

# St. John Parish

**VOCATION VIEWS:** The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God. (2 Samuel 5:1-3). ). If you feel called to the priesthood, contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533.

November 26 & 27, 2022

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| Day    | Time      | Location  | Celebration | Intention                    |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Mon.   | No Mass   |           |             |                              |
| Tues.  | 8:30 a.m. | Church    |             | Byrum Bittel                 |
|        | 9:30 a.m. | Southwind |             | Karolyn Hendricks            |
| Wed.   | 8:30 a.m. | Church    |             | Tessa Howerton<br>(Birthday) |
| Thurs. | 8:30 a.m. | Parkview  |             | Mark Downey                  |
| Fri.   | 8:30 a.m. | Church    |             | Gaylord Moritz               |
| Sat.   | 5:00 p.m. | Church    | Confessions |                              |
|        | 6:30 p.m. | Church    |             | Erma Schneweis               |
| Sun.   | 8:00 a.m. | Church    |             | All Parishioners             |



## MINISTERS FOR December 3 & 4

|                       |                                                |                     |                                                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Collection:</b>    | Kaden Stein                                    | <b>Eucharistic:</b> | (Sat.) Steve Hubbell, Kenna Ackerman, Joyce Rogers |
| <b>Collect. Asst:</b> | Kevin Mages                                    |                     | (Sun.) Mary Schartz, LynAnn Bowman, Larry Schmidt  |
| <b>Sacristan:</b>     | (Sat.) Judy Gleason                            | <b>Musician:</b>    | (Sat.) Gayla Kirmer                                |
|                       | (Sun.) Judy Gleason                            |                     | (Sun.) Gayla Kirmer                                |
| <b>Servers:</b>       | (Sat.) Hallie, Faith and Cheyenne Ackerman     | <b>Song Leader:</b> | (Sat.) Janel Calvin                                |
|                       | (Sun.) Clare and Madeline Bowman, Lena Gleason |                     | (Sun.) Janel Calvin                                |
| <b>Lector:</b>        | (Sat.) Cindy Hubbell                           | <b>Ushers:</b>      | (Sat.) Kevin Rabe, Kelly Stein                     |
|                       | (Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen                        |                     | (Sun.) Tom Burke, Phil Gleason                     |
|                       |                                                | <b>Gifts:</b>       | (Sat.) Mike Hubbell                                |
|                       |                                                |                     | (Sun.) Craig Bowman                                |



**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.

**PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS:** 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. The intention for December: Volunteer Not-For-Profit Organizations. We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States of America is a holiday of obligation. Mass times are:  
Wednesday, December 7.....Spearville @ 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 8 .....Spearville @ 8:30 a.m.  
Thursday, December 8 ..... Hanston @ 6:00 p.m.



## MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

Christmas Eve—  
Saturday December 24 ..... Jetmore @ 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 24 .....Hanston @ 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 24 .....Spearville @ 8:30 p.m.  
Sunday, December 25  
(Christmas Day) .....Spearville @ 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday, December 31 .....Hanston @ 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 31 .....Spearville @ 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, January 1.....Spearville @ 8:00 p.m.  
Sunday, January 1.....Jetmore @ 10:30 a.m.



## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

Sunday, December 11..... Offerle @ 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 11.....Spearville @ 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 11.....Wright @ 6:00 p.m.



**PANDEMIC ASSISTANCE:** Catholic Charities staff members want to help if you are in need as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Call our helpline at 620-272-0010 or send us an email at COVID19help@Catholic-CharitiesSWKS.org. We can help with food assistance, non-food pantry items, tracking down your stimulus check, health insurance paperwork, basic taxes, housing, counseling and other basic living needs.



| November 28 - December 4 Birthdays |                                           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 29                            | Dean Nau, Briley Hubbell                  |
| Nov. 30                            | Bob Weis, Tessa Howerton                  |
| Dec. 3                             | Jenna Gleason, Jacob Stegman, Kason Stein |
| Dec. 4                             | Lee Naasz                                 |

**SERVERS’ APPRECIATION EVENING:** Sunday, November 27 @ Parish Center: The Youth Committee would like to invite our parish’s servers to a fun night of pizza, games, and a movie as a thank-you to dedicating your time to St. John’s Parish! We plan to serve pizza starting at 5:30, followed by games and a movie! Snacks will also be available throughout the evening! The evening will conclude around 8:00 p.m. Come out and have a great time!



**LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Lord Jesus Christ, Savior and consoler of our weakness, who delivered Peter’s mother-in-law and the ruler’s son from a high fever; who restored strength to the paralytic, cleansed the lepers, healed the centurion’s servant; who saved the woman suffering from hemorrhage, raised up the man lying helpless on his pallet at the pool of Bethsaida, went about the towns and villages healing all kinds of ailments ... may the sick ... be freed from their illness and restored in body and mind, and may rightly see fit to praise your power until the end of their days; you who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



**MEN’S ACTS RETREAT:** The Holy Spirit is calling you to attend the upcoming Men’s Acts Retreat, January 19-22, 2023.

---Don’t wait until the last minute--

Please check our website: [www.greatbendcatholic.com](http://www.greatbendcatholic.com). If you need anything contact Paula Brozek at 620-793-8172.



**FUNERAL:** We continue to pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Leland Stein who passed away November 21, 2022, and buried on November 24. We also pray for the Stein family that they may be granted consolation from the Holy Spirit and discover hope in their grief.



## THANKSGIVING PRAYER:

Lord, we thank you  
for the goodness of our people  
and for the spirit of justice  
that fills this nation.  
We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.  
We thank you for our work and our rest,  
for one another, and for our homes.  
We thank you, Lord:  
accept our thanksgiving on this day.  
We pray and give thanks through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen