

St. John Parish

December 24 - 25, 2016

	Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Church		
	Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Bob and Jean Pauly
	Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Carol Hernandez
	Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Pete and Anna Mae Strecker
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Chester Droste
	Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
		5:30 p.m.	Church		All Parishioners
	Sun.	9:00 a.m.	Church		Ignatius and Ken Strecker



MINISTERS FOR December 31 - January 1

Servers:	(Sat.) Candace and Erika Fry (Sun.) Paige Broz, Autumn Wadley, Clare Kissling	Keyboard:	(Sat.) Kiley Myers (Sun.) Bryce Ackerman
Greeters:	(Sat.) Renelda Hornung (Sun.) Kraig Lindsay	Songleaders:	(Sat.) Rakel Halling (Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Lectors:	(Sat.) Audrey Ackerman (Sun.) Kelly Tasset	Ushers:	(Sat.) Dennis Werner, Rich Gleason (Sun.) Leroy Mages, Shawn Rich
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Jill Vierthaler, Louise Lampe, Phil Gleason, John Stegman, Joyce Rogers, Shirley Moritz	Gifts:	(Sat.) Larry B. Ackerman (Sun.) Melvin Habiger
	(Sun.) Kurt Kirmer, Riley Schmidt, Paula Schneweis, Kevin Stein, Nortbert Strecker, Jennifer Lindsay	Collection:	Jeff Hubbell
		Collect. Asst.:	Kevin Mages
		Sacristan:	(Sat.) Charlie Kissling



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: December 17 - 18: Collection Total — \$2420.75.



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S MASS:

Dec. 24 Christmas EVE Spearville @ 9 p.m.
Dec. 25 Christmas DAY Spearville @ 9 a.m.
Dec. 31 New Year’s EVE.....Spearville @ 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 1 New Year’s DAY Spearville @ 9:30 a.m.



YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO TOPEKA: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-pilgrimage to Topeka on Monday, January 23, 2017. 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 Mass, match and rally on the steps of the Capital building, lunch and tour of the capital.

-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 (including lunch, transportation, and 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. Registration forms can be obtained through the parish DRE and on the diocesan website.



VIBRANT MINISTRIES: It is with deep Gratitude and Generosity that we thank the 88 families who have made pledges and gifts to help us attain 61.5% of our vibrant ministries goal. Through their generosity we have reached \$200,491 of our \$325,850 goal. While this is a great accomplishment and we are thankful to everyone who has participated, we still have much work to do to raise our goal, and we need everyone’s help – however big or small. If you have not already made a pledge or gift to the Vibrant Ministries Appeal, we ask that you please be a part of this important chapter in our Church’s history. Thanks a lot.



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR: I am very grateful to you for your cards, words of encouragement, good wishes and generous gift to me for Christmas. I appreciate you for remembering me. You are so special to me and are always in my prayers. Please remember me in your prayers as I visit my family in Ghana. While I am gone Fr. Eric Auah-Gyamfi will fill in for me. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Fr. John



A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM OUR PARISH: This year our Parish is handing out a book entitled “Resisting Happiness” by Matthew Kelly as a gift to all our parishioners and the visitors who worship with us at Christmas. Matthew Kelly discusses why we sabotage ourselves, feel overwhelmed, set aside our dreams, and lack the courage to simply be ourselves and how to start choosing happiness again in this book. It is a must read book. Please get one. We are grateful to all those who helped to decorate the church for Christmas. We are always thankful for sharing your time, talent and treasure.



PLEASE REMEMBER: Please remember in your prayers Margaret Kirmer (86) who passed away on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, and was buried at St John Cemetery on Saturday, December 17, 2016. Let us also remember to pray for the bereaved family.



FRUIT OF THE VINE – WORK OF HUMAN HANDS:

In the late 1990’s and early 2000’s the diocese sponsored a program called “God’s Little Green Acre”, a program to support seminarian education in the Diocese of Dodge City. The program has recently been resurrected, but with a few more options. The program is now called “Fruit of the Vine - Work of Human Hands” and offers two ways to participate:

Fruit of the Vine is for individuals who would like to pledge profits from their earthly labors, such as profits from crop production, sale of livestock, oil production, wind generation profits...etc.

Work of Human Hands is designed for individuals or businesses who would like to pledge a portion of their business profits, annual income or simply give a cash donation to support our seminarians within the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City.

Participation in the program will not only support our seminarians, but we will provide you a plaque or yard sign as a reminder to others to pray for vocations, and will encourage others to participate as well. For more information about “Fruit of the Vine - Work of Human Hands” please contact:

Mark W. Roth, Director of Development - Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, PO Box 137, Dodge City, KS 67801 - Phone (620) 227-1535 and via email at mroth@dcdiocese.org



December 26 - January 1 Birthdays

December 26	Vern Stein, Lakin Pianalto
December 27	Kreg Fagen
December 29	Tammy Konrade
December 30	Karla Gleason, Berniece Mages, Trisha Sohm
December 31	Mike Konda