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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — May 4 - 10					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass			Tony & Joan Indiek	
Tues.	No Mass			V.M. Vince Stegman	
Wed.	No Mass			Pat Torline	
Thurs.	No Mass			Mary Ann Schmidt	
Fri.	No Mass			Mary Norma Schulte	
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	No Mass			All Parishioners	
Sun.	No Mass			Living & Deceased	
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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: April 25 & 26: N/A



WORD OF LIFE: “Even the weakest and the most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect” (Pope Francis).



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SCHOOL HIRING: Sacred Heart Cathedral School is hiring a K-8 vocal teacher for the year 2020-2021 school year. Please send your resume to: Lynee Habiger, principal at lynee.habiger@dcschcs.com or 620-253-0353.



ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday, at 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., for adoration. Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol.



STEWARDSHIP: 4th Sunday of Easter - Jesus says, “I came that they may have life and have it to the full”. Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.



ESTATE PLANNING AND CHARITABLE GIVING SEMINAR: Estate Planning and Charitable Giving Seminar scheduled for May 6, 2020, and hosted by St. John the Baptist, Spearville, is postponed until further notice. Thanks!



POPE FRANCIS’ HOMILY FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER 2020: “Today in this Mass, we pray for all those who are suffering from sadness, because they are alone or because they do not know what to expect in the future”. This was Pope Francis’s prayer intention for Mass on Sunday at the Casa Santa Marta chapel.

May 4 - 10 Birthdays	
May 4	Mary Jane Stramel, Madison Maud, Lydia Bowman
May 5	Phil Gleason, Jay Brown
May 6	Wyatt Hessman
May 7	Zachary Broz, Heidy Ackerman
May 8	Annette Stein
May 9	Morgan Konrade
May 10	Kyle Eberle, LaVonne Nau, Craig Bowman

He once again listed families who are suffering financially and may be without work.
 Pope Francis focused his homily on the day’s Gospel (Luke 24:13-35). It recounts how the Lord accompanied the disciples on their way to Emmaus.
 Christians have met Jesus
 Pope Francis began his homily with a description of a Christian. “A person is Christian because he or she has met Jesus and has allowed Jesus to meet them”. The Lord interacts with us in just the same way that He interacted with the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, the Pope continued.
 We are thirsty for God
 It begins with the “seed of dissatisfaction” that we are born with, he explained. Many times, we are not aware of the thirst in our souls for fulfillment. We take many wrong roads seeking what in the end never satisfies us. What we are really thirsting for is “the encounter with God”, Pope Francis stated.
 God is thirsty for us
 At the same time, God thirsts to meet us. This is why God sent Jesus so that He could draw near and satisfy this thirst. Jesus is extremely respectful of “our personal situation”, “He moves slowly”, “He is respectful of our readiness”, “He is patient”, “He doesn’t rush ahead”, Pope Francis explained. Jesus accompanies us at our side and invites us to talk about what bothers us, even to the point of feigning ignorance.
 The Lord likes to hear us speak so He can understand us well and to give the correct response to our dissatisfaction. The Lord does not accelerate. He always goes at our own pace... He waits for us to take the first step. And when it is the right moment, He asks us a question... Then He responds. He explains up until the right point... Then He pretends to go farther, to see how deep our dissatisfaction is... At the moment when our dissatisfaction meets Jesus, the life of grace and fullness of life begins there.
 What did Jesus say?
 Pope Francis says that he has always been curious to know what Jesus said to those two disciples “so as to do the same”. “It must have been a beautiful catechesis”, he said. Jesus accompanies us along the entire journey, even when we are not aware of His presence.
 We meet Jesus in the darkness of our doubts, even in the horrible darkness of our sins. The Lord is always there to help us in our distress. He’s always with us... The Lord accompanies us because He desires to meet us. This is the core of Christianity.
 The Pope’s prayer
 The Pope’s concluding prayer was that “Jesus might grant to each one of us the grace of meeting Him every day, to knowing and to specifically recognize that He walks with us in every moment. He is our companion along the pilgrim way”.

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