

VOCATION VIEWS: Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21:28-32). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org.

September 26 - 27, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — September 28 - October 4			
	Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration Intention
		Mon.	No Mass		
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Kevin Hines
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Bernie Stegman
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Sheila Strecker
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Lawrence & Erma Vierthaler
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	Gilbert Ackerman
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	For Rain

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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.

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September 28 - October 4 Birthdays	
Sept. 28	Payton Strecker
Sept. 30	Jill Hornung-Heeke, Tim Durler
Oct. 1	Jack Burke, Terry Gleason, Blake Hornung, R.J. Meyer, Paula Schneweis
Oct. 2	Brooke Offerle
Oct. 3	Linda Fry
Oct. 4	Glenn Helfrich, Hunter Indiek

ANNUAL MATRIMONY ANNIVERSARY MASS: Since the Annual Matrimony Anniversary Mass will not be held this year as a diocesan event at the Cathedral due to the corona virus concerns we will celebrate it at Parish level on the weekend of October 17/18, 2020. The celebration will take place within Mass. All couples celebrating their anniversaries will be asked to come forward after homily to receive blessings and a certificate. Those celebrating 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 50 plus should contact Fr. John @ 620-385.2212 and register.

Spearville.....4:00 p.m. on October 17, 2020
Hanston6:30 p.m. on October 17, 2020
Jetmore.....10:30 a.m. on October 18, 2020
NB: Contact Fr. John latest by October 1, 2020

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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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DIOCESAN YOUTH BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM: Will be on Thursdays at 7 p.m. this school year. This is for any high schooler in the diocese. There is a 12 student limit per cycle, so please register as soon as possible at this link. <https://form.jotform.com/70245772477160>. There will be four cycles of the same Bible study, so please register for whichever is most convenient for you. Sessions are as follows

Session 1: Aug. 27 - Oct. 8
Session 2: Oct. 22 - Dec. 10 (excluding Thanksgiving)
Session 3: Jan. 7 - Feb. 18
Session 4: Mar. 4 - May 22 (excluding Holy Thursday)
Contact Emma Showalter at dcyouth@dcdiocese.org for questions.

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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

STEWARDSHIP: September 27, 2020 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
The first son in today’s Gospel said he would do his father’s bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

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ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday at 9 am to 8 p.m. for adoration. We can become the presence of God by allowing him to transform us into his image. When you are in Eucharistic adoration, not only do you see Jesus Christ— Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, but you are also seeing yourself, fully alive, present in the Host (St. Augustine). Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol

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BLESSED BAGS OF WHEAT: Blessed bags of wheat are available in the back of church for your convenience.

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PRAYER BEFORE AN ELECTION:
Lord God, as the election approaches,
we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country,
and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
We ask for eyes that are free from blindness
so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters,
one and equal in dignity,
especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,
Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. We pray for discernment
so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love,
and keep in the ways of your truth
as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen. (USCCB)