

St. John Parish

Vocation Views: ‘Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.’ Be resolute in following the Lord, whether convenient or difficult. (James 5:8).). If you feel called to the priesthood, contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533.

December 10 & 11, 2022

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 12 - 18					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass				
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Pat Sanko (Healing)	
	9:30 a.m.	Southwind		Kevin Hines	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Larry Ackerman	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Steve Ackerman	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Ron Hornung	
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions		
	6:30 p.m.	Church		Mary Ann Schmidt	
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Our Diocesan Seminarians	



MINISTERS FOR December 17 & 18

Collection:	T.J. Ackerman	Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Jill Vierthaler, Tonya and Mike Hubbell
Collect. Asst:	Lori Burke		(Sun.) Lori Burke, Mary Schartz, Connie Heskamp
Sacristan:	(Sat.) Bonnie Laudick (Sun.) LynAnn Bowman	Musician:	(Sat.) Kiley Myers (Sun.) Kiley Myers
Servers:	(Sat.) Makenzie and Brady Preisner, Chase Howerton (Sun.) Youth	Song Leader:	(Sat.) Janel Calvin (Sun.) Janel Calvin
Lector:	(Sat.) Larry Friess (Sun.) Youth	Ushers:	(Sat.) T.J. Ackerman, Rich Gleason (Sun.) Youth
		Gifts:	(Sat.) T.J. Ackerman (Sun.) Youth



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.

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated at the weekend of December 10th and 11th immediately following Mass. Those who want to take part should remain seated after each Mass.

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.

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DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: D of I will be making fleece blankets to donate to the Dodge City Pregnancy Center, on Dec. 11, beginning at noon. Soup and drinks will be furnished. Members may bring snacks if they wish. If you have fabric, it needs to be 30” x 35” or 40” x 40”. Since some members have purchased extra fabric, don’t feel that you have to bring fabric. A short meeting will be held. All members are encouraged to come to this Christmas party.

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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our every human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal. In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. As part of our diocesan Eucharistic Revival, the diocese of Dodge City has scheduled a Diocesan Traveling Program where monstration will travel from parish to parish beginning this month. The monstration will stay in each Parish for a month. During that one month stay in a parish or group of parishes, the pastor and the parishioners will determine what Eucharistic Adoration programs, educational opportunities or other events they feel will best meet their needs. In May 2023, Spearville-Jetmore-Hanston will host the monstration.

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NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS YOU NEED!

From July 17-21, 2024, the first National Eucharistic Congress to be held in the United States in more than 50 years will take place in Indianapolis. We are gauging interest in parishioner participation in attending and being a member of an official delegation from the Diocese of Dodge City. If you are interested, please contact Father Tim S. Hickey at tshickey@icloud.com or 203-996-7854 (voice/text) and provide your name, contact information and parish; if you are interested in a family/couple registration please provide your total number of registrations (e.g., husband and wife=2 registrations; husband, wife, two children=4 registrations, etc.). Your response is gratefully requested no later than Dec. 21. We are currently firming up the travel and housing costs and will provide that information to those who contact Father Tim by the Dec. 21 deadline. If you need additional information, please contact him or visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/congress-2024>.

STEWARDSHIP: December 11, 2022 (3 rd. Sunday of Advent). Each of us has his or her own role to play in the coming of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist was called to be the herald of the Messiah, preparing the way of the Lord. To what is the Lord calling me?

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SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: A little over a year ago, Pope Francis convened the Church in Synod. The listening process began in the local Churches and each diocese submitted a synthesis to their conference. The General Secretariat of the Synod at the Holy See received 112 responses from the Bishops’ Conferences around the world (out of 114) and 15 from the Oriental Catholic Churches (out of 15). “In September, many experts from all continents gathered... and carried out an authentic work of discernment based on all these contributions” (Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary). We are now at the Continental Stage of the Synod. The USC-CB is coordinating several continental listening sessions with our brothers in Canada this December and January, 2023. Using the Working Document of the Continental Stage from the Holy See as a point of departure, delegates from each diocese in the United States and Canada will be convened to reread the journey and continue in this discernment process. The Continental Assembly will then draft its own final document to be submitted by March 31, 2023. Based on the Final Documents of the Continental Assemblies, the Instrumentum Laboris will be drafted (June 2023). Please pray for a Synodal Church. We can all actively participate in this journey with our prayer.

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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: A voice is calling, ‘Clear the way for the Lord in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.’”(Isaiah 40:3). When it was known in the ancient days that the sovereign was coming every effort was made to ensure that the road was as smooth as could be. The great one must be able to travel smoothly, easily and quickly. Advent is a time of preparation and purification. A good confession can be one of the best ways to enter into the joy of the nativity with a clean heart, light and love. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at a Penance SERVICE on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Spearville. About four priests will be on hand to hear confessions.

Sunday, December 11.....Offerle @ 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 11.....Spearville @ 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 11.....Wright @ 6:00 p.m.
The Sacrament of Penance also reminds us of the great love God has for us. His love should inspire us to a greater love for Him. This sacrament will increase in us the love of God each time we receive it with humility and devotion.

December 12 - 18 Birthdays	
Dec. 12	Haley Gleason, Cindy Hubbell
Dec. 13	Amanda Stein, Sophy Sigmund
Dec. 14	Becky Hornung, Ethan Halling
Dec. 15	Butch Fagen
Dec. 16	Melvin Habiger, Kiley Myers
Dec. 17	Pat Habiger, Chris Konrade, Kelton Konrade, Debra Stegman, Pat Sanko
Dec. 18	Frank Mages, Gayle Linnebur, Austin Ruiz