

St. John Parish

October 24 & 25, 2020

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — October 26 - November 1				
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass			
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Cris Hernandez
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Leo & Alice Sanko
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Living & Deceased Members of D of I
				Tony & Joan Indiek
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	4:00 p.m.	Church		Chuck Correll
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Tony Mages



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.



October 26 - November 1 Birthdays

Oct. 28	Pamela Strecker
Oct. 29	Melvin L. Stein, Cora Tasset, Evan Benjamin, Janice Castillo, Emma Ackerman
Oct. 30	Roger Gleason, John Schmidt
Nov. 1	Trace Tasset, Sadie Dvorak, Caleb Herrmann



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.

THURSDAY MORNING MASS CHANGES: Beginning from Thursday, November 5, 2020, Thursday morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. will be prayed at Parkview for the residents only. Until the pandemic is over we encourage only residents of Parkview to attend. Nonresidents will not be allowed to attend. Everyone else can attend Mass during the week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the church.



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.



YOUTH COMMISSION ANNOUNCES: We will have a basket at the back of church and one at the parish center for shoe box items. We will collect through Wednesday, November 14th. There will be flyers handed out with ideas and age groups and we will also leave a stack at the back of church next to the basket.



STEWARDSHIP: October 25, 2020 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time) We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship – joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet out neighbor’s need.



POPE FRANCIS’ NOVEMBER INTENTIONS: 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 month’s intention: Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



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.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 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.

The list of Days of Obligation includes all Sundays. This year November 1 (All Saints Day) fall on Sunday. However due to the pandemic the faithful have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Masses of Holydays of obligation, for the foreseeable future.



ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for adoration. ‘The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world. . . . Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, and love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever’. (Pope John Paul II) Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol



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.