

St. John Parish

Vocation Views: Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. (Isaiah 60:1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdio-cese.org

January 4 & 5, 2019		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — January 6 - 12			
	Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration Intention
		Mon.		No Mass	
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview	Deceased Members of D of I
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview	Leo and Alice Sanko
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview	Odilia Herrman
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview	Nick & Rosaline Schaller
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	Leonard Temaat
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	Valen Stein



MINISTERS FOR January 11 & 12

Servers:	(Sat.) Hannah and Jenna Gleason, Ka-leb Konrade (Sun.) Isabel, Andrew and Catherine Bowman	Keyboard:	(Sat.) Gayla Kirmer (Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Greeters:	(Sat.) Larry B. Ackerman (Sun.) Lester Schulte	Songleaders:	(Sat.) Danica Halling/Michaela Hubbell (Sun.) Janel Calvin
Lectors:	(Sat.) Ashley Hubbell (Sun.) R.J. Meyer	Ushers:	(Sat.) Rod Durler, Rich Gleason (Sun.) Ron Temaat, Keith Brack
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Ross Ackerman, John Stegman, Jolene Tasset, Larry Tasset, Tonya Hubbell, Mike Hubbell (Sun.) John Calvin, Lori Burke, Connie Heskamp, Mary Schartz, Frank Mages, LynAnn Bowman	Gifts:	(Sat.) K.C. Preisner (Sun.) Levi Benjamin
		Rosary Leader:	(Sat.) Shirley Stein (Sun.) Volunteer
		Collection:	Larry J. Ackerman
		Collect. Asst.:	Anne Schawe
		Sacristan:	(Sat.) Gari-Ann Stein (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 28 & 29: 2,664.00.
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS:
December 31, 2019, New Year’s Eve 5:00 p.m.
January 1, 2020, New Year’s Day9:00 a.m.
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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2020:
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 World Peace: We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.
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WORD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: The celebration for World Day for Consecrated Life will be Saturday, February 1, at St. Andrew Church in Wright. All the faithful are welcome to attend the Mass as well as the dinner that follows (please RSVP for dinner to gkirmer@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1525 by January 15, 2020). This is a wonderful opportunity to show your esteem and appreciation for the religious sisters and priests who have been or are important in your life. Come and celebrate this special day!
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INFANT ADOPTION PROGRAM THROUGH CATHOLIC CHARITIES: Struggling to start a family? Have you thought about infant adoption? Learn more about the infant adoption process, expenses, and the Catholic Charities Infant Adoption Program on Friday, January 10, from 1 to 3 p.m., at Newman University, 236 San Jose in Dodge City KS. RSVP appreciated but not required. For more information, contact Lori Titsworth 620-792-1393, ltitsworth@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org
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WORD OF LIFE: “When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we’re in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and perfect gift. ...Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Perfect Gift” (www.respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift)
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STEWARDSHIP: January 5: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring – our time and service and some share of what we earn for the work we do – are equally precious in His sight.
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JANUARY 1, 2020 (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God): Today’s second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year’s Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?
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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. U.S.

ABBY JOHNSON PILGRIMAGE TO WICHITA: Join the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City on a pilgrimage to Wichita to hear Abby Johnson speak at the Knights of Columbus State Convention on May 2. Abby is the former Planned Parenthood director and accomplished author who inspired the movie Unplanned. The bus will depart at 6:30 a.m., from the parking lot at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a stop in Stafford for additional passengers. The group will spend a time of prayer at Planned Parenthood and Trust Women Abortion Clinic followed by lunch at Larkspur prior to heading to Century II Convention Center to hear Abby’s testimony. The group will then have time for reflection, Mass and dinner at the Spiritual Life Center before heading back to Dodge City. Cost is \$25 for 12 and under and \$35 for 12 and up. Cost includes transportation, meals and the ticket to Abby Johnson. Seating is limited. Go to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> for more information and registration forms. Contact Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life/Social Justice ministry at (620) 227-1525 for additional information. The pilgrimage is open to all ages. 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or a youth sponsor who has been certified in Protecting God’s Children training.
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MANY THANKS: I would like to thank St. John the Baptist Parish Council, Knight of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, individuals, families and my dear faithful members of our Parish Church for your generous gifts. I really appreciate you thinking of me, and your gift of sharing and taking care of your priest. Thank you and May God richly bless you! My prayers and thoughts are with you always. I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Fr. John
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JANUARY 12 - MARCH FOR LIFE TOPEKA: Stand up for life in our state and join us on the 47th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Topeka. The bus will depart from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe parking lot at 5 p.m., on January 21 and travel to Prince of Peace in Great Bend to pick up additional passengers and then arrive in Topeka for an overnight stay. On January 22, the day begins with the Ignite Event at the Topeka Performing Arts Center, Mass with the Kansas Bishops, march to the Capitol steps and tours of the Capitol. There will be a dinner stop in Salina and the group should arrive back in Dodge City around 10 p.m. Cost is only \$65. The dinner stop and additional snacks are additional cost. Please contact the Respect Life coordinator in your parish, your DRE and or go online to: <https://www.dcdiocese.org/respect-life> and fill out the registration form. Deadline is January 13. For more information call Gayla Kirmer, Respect Life Ministry, at 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

January 6 - 12 Birthdays	
Jan. 9	Scheon Elledge, Isabel Bowman
Jan. 10	Madison Tasset, Roberta Kiehl
Jan. 11	Nancy Ackerman, Reg Stegman, Clayton Stein
Jan. 12	Rosann Tasset, Avery Stein