

VOCATION VIEWS: “What ought we to do?” Let joy and gladness show forth in you. You are called to be the presence of Jesus (Luke 3:10-18). Is God calling you to the priesthood of His Church? Contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533

December 11 & 12, 2021

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 13 - 19					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass				
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Rain	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		No Mass	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Suzie Stramel	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Jim Halling	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	6:30 p.m.	Church		Jeremy Stein	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Ann Claussen	



MINISTERS FOR December 18 & 19

Collection: Nathan Stein	Eucharistic: (Sat.) Ross Ackerman
Collect. Asst: Vicky Scheve	(Sun.) Levi Benjamin
Sacristan: (Sat.) Bonnie Laudick	Musician: (Sat.) Dana Howerton
(Sun.) LynAnn Bowman	(Sun.) Dana Howerton
Servers: (Sat.) Blake and Austin Hornung,	Song Leader: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt
Aubrey Huston	(Sun.) Jenny Schmidt
(Sun.) Youth	Ushers: (Sat.) Cory Ackerman, Rod Durler
Lector: (Sat.) Rich Gleason	(Sun.) Youth
(Sun.) Youth	Gifts: (Sat.) K.C. Preisner
	(Sun.) Youth



SCHEDULES FOR ADVENT AND THE HOLIDAYS

ADVENT: The Advent season began November 28, 2021. Take time to reflect on how you will use the next four weeks to prepare your heart for Christmas.

PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 12, 2021Spearville at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 12, 2021.....Offerle at 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 19, 2021.....Jetmore at 4:00 p.m.

December 13 - 19 Birthdays	
Dec. 13	Amanda Stein, Quincy Donovan, Sophie Sigmund
Dec. 14	Becky Hornung, Ethan Halling
Dec. 15	Butch Fagen
Dec. 16	Melvin Hines, Kiley Myers
Dec. 17	Pat Habiger, Chris Konrade, Debra Stegman, Pat Sanko
Dec. 18	Frank Mages, Gayle Linnebur
Dec. 19	Levi Stein, Karsen Halling

HOLY MASS

Friday, December 24 Hanston at 5:00 p.m.
Friday, December 24Jetmore at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 24Spearville at 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25..... Spearville at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 25Jetmore at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 26..... Spearville at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 26..... Hanston at 10:30 a.m.
Friday, December 31, 2021Jetmore at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022 .Spearville at 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, January 1, 2022 Hanston at 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 1, 2022 .Spearville at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 2, 2022 Spearville at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday, January 2, 2022.....Jetmore at 10:30 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP: December 12, 2021 (3rd Sunday of Advent) Today’s Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: “Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same.”

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HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATIONS: The faithful have two obligations to fulfill—one obligation for Christmas (attending Mass the evening of Friday, December 24 or Mass during the morning, afternoon or evening of December 25) and one obligation for the Feast of the Holy Family (attending either an evening Mass on Saturday, December 25 or Mass during the morning, afternoon or evening of Sunday, December 26). If a Mass is scheduled to be celebrated after 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 25, the readings and prayers of the Mass must be for the Nativity Mass during the Day; however, if the faithful have already fulfilled their Christmas obligation, they may fulfill their Sunday obligation at this Mass celebrated after 4 p.m. on December 25.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to (1) help with childcare for our English as a Second Language Class; (2) teach or help teach English as a Second language class; and (3) provide transportation for our Haitian/Cuban Newcomers who have appointments in Wichita. If you know someone who would be a good fit, or who is looking for volunteer opportunities, please ask them to contact Hillary Snyder at 620-277-9617 or hsnyder@Catholic-CharitiesSWKS.org.

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PENANCE SERVICE: Our Advent Penance Service is December 12 at 4 p.m. The sacrament of penance restores us to God’s Grace and joins us with him in an intimate friendship (CCC, NO.1468).The Sacrament of Penance is an experience of the gift of God’s boundless mercy. And it frees us from our sins and challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: “It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.”

LIGHTING THE ROSE CANDLE: Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

NOTICE TO D OF I MEMBERS: We will be making fleece blankets to donate to veterans, on Sunday, Dec. 12, at noon, at the Senior Center. Bring your fleece or just come socialize! Some members have bought extra fleece, so you don’t have to bring any. Soup will be served. The regular monthly meeting will be on Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m., in the Oak Room. A meal will be provided. There will be a \$10 gift exchange for the Christmas party. All members are encouraged to attend.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. JOHN

Dec 24 Christmas Vigil Mass.....9:00 p.m.
Dec 25 Christmas Mass.....9:00 a.m.
Dec 26 Feast of Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph8:00 a.m.
Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary9:00 a.m.
Jan 1 Vigil Mass for Epiphany of Our Lord6:30 p.m.
Jan 2 Epiphany of Our Lord8:00 a.m.
Jan 9 Baptism of Our Lord (End of Christmas season)

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THEO 4881 WILL THE HOLY SPIRIT SHOW UP? (1 HOUR COLLEGE COURSE)

Pope Francis is convinced the Spirit will and you will too. So, he is inviting us all, the world over, into an ancient vision of Church. He invites us to “synod”. Synod, a word that for the early church, was considered a synonym for “church”. Why was it so important in the past and why is it so important for Pope Francis in the present? He offered his invitation October 10th. It came with an RSVP. This class offers the opportunity to consider why we may not have heard much about the Holy Father’s priority and ways each of us may accept Pope Francis’ invitation. It will explore “synod mindset” by using the tools our Holy Father suggests: pondering scripture, our story, and creative images.

Instructor - Fr. Robert Schremmer

Tuesday evenings - 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Class Dates - Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1

Location - This course will be offered over Zoom. To be in a Zoom class, one will need a computer with a microphone and camera.

Cost - 1 hr. college course for credit - \$50.00* 1 hr. college course for enrichment - \$25.00* *Does not include textbook.

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UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS:

- December 14-15 priests’ Retreat in Hays
- February 24, 2022 Pre-Lenten Day of Recollection
- March 6, 2022 Rite of Election
- March 7 or 12 Chrism Mass
- April 25-27, 2022 Priests Spring Assembly

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BENEFIT BREAKFAST FOR KAREN RICKE: A Benefit Breakfast is being held f for Karen Ricke at the St. John Parish Center from 8-11 a.m, on December 12th. Your free will donation will help defray medical costs.