

# St. John Parish

**VOCATION VIEWS:** How are you preparing the way for the Lord? What needs straightening in your life? Call on God in prayer to help you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

| December 7 & 8, 2019                                                                                                    |        |           |          |                      |                  |
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| LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 9 - 15                                                                                   |        |           |          |                      |                  |
|                                                                                                                         | Day    | Time      | Location | Celebration          | Intention        |
| <b>Father John Forkuoh</b><br>385-2212<br><a href="http://www.stjohnspearville.com">http://www.stjohnspearville.com</a> | Mon.   | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |                      | Kevin Hines      |
|                                                                                                                         | Tues.  | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |                      | Helen Temaat     |
|                                                                                                                         | Wed.   | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |                      | Gerald Schmidt   |
|                                                                                                                         | Thurs. | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |                      | Valen Stein      |
|                                                                                                                         | Fri.   | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |                      | Bernie Stegman   |
| <b>Coordinator of Ministries</b><br><b>Judy Gleason, 385-2881</b>                                                       | Sat.   | 3:00 p.m. | Church   | Confessions          |                  |
|                                                                                                                         |        | 4:00 p.m. | Church   |                      | Gilbert Ackerman |
|                                                                                                                         | Sun.   | 8:00 a.m. | Church   | 2nd Sunday of Advent | Mary Hornung     |



## MINISTERS FOR December 14 & 15

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| <b>Servers:</b>     | (Sat.) Jaron and Karter Lindsay, Kolten Bennett<br>(Sun.) Alissa Heskamp, Jalyssa Indiek, Trace Tasset                                                                                        | <b>Keyboard:</b>       | (Sat.) Gayla Kirmer<br>(Sun.) Gayla Kirmer                        |
| <b>Greeters:</b>    | (Sat.) Linda Freiss<br>(Sun.) Levi Benjamin                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Songleaders:</b>    | (Sat.) Julie Knoeber<br>(Sun.) Janel Calvin                       |
| <b>Lectors:</b>     | (Sat.) Larry Friess<br>(Sun.) R.J. Meyer                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Ushers:</b>         | (Sat.) Cory Ackerman, Rod Durler<br>(Sun.) Scott Burke, Tom Burke |
| <b>Eucharistic:</b> | (Sat.) Larry Tasset, Jolene Tasset, Kenya Ackerman, Lynnette Hessman, Joyce Rogers, Ross Ackerman<br>(Sun.) John Calvin, Lori Burke, Connie Heskamp, Mary Schartz, Frank Mages, Larry Schmidt | <b>Gifts:</b>          | (Sat.) Rod Durler<br>(Sun.) Norbert Strecker                      |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Rosary Leader:</b>  | (Sat.) Volunteer<br>(Sun.) Levi Benjamin                          |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Collection:</b>     | Amanda Stein                                                      |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Collect. Asst.:</b> | Elliott Nold                                                      |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Sacristan:</b>      | (Sat.) Bonnie Laudick<br>(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.

**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 Cassie Sanko at csanko@ksu.edu.

**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.

**HOMEBOUND:** Call the pastor if you would like to receive Holy Communion on Thursday mornings.

**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 Sandy Ackerman at 385-2857.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** November 30 & December 1: \$2,773.28.



**UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**  
ADVENT Begins Sunday, December 1, 2019  
**PENANCE SERVICE:**  
Sunday, December 15..... Offerle @ 2 p.m.  
**Sunday, December 15..... Spearville @ 4 p.m.**  
Tuesday, December 17 ..... Kinsley @ 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 18..... Wright @ 7 p.m.  
Sunday, December 22..... Jetmore @ 4 p.m.  
**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS**  
December 24, 2019, Christmas Eve ..... 5:00 p.m.  
December 25, 2019, Christmas Day ..... 9:00 a.m.  
December 3, 2019, New Year’s Eve ..... 5:00 p.m.  
January 1, 2020, New Year’s Day..... 9:00 a.m.



**STEWARDSHIP:** December 8, 2019 (2nd Sunday of Advent) We must be good stewards of God’s gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: “Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”



**CHRISTMAS CHOIR:** It is time to lend your talents to our Christmas Eve choir. Singers of all ages are welcome. Practices begin November , at 7 p.m., and will continue on Sundays through December 22. For more information, contact Gayla Kirmer at 620-385-0467.



**HOUSE KEEPING JOB:** After many years of keeping St. John the Baptist Rectory clean, Peggy Schulte has retired last month, November 30, 2019. Our Parish is very grateful to Peggy for a dedicated service. With Peggy retiring we will need someone who will take a part-time job of cleaning the rectory. If anyone is interested they may contact Fr. John @ 620-385-2212, Larry Ackerman (620-385-2303) or Mary Schartz.



**MANNA HOUSE FOOD DRIVE:** Matthew 25:37 “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you?” It is time for the annual Manna House food drive. The Manna House has indicated that the need is great this year. Please be generous in donating food items for those in need. Donations can be left in the entry room at the bottom of the stairs in church. Bags will be collected on Wednesday, December 18. Those wishing to give monetary gifts may put it in the collection basket designating that it is for the Manna House. Thank you!

**HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION: Monday, December 9, 2019** – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary IS NOT A HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION this year. Usually Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM is a Holiday of Obligation. The USCCB explains that “Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer.” However there will be Mass at Parkview at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, December 25, 2019** – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), **Holy Day of Obligation**

**Wednesday, January 1, 2020** – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, **Holy Day of Obligation**



**WINTER IS UPON US AGAIN!** The property commission is looking for volunteers to assist with clearing sidewalks at the church & parish center in the event of snow prior to a parish mass/event. Please contact a commission member or sign up on the sheet in the back of church.



**DATES FOR ENGAGED ENCOUNTER IN 2020:**  
January 3-5, 2020  
February 21-23, 2020  
June 5-7, 2020  
August 14-16, 2020  
The couples can register directly online through the Dodge City Diocese webpage under the Engaged Encounter tab. They just have to complete the registration form and select a method or payment. As the weekend approaches, Lindsay will notify them via email with all of the details for the weekend.



**KEEP IN TOUCH:** Keep in touch with the DC Diocese Youth Happenings: Interested in keeping up with events and happenings from the Dodge City Diocese ministry team?? Email Emma Showalter at intern@dcdiocese.org to sign up for Chancery Chatter emails!



**DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA:** D of I meeting will be Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m. Soups and dessert will be provided. Please bring a \$10 gift for the gift exchange. All members are encouraged to come and enjoy the evening!

| December 9 - 15 Birthdays |                                              |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 9                    | Hoyt Fry                                     |
| Dec. 10                   | Dennis Nietling, C.J. Beckford               |
| Dec. 12                   | Haley Gleason, Cindy Hubbell                 |
| Dec. 13                   | Amanda Stein, Quincy Donovan, Sophie Sigmund |
| Dec. 14                   | Becky Hornung, Ethan Halling                 |
| Dec. 15                   | Butch Fagen                                  |