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December 21 & 22, 2019

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| LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 23 - 29 |           |          |                 |                  |  |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Day                                    | Time      | Location | Celebration     | Intention        |  |
| Mon.                                   |           | No Mass  |                 |                  |  |
| Tues.                                  | 5:00 p.m. | Church   | Christmas Eve   | Kathi Knoeber    |  |
| Wed.                                   | 9:00 a.m. | Church   | Christmas Day   | Bernard Strecker |  |
| Thurs.                                 | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |                 | Donna Laudick    |  |
| Fri.                                   | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |                 | George Heskamp   |  |
| Sat.                                   | 3:00 p.m. | Church   | Confessions     |                  |  |
|                                        | 4:00 p.m. | Church   |                 | Willie Helms     |  |
| Sun.                                   | 8:00 a.m. | Church   | The Holy Family |                  |  |



## MINISTERS FOR December 24 (Christmas Eve, 5 p.m.) & 25 (Christmas Day, 9 a.m.)

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| <b>Servers:</b>     | (Eve) Danica Halling, J.J. Chapman<br>(Day) Mia and Evan Benjamin                                                                                                                                        | <b>Keyboard:</b>       | (Eve) Bryce Ackerman/Gayla Kirmer<br>(Day) Volunteer            |
| <b>Greeters:</b>    | (Eve) Kraig Lindsay<br>(Day) Jeff Heskamp                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Songleaders:</b>    | (Eve) Choir<br>(Day) Volunteer                                  |
| <b>Lectors:</b>     | (Eve) J.T. Horacek<br>(Day) LaWana VanNahmen                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Ushers:</b>         | (Eve) Kevin Rabe, Kelly Stein<br>(Day) Jeff Hubbell, R.J. Meyer |
| <b>Eucharistic:</b> | (Eve) Steve Hubbell, Drew Hubbell,<br>Jill Heeke, Kenna Ackerman, Lynnette<br>Hessman, Joyce Rogers<br>(Day) Levi Benjamin, LynAnn Bowman,<br>Lori Burke, Connie Heskamp, Mary<br>Schartz, Larry Schmidt | <b>Gifts:</b>          | (Eve) Lynnette Hessman<br>(Day) Shawn Tasset                    |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Collection:</b>     | Phil Knoeber                                                    |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Collect. Asst.:</b> | Lynnette Hessman                                                |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Sacristan:</b>      | (Eve) Dwaine Lampe                                              |



## MINISTERS FOR December 28 & 29

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| <b>Servers:</b>     | (Sat.) Makiah Kliesen, Aubrey Huston<br>(Sun.) Isabel, Catherine and Andrew<br>Bowman                                                                                                                          | <b>Keyboard:</b>       | (Sat.) Kiley Myers<br>(Sun.) Kiley Myers                                 |
| <b>Greeters:</b>    | (Sat.) Marcella Griffin<br>(Sun.) R.J. Meyer                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Songleaders:</b>    | (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt<br>(Sun.) Jenny Schmidt                             |
| <b>Lectors:</b>     | (Sat.) John Stegman<br>(Sun.) Craig Bowman                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Ushers:</b>         | (Sat.) Melvin Strecker, Mike Hubbell<br>(Sun.) Kevin Mages, Elliott Nold |
| <b>Eucharistic:</b> | (Sat.) Ross Ackerman, John Stegman,<br>Mark Strecker, Jill Vierthaler, Tonya<br>Hubbell, Mike Hubbell<br>(Sun.) Frank Mages, Larry Schmidt,<br>Jeff Hubbell, Paula Schneweis, Kevin<br>Stein, Norbert Strecker | <b>Gifts:</b>          | (Sat.) Stephanie Hornung<br>(Sun.) Lyle VanNahmen                        |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Rosary Leader:</b>  | (Sat.) Volunteer<br>(Sun.) Mary Ida Heskamp                              |
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|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>Collect. Asst.:</b> | Vicki Scheve                                                             |
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**Vocation Views:** Open your mind and heart and listen to God’s wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? (Matthew 1:18-24). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES:** December 14 & 15: \$3,887.55.

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### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

ADVENT Begins Sunday, December 1, 2019

#### PENANCE SERVICE:

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.

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**STEWARDSHIP:** December 22, 2019 (4th Sunday of Advent) When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

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**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.

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**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2019:** Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request this month and to join with many people worldwide in praying for the Future of the Very Young: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

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#### 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**

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**WORD OF LIFE:** “God’s love is generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and forever. As humans made in God’s image, we are called to imitate the eternal giving and receiving of love that is the Holy Trinity.”

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**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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**U.S. CATHOLIC SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** January 11 is “National Human Trafficking Awareness Day”. Keep those who are trafficked in your prayers and REMEMBER THAT TOGETHER WE CAN EMPOWER ONE ANOTHER AS LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

| December 23 - 29 Birthdays |                                          |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Dec. 23                    | Carol Durler, Joyce Schulte, Kim Steimel |
| Dec. 24                    | Kevin Mages                              |
| Dec. 25                    | Rose Thomas                              |
| Dec. 26                    | Vern Stein, Lakin Pianalto               |
| Dec. 27                    | Kreg Fagen                               |
| Dec. 29                    | Tammy Konrade                            |