

St. John Parish

February 11 -12, 2017

Father John Forkuoh
385-2212

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Coordinator of Ministries
Judy Gleason, 385-2881

Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Church		Robert Brown
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Patrick O’Leary
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Louise VanNahmen
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Norman Lee Giles
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Norman Lee Giles
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	5:30 p.m.	Church		All Parishioners
Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church		Margaret Kirmer



MINISTERS FOR February 18 - 19

Servers: (Sat.) Logan and Michaela Hubbell
(Sun.) Catherine, Nathan and Andrew Bowman

Greeters: (Sat.) Marcella Griffin
(Sun.) Shawn Rich

Lectors: (Sat.) Rich Gleason
(Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen

Eucharistic: (Sat.) Lynnette Hessman, Steve Hubbell, Shirley Moritz, Anne Schawe, John Stegman, Joyce Rogers
(Sun.) Mary Benjamin, LynAnn Bowman, Lori Burke, L’Jean Dixon, Jeanette Gunkel, John Gunkel

Keyboard: (Sat.) Dana Howerton
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Songleaders: (Sat.) Julie Knoeber
(Sun.) Rakel Halling

Ushers: (Sat.) Carl Hubbell, Steve Ackerman
(Sun.) R.J. Meyer, Ron Temaata

Gifts: (Sat.) Renelda Hornung
(Sun.) Kevin Stein

Rosary: (Sat.) Marvin Gleason
(Sun.) Craig Bowman

Collection: R.J. Meyer

Collect. Asst.: Bryce Ackerman

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: February 4 - 5:
Collection Total — \$3,789.25.



STEWARDSHIP: February 12, 2017 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time), Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today’s readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God’s law that makes our offering acceptable.



FAMILY FUN DAY: Youth Commission will be hosting Family Fun Day, February 19, from 3-5 p.m., at the Parish Center. Board Games, Cards, Giant Jenga and more! Refreshments and Snacks will be served. All ages come join in a FUN DAY!



CONFIRMATION: Confirmation will be held SATURDAY, February 25, at 10 a.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Confirmation Mass and support the youth being confirmed.



DISHES: We have several containers left from funeral dinners in the back of church. If you brought a salad and did not get yours back, please check the hat rack in the back of church. Thank you!



ENCHILADA SALE: The Greensburg St. Joseph Catholic Church Annual Enchilada Sale will take place on Feb. 25, this year. Enchiladas \$15 dozen. Place your order by Feb. 15, 2017. Spread the word; like us on Facebook if you see us come up on yours.

Pick up your enchiladas on Feb. 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at St. Joseph Catholic Church 820 S. Walnut Greensburg, Ks. (Ask about our delivery service)

Proceeds Benefit: Kiowa County and Bucklin After Proms, Catholic Social Services in Dodge City and Kiowa County Ministerial Alliance.

To Order: Call or text Tracy Little @ 620-474-2145, Ellen Peters @ 620-255-3636, Kathy Leon @ 620-255-5188

February 13 - 19 Birthdays

February 13 - Lawrence Neitling, J.J. Chapman

February 14 - Weston Stein, Teaghen Elledge,
Tracy Brown, Layson Wheaton

February 15 - John Indiek, Eric Dvorak, Milo
Herrmann

February 16 - Kayla Preisner

February 17 - Vicki Broz, Rose Kissling

February 18 - Sondra Stroud

VIBRANT MINISTRY: I return to you revitalized, rested and ready to reach our Vibrant Ministries goal! Through the generosity of 101 of our parishioners, St. John the Baptist is now at 70.1% of our \$325,850 goal with \$228,382 in pledges and gifts.

My home parish of Techimantia, Ghana, has the tradition of providing its priest with a car. When the priest is transferred, the car stays with the parish for the use of the next pastor. While I was home, our priest had an accident and totaled the car. With 6 churches to pastor, he has no way to visit them. The parishioners set out to buy another car and have raised about 50% of it. In the meantime, five of his parishes go without the sacraments or their spiritual shepherd.

I tell you this story because it speaks of the great love our community has for their brothers and sisters who are without a priest. How with caring, tenacity and sacrifice they will ensure that others receive the gifts they have. We are blessed here at St. John the Baptist and I humbly come to you asking for your help in sharing these blessings with our diocesan communities.

As we place ourselves in God’s presence let us reflect on St. Paul’s humble words to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 2:3-5 “I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive (words of) wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.” Fr. John



POPE BENEDICT’S ENCYCLICAL - “GOD IS LOVE”: Pope Benedict XVI says the following words in his first encyclical letter “God is Love”: “In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (1 Cor.10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. ... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself. ... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. “Worship” itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented” (n. 14). These words remind us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: The D of I will be meeting on February 13, at 7:30 p.m.