

March 28 & 29, 2020

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Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass			Joan Indiek
Tues.	No Mass			Joe Hines
Wed.	No Mass			Pat Torline
Thurs.	No Mass			Florence Hines
Fri.	No Mass			George Heskamp
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	No Mass			Valen Stein
Sun.	No Mass			All Parishioners



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.

March 30 - April 5 Birthdays	
March 30	Ross Ackerman, Melvin Hines, Sara Able
April 1	Kimberly Slattery
April 2	Glenn Torline, Lori Snyder, Clinton Stein
April 4	Bob Stein
April 5	John Groth

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus calls us forth from our graves of apathy and passivity. How will your new life make a difference? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11:1-45). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — March 30 - April 5

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: March 21 & 22: N/A
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A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER: The best way to receive Christ is in the Holy Communion at Mass. But there are times we cannot make it to Mass such as a time like our current situation when we are practicing social distancing due to COVID-19 pandemic. No public mass means no communion. But we can still reach out to Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer. Below is one of such prayers composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 18th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The churches can be closed or locked but the church is not the building but us. We are the temple of God. Let’s keep the doors of our hearts opened.

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VIBRANT MINISTRY GRANT: Alms in Action Joyce Schaffer and Linda Calvillo Co-Catechists, St Michael, LaCrosse

We thank you very much for the donations you have given that we can provide for our kids teaching and the tools that we have. We really appreciate it.

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STEWARDSHIP: March 29, 2020 (5th Sunday of Lent) When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, “This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God’s glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified.” Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

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PALM SUNDAY: Palms will be blessed and left at the back of church. If anyone wants to pick a palm he is welcome to do so. Please sanitizers will be available at the door. Feel free to use it.

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: You grow spiritually with each moment you spend with Jesus! “Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace” (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

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**SIGN UP FOR AN HOUR WITH JESUS
ON EVERY WEDNESDAY**

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES FROM BISHOP JOHN BRUNGARDT: Due to information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the White House, and dioceses across the country, I am updating my pastoral directives for dealing with the coronavirus crisis. These are additional directives to be implemented in the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City no later than March 24, 2020. Let us trust in our Loving Lord to assist us in this time of need. **“Cast all our worries upon God because He cares for you.”** (1 Peter 5:7).

1. The maximum number of persons gathered in a diocesan function is now 10 persons. This includes funerals, weddings, baptisms, and the number of people in line for confessions. Please review with all present the need for six feet distance between people.
2. More clarity on confessions: The “box” confessionals or reconciliation rooms are not to be used. A screen is to be used in an open space, without kneelers, keeping six feet between the priest and penitent. Penitents are to confess standing, or using an armless chair to minimize hand contact with surfaces. “Background” music is suggested to reduce the chance of a confession being overheard.
3. Regularly sanitize door knobs, handles, etc.
4. Adoration chapels are to be closed at this time.
5. Those who are ill and vulnerable should stay at home.
6. The chancery and several parishes are livestreaming Masses: if you are, please email Eric Haselhorst so we can publish a list. I encourage the use of video or phone conferences for meetings, etc.
7. Keep in mind the elderly, the ill, those unable to leave their homes, those without Internet, and the poor. As St. Paul teaches: **“we were to be mindful of the poor”** (Galatians 2:10). How do we reach out in this crisis? Some parishes have staff and council members call each family; others use the “phone tree” method.

Trust in Jesus, He is with us always. Ask the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary. Thank you for your faithfulness. Be assured of my prayers for each of you.

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FROM FR. JOHN: Due to the new directives a screen will be put on the sanctuary of the church (behind the altar) without a kneeler. An armless chair will be put there for the penitent but the Penitent can also confess standing. Background music will be played. Please if you come to church and someone is with the priest wait at the back pew for your turn.

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WORD OF LIFE: “With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (The Gospel of Life 95).