

VOCATION VIEWS: Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.” Make Christ the center of your conversations and interactions with others. (Matthew 18:20) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

September 5 - 6, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — September 7 - 13			
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	Jim Halling
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Pat Torline
		Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Church	Walt Giessel
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Austin & Katie Kropp
					Mary Norma Schulte
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church	
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	Living & Deceased members of D of I
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	Johnnie Griffin



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.

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.



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



STEWARSHIP: September 6, 2020 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Am I my brother’s keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is “Yes!”



WE ARE STILL NOT IN THE NORMAL TIMES: 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 and plan to distance yourself from other participants.

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH FOR EMPLOYMENT: The COVID-19 pandemic goes on. Millions have lost their jobs and are wondering how they will pay their bills. Losing a job can leave one feeling vulnerable and worthless.

Dear Saint Joseph, you were yourself once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon----- (name) in my/their anxiety with my/their present inability to support my/their family. Please help me/ them find gainful employment very soon, so that this great burden of concern will be lifted from my/their heart and that I/they (am) are soon able to provide for those whom God has entrusted to my/ their care. Help me/ them guard against discouragement, so that I/they may emerge from this trial spiritually enriched and with even greater blessings from God. Amen.



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.



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.



September 7 - 13 Birthdays	
Sept. 10	Trisha Herrmann
Sept. 11	Brenda Burke, Lyla Strecker
Sept. 12	Kevin Rabe, Jude Meyer
Sept. 13	Rich Gleason, Lucas Stegman