

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: “I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.” ‘Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.’ Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. If you think God is calling you to be a priest Call 620-227-1533 or visit vocations@dcdiocese.org

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — August 2 - 8					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass				
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Annette Stein	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Schuette Family	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Velda Mages	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	6:30 p.m.	Church		Raymond Ryan	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Agnes Rabe	

MASS AT PARKVIEW: Mass is celebrated at Parkview every Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. It is still not opened to the public.



MINISTERS FOR August 7 & 8

Collection:	T.J. Ackerman	Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Joyce Rogers
Collect. Asst:	John Gunkel		(Sun.) Levi Benjamin
Sacristan:	(Sat.) Bonnie Laudick	Musician:	(Sat.) Julie Knoeber
	(Sun.) LynAnn Bowman		(Sun.) Julie Knoeber
Servers:	(Sat.) J.J. Chapman, Aubrey Huston	Song Leader:	(Sat.)
	(Sun.) Austin, Ayden and Aubrey Ruiz		(Sun.)
Lector:	(Sat.) Larry Friess	Ushers:	(Sat.) Tom Burke, Phil Gleason
	(Sun.) R.J. Meyer		(Sun.) Drew Hubbell, Jeff Hubbell
		Gifts:	(Sat.) Stephanie Hornung
			(Sun.) Norbert Strecker



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.

STEWARDSHIP: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The crowd in today’s Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what “work” He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquire a “fresh, spiritual way of thinking” in Christ.



CEMETERY MOWING SCHEDULE:
Wednesday, August 11th
Wednesday, August 25th



SEMINARIANS RENEWAL DAYS: Come pray with and for our seminarians: All are invited to join the Dodge City Seminarian Renewal Days August 7 - 8th in Liberal, Kansas

Saturday, August 7
8:00 a.m. Holy Hour for Vocations
5:30 p.m. Mass in English

Sunday, August 8
9:00 a.m. Mass in English
1:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance,” Alan Watts.



DISCOVER AN ACTS RETREAT: Women’s Retreat will be October 21-24 and Men’s Retreat will be November 18-21, both at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. An ACTS Retreat is a three day/three night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, and can be powerful tools for retreatants to strengthen their faith, experience spiritual renewal, deepen their prayer life, and build friendships with others from the Dodge City Diocese community. Retreat brochures can be picked up at your parish office, or check out www.actsdcd.org for more information.



AUGUST 6: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: There, Jesus is transfigured (changed in form and appearance) and appears in dazzling white clothes. Elijah, the great prophet, and Moses, through whom the Israelites were given the law, appear with Jesus. A cloud appears, overshadowing them, and a voice states, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Jesus charges the three to not share with anyone what they had seen “except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead.” They keep their experience to themselves, pondering what Jesus meant by rising from the dead.

PRAYER TO BEGIN A SCHOOL YEAR: Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/term) we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff of N..., that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need. Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

R/. Amen



IMPORTANT DATES
August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord

Aug 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION? The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary’s Assumption is “a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ.” It shows that the Lord “reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son” (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time (USCCB).



Let us pray for those who are sick and their caregivers.

August 2 - 8 Birthdays	
August 2	Leroy Mages, Bobbie Schuette
August 3	Gary Tenbrink
August 4	Kyler Ackerman
August 5	Kaleb Konrade
August 6	Alissa Heskamp, David Schuette
August 7	Rock Strecker, Jr., Sharon Konda
August 8	Gwen Schulte, Lorie Stein, Clare Bowman