

St. John Parish

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — November 2 - 8				
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Deceased Members of Our Parish
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Leonard Temaat
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Leo & Alice Sanko
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Nick & Rosaline Schaller
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Bernie Stegman
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	4:00 p.m.	Church		Marvin Gleason
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		All Parishioners

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.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS:

11/07/20 Saturday: Jill Vierthaler (EMC), Rich Gleason (Lector), Kelly Tasset (Collection), Kevin Rabe (Collection Asst.)

11/08/20 Sunday: LynAnn Bowman (EMC), Craig Bowman (Lector)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please wear a mask and sanitize your hands then come forward at the Lamb of God. Receive the host, then remove your mask and consume it. Replace your mask and then sanitize your hands again. (Sanitizer is located on the credence table beside Father at the altar.) Father will then give you the paten with the hosts in it. Give out communion to the north side first, if anyone is seated there. Then proceed to the outer edge of the front step, near the hand sanitizer on the stand. People will come from the outside edges of the pews and should be wearing a mask and maintaining the 6 ft distance. If you should happen to touch another person while distributing, stop and

VOCATION VIEWS: God creates out of nothing. He calls the weak and makes them strong. He makes saints out of sinners. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

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.

go to the sanitizing station, set down the paten, sanitize your hands and then return to giving out communion. Please go to the back if there are musicians and then return your paten to Fr. John at the altar when you are finished. For little children who have not yet made First Communion, you can just do an “air” blessing instead of touching them. Thank you!

November 2 - 8 Birthdays	
Nov. 2	Dale Stein, Jenette Schuette, Rick Heeke, Mathias Konda
Nov. 3	Katie Gleason, Reid Schmidt
Nov. 5	Lyle Tenbrink
Nov. 6	Mackenzie Preisner
Nov. 7	Carolyn Gleason, Andrew Bowman, Addilyn Connelly

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.

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NEW MINISTRY LISTS: New Ministry Lists are available in the back of church or online. Since we are not fully open, it just lists one EMC, a lector and collection people. We are down to four families who are willing to lead the rosary before Mass so that will become a volunteer position now. If you would like to lead the rosary, we ask that you begin 30 minutes before Mass so that there is time for some individual reflection and preparation before Mass begins. As always, please find a replacement if you are unable to fulfill your assignment. Thank you to all who have so graciously helped out the past few months.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Parents and students are reminded that masks are required at Religion each Wednesday. Please don’t forget them! Most students are doing a great job and we appreciate your cooperation! New Pfaum packets for Kindergarten, First Grade and those learning at home will be available in the back of church next weekend. Thanks!

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DODGE CITY DIOCESES HIRING: The Diocese of Dodge City is seeking a full-time staff person to assist with secretarial, database and accounting support activities. Under the supervision of the Director of the Curia this position will assist with all aspects of the donor system for the Diocesan database (Donor Perfect) as well as assisting with accounts payable and accounts receivable activities. In addition, this position will assist the Development Director with secretarial support. Proficient in Excel, Word, Publisher and Power Point and experience with Quick-Books. Must possess high level of attention to detail with strong analytical and organizational skills. Minimum Education: AA in Bus/Admin, Accounting, Communications, Public Relations and at least one year’s experience with computer databases and spreadsheets required. Excellent verbal and written communication skills (bilingual English/Spanish). Also, preferred candidate shall demonstrate appreciation and understanding of the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings. For additional information and to apply: Email cover letter and resume to tlampe@dcdiocese.org or mail to Diocese of Dodge City, Attn: Human Resources, 910 Central, Dodge City, KS 67801. (620) 227-1534.

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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 14. 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.

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STEWARDSHIP: November 1, 2020 (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day). Like the sensible bridesmaids in today’s parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

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.

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2020 CANCELLED: After much discussion with the Golf Classic team and the recent hardship that the COVID-19 pandemic has placed on some of our sponsors, we have decided to cancel the 2020 golf tournament. This was not an easy decision to make as the funds raised are used to offset part of the cost of long-term care for our retired Priests from the diocese. However, Ford County and Dodge City in particular remains a “prime hotspot “for the COVID-19 virus within the state of Kansas and we do not want to inadvertently expose anyone to the virus.

Please accept our apologies for canceling the tournament this year and God willing, we will be able to resume the tournament in 2021. If you would still like to donate to the Retired Priest Benefit, you may send your gift to: Retired Priest Benefit, c/o Dechant Foundation, PO Box 741, Dodge City, KS 67801

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ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: During Eucharistic Adoration you might want to take some time to reflect on your relationship with God and your relationship with Jesus. Maybe there are areas you would like to improve. Ask yourself these questions: Am I loving? Do I act like Christ -forgiving, patient, merciful, and trusting in God...? What is my relationship with God like? What is my relationship with Jesus like? Do I have a friendship with God? Do I have a friendship with Jesus?

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for adoration. Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol.

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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.

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.