

Vocation Views: “How can we know the way?” Jesus shows us the way. Believe and he will do great works in you. (John 14:1-12). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

May 9 & 10, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — May 11 - 17			
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com		Day	Time	Location	Celebration
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881		Mon.	No Mass		Intention Jim Halling
		Tues.	No Mass		George Heskamp
		Wed.	No Mass		Valen Stein
		Thurs.	No Mass		Gilbert Ackerman
		Fri.	No Mass		Tony & Joan Indiek
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
		Sun.	No Mass		Bernie Stegman Leonard Temaats



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.



May 11 - 17 Birthdays	
May 11	Bryce Ackerman, Avery Hubell
May 12	Candace Fry, Madeline Bowman
May 14	Larry Craft
May 15	Joyce Rogers
May 16	Louise Lampe, Tausha Craft
May 17	Shawn Tasset

MOTHER’S DAY IS NOT CANCELLED: What can separate us from the love of our mothers? We are living in an unusual times due to the corona virus pandemic. The pandemic has restricted where we can go, social distancing has become a new norm. In-person hugs and kisses and many traditions for celebrating our mothers have to be postponed to another year but this doesn’t mean Mother’s Day is cancelled this year. Let’s get creative with what we can do for our Mothers on their special day.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY TO YOU,
ALL OUR DEAR MOTHERS, AND ALL WOMEN
PLAYING DIFFERENT MOTHERING ROLES!
WE LOVE YOU AND ARE THINKING OF YOU!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: May 2 & 3: N/A
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U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking:
WORKING TOGETHER TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS THE ONLY WAY TO END IT.
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WORD OF LIFE: “O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELPLINE: Catholic Charities staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19help@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org. We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.
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SACRED HEART SCHOOL HIRING: Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic School is now hiring a K-8 vocal music teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Please send your resume to: Lynee Habiger, principal at lynee.habiger@dcshcs.com or 620-253-0353.
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MAY 10, 2020 (5TH SUNDAY EASTER): “The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these,” Jesus tells his disciples. That’s quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!
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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.
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A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER: 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 (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)
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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.

USCCB RESPONDS TO CORONAVIRUS: Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity; that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good. In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace
of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are
vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.
In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another
and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus
to our land and to our hearts.
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are
our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.
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