

VOCATION VIEWS: Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say “let it be” in response to God’s call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdiocese.org

December 19 & 20, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 21 - 27			
	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	
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church	
		Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Christmas Eve
		Fri.	9:00 a.m.	Church	Christmas Day
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	Leo & Alice Sanko Living & Deceased Members D of I



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:

<u>12/24/20 Saturday:</u>	Mike Hubbell (EMC), Tonya Hubbell (Lector), Lynnette Hessman (Collection), R.J. Meyer (Collection Asst.)
<u>12/25/20 Sunday:</u>	Larry Schmidt (EMC), LaWana VanNahmen (Lector)
<u>12/26/20 Saturday:</u>	Drew Hubbell (EMC), Ashley Hubbell (Lector), Rich Gleason (Collection), Jeff Hubbell (Collection Asst.)
<u>12/27/20 Sunday:</u>	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 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!

12 HOURS ADORATION: Our monthly 12-hour adoration this month starts Sunday December 20 immediately following Mass (9:00am-9:00pm). Fr. John will be available to hear confessions from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Individuals are encouraged to sign-up for adoration. Please remember to observe the social distancing protocol.



PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: There will be NO Choir this year. We will have overflow at the Parish Center. Mass will be livestreamed at the Parish Center and on Facebook

Christmas Mass schedule

Thursday, December 245:00 p.m.
Friday, December 259:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 264:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 278:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 315:00 p.m.
Friday, January 1No Mass
Saturday, January 24:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 38:00 a.m.
For those who are concerned about returning to public gatherings, please remember that the Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Dodge City continue to be dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass and all holidays of obligations.

Christmas Mass schedule for Jetmore and Hanston

Thursday, December 24Hanston - 7 p.m.
Thursday, December 24Jetmore- 9 p.m.
Friday, January 1Hanston- 9:00 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP: December 20, 2021 (4th Advent) In the first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary’s “Yes” - “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.” – That the promise finds fulfillment.

December 25, 2020 (Christmas Day) The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES IN CATHEDRAL: Starting Sunday, November 29th, The Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe will have a change on Sunday Spanish Masses. Leaving the following schedule for the weekends:

Saturdays..... 5 p.m. English; 7 p.m. Spanish
Sundays9 a.m. English; 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. Spanish



FORMED: Our Parish just purchased FORMED and below are the sign up instructions:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select “Sign Up As a Parishioner”
4. Find St John the Baptist by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you’re in!

FORMED is a catholic website where you can get thousands of movies, programs, audios and books to help you grow in understanding your catholic faith.



CATHOLIC HELP: 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2020 ANNUAL APPEAL: “A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Please give the gift of hope and shine your light in the darkness with a generous and compassionate gift to the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Donate online at <https://bit.ly/2IcI2KW> Proceeds support those in need in southwest Kansas during this difficult time.

US BISHOPS AND ETHICAL CONCERNS ON THE NEW COVID-19 VACCINES:

On December 14, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued a statement on the new COVID-19 vaccines. In their statement, the bishops address the moral concerns raised by the fact that the three vaccines that appear to be ready for distribution in the United States all have some connection to cell lines that originated with tissue taken from abortions. With regard to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, they concluded: “In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines. “Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

With regard to the AstraZeneca vaccine, the bishops found it to be “more morally compromised” and consequently concluded that this vaccine “should be avoided” if there are alternatives available. “It may turn out, however, that one does not really have a choice of vaccine, at least, not without a lengthy delay in immunization that may have serious consequences for one’s health and the health of others,” the bishop chairmen stated. “In such a case ... it would be permissible to accept the AstraZeneca vaccine.”

At the same time, the bishops also warned that Catholics “must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research.”

Read more here <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>



PENANCE SERVICE: There will be no communal type penance Service this advent season. But Fr. John will hear confessions from 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. every Sunday in December except Sunday; December 13, and every Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m. in December.

Father John will hear confessions after each of the weekend Masses in December in Hanston and Jetmore.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!! Mary and Joseph travelled through the rocky and hilly terrain to Bethlehem to give birth to their child. It was a journey of sacrifice and faith. This year 2020 has been a journey of sacrifice and faith as we struggling to maneuver through the pandemic and all it has brought with it. This Christmas, Mary and Joseph provide for us a powerful example of what it means to follow God. Let us draw strength from them as we journey into the years ahead of us.

May this Christmas season bring you peace, joy and true happiness!

December 21 - 27 Birthdays	
Dec. 21	Brooklyn Schneweis
Dec. 22	Quaid Gleason
Dec. 23	Carol Durler, Joyce Schulte, Kim Steimel
Dec. 24	Kevin Mages
Dec. 25	Rose Thomas
Dec. 26	Vern Stein, Lakin Pianalto
Dec. 27	Kreg Fagen