

VOCATION VIEWS: “O God, you are my God whom I seek.” As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God. (Psalm 63:2) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

August 29 - 30, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — August 31 - September 6			
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com		Day	Time	Location	Celebration
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881		Mon.	No Mass		
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Florence Hines
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Leo & Alice Sanko
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Nick & Rosaline Schaller
					Tony Mages
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church	
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	All Parishioners Living & Deceased members of D of I



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.



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.

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: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
In today’s second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, “... offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.”



PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS: 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 intention each month. The intention for September, 2020 is “Respect for the Planet’s Resources” We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Religious Education Classes will begin with opening Mass on Wednesday, September 9, at 7 p.m. Please wear masks and social distance. Due to Covid-19 restrictions and construction at the grade school, we will not be using those facilities this year. Classes will be divided into two basic groups, with one group meeting at the parish center, while the second group will go to adoration and prayer service at the church. We will alternate groups each week. Grades K-1 will have materials sent home for the parents to go over with them and will not meet. 1st Communion and Confirmation classes will meet at the parish center each week. We will be following social distancing guidelines and requiring students and teachers to wear masks. Please know that we have met with and asked for guidance with the diocese, other Religious Education directors in our diocese, parish council and your student’s teachers regarding classes this year. These are all tough decisions in tough times. We ask your patience as we transition to this new format. More information and a registration form will be mailed to each family. Any parents wishing to keep their students at home may request materials to be sent home.

August 31 - September 6 Birthdays	
Sept. 1	Lilly Thomas-Hornung
Sept. 2	Kaylee Strother
Sept. 5	Riley Sherraden
Sept. 6	Kerry Ackerman, Lena Gleason, Stephanie Hornung, Siena Schmidt

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES: Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called the children of God (Matthew 5:9). God is the author of peace and blesses all those who work for peace. Prayers for peace can bring us comfort in times when nothing else will. The power of prayer can be strong whether we’re facing inner turmoil, conflict at home, or anxiety about the state of the world around us.

God of mercy and peace, you created us in your image, forming one human family. You love all your children without discrimination, and invite us to love each of our neighbors as ourselves. In hope, we lift up to you for healing the tensions and racism that plague our nation, and pray for increasing harmony and peace within our communities, and in our hearts. Through Christ Our Lord. (Catholic Charity)



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Members of Parish Council and different committee members are reminded of our September 3, 2020, meeting at 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. respectively.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SCHOOL HIRING: Sacred Heart Cathedral Catholic School is now hiring a K-8 vocal music teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Please send your resume to: Lynnee Habiger, principal at lynnee.habiger@dcshcs.com or 620-253-0353.



ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for adoration. “The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth,” - Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol.

