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE GIVING “BECAUSE...God has blessed us tremendously and we want to share our blessings with our church. We always remember that God gave first & we must follow in his footsteps.” - KC and Kayla Preisner

...because the strength of our church depends on the strength of the diocese. We know we’re helping those in need who happen to be our ‘neighbors’ as well.” - Riley and Jenny Schmidt

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

PENANCE SERVICE
Dec. 11, 2016Spearville @ 4:00 p.m.
Offerle @ 2:00 p.m.

Dec. 13, 2016Cathedral, Dodge City @ 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 14, 2016Wright @ 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 18, 2016 Cathedral, Dodge City @ 4 -7 p.m.

Dec. 20, 2016Kinsley @ 7:00 p.m.

MASS
Dec. 24 Christmas EVESpearville @ 9 p.m.

Dec. 25 Christmas DAYSpearville @ 9 a.m.

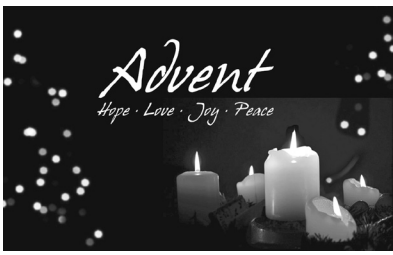
Dec. 31 New Year’s EVE.....Spearville @ 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 New Year’s DAYSpearville @ 9:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR: Please join us for the Christmas Eve choir! The schedule for practice is subject to change, but, will try to meet December 4, 11, 18, and 21, beginning at 7 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Gayla Kirmer at 385-0467. We will have practice CDs available.

SECOND Sunday of AD-VENT: The season of Advent is a four week period of preparation to await in hope and joy with Mary for the birth our LORD. Advent is a time we look forward to the coming of Christ to the world and it also reminds us to prepare for the second coming of Christ. The best way to prepare is by examining our lives and celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation. Other spiritual activities will include fasting, prayer and almsgiving. These help purify our hearts and prepare us for the celebration of Christmas (CCC NO. 1434). The Church especially encourages us to attend weekday Masses during Advent, because in the Eucharist we find the source and goal of our Advent preparation: Christ Himself, whose sacrifice reconciles us with God (cf. Catechism, no. 1436; Sacred Congregation of Rites, Eucharisticum Mysterium, no. 29). The Liturgical color for this season is violet which signifies royalty, humility and hope.





DODGE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONCERT: Dodge City Community College Concert will be at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 4, 2016, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Windthorst, Kansas.





RELIGION CLASSES: Will not meet this Wednesday due to the vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 7 p.m. Please join us with your children for the Holy Day of Obligation.

D OF I: Meeting on December 12, at 7:30 p.m., snacks and finger foods, \$5 gift exchange and money tree for the ARK.

December 5 - 11 Birthdays	
December 5	Denny Duesing, Nathan Bowman
December 6	Jolene Eberle, Jennifer Helfrich, Steve Knoeber, Diana Nau
December 8	Kyler Stein
December 9	Hoyt Fry
December 10	Dennis Nietling, CJ Beckford