

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: “Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I was baptized with?” Should the Lord direct these words to you in prayer, how will you respond? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533.

October 16 & 17, 2021

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — October 18 - 24					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass				
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Steve Ackerman	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Rex Aistrup	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Verl Shean	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Jim Sanko	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	6:30 p.m.	Church		Gilbert Ackerman	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Kevin Hines	



MINISTERS FOR October 23 & 24

Collection: Lynnette Hessman	Eucharistic: (Sat.) Ross Ackerman
Collect. Asst: Levi Benjamin	(Sun.) Levi Benjamin
Sacristan: (Sat.) Judy Gleason	Musician: (Sat.) Julie Knoeber
(Sun.) Mary Benjamin	(Sun.) Julie Knoeber
Servers: (Sat.) Hallie, Cheyenne and Faith Ackerman	Song Leader: (Sat.) Gayla Kirmer
(Sun.) Aubrey, Aiden and Austin Ruiz	(Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Lector: (Sat.) Connie Burkhart	Ushers: (Sat.) Kelly Stein, Melvin Strecker
(Sun.) Cindy Hubbell	(Sun.) Keith Brack, Scott Burke
	Gifts: (Sat.) Larry B. Ackerman
	(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. 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: 2 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today’s Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.



PARISH SOUP SUPPER: Our annual Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, October 17th, at the Parish Center. Come join us for chicken noodle soup, chili, sandwiches, pie, games and fellowship. Dinner served from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are available in the back of church. There will be games and door prizes that evening. Everyone in the community is welcome.



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://catholiccharitiesswks.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.



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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next week is World Mission Sunday, in a special Extraordinary Missionary Month. We are called through our baptism to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice and support of missionary vocations through material aid. Remembering that we are baptized and sent as a Universal Church of Christ on mission in the world, we can... PRAY for the Church’s worldwide missionary work, OFFER financial HELP, and CHARITY through our Diocese to The Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands. You can add your donation to your regular Sunday offertory contribution.

SYNOD ON SYNODS: In April 2021, Pope Francis initiated a synodal journey of the whole people of God, to begin in October 2021 in each church and culminating in October 2023 in the assembly of the synod of Bishops.

Bishop Vincke will preside at the Opening Mass of the synod on Sunday, October 17, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Salina. He is asking us to join him in praying for a good start. Prayer prepares our hearts to listen carefully to others and helps us to discern the action of the Holy Spirit throughout the world. The diocesan phase of the Synod will last from October 2021 to April 2022.

The Synod poses the following fundamental questions: A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local Church? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”? Please try to see this as an opportunity for the renewal of all people in their identity as a priestly people in Christ who are called to sanctify the world beginning within their own families, relationships, parishes, workplaces, etc. The Synod is meant to listen to people, especially reaching out to those that perhaps we normally don’t talk with.

Synodality means to walk together. We can never do this ‘walking together’ on our own. This walking together involves listening to each other. To listen not only within our small inner circle of the Church but to have an open ear to what is in the life of so many people: Christians and non-Christians, those in the periphery ... what are their worries... what are their joys... and then to ask ‘what do we do when we have listened?’”



MATRIMONY ANNIVERSARY MASS:

Our parish is honoring the following couples, who are celebrating their significant years of marriage this year, 2021:

Gaylord & Shirley Moritz65 years
Bobbie & Elmer Schuette62 years
Melvin & Pat Habiger55 years
Drew & Ashley Hubbell10 years

The couples will be blessed during Mass on Sunday, October 17th, 2021.

BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO Gaylord & Shirley, Bobbie & Elmer, Melvin & Pat and Drew & Ashley and blessings of many more years of marriage.

October 18 - 24 Birthdays	
Oct. 18	Connie Heskamp, Jalyssa Indiek, Cooper Sigmund
Oct. 19	Byrum Bittel, Renelda Hornung, Jeremiah Indiek
Oct. 20	Michelle Lampe
Oct. 21	Kolten Bennett, Paityn Hartman
Oct. 22	Daryl Stegman
Oct. 23	Danny Gleason, Maryann Nau, Nathan Stein