

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

December 29 & 30, 2018

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — December 31 - January 6

Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	5:00 p.m.	Church		Pete & Anna Mae Ackerman
Tues.	No Mass			
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Mary Ann Schmidt
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Joan Indiek
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Willard & Ann Brack
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	4:00 p.m.	Church		All Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Suzie Stramel



MINISTERS FOR January 5 & 6

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| Servers: (Sat.) Kolten Bennett, J.J. Chapman, Makiah Kliesen
(Sun.) Nathan Bowman, Teaghan Elledge, Alissa Heskamp | Keyboard: (Sat.) Bryce Ackerman
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| Greeters: (Sat.) Marcella Griffin
(Sun.) Shawn Rich | Songleaders: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt
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| Lectors: (Sat.) Larry Friess
(Sun.) R.J. Meyer | Ushers: (Sat.) Phil Gleason, Steve Ackerman
(Sun.) Keith Brack, Scott Burke |
| Eucharistic: (Sat.) Phil Gleason, Lynnette Hessman, Shirley Moritz, Joyce Rogers, Jill Heeke, Kenna Ackerman
(Sun.) Toni Aistrup, Mary Benjamin, Levi Benjamin, Paula Scheweis, Kevin Stein, Norbert Strecker | Gifts: (Sat.) Rod Durler
(Sun.) Lyle VanNahmen |
| | Rosary Leader: (Sat.) Carolyn Gleason
(Sun.) George Heskamp |
| | Collection: Larry J. Ackerman
Collect. Asst.: Leland Stein
Sacristan: (Sat.) Phil Gleason
(Sun.) Mary Benjamin |



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 22 & 23: Collection Total — \$4,437.00.
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HOLY DAY MASSES:
December 31, 2019 @ Spearville..... 5:00 p.m.
JETMORE/HANSTON
January 1 @ Hanston.....9:00 a.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.
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PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION - RCIA KANSAS-CELEBRATING THE RITES:
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 one-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 - \$50.00 1 hr. course for enrichment - \$25.00
Price quotes do not include books.
The cost of room and board are not included in the prices, but will be posted soon.

MANY THANKS: It is with humble gratitude that I thank you for your generosity. I am very grateful for your smiles, laughs, and your gift of cards, checks, cash, food, cookies, and your invites to your homes and your family celebrations. I cannot thank you enough also for your encouragement, advice and positive contributions and feedbacks. I appreciate your love for people - the greatest thing we can do in our efforts to bring people to Christ. I admire the good things you say about our church. Nothing hurts a church more than its own people saying bad things about it in the community. It has been my greatest privilege to be a pastor here in St. John's Parish, and I look forward to many more years with you, God willing.
You are such amazing faith community and I am continually blown away by your compassion, generosity and alacrity to serve. God Bless you all! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I Love you all!!!
Fr. John
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Parish Council meets on January 3, 2019, at 8:00 p.m. Committee members meet at the same date at 7:00 p.m.
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STEWARDSHIP: December 30, 2018 (Holy Family). The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?
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SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING: January – This month serves as a reminder that slavery has never ended. January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking month. Assemble a group and invite a speaker to talk about human trafficking in your area. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking VISIT: sistersagainsttrafficking.org

December 31 - January 6 Birthdays	
Dec. 31	Mike Konda
Jan. 1	Landon Hubbell
Jan. 2	Annette Benish, Charlene Halling
Jan. 3	Mary Benjamin, Tasha Fagen, Quentin Tasset, Molly Beckford
Jan. 4	Uriah Hubbell
Jan. 5	Eric Slattery, Danica Halling