

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. Where are you being called to share your gifts? (Matthew 28: 16-20). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

May 23 & 24, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — May 25 - 31			
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
	Mon.	No Mass			Betty Flax
	Tues.	No Mass			Margaret Klenke
	Wed.	No Mass			Keith Hammeke
	Thurs.	No Mass			Elfrieda Schulte
	Fri.	No Mass			Pat Torline
	Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
		No Mass			ALL Parishioners
	Sun.	No Mass			



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.



THE WORD OF LIFE: Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched ‘the Word of life’ (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!” Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily. © 2020 Libreria Editricea Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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US SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: ENDING SLAVERY IS EVERYONE’S WORK AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS MODERN DAY SLAVERY. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. (www.sistersagainstrafficking.org) USCSAHT is a 501© 3 organization. 2039 N Geyer Road, St. Louis, MO 63131

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ALMS IN ACTION: **Rose Debes, Director of Religious Ed, St John the Evangelist Hoisington**
I would like to thank everybody for the grant made possible by

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.

Vibrant Ministries. We were able to get a subscription to Formed that was made available to our parishioners.

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SACRAMENTS: The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available at 3:00 p.m. - 4 p.m., every Saturday, and 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., every Wednesday at Church. You can also call Fr. John to make appointment. The Church doors are open 24/7 for private prayer and visitation of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign-up for individual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Every Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

May 25 - 31 Birthdays	
May 25	Erv Burkhart
May 26	Amy Loder
May 28	Karter Lindsay, Aubrey Huston
May 29	Chambre Breuer
May 30	Jolene Tasset

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: May 16 & 17: N/A

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DODGE CITY DIOCESE RE-OPEN MASSES WITH EXCEPTIONS: Public Holy Masses may resume Wednesday, May 27, 2020 for 25 counties in the Catholic Diocese of Dodge City. But for Ford, Finney, and Seward counties public Holy Masses remain suspended until further notice.

The total number of cases of coronavirus disease in these three counties as of May 18, 2020, is 3,464, greater than the three hard-hit counties in northeast Kansas that have a much greater population. The faithful in our three counties are called to a shared sacrifice to help reduce the spread of this virus. We pray that this pandemic lessens in these three counties, and around the world, so that all may return to the regular celebration of Holy Mass. All the faithful continue to be dispensed from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass, until further notice.

Those who do not participate in Holy Mass are encouraged to view or listen to livestreamed, recorded, televised, or radio Masses. Parishes are encouraged to continue to livestream or record Masses for the faithful who are unable to celebrate in person. Our prayers are with you. Please pray for all.

NB: The faithful are strongly encouraged to participate only in Holy Masses of their own parish. We the faithful in Spearville are encouraged NOT to attend Mass in other parishes where Masses are available.

If we cannot participate in Holy Mass at this time, let us pray that our Lord assist us to celebrate soon the Bread of Life with our parish community. “Love one another as I love you” (John 15:12) is a guiding teaching of Jesus and is especially needed in today’s serious health situation. Let us trust in the Risen One, our Savior Jesus Christ, who loves us more than we can ask or imagine. Bishop John

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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 Spiritual Works of Mercy The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history; just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to “help our neighbor in their spiritual needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults).

COUNSELING THE DOUBTFUL • Reassure and support those who may be especially anxious during this time. • If someone asks you for advice, orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

INSTRUCTING THE IGNORANT • With public celebration of Masses unavailable, learn and/or teach someone else how to make a Spiritual Communion. • Take this time to recommit to your own study and formation and, for those home with children, take advantage of this time to reflect on the faith as a family.

ADMONISHING THE SINNER • Being confined in close quarters for long periods of time with families or housemates can test us in more ways than one, so be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. • Recognize the reality of spiritual warfare in daily interactions and strive to cultivate the corresponding virtues needed to resist your personal temptations.

COMFORTING THE SORROWFUL • Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering and let them know you are thinking of them. • Remember that a few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through

a difficult time. • Consider sharing links to spiritual resources with those who may be isolated, such as livestreamed Masses, so that they can participate in community worship from home.

FORGIVING INJURIES • For families, this time may maximize opportunities to exercise forgiveness, so take this time to model the importance of forgiveness both for this life and the next. • If the sacrament of Reconciliation is not available in your parish at this time, commit to making a regular examination of conscience.

• Learn and/or teach your family members the Examen prayer and/or the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

BEARING WRONGS PATIENTLY • Practice developing and strengthening the virtues of temperance, prudence, fortitude, and justice. • When frustrated with someone, step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, and pray the Our Father, asking God for patience. • Commit to praying the Stations of the Cross once a week.

PRAYING FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD • Pray the rosary with family members, via video conference or conference call if needed, for all those who are suffering from the effects of this pandemic. • Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers, and let people know that you are praying for them. • Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about. (USCCB)

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EXAMEN PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY: As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 31, 20202, let’s include among our prayer this EXAMEN FROM THE JESUIT CONFERENCE OF AMERICA (adapted)

1. No matter where you are, with others or alone, you are of God’s making and live in the midst of God’s creation. Your God who gave you life is concerned for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart. Pause and spend a moment looking at this day’s gifts. Be concrete: recall the taste of jam on toast, the fragrance of a flower, the smile (yours or someone else’s) in response to a kind word, an act of patience that gave someone ease. Be grateful – say thanks.

2. Before you explore the mystery of your human heart, ask the help of the Holy Spirit so that you can look at your actions and motives with honesty and patience. The Holy Spirit enables you to see, with growing understanding, the direction your life is taking. The Spirit gives you freedom to look at yourself without condemnation but without complacency, and thus be open to growth. 3. Recall the events of your day. Search out, also, the internal events of your day. Look through the hours to see how you reacted to what was before you. Ask yourself with what and with whom were you involved and review your reactions to them. Situations may show that your heart was divided – wavering between helping and disregarding, scoffing at and encouraging, listening to and ignoring, rebuking and forgiving, neglecting and thanking. See what opportunities for growth in faith and hope and love were given you and how you responded. What moved you to act the way you did? See where Jesus entered your decisions and where you were open to receive his influence. That influence comes through other people, through Scripture, through your own good impulses.

4. Now, having reviewed this day of your life, look at yourself – not harshly, but not complacently. See your need of God and God’s concern for you. Express sorrow for sin and then especially praise God for the times you responded to people or events in ways which reflected the love he has for all. In these acts of sorrow and gratitude you grow in appreciation of God’s great love and care for you.

5. What will you pray for as you anticipate tomorrow? In conclusion, pray to the Trinity with the Glory Be.