

September 12 - 13, 2020

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — September 14 - 20					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass				
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Cris Hernandez	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Stanley Stramel	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Marvin Gleason	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Tony & Joan Indiek	
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	4:00 p.m.	Church		Mary Ann Schmidt	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Joan Temaat	



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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: 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

VOCATION VIEWS: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Are you following in Jesus’ footsteps? Pray for the grace to forgive. (Psalm 103). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

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.

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.

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September 14 - 20 Birthdays	
Sept. 14	MaryIda Heskamp
Sept. 15	Janell Calvin, Hannah Gleason, Matthew Shipley
Sept. 18	Nancy Hattrup, Joleen Stein, Anita Schmidt
Sept. 19	Logan Hubbell, Ashley Hubbell
Sept. 20	Anthony Able

MOWING AT THE CEMETERY: May, June, July and August guilds will mow the cemetery Wednesday September 16, at 6 p.m.

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ADORATION UNDER THE STARS:

When: Saturday, September 12 @ 7:30 p.m.

Where: St. John the Baptist Cemetery- Spearville

Please come for a beautiful prayer experience under the stars and in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist! We’ll start with a hot dog feed at 7:30. Bring your friends and family, blankets and lawn chairs, and some bug spray and flashlights. Starting at 8:30 p.m., we’ll expose the sacrament and join in prayer and worship. Father will also listen to confessions. We hope to see you there!

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

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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.

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ANYONE WORKING WITH CHILDREN in our parish is required to attend a PGC session. Live training sessions are required for safe environment training sessions. Because of the current situation, the diocese has put into place a temporary emergency pandemic alternative that will allow them to defer live training sessions for the first semester. Before a person attends a live PGC training session, he/she would need to complete online training requirements set by the diocese. Once these requirements are met, it would allow parents or others to start volunteering as needed until the full certification process could be completed. Please contact the rectory or Judy if you want to volunteer.

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CATECHISTS FOR THIS YEAR PSR CLASSES:

A huge thank you to those who have once again volunteered to teach our young people in PSR classes this year: Trisha Sohm, Craig and LynAnn Bowman, Janel Calvin, Laura Stein, Jenny Schmidt, Mary Benjamin, Ashley Hubbell, and Elliott Nold.

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STEWARDSHIP: September 13, 2020 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Stewardship is not optional! “None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master,” says St. Paul. “While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants.”

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.

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PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

Lord God,
your spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us your ways.
Look upon these teachers.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience
and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.
Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ,
the way, the truth, and the life,
forever and ever.

R/. Amen.
Prayer for Students
Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your Spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may
devote themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you,
the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.
(From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers)

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