

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 14 & 15, 2019

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 16 - 22					
	Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
	Mon.		No Mass		
	Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Erma Vierthaler
	Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Rain
	Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Eleanora Linnebur
	Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Cris Hernandez
	Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
		4:00 p.m.	Church		Alvin Dreher
	Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	4th Sunday of Advent	All Parishioners



MINISTERS FOR December 21 & 22

Servers:	(Sat.) Faith and Cheyenne Ackerman (Sun.) Chaten Tasset, Carson Rich	Songleaders:	(Sat.) Michaela Hubbell/Danica Halling (Sun.) Janel Calvin
Greeters:	(Sat.) Lynnette Hessman (Sun.) John Calvin	Ushers:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason, Rich Gleason (Sun.) John Gunkel, Glenn Helfrich
Lectors:	(Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) Kelly Tasset	Gifts:	(Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) Shawn Tasset
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) John Stegman, Mark Strecker, Jill Vierthaler, Tonya Hubbell, Mike Hubbl, Trisha Sohm (Sun.) Jeff Hubbell, Paula Schneweis, Kevin Stein, Norbert Strecker, LaWana Van Nahmen, Mary Benjamin	Rosary Leader:	(Sat.) Shirley Stein (Sun.) Volunteer
		Collection:	Kelly Tasset
		Collect. Asst.:	John Gunkel
Keyboard:	(Sat.) Julie Knoeber (Sun.) Julie Knoeber	Sacristan:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) Mary Benjamin



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: December 7 & 8: \$2,423.25.



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 17Kinsley @ 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 31, 2019, New Year’s Eve 5:00 p.m.
January 1, 2020, New Year’s Day..... 9:00 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP: December 15, 2019 (3rd Sunday of Advent) Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?



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:
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**



WORD FOR LIFE: Those who die in God’s grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

MASS KITS: We have our wooden Mass Kits available for young children who want to “play Mass” in their homes. Families are invited to borrow them. It is to help encourage devotion to and learning of the Mass. Let’s sow the seed that could grow into religious and priestly vocation later in their lives.

Diocesan Certificate in Ananias Training: Obtain a Diocesan Certificate in Ananias Training by completing three live-and-in-person Pastoral Ministry Formation offerings: Get Equipped - Ananias Training 1 of 3 [THEO 4881] April 24 & 25, 2020
RCIA Kansas - Ananias Training 2 of 3 [THEO 4881] September 11 & 12, 2020
Get Equipped - Ananias Training 3 of 3 [THEO 4881] April 16 & 17, 2021
Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend, KS
Certification includes completing required assignments. Each offering builds on the one before it. One not interested in certification will find each offering valuable as a stand-alone offering.
Ananias Training offers practical ways to help ordinary Catholics live out the call to spiritually journey alongside others. This course is one of the 1 hour courses that may be used to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Youth Ministry or the Diocesan Ananias Certificate.

Location - Heartland Center for Spirituality
Cost: 1 hr. course for college credit - \$50.00* (Pay by contacting Coleen at cstein@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1538) *Does not include books.
Instructor: Fr. Robert Schremmer
Make reservations and pay for your room and meals at the Heartland Center by going to: <https://heartlandspirituality.org/pastoralministry-formation/>
\$22.00 Commuter
\$57.00 Single
\$47.00 Double

Personal enrichment included in fee to Heartland.
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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.

December 16 - 22 Birthdays	
Dec. 16	Melvin Habiger, Kiley Myers
Dec. 17	Pat Habiger, Chris Konrade, Tony Mages, Debra Stegman, Pat Sanko
Dec. 18	Frank Mages, Gayle Linnebur
Dec. 19	Levi Stein, Karsen Halling
Dec. 21	Brooklyn Schneweis
Dec. 22	Quaid Gleason