

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” If you ask the Lord this question in prayer, trust in his grace to respond with joyful “yes” and consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533.

October 9 & 10, 2021

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — October 11 - 17

Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass			
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Marvin Gleason
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Edith Mae Giessel
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Gerald Schmidt
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church	Oct. 6 Wedding Anniv.	Raymond & Virginia Ryan
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	6:30 p.m.	Church		Bernie Stegman
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Agnes Rabe



MINISTERS FOR October 16 & 17

Collection: J.T. Horacek

Collect. Asst: Larry Tasset

Sacristan: (Sat.) Fr. John
(Sun.)

Servers: (Sat.) Xavier and Xander Calvin
(Sun.) Autumn and Calley Wadley

Lector: (Sat.) Tonya Hubbell
(Sun.) Ashley Hubbell

Eucharistic: (Sat.) Joyce Rogers
(Sun.) LynAnn Bowman

Musician: (Sat.) Gayla Kirmer

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Song Leader: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt
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Ushers: (Sat.) Rich Gleason, Kevin Rabe
(Sun.) Ron Temaat, Jeff Hubbell

Gifts: (Sat.) Tom Burke
(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: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep me from following Jesus?



POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION: 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 and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. In October the Pope is asking that we pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



RENOVATION: Renovation work on our Parish Center is still ongoing. Please call St. Andrew Church Wright (620-227-3363) or St. Joseph, Offerle (620-659-2529), if you need to use the Parish Center. They are ready to open their Parish Centers for our parishioners.



PARISH SOUP SUPPER: The Annual Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17th at the Parish Center.

We are accepting donations for door prizes. If anyone would like to donate a door prize, please contact Jill Vierthaler (385-2208) or Kenna Ackerman (408-8893) or any member of the Church and Community Affairs Committee. Thank you so much for your generosity!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HIRING! We are looking for Refugee Case Managers and an AmeriCorps service member to provide employment services for refugees and other vulnerable populations. For more information, visit <https://catholic-charitiesswks.org/home/employment>.



NCYC: The 2023 NYC Youth Group is now being formed. If you are/have a student currently in 7th grade - 10th grade that would like more information on the group, please call/text Mary Benjamin, 620-385-0219.

October 11 - 17 Birthdays

Oct. 11	Judy Fagen
Oct. 12	Philip Knoeber
Oct. 13	Callie Wadley
Oct. 14	Berna Mae Stegman, Waylon Strecker, Kitrina Craft
Oct. 15	Trisha Hines, Carson Rich, Kelsey Sigmund, Kristin Huston, Jonathan Able
Oct. 16	Tom Burke, Reece Schulte
Oct. 17	Paige Broz, Shannon Indiek, Sandra Helfrich

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 12 – Indigenous People’s Day

October 24 – World Mission Sunday

October 31 – Halloween



SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Struggling to provide food for yourself or your family? Catholic Charities staff members are available to help with the application for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP Food Assistance). Call 620-272-0010.



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.



HOSPICE OF THE PRAIRIE: Would you like to join a fun, active group of volunteers? Hospice of the Prairie Home Health is planning Volunteer Training for Thursday, October 14th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Join us to learn more about hospice services and see if it’s a fit for you. Our volunteers support us in many different areas such as, visiting patients, running errands, office task, newsletter mailing and much more. Our volunteers live and serve in Ford County and all surrounding counties.

The volunteer training will include: History and Philosophy of Hospice Care; Physical, Spiritual and Emotional Needs of the Terminally Ill; The Grief Experience, Effective Communication; and Role of the Hospice Volunteer. Contact us through Facebook or call Rosalita Schmidt, Volunteer Coordinator at 620-227-7209



A PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, DEFENDER OF LIFE:

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 10: Adoration Under the Stars

October 17: Soup Supper