

VOCATION VIEWS: A good Vocation prayer to say every day, from the time we are 10 years old till we are 90 years old, is found in today’s first Scripture Reading: “Speak, Lord for your servant is listening”. Just try it with sincerity starting today. If you think is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website.

January 16 & 17, 2021		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — January 18 - 24			
	Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration Intention
		Mon.	No Mass		
		Tues.	No Mass		
		Wed.	No Mass		
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Church	W.M. & Helen Temaat
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Tony Mages
		Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions
			4:00 p.m.	Church	Bernice Mages
		Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church	Denny Duesing

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.

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.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS:

1/23/21 Saturday: Ross Ackerman (EMC), Rich Gleason (Lector), Lynnette Hessman (Collection), Vicki Scheve (Collection Asst.)

1/24/21 Sunday: Mary Schartz (EMC), R.J. Meyer (Lector)

IS IT TRUE THAT THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN SOME VACCINES AND ABORTION?

Yes. Several decades ago, tissue harvested from the bodies of aborted babies was used to create certain cell lines for research purposes. The cells in these lines are, in effect, the descendants of those cells that were originally harvested. They have been made to replicate themselves and some cell lines can be reproduced indefinitely. These abortion-derived cell lines are used as a “factory” to manufacture certain vaccines (e.g. rubella, chickenpox, some of the COVID-19 vaccines, etc.). The cells themselves, however, are not present in the vaccines that patients receive.

Is it morally acceptable to receive a COVID-19 vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines?

Given that the COVID-19 virus can involve serious health

risks, it can be morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines if there are no other available vaccines comparable in safety and efficacy with no connection to abortion. If it is possible to choose among a number of equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. If a vaccine with no connection to abortion-derived cell lines is not readily available, vaccines that used such cell lines only for testing would be preferable to those that use such cell lines for ongoing production. Such choices may not be possible, however, especially in the early stages of vaccine distribution. In that case, one may receive any of the clinically recommended vaccines in good conscience with the assurance that reception of such vaccines does not involve immoral cooperation in abortion.

STEWARDSHIP: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

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. If you need any help contact Jenny Schmidt.

AN HOUR ADORATION WITH JESUS HELPS:

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for a 12-hour adoration immediately following Mass on Sunday, January 17. Please, sign up for an hour with Eucharistic Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration will not be held on Jan. 20, 2021.

FAITH FORMATION: Are you searching for something? Faith Formation would like to invite you to the parish center after church January 17th. We will be watching an episode of the video series “The Search” found on our Formed account. The title of the episode we will be watching is “Why A God?” There will be a potluck brunch. Yum! We will also be offering to teach anyone how to access and use Formed, the website our parish has purchased.

2020-2021 SEMINARIANS: Please pray for our seven seminarians, now and throughout the year!
John Stang – Prince of Peace, Great Bend
Eric Frieb – St. Ann, Olmitz
Adam Urban – Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City
Esteban Hernandez – Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City
Joshua Becker – St. Joseph, Scott City
Carson Haupt – St. Joseph, Scott City
Jonathan Lemus – Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!: A huge, heartfelt thank you to all those who helped move crib and decorate the church for the Christmas season! Wonderful help made light work of a big job!

SUNDAY CELEBRATION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST: With the positive cases of corona virus still going up, we will need to train some parishioners to lead Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. Please if you are interested touch base with Fr. John.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HIRING: Catholic Charities has two job openings. We are looking for a Family Support Specialist in the Great Bend area, and an Immigration Services Case Manager in the Dodge City area. For more information or to submit resume materials, contact Debbie Snappy at 620-227-1588, dsnapp@CatholicCharitiesSWKS.org or visit <https://catholiccharitiesswks.org/home/news/29-home/news/general/914-catholic-charities-job-openings>

FR. JOHN WILL BE AWAY, Sunday afternoon through Wednesday evening, for Conference in Wichita.

MANY THANKS: I would like to thank St John the Baptist Parish Council, Knight of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, individuals, families and my dear faithful members of our Parish Church for your generous gifts. I really appreciate you thinking of me, and your gift of sharing and taking care of your priest. Thank you and May God richly bless you! My prayers and thoughts are with you always. I WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Fr. John

THURSDAY MASS: Mass on Thursdays in Parkview is suspended until further notice. All weekday morning Masses will be celebrated in the church.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: Members may send 2021 dues of \$20 to Jeannette Gunkel, 200 N. Moody, Spearville, KS 67876. Thank you.

January 18 - 24 Birthdays	
Jan. 18	Kurt Israel
Jan. 19	McKenzie0 Sigmund
Jan. 22	Scott Burke, Jr.
Jan. 23	Kambry Rogers
Jan. 24	Scott Ackerman