

St. John Parish

May 16 & 17, 2020

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — May 18 - 24					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass			Living & Deceased Members of D of I	
Tues.	No Mass			Marvin Gleason	
Wed.	No Mass			Stanley Stramel	
Thurs.	No Mass			Cris Hernandez	
Fri.	No Mass			Austin & Katie Kropp	
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	No Mass			Florence Hines	
Sun.	No Mass			Mary Hornung	



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.



May 18 - 24 Birthdays	
May 18	Hope Messino
May 19	Laura Stein, Alan Schneweis
May 22	Lori Burke, Ashley Wheaton
May 23	Cheyenne Ackerman
May 24	Lester Schulte, Brian Heiland

Vocation Views: The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (John 14:15-21). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

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: May 9 & 10: N/A
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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.



WORD OF LIFE: “As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country’s founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God.” United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Living the Gospel of Life,” © 1998 USCCB.
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STEWARDSHIP: May 17, 2020 (6th Sunday Easter)
 Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Dose my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?
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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
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIORS: Adrian Garcia, Hannah Gleason, Taige Kliesen, Jalyssa Indiek, and Carson Rich
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The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic
 Often it is the people closest to us who need our help. We should not go out in search of some unknown business to accomplish. It is better to begin with the simplest, which the Lord tells us is the most urgent.” —Pope Francis General Audience (10/12/2016)

The Corporal Works of Mercy
 The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise; they “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults).
FEED THE HUNGRY • Check in with your parish community to see if there are parishioners who cannot (or should not) go grocery shopping themselves. • Check in with your parish to see if the food pantry is adequately stocked. • Organize a network of volunteers in each parish/community to grocery shop for parishioners in need, especially the more vulnerable populations in our community.
GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY • Do not purchase or hoard more water than you need. • While handwashing is vitally important, make an effort not to waste water—in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not have access to clean water and suffer from the lack of this basic necessity.
SHELTER THE HOMELESS • Consider donating toiletries and sanitary items to a local shelter since those who suffer homelessness—and the facilities that minister to them—are especially vulnerable at this time. • Financially support organizations that are working to support the homeless population in your community
VISIT THE SICK • While in-person visits are not advisable during this time, please invest time in reaching out via phone/video call or by sending a letter or card to those who may feel particularly isolated during this time. • Offer to assist caregivers of chronically sick family members by grocery shopping or cooking for them so they do not have to risk exposure. • Reach out to health care workers in your community who may be overworked, burdened, or in need of specific support at this time.
VISIT THE PRISONERS • Explore whether your parish or diocese has a prison ministry and, if so, check whether they are in need of supplies or support. • Given that people in prison can be especially isolated and vulnerable during this pandemic, consider how to support those who are ministering to them and bringing them the Word of God.
BURY THE DEAD • Now that funerals may be limited or restricted, reach out with cards or phone calls to those who have recently lost a loved one. • If possible, visit the cemetery to pray for those you have lost—and to ask their intercession on behalf of all those facing death today.
GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR • Reach out to those who may have been especially burdened during this pandemic, especially those whose occupations make them more vulnerable to economic instability. • Remember that the lack of public celebration of Masses may result in parishes struggling financially in the next few months; be sure to continue your support and if possible, increase offerings for those who cannot donate due recent financial hardship or inability to work. • Remember that Catholic Relief Services continues to serve the most vulnerable and consider making a donation or praying for them as you are able. (USCCB WEBSITE).

NB: The Spiritual Works of Mercy will appear in the next week’s bulletin.