



VOCATION VIEWS: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Do you believe in Jesus' call to you? Act on it! (John 20:19-31). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

April 18 & 19, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — April 20 - 26			
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Mon.	No Mass			Sally Slattery
	Tues.	No Mass			Cris Hernandez
	Wed.	No Mass			Jim Halling
	Thurs.	No Mass			Living & Deceased Members D of I
	Fri.	No Mass			Nick & Rosaline Schaller
	Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	Joan Indiek
	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.

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.

April 20 - 26 Birthdays	
April 21	Jeff Breuer
April 22	Chelsea Gleason, Jamie Hartman
April 23	Teresa Downey, Jeff Hubbell, Father John Forkuoh

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: April 11 & 12: N/A



SUNDAY OFFERING; Please don't forget your Sunday contributions ... your support is a blessing to the parish. You can do it through online giving, putting it in the mail or giving it to Tena at the Ford County Bank or Father at the confessional



WORD OF LIFE: If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is also available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities *"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"



APRIL 19, 2020 (2nd Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy): Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?



VIBRANT MINISTRY GRANT: Alms in Action Carolyn Woods, Catechist, St. Michael Lacrosse

I want to thank everyone for the grant, it's working amazing here.



POPE FRANCIS' HOLY WEEK MESSAGE:

Dear friends, good evening!

This evening I have the chance to enter your homes in a different way than usual. If you allow me, I would like to have a conversation with you for a few moments, in this time of difficulty and of suffering. I can imagine you in your families, living an unusual life to avoid contagion. I am thinking of the liveliness of children and young people, who cannot go out, attend school, and live their lives. I have in my heart all the families, especially those who have a loved one who is sick or who have unfortu-

nately experienced mourning due to the corona virus or other causes. These days I often think about people who are alone, and for whom it is more difficult to face these moments. Above all I think of the elderly, who are very dear to me.

I cannot forget those who are sick with corona virus, people who are in hospital. I am aware of the generosity of those who put themselves at risk for the treatment of this pandemic or to guarantee the essential services to society. So many heroes, every day, at every hour! I also remember how many are in financial straits and are worried about work and the future. A thought also goes out to prison inmates, whose pain is compounded by fear of the epidemic, for themselves and their loved ones; I think of the homeless, who do not have a home to protect them.

It is a difficult time for everyone. For many, very difficult. The Pope knows this and, with these words, he wants to tell every one of his closeness and affection. Let us try, if we can, to make the best use of this time: let us be generous; let us help those in need in our neighborhood; let us look out for the loneliest people, perhaps by telephone or social networks; let us pray to the Lord for those who are in difficulty in Italy and in the world. Even if we are isolated, thought and spirit can go far with the creativity of love. This is what we need today: the creativity of love. This is what is needed today: the creativity of love.

We will celebrate Holy Week in a truly unusual way, which manifests and sums up the message of the Gospel, that of God's boundless love. And in the silence of our cities, the Easter Gospel will resound. The Apostle Paul says: "And He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him Who died for them and was raised again" (2 Cor. 5:15). In the risen Jesus, life conquered death. This Paschal faith nourishes our hope. I would like to share it with you this evening. It is the hope of a better time, in which we can be better, finally freed from evil and from this pandemic. It is a hope: hope does not disappoint; it is not an illusion, it is a hope.

Beside each other, in love and patience, we can prepare a better time in these days. Thank you for allowing me into your homes. Make a gesture of tenderness towards those who suffer, towards children, and towards the elderly. Tell them that the Pope is close and pray, that the Lord will soon deliver us all from evil. And you, pray for me. Have a good dinner. See you soon.