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**August 15 - 16, 2020**  
  
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| LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — August 17 - 23 |           |          |             |                     |  |
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| Day                                  | Time      | Location | Celebration | Intention           |  |
| Mon.                                 | No Mass   |          |             | Richard Strecker    |  |
| Tues.                                | 8:30 a.m. | Church   |             | Edna Schuette       |  |
| Wed.                                 | 8:30 a.m. | Church   |             | Margaret Klenke     |  |
| Thurs.                               | 8:30 a.m. | Church   |             | Bernice Lea Groth   |  |
| Fri.                                 | 8:30 a.m. | Church   | Confessions | M.L. Dixon          |  |
| Sat.                                 | 3:00 p.m. | Church   |             | Living and Deceased |  |
|                                      | 4:00 p.m. | Church   |             | Members of D of I   |  |
| 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.



**DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE CALLING:** Even during this coronavirus pandemic, God is still calling women to religious life. Have you ever pondered whether God is calling you to become a Sister? We, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, invite you to spend some virtual time with us praying and talking with our Sisters, sharing with other women of FAITH, discovering God’s PURPOSE for your life, and enjoying an experience of COMMUNITY online. Join other single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to learn about contemporary religious life at this free Virtual Discernment retreat, September 11-13, 2020, hosted via Zoom videoconferencing technology.

**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.

During this retreat, you will have time for quiet personal prayer and reflection, and there will be presentations on the discernment process and about the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Also, you will be matched up with a sister companion to speak with one-to-one for spiritual guidance and help in discerning your vocation in life. If interested in this retreat, please contact Sr. Bea Tiboldi, OP at btiboldi@oppeace.org or call or text her at 614-400-1255 and she will get back to you with more details about this retreat opportunity! We look forward to hearing from you soon!

**STEWARDSHIP:** August 16, 2020 (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
 In today’s second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, “God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable.” To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?  
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**PRAYER SERVICE FOR JAKOB BENJAMIN:** Please join Father John, senior PCR class and Youth commission in a prayer service for parishioner Jakob Benjamin, son of Levi and Mary Benjamin, on August 16, from 6 - 7 p.m. Jakob has been receiving dialysis for kidney failure and is currently awaiting a transplant. May God place His healing hands on Jakob to improve and stay healthy enough for a transplant.  
 NB: After the service the Sacrament will br left exposed for adoration from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.  
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**GOLF CLASSIC TEAM:** After much discussion with the Golf Classic team and the recent hardship that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on some of our sponsors, we have decided to cancel the 2020 golf tournament.  
 This was not an easy decision to make as the funds raised are used to offset part of the cost of long-term care for our retired Priests from the diocese. However, Ford County and Dodge City in particular remains a “prime hotspot” for the COVID-19 virus within the state of Kansas and we do not want to inadvertently expose anyone to the virus. Please accept our apologies for canceling the tournament this year and God willing, we will be able to resume the tournament in 2021. If you would still like to donate to the Retired Priest Benefit, you may send your gift to: Retired Priest Benefit, c/o Dechant Foundation, PO Box 741, Dodge City, KS 67801  
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**FUNERAL:** May the soul of Edna Schuette Rest in Peace! Edna passed away on August 4, 2020, her burial service was held on August 8, 2020. We express our condolences to the Schuette family and hold them in our prayers and thoughts. Edna was a member of Daughters of Isabella both in Spearville as well as being an avid bowler. May the choir of angels welcome her and lead her to the bosom of Abraham!  
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**ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION:** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday, at 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., for adoration. There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration. (Blessed Pope John XXIII). Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol.  
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**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.  
 Let’s pray this week for the sick in our Parish Community. Almighty and Everlasting God, the eternal salvation of those who believe in You, hear us on behalf of Your servants who are sick, for whom we humbly beg the help of your mercy, so that, being restored to health, they may render thanks to you in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen  
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**PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION 2020 FALL COURSES:**  
 THEO 3053 Sacramental Theology (3 credit hours)  
 Instructor: Fr. Frank Coady  
 A study of the theological an spiritual underpinnings of the liturgy, with specific application to each sacrament. Most of the course will focus on the Eucharist.  
 \*This course is one of the 3 hour courses that may be used to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical Ministry or Youth Ministry.  
 Saturday mornings - 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
 Class Dates - Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Nov. 7, 14  
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**HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION:** Please remember that the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, for the foreseeable future due to the pandemic. But for those who wish to participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion this information might be useful. The number of Days of Obligation vary from year to year, because the precept to attend Mass is lifted (abrogated) if any of the following days:  
 • 1 January (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God),  
 • 15 August (Feast of the Assumption),  
 • 1 November (Solemnity of All Saints) falls on a Saturday or on a Monday.  
 The faithful, however, are encouraged to attend Mass on those days. This was decided by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States of America on December 13, 1991 (Canon 1246) and is effective as of January 1, 1993.  
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| August 17 - 23 Birthdays |                                                                |
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| August 17                | Travis Barnett                                                 |
| August 18                | Jan Rabe                                                       |
| August 20                | D’Nelle Greenstreet, Phyllis Indiek, Lane Tasset, Amy Thompson |
| August 21                | Louie Konrade, Shawn Rich                                      |
| August 22                | Autumn Wadley                                                  |
| August 23                | Lynnette Hessman, Sam Breuer                                   |