

St. John Parish

May 8 & 9, 2021

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — May 10 - 16					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass				
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Hugo & Delphine Peintner	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Bonnie Huntley	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Keith Hammeke	
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	4 p.m.	Church		Gilbert Ackerman	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Chuck Correll	



MINISTERS FOR May 15 and 16

Collection: Phil Knoeber	Lector: (Sat.) Larry Freiss
Collect. Asst: Larry Tasset	(Sun.) Ashley Hubbell
Sacristan: (Sat.) Kevin Stein	Eucharistic: (Sat.) Kali Ackerman
(Sun.) Mary Benjamin	(Sun.) Mary Benjamin
Servers: (Sat.) Logan and Michaela Hubbell, A.J. Herrmann	Musician: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt
(Sun.) Andrew Bowman, Autumn and Callie Wadley	(Sun.) Jenny Schmidt
	Song Leader: (Sat.) Jenny Schimdt
	(Sun.) Jenny Schmidt



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.

May 10 - 16 Birthdays

May 10	Kyle Eberle, LaVonne Nau, Craig Bowman
May 11	Bryce Ackerman, Avery Hubbell
May 12	Candace Fry, Madeline Bowman
May 14	Larry Craft
May 15	Joyce Rogers
May 16	Louise Lampe, Tausha Craft

STEWARDSHIP: May 9, 2021 (6th Sunday of Easter) Jesus’ commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself – my skills and talents, my time and resources – will best demonstrate my love for God’s people?

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POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY 2021: 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 this month and to join with many people worldwide in praying for The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: D of I Member recognition meeting will be May 10, beginning with a meal, at 6:30 p.m.

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TOTUS TUUS: Totus Tuus is a Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. Our week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program assists parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing. Totus Tuus is for students who have completed 1st - 12th grade. We are scheduled to host Totus in our parish on July 25th - 30th.

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DIACONATE ORDINATION: Bishop Gerald Vincke will ordain John Stang to the order of Deacon, 10 o’clock in the morning on Saturday, June 19, 2021, Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City. Please join in celebrating the Ordination Mass and sharing in the reception that follows.

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CLASS OF 2021: Graduating Seniors will be honored at Mass on Sunday May 16. Wear your caps and gowns and meet in the body room before Mass.

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WHERE IS MARY NOW? The Mary and Jesus statue is being passed on to the Carson and Rochelle Konrade family for the week of May 8th - 15th! Thank you for taking on the challenge of saying a daily rosary for all the intentions that seem out of our control. May you have a prayerful week and think of who you want to challenge next!!

SOME CHANGES TO HAPPEN SOON: Upon consultation with the Director of the Ford County Health Department, the parish council is effecting the following changes with effect from the weekend of May 22 and 23, 2021 (Pentecost Weekend).

1. Disinfecting of pews after each mass by NCYC Youth Group is suspended.

2. The ropes will be taken down and open up the pews with the exception of the north wing (by the north door) to allow for social distancing to continue.

3. Communion processions will be formed in the center aisle. Thus the faithful will receive communion through the center aisle and return to their pews by the side aisles.

4. Mask wearing is recommended but not required.

NB: Holy Communion to the faithful via the Precious Blood continues to be suspended

Let us renew our liturgical life by full, conscious, and active participation in Holy Mass and other liturgies.

Read below for details:

Revisiting last month’s discussion about what opening the Church back up to traditional masses, President Sohm reported on her visit with Angela Sowers, Director of the Ford County Health Department. After acknowledging a decrease in cases and an increase in vaccinated residents, Ms. Sowers gave recommendations in proceeding with the discontinuation of masks and enforced social distancing for those comfortable with doing so. While masks are still encouraged for those who still do not feel comfortable with socializing in larger groups, she did not see a problem with opening pews, collecting of weekly gifts nor distribution of Holy Water. She also discussed the suitability of opening one side of church, while keeping the other socially distanced for those still not comfortable with public interacting. Should a spike in Ford County’s positive COVID cases occur, Ms. Sowers agreed to contact the Parish with further recommendations and precautions. Discussion within the Parish Council occurred over what resuming traditional mass and what steps, if any should be taken with the recent letter from the Dodge City Diocese announcing the dispensation of not attending mass ending after Pentecost Sunday. The discussion noted the need for more seating with the crowd of parishioners returning for weekly mass, as well as what still needed to be done to ensure public safety. After weighing the various options, the Council decided to move forward with returning to traditional weekly services. Jenny Schmidt made a motion for the NCYC Youth Group to cease cleaning after weekly masses and to open the Church, with the exception of the north wing (by the north door) to allow for social distancing to continue. Rich Gleason seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The opening of the Church to traditional masses – with Eucharistic receiving lines to return to the traditional two lines up the center aisle – will occur on Pentecost weekend, coinciding with the Dioceses lifting of mass dispensation. Father John will make announcements during the next couple of weekend masses to alert parishioners of upcoming changes. The Council thanked Father John for his continued leadership and guidance during the last year’s uncertainties.