

August 1 - 2, 2020

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — August 3 - 9					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass				
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Sally Slattery	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		William & Helen	
				Temaat	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Suzie Stramel	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Tony & Joan	
				Indiek	
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	4:00 p.m.	Church		Parishioners	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Rosemary (Kessen)	
				Kisner	



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.

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: “We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (EV 86). Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.



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.



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.
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.

AUGUST 2, 2020 (THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD): In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!



OP’S REFLECTION:
 WASHINGTON – Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued the following statement on the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki:
 “This week we are observing the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and August 9, 1945.
 “My brother bishops and I mourn with the Japanese people for the innocent lives that were taken and the generations that have continued to suffer the public health and environmental consequences of these tragic attacks.
 “On this solemn occasion, we join our voice with Pope Francis and call on our national and world leaders to persevere in their efforts to abolish these weapons of mass destruction, which threaten the existence of the human race and our planet.
 “We ask our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, to pray for the human family, and for each one of us. Remembering the violence and injustice of the past, may we commit ourselves to being peacemakers as Jesus Christ calls us to be. Let us always seek the path of peace and seek alternatives to the use of war as a way to settle differences between nations and peoples.”
 The USCCB’s Committee on International Justice and Peace has produced resources for study, prayer, and action that the faithful may use in observing the August 6 and 9 anniversary, which may be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/nuclear>.



A PRAYER IN TIME OF DEPRESSION: My strengthen fails; I feel only weakness, irritation, and depression. I am tempted to complain and to despair. What has become of the courage I was so proud of, and that gave me so much self-confidence? In addition to my pain, I have to bear the shame of my fretful feebleness.
 Lord, destroy my pride, leave it no resource. How happy I shall be if You can teach me by these terrible trials, that I am nothing, that I can do nothing and that You are all! Amen. (Archbishop Francois Fenelon)

August 3 - 9 Birthdays	
August 3	Gary Tenbrink
August 4	Kyler Ackerman
August 5	Kaleb Konrade
August 6	Alissa Heskamp, David Schuette
August 7	Rock Strecker, Jr., Sharon Konda
August 8	Gwen Schulte, Lorie Stein, Clare Bowman
August 9	Steve Ackerman, Ron Stein, Eleanor Strecker