

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself”. Are you being called to a life of service as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533.

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — November 1 - 7					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	8:30 a.m.	Church	All Sts. Day	Shirley Stein	
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Claude Rogers	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		LaVera Strecker	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Hugo & Delphine Peintner	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Pat Torline	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	6:30 p.m.	Church		Margaret Schuette	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		All Parishioners	



MINISTERS FOR November 6 & 7

Collection: Nathan Stein	Eucharistic: (Sat.) Jill Vierthaler
Collect. Asst: Kevin Stein	(Sun.) Mary Schartz
Sacristan: (Sat.) Judy Gleason (Sun.)	Musician: (Sat.) Dana Howerton (Sun.) Dana Howerton
Servers: (Sat.) Blake and Austin Hornung, Aubrey Huston (Sun.) Andrew, Nathan and Elizabeth Bowman	Song Leader: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt (Sun.) Jenny Schmidt
Lector: (Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) RJ Meyer	Ushers: (Sat.) Kevin Rabe, Kelly Stein (Sun.) Jeff Hubbell, Kevin Mages
	Gifts: (Sat.) Larry B. Ackerman (Sun.) Keith Brack



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: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

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PARKVIEW MASS: Thursday Morning Mass in Parkview is still not open to public.

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ALL SAINTS DAY: November 1, 2021 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. Whenever January 1, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, or August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, or November 1, the solemnity of All Saints, falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated.

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 the month of November we pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

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NCYC: The 2023 NCYC Youth Group is now being formed. If you are a/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.

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ST. MARY’S HERITAGE PHEASANT FEED: St. Mary’s Heritage Hall, November 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Free will donations accepted.

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MEN’S RETREAT: Men’s Retreat will be November 18-21, 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.

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IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER:

November 1 – All Saints Day
November 2 – All Souls Day
November 7 – Daylight Savings: Fall Back
November 7-13 – Vocation Awareness Week
November 11 – Veterans Day
November 14 – World Day of the Poor
November 21 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 21 – Catholic Campaign for Human Development
November 25 – Thanksgiving
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

LETTER FROM BISHOP VINCKE:
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
We have just begun the opening of the synod on synodality for every diocese in the world. There are many questions and perhaps even confusion about the synod. This part of the synod

is about listening-listening to the Holy Spirit and listening to others. Synod means journeying together. It means taking the time to listen to another’s story. It means listening to people we normally don’t talk with. It means listening to people we might not agree with. It means listening to people who are marginalized. Why is this important? Because every human person is a member of our family.

The Synod is meant for everyone to participate. This includes you. How can you participate? By following a three-step process.

1. Please take the time to listen to another person’s story...perhaps someone you have been meaning to talk with but haven’t for one reason or another. Perhaps a neighbor, perhaps someone who is struggling, someone that you may have different views on politics and the Church, someone who is poor.
2. After listening to their story ask them, “how has the Church journeyed with you?” Is there anything you feel the Church can do to help you or do better?”
3. Write a short summary of what you learned from that person. Then please send that summary to the chancery either via a letter or email.

Each diocese is asked to collect these “stories” and then write a report on the answers. This report will be sent to the Vatican by April 2022. In the fall of 2023, there will be a synod of bishops to discuss synodality. Let us pray together so that the reflections and exchanges of this endeavor might help us rediscover the joy of being the People of God who journeys together, listening to everyone.

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NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate the 45th annual National Vocation Awareness Week from November 7-13, 2021. During this week, dioceses across the United States will hold events to foster an appreciation for vocations and pray specifically for those discerning a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of vocation.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:
God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

November 1 - 7 Birthdays	
Nov. 1	Trace Tasset, Sadie Dvorak, Caleb Herrmann
Nov. 2	Dale Stein, Jenette Schuette, Rick Heeke, Mathias Konda
Nov. 3	Katie Gleason, Reid Schmidt
Nov. 5	Lyle Tenbrink
Nov. 6	Makenzie Preisner
Nov. 7	Carolyn Gleason, Andrew Bowman, Addilyn Connelly