

St. John Parish

December 8 & 9, 2018

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VOCATION VIEWS: John the Baptist cried out and made ready for the Lord. Who will promote the gospel in our community? (Luke 3:1-6) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdioocese.org/vocations.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 10 - 16

Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass			
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Joan Indiek
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Cris Hernandez
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Marvin Gleason
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Stanley Stramel
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	4:00 p.m.	Church		Daniel Kessen
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		All Parishioners



MINISTERS FOR December 15 & 16

Servers: (Sat.) Jaron Lindsay, Danica Halling, Emma Ackerman
(Sun.) Trace Tasset, Ethan and Karsen Halling

Greeters: (Sat.) Kraig Lindsay
(Sun.) John Calvin

Lectors: (Sat.) J.T. Horacek
(Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen

Eucharistic: (Sat.) Mark Strecker, Jolene Tasset, Larry Tasset, Jill Vierthaler, Trisha Sohm, Jennifer Lindsay
(Sun.) Jeanette Gunkel, John Gunkel, Connie Heskamp, Mary Schartz, Kurt Kirmer, Frank Mages

Keyboard: (Sat.) Kiley Myers
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Songleaders: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt
(Sun.) Janel Calvin

Ushers: (Sat.) Rod Durler, Phil Gleason
(Sun.) Scott Burke, Tom Burke

Gifts: (Sat.) Steve Hubbell
(Sun.) Lester Schulte

Rosary Leader: (Sat.) Carolyn Gleason
(Sun.) Craig Bowman

Collection: Elliott Nold

Collect. Asst.: Nadine Lampe

Sacristan: (Sat.) Bonnie Laudick
(Sun.) LynAnn 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 Berna Mae Stegman at 385-2810.

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 OF TREASURES: December 1 & 2:
Collection Total — \$3,139.00.

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SNOW REMOVAL: With Winter upon us, the Property Commission is looking for volunteers to help with snow removal at the Church as conditions warrant. If you are willing to help, there is a signup sheet in the back of the church or you may contact Blake Connelly directly at 785-342-0187.

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HOLYDAYS MASSES:

December 24 @ Spearville-----5:00 p.m.
December 25 @ Spearville -----9:00 a.m.
January 1, 2019 @ Spearville-----5:00 p.m.
December 24 @ Hanston -----7:00 p.m.
December 24 @ Jetmore -----9:00 p.m.

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ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES:

Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m., in Wright
Dec. 16, 2:00 p.m., in Offerle
Dec. 16, 4:00 p.m., in Spearville
Dec. 19, 5:00 p.m., in Jetmore
Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., in Kinsley

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MANNA HOUSE OPEN HOUSE: Everyone is welcome to attend the Manna House Open House on December 9, 2018, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. The address is 1012 1st Street, Dodge City.

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FUNERAL: Let's remember in our prayers Mary Ann Schmidt whose funeral Mass Was held last Wednesday; December 4, 2018. We extend our condolences to the Schmidt family. And we pray that this bereaved family will find comfort, consolation and hope at this time of grieving. May the soul of Mary Ann rest in peace and rise glory.

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STEWARDSHIP: December 9, 2018 (2nd Sunday of Advent) Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

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CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR CALLING: Practices for Christmas Eve choir will start on November 4, at 7:00 p.m., at the church. Tentative practice dates will also be on December 9, 16, and 23. Please join us and offer your talents to our music ministry. For questions, call Gayla Kirmer at 385-0467.

PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION-NAVIGATING CHARISMS: THEO 4881 RCIA Kansas! (1 hour course) Celebrating the Rites
Presenter: Fr. Tim Piasecki - Coordinating Instructor: Fr. Robert Schremmer

Students will study and experience their RCIA rites; seek better understanding of the focus and goal; be equipped to go forth celebrating them with the people of their parish. Workshop is presented by Catherine of Sienna Institute.

*This course is one of the 1 hour courses needed to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Liturgical/Youth Ministry.

Class Times: March 22 & 23 Location - Heartland Center for Spirituality, Great Bend

Cost: 1 hr. course for college credit - \$65.00* 1 hr. course for enrichment - \$25.00*

*price quotes do not include books

THEO 1003 Introduction to New Testament (3 hour course) Instructor: Fr. Reggie Urban This course focuses on the literature, theology and history of the New Testament. Students will explore questions of authorship and critical methods of biblical interpretation from within the perspective of faith. Jesus' question, addressed to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" provides the theological center of the New Testament studies. *This course is one of the 3 hour courses needed to obtain the Diocesan Certification in Youth Ministry.

Class Times - Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16 Saturday mornings - 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Location - Interactive Television Sites throughout Dodge City and Salina Dioceses

Cost - 3 hr. course for college credit - \$150.00* 3 hr. course for enrichment - \$75.00*

*price quotes do not include books

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WORD FOR LIFE: Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. Not sure how to help or what to say? Learn ten tips at www.usccb.org/support-her. "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

December 10 - 16 Birthdays

Dec. 10	Dennis Nietling, C.J. Beckford
Dec. 12	Haley Gleason, Cindy Hubbell
Dec. 13	Amanda Stein, Quincy Donovan, Sophie Sigmund
Dec. 14	Becky Hornung, Ethan Halling
Dec. 15	Butch Fagen
Dec. 16	Melvin Habiger, Kiley Myers