

# St. John Parish

**VIEW VOCATION:** To taste and see the goodness of the Lord means to be drawn closer to God. “Try, then, to imitate God as children of His that He loves, and follow Christ by loving as He loved you.” Be a presence of God’s love in the world today. Do what you can to bring to life God’s love. If you think God is calling you to be a priest Call 620-227-1533 or visit [vocations@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@dcdiocese.org)

August 7 & 8, 2021

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — August 9 - 15

|                                                                                                                         | Day    | Time      | Location | Celebration | Intention                    |
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| <b>Father John Forkuoh</b><br>385-2212<br><a href="http://www.stjohnspearville.com">http://www.stjohnspearville.com</a> | Mon.   | No Mass   |          |             |                              |
|                                                                                                                         | Tues.  | 8:30 a.m. | Church   |             | Rain                         |
|                                                                                                                         | Wed.   | 8:30 a.m. | Church   |             | Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen |
| <b>Coordinator of Ministries</b><br><b>Judy Gleason, 385-2881</b>                                                       | Thurs. | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview |             | Suzie Stramel                |
|                                                                                                                         | Fri.   | 8:30 a.m. | Church   |             | Bernie Stegman               |
|                                                                                                                         | Sat.   | 5:00 p.m. | Church   | Confessions |                              |
|                                                                                                                         |        | 6:30 p.m. | Church   |             | Members of D of I            |
|                                                                                                                         | Sun.   | 8:00 a.m. | Church   |             | All Parishioners             |

**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 14 & 15

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| <b>Collection:</b> Nathan Stein                                                                           | <b>Eucharistic:</b> (Sat.) Ross Ackerman                                      |
| <b>Collect. Asst:</b> Lynnette Hessman                                                                    | (Sun.) LynAnn Bowman                                                          |
| <b>Sacristan:</b> (Sat.) Fr. John (Sun.)                                                                  | <b>Musician:</b> (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt (Sun.) Jenny Schmidt                    |
| <b>Servers:</b> (Sat.) Jenna Gleason, A.J. Hermann, Layson Wheaton (Sun.) Isabel, Andrew and Clare Bowman | <b>Song Leader:</b> (Sat.) (Sun.)                                             |
| <b>Lector:</b> (Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen                                                | <b>Ushers:</b> (Sat.) Kelly Stein, Kevin Rabe (Sun.) Keith Brack, Scott Burke |
|                                                                                                           | <b>Gifts:</b> (Sat.) K.C. Preisner (Sun.) Levi Benjamin                       |



**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](mailto: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](mailto:jeanettegunkel63@gmail.com) or 385-2799; or Cassie Sanko at [csanko@ksu.edu](mailto: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:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah – food, water, rest, and encouragement – were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?



## CEMETERY MOWING SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, August 11th

Wednesday, August 25th



## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

**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 Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



**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.actstdc.org](http://www.actstdc.org) for more information.



## 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).



**FUNERAL:** May the Soul of Shirley Stein rest in peace!! We pray for her relatives and the Stein family who are saddened by the loss of their mother. May God give them courage and help them in their pain and grief.



**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.

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**THEMES FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING:** The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

Here are several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

1. **CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION**  
The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined.

We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

2. **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

3. **OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE**

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

## August 9 - 15 Birthdays

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| August 9  | Steve Ackerman, Ron Stein, Eleanor Strecker               |
| August 10 | Austin Hornung                                            |
| August 12 | Lena Meyer                                                |
| August 13 | Crystal Shipley                                           |
| August 14 | Dave Hernandez, Caleb Rodda, Granger Rodda, Laura Stegman |
| August 15 | Judy Nietling, Marceda Schmidt                            |
| August 16 | Larry Tasset                                              |