

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; ...” Are you discerning a vocation to proclaim the greatness of the Lord as a priest or consecrated religious? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, call 620-227-1533 or visit vocations@dcdiocese.org

August 14 &15, 2021		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — August 16 - 22				
Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881	Mon.	No Mass				
	Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Marvin Gleason	
	Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Pat Torline	
	Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Jim Halling	
	Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Mary Norma Schulte	
	Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
		6:30 p.m.	Church		Kevin Hines	
	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 21 & 22

Collection: Kaden Stein	Eucharistic: (Sat.) Jolene Tasset
Collect. Asst: Vicki Scheve	(Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen
Sacristan: (Sat.) Judy Gleason	Musician: (Sat.) Kiley Myers
(Sun.) Mary Benjamin	(Sun.) Kiley Myers
Servers: (Sat.) Kaleb Konrade, Cooper Thompson, Danica Halling	Song Leader: (Sat.) Dawn Burke
(Sun.) Nathan Bowman, Evan Acevedo	(Sun.) Dawn Burke
Lector: (Sat.) Audrey Ackerman	Ushers: (Sat.) Rich Gleason, Melvin Strecker
(Sun.) Kelly Tasset	(Sun.) John Gunkel, Jeff Hubbell
	Gifts: (Sat.) Greg Vierthaler
	(Sun.) Lyle VanNahmen



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: 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: Our next cemetery mowing by May, June, July and August Guilds is on Wednesday, August 25th. Thanks so much for your service to our parish.



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.actsdcd.org for more information.



STEWARDSHIP: August 15: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”



RESPECT LIFE: “EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED”: With his encyclical “Laudato Si” (Praise be to you), Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation and to live accordingly. “Everything is connected”, he reminds us (LS 91). God uses creation to bring us into loving relationship with himself most notably through the sacraments. Human beings possess “a particular dignity above other creatures” and share a distinct responsibility for the world entrusted to us (LS 119, 242). When any of our relationship are out of balance –with God, one another or the rest of creation, all our relationship suffer.



SEMINARIANS: Pray for our Dodge City Diocese seminarians as they head off to seminary this month. Keep them in prayer now and throughout the year!

Deacon John Stang - Prince of Peace, Great Bend; Carson Haupt - St. Joseph, Scott City; Adam Urban - Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City; Esteban Hernandez - Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City; Jonathan Lemus - Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dodge City

WHAT IS A PLENARY INDULGENCE? There are probably very few items of Catholic doctrine more misunderstood than the concept of indulgences. Yes, yes, I know. You’re thinking, “wasn’t that the thing about selling tickets out of purgatory that brought on the Protestant reformation?” Well, yes, and no. But mostly no. Clearly, there were times in our history when even the leaders of the Church misunderstood indulgences. But after the second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI significantly revised the application of this often misunderstood doctrine. So, let’s give it another look.

An indulgence, either partial or plenary, remits all or some of the temporal punishment that is due for sin. So, what exactly is this “temporal punishment?” Let’s use an analogy. Say you throw a rock through my window and shatter it. I may forgive you for throwing the rock, but still expect you to pay to replace my window. That’s the temporal punishment that’s a consequence of sin. God forgives us when we repent. But something more may be necessary to indicate a change of heart and turning away from the things that lead to sin. Pope Paul VI did away with talking of indulgences in terms of time, because it was confusing and missed the point. So we speak of indulgences today as partial or plenary. To gain one, there are specific conditions that must be met. One must make a sacramental confession, receive the Eucharist, and pray for the intentions of the Pope, as well as whatever additional conditions are established for the particular indulgence you’re seeking. They can’t be bought, and they’re not a free ticket out of purgatory, since they’re not free. But what they cost is a demonstration of inner conversion. Their point is the conversion of heart. These external actions and prayers are just the manifestation of that change.

The most common ways to seek a plenary indulgence is to spend a half hour in Eucharistic Adoration, or pray the Stations of the Cross, or pray the rosary in a church, with your family, or with a religious community, or to read or listen to the Sacred Scriptures for half an hour. And of course, add to that the sacramental confession, receiving the Eucharist, and praying for the intention of the Holy Father. If you can manage that, then a plenary indulgence is within your reach. Just don’t blow it in the church parking lot on the way home (Fr. Larry Rice).



OPEN POSITION AT THE CHANCERY: The Diocese of Dodge City is accepting resumes for the position of Accounting/ Benefits Specialist. Please call or email me at gpaz@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1531 to request more information or to submit a resume. The position is posted on the Diocesan Website.

August 16 - 22 Birthdays	
August 16	Larry Tasset
August 17	Travis Barnett
August 18	Jan Rabe
August 20	D’Nelle Greenstreet, Phyllis Indiek, Lane Tasset, Amy Thompson
August 21	Louie Konrade, Shawn Rich
August 22	Autumn Wadley