

St. John Parish

December 22 & 23, 2018

Father John Forkuoh
385-2212
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Coordinator of Ministries
Judy Gleason, 385-2881

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MINISTERS FOR December 29 & 30

Servers: (Sat.) Faith and Cheyenne Ackerman, Austin Hornung
(Sun.) Andrew and Nathan Bowman, Damaris Alcalá

Greeters: (Sat.) Larry B. Ackerman
(Sun.) Tony Lampe

Lectors: (Sat.) Tonya Hubbell
(Sun.) Vicki Broz

Eucharistic: (Sat.) John Stegman, Mark Strecker, Jolene Tasset, Larry Tasset, Jill Vierthaler, Trisha Sohm
(Sun.) Mary Benjamin, Levi Benjamin, Mary Schartz, Kurt Kirmer, Frank Mag-es, John Calvin

MINISTERS FOR December 31, 5 p.m., Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Servers: Candace and Erika Fry, Makiah Kliesen
Greeters: Steve Ackerman
Lectors: Connie Burkhart

Eucharistic: Mike Hubbell, Tonya Hubbell, Steve Hubbell, Jill Heeke, Kenna Ackerman, Larry Schmidt

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.

Vocation Views: Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45) If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Juan Salas at 620-227-1533 or vocations@dcdioocese.org.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 24-30

Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	5:00 p.m.	Church		Mary Hornung
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Church		Bernard Strecker
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Ed Durler
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Eleanora Linnebur
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Marvin Gleason
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	4:00 p.m.	Church		Living and Deceased Members of D of I
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		All Parishioners

MINISTERS FOR December 29 & 30

Keyboard: (Sat.) Bryce Ackerman
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Songleaders: (Sat.) Rakel Halling
(Sun.) Janel Calvin

Ushers: (Sat.) Melvin Strecker, Mike Hubbell
(Sun.) Leroy Mages, Dennis Schawe

Gifts: (Sat.) Larry B. Ackerman
(Sun.) Shawn Tasset

Rosary Leader: (Sat.) Phil Gleason
(Sun.) Volunteer

Collection: Jan Rabe
Collect. Asst.: Leland Stein
Sacristan: (Sat.) Kevin Stein

Keyboard: Dana Howerton
Songleaders: Jenny Schmidt
Ushers: Carl Hubbell, Steve Ackerman
Gifts: Larry J. Ackerman
Rosary Leader: Virginia Ryan
Sacristan: Bonnie Laudick

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 15 & 16: Collection Total — \$3,052.00.

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HOLYDAYS MASSES

December 24 @ Spearville.....5:00 p.m.
December 25 @ Spearville.....9:00 a.m.
December 31 @ Spearville.....5:00 p.m.

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JETMORE/HANSTON

December 24 @ Hanston..... 7:00 p.m.
December 24 @ Jetmore..... 9:00 p.m.
January 1 @ Hanston.....9:00a.m.

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WORD OF LIFE: Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: be not afraid!"

"Address of John Paul II to the Bishops and Apostolic Administrators of Albania on their 'Ad Limina' Visit, February 3, 2001" © 2001, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

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STEWARDSHIP: December 23, 2018 (4th Sunday of Advent) The Gospel today tells of the Virgin Mary, pregnant herself, hurrying off to help her cousin Elizabeth. The model of good stewardship, she who had given herself to bear the Savior gave her time and love to others as well.

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PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING:

Who needs it? You do! There will be a training session for Protecting God's Children at the Oak Room on Sunday, January 20, from 3-6 p.m. Anyone who has or will have direct contact with youth needs to be certified through this training in our diocese. It is open to anyone over 18, and you only need to take this training once. So, parents, youth commission members, future religion teachers, anyone who will drive or chaperone youth, this is your chance to get certified! No need to register, please just come. Contact Judy Gleason if you have any questions.

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December 24-30 Birthdays	
Dec. 24	Kevin Mages
Dec. 25	Rose thomas
Dec. 26	Vern Stein, Lakin Pianalto
Dec. 27	Kreg Fagen
Dec. 29	Tammy Konrade
Dec. 30	Karla Gleason, Bernice Mages, Trisha Sohm

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Deliberately give "space to Silence"

We will celebrate Christmas well, "if, like Joseph, we will give space to silence; if, like Mary, we say 'here I am' to God; if, like Jesus, we will be close to those who are alone; if, like the shepherds, we will leave our enclosures to be with Jesus,"

"It will be Christmas, if we find the light in the poor cave of Bethlehem." Pope Francis.

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PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION

NAVIGATING CHARISMS

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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BISHOP BRUGNARDT'S CHRISTMAS CARD GREETING

