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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — July 27 - August 2					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass			Stanley Stramel	
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Cris Hernandez	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Florence Hines	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church		D of I Members	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church			
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	Gil Ackerman	
	4:00 p.m.	Church		All Parishioners	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church			



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.



BISHOP CHAIRMAN CONDEMN ACTS OF VANDALISM, DESTRUCTION AT CATHOLIC SITES

WASHINGTON — Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, issued the following statement in response to reports of increasing incidents of church vandalism and fires:
 “In the last few weeks, we have witnessed, among other things, one church rammed with a car and set on fire, as well as statues of Jesus Christ and of the Virgin Mary defaced or even beheaded. An historic mission church has also been badly damaged by fire, and the cause is still under investigation.
 “Whether those who committed these acts were troubled

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.

individuals crying out for help or agents of hate seeking to intimidate, the attacks are signs of a society in need of healing.
 “In those incidents where human actions are clear, the motives still are not. As we strain to understand the destruction of these holy symbols of selfless love and devotion, we pray for any who have caused it, and we remain vigilant against more of it.
 “Our nation finds itself in an extraordinary hour of cultural conflict. The path forward must be through the compassion and understanding practiced and taught by Jesus and his Holy Mother. Let us contemplate, rather than destroy, images of these examples of God’s love. Following the example of Our Lord, we respond to confusion with understanding and to hatred with love.”

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: July 18 & 19: N/A



STEWARDSHIP:
 July 26, 2020 (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 The second reading tells us we are called according to His purpose. Are we open to God’s call and willing to answer?



ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday, from 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.



WORD OF LIFE: “Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations.



GUIDELINES FOR RESUMING PUBLIC MASSES:
 Please remember that the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, for the foreseeable future. Those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending Mass any day of the week. We ask those who are sick and/or vulnerable to stay home during this time, remembering they are dispensed from the Sunday obligation. Please be sure to wear a face mask, sanitize your hands and plan to distance yourself from other participants. We appreciate you entering from the main entrance.



POPE FRANCIS’ AUGUST INTENTIONS: Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this month’s intention: The Maritime World - We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS: Dear parishioners, let us remember that amid the COVID-19 crisis, the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the foreseeable future. However those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion can do so by attending any Mass any day of the week. Those who are at risk or fearful that they or their family might become sick are encouraged to stay home and join the Church by viewing live-streamed Masses. We ask that you wear your mask when in the church building. Wear it in the Communion line and when you receive the Blessed Sacrament in your hand. Step away from the priest, pull your mask up or down, and consume the Blessed Sacrament. Replace your mask over your mouth and nose and return to your seat. We understand that this is not ideal and that it can be quite awkward. We have to work together to keep one another safe.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Our Lady, Health of the Sick, We look to you for the comfort of a mother’s love, We pray to you on behalf of those who are suffering and for our own healing needs. Mary, your love strengthens us and brings us peace. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, embrace all who are emotionally and physically ill that they may return to good health under your tender care. And please intercede for our very special needs amid this pandemic. Mary, your love strengthens us and brings us peace. Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us. Amen!



CONTRIBUTIONS: We are very grateful to everyone who contributed while Masses were suspended. If you are not comfortable returning to Mass, and would like to offer your support to the parish, you can mail your check to St. John or alternatively, you can donate online. Thank you for your love for our parish.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Members of Parish Council and various committees are kindly reminded of our meeting on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at the parish center.

July 27 - August 2 Birthdays	
July 27	Joan Hogan
July 28	John Stegman
July 29	Audrey Scheve
July 30	Mary Schartz Steimel, Debbie Wood
July 31	Tom Tasset
August 1	Barb Naasz, Agnes Rabe, Larry Schmidt, Dawn Burke
August 2	Leroy Mages, Bobbie Schuette