



St. John Parish

January 8 & 9, 2022

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Coordinator of Ministries
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VOCATION VIEWS: “I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice”. Do you feel the Lord calling you to consider becoming a priest, or consecrated religious? Contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — January 10-16

Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass			
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Valen Stein
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		LaVera & Ignatius Strecker
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Hugo & Delphine Peintner
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Margaret Schuette
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
Sat.	6:30 p.m.	Church		George Heskamp
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Claude Rogers



MINISTERS FOR January 15 & 16

Collection:	J.T. Horacek	Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Mike Hubbell
Collect. Asst:	Phil Gleason		(Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen
Sacristan:	(Sat.) Bonnie Laudick	Musician:	(Sat.) Dana Howerton
	(Sun.) LynAnn Bowman		(Sun.) Dana Howerton
Servers:	(Sat.) Erika Fry, A.J. Herrmann	Song Leader:	(Sat.) Dawn Burke
	(Sun.) Aubrey, Ayden and Austin Ruiz		(Sun.) Dawn Burke
Lector:	(Sat.) Larry Friess	Ushers:	(Sat.) Rod Durler, Rich Gleason
	(Sun.) Youth		(Sun.) Youth
		Gifts:	(Sat.) Rich Gleason
			(Sun.) Youth



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.

THANK YOU AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Thanks be to God and thanks to all the parishioners for your cards, greetings, and gifts for this Christmas season. Many thanks also for your prayers, support, and friendliness throughout 2021. I must confess that your gift of money to me helped pay tuition fee for four college students in Ghana. May the good Lord bless you in this New Year! Fr. John

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE: Have you given up your land line and just use your cell phone? Have you moved or are you preparing to move soon? Are you welcoming a new baby into your family? Do you have children that are no longer dependents? Please help us keep our records current with any changes, additions or deletions that may have occurred in your family over the past year. Please contact Fr. John or Judy Gleason.

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STEWARDSHIP: January 2, 2022 (Epiphany) The three kings in today’s Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

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PARISH RECORDS JANUARY 2021 - DECEMBER 2021

Baptisms	5
1st Communion	7
Confirmation	14
Marriage	0
Deaths.....	16

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POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2022: 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 true human fraternity.

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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PILGRIMAGE TO TOPEKA: The Diocese of Dodge City will be making a pilgrimage to Topeka for the annual IGNITE-Mass, Rally, and March for Life. We will leave on January 24th on a bus, spend the night, participate in the rally, then be back in Dodge City around 10:30 p.m. on January 25th. To register, please visit dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life. Contact Emma Showalter at 620-227-1540 or dcyouth@dcdiocese.org for questions.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA MEETS: The D of I meeting is Jan. 10, at 7 p.m., in the Oak Room.

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FUNERAL: We continue to pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Janice Hornung. And extend our condolences to the Horning and Friess’ families as well as her friends. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

January 10 - 16 Birthdays

Jan. 10	Madison Tasset, Roberta Kiehl
Jan. 11	Nancy Ackerman, Reg Stegman, Clayton Stein
Jan. 12	Rosann Tasset, Avery Stein
Jan. 13	Elmer Schuette
Jan. 14	Judy Gleason, Dwaine Lampe, Jaron Lindsay
Jan. 15	Kevin Stein, Linda Strecker
Jan. 16	John Giessel, Kassie Linnebur, Josh Sigmund

JANUARY 9, 2022 (Baptism of the Lord): Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

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UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS:

February 24, 2022	Pre-Lenten Day of Recollection
March 6, 2022	Rite of Election
April 7 or 12	Chrism Mass
April 25-27, 2022	Priests Spring Assembly

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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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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 mind-set” 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.

