

VOCATION VIEWS: The shepherds go in haste to visit the new-born King of the Jews. When God calls, respond at once with joy that you too might praise and glorify God in all things (Lk. 2:16)

December 26 & 27, 2020		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 28 - January 3			
	Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration Intention
		Mon.	No Mass		
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Edna Schuette
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Agnes Rabe
		Thurs.	5:00 p.m.	Church	New Year’s Eve Willie Helms
		Fri.	No Mass		
		Sat.	3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Church Church	Confessions Gilbert Ackerman
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	Valen Stein

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>12/31/20 Thursday:</u>	L’Jean Dixon (EMC), Cindy Hubbell (Lector), Kaden Stein (Collection), Jan Rabe (Collection Asst.)
<u>1/2/21 Saturday:</u>	Kenna Ackerman (EMC), Larry Friess (Lector), Phil Knoeber (Collection), Elliott Nold (Collection Asst.)
<u>1/3/21 Sunday:</u>	Lynann Bowman (EMC), Kelly Tasset (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!

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 315:00 p.m.
Friday, January 1No Mass
Saturday, January 24:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 3.....8:00 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.

New Year Mass schedule for Hanston
Friday, January 1Hanston- 9:00 a.m.
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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 e-mail - 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.

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CATHOLIC HELP: Catholic Charities staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our help line at 620-272-0010 or send us an e-mail 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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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! “Do not fear: I am with you; do not be anxious: I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand” (Is. 41:10). When you pass through waters, I will be with you; through rivers, you shall not be swept away. When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, nor will flames consume you. For I, the LORD, am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior” (Is.43:2-3a). “No evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone” (Ps.91:10-12).

If you are willing to trust Him in all situations he will help you do the right thing not the easy thing. Happy New Year! Make it a guarantee not a wish.

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STEWARDSHIP: December 2020: The feast of the Holy Family, “Whatever you do” says St. Paul to the Colossians, “do ...it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God, the Father through him”. And it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist “through Him with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit...”

January 1, 2021: Mary the Mother of God, The first reading today recalls God’s special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts the spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His Children. May we like Mary treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS: 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 intention each month. The intention for January 2021 is Human fraternity. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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ADORATION, ADORATION, ADORATION: Jesus has made himself the bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, he is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to adoration (Mother Teresa) 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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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>.

Dec. 28 - Jan. 3 Birthdays	
Dec. 29	Tammy Konrade
Dec. 30	Karla Gleason
Dec. 31	Mike Konda, Trisha Sohm
Jan. 1	Landon Hubbell
Jan. 2	Annette Benish, Charlene Halling
Jan. 3	Mary Benjamin, Tasha Fagen, Quentin Tasset, Molly Beckford