

Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,

Priesthood is not something you do on your own. A priest exists in relationship with the rest of the faith community, especially those he serves. I am filled with joy and gratitude that you have been part of my priestly journey. I cannot thank all of you enough for sharing your gifts of time and talent, preparing for and on the day of my celebration, your financial gifts, and your encouraging words showered on me individually and as a church community, last Saturday, my silver jubilee celebration. Your love, support, and understanding have been a source of strength and happiness to me, and I will never forget that. Thank you for sharing in my priestly journey of 25 years. I am still overjoyed with gratitude and happiness! May God richly bless you. Long live St. John the Baptist Parish and long live all of you, my dear and cherished parishioners.

**Peace and Love,
Fr. John**



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

100 S. Main St. - PO Box 187 - Spearville, KS 67876 - www.stjohnspearville.com

Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

Bookkeeper

Tena Gleason, 385-0615

Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

President: Stephanie Hornung

Parish Center Office Hours

Hours listed are approximate and change often.

Fr. John - frjohn47@yahoo.com:

T/W/F : 10 am-12 pm

(by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

M-F: 12 pm-3:30 pm (during the school year)

MASS SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 29TH - OCTOBER 5TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-9.29	<i>No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off</i>		
T-9.30	8:30am	Parkview	Marvin Gleason
"	9:30am	Southwind	Mary Ann Schmidt
W-10.1	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Th-10.2	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
F-10.3	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Sat-10.4	6:30pm	Church	Geraldine Habiger
Sun-10.5	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

MASS MINISTERS - OCTOBER 4TH & 5TH

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & Frank Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton	Barb Mages
Servers	Kaleb Konrade Cooper Thompson	Lena Gleason Avery Hubbell
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	Ashley Hubbell
EMHC	Steve Hubbell Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	Chelsea Gleason Drew Hubbell Frank Mages
Music	Howertons	Howertons
Ushers	Cory Ackerman Greg Thompson	Wesley Gleason Drew Hubbell
Gifts	Greg Thompson Fam	Wesley Gleason Fam

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Join the Email Prayer Chain

To join the list or to send a prayer request, email Ginny Werner (ginny_werner@yahoo.com) or Lynnette Hessman (nettemae1984@yahoo.com).



St. Leonard's Council #1539

K of C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

D of I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 9/29-10/5

9.30	Jill Hornung-Heeke Tim Durler
10.1	Terry Gleason Blake Hornung
10.3	Linda Fry



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, walking by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?*

TITHING REPORT - SEP. 20TH & 21ST:

Box Collection: \$ 2,554.00
Online Collection: \$ 950.00

FATHER'S VACATION HOME TO GHANA:

Fr. John will be gone through the month of October & returning after the 1st week of November. We pray for his safe travels & a restorative time at home in Ghana.

During this time, there will be no daily Masses at Parkview or on Tuesdays at Southwind. Adoration on Wednesdays will also be on hold until Father returns.

If there is an emergency or an immediate need for sacraments, please contact Jenny and she will get in touch with a priest for you.

cell: (620)357-4198
office: (620)385-2202

In Father's absence, we welcome Fr. Felix Agibi from the Missionary Society of St. Paul on Oct. 4th & 5th, Fr. Reggie Urban on Oct. 11th/12th & 25th/26th, and Fr. John Strasser on Oct. 18th/19th & Nov. 1st/2nd.



NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5th

Join others for a local pro-life prayer chain. From 2-3 pm on Sunday, October 5th, people will line up along North 14th Avenue in Dodge City. You can stop by the Ziegler Funeral Chapel parking area to get signs.



ROSARY CHALLENGE:

October Intention: *Pope Leo asks that we pray the rosary each day in October for peace around the world - with our families and our communities.*

September 28th - October 5th:
Louie & Teresa Konrade



Stewardship Spotlight: *Music Ministers*

Do we really need music in Mass?

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states that "sacred music is a treasure of inestimable value," meant to enhance worship & encourage active participation by all the faithful.

Just like stained glass windows, or beautiful statues & paintings, music's role in the liturgy is to allow beauty to lead us into deeper worship & lift our souls to Christ.

Why do you do music?

Howertons graciously responded:

Tessa: *"It's something fun that I can do for God."*

Chase: *"I do it because I get to do it with my mom. I like leading people & there's no better place to do that than in God's house."*

Dana: *"Serving God & His Church has always been simple for me. Being able to play the piano is a unique gift of His, but singing is a gift that so many have and could offer. His blessings are boundless & giving back my time & talent seems to be the least I can do."*

THANK YOU to all our musicians!

Ross Ackerman, Dawn Burke, Janell Calvin, Chase, Dana, & Tessa Howerton, Gayla Kirmer, Jenny Schmidt. **AND** another thanks to all who join the choir for special occasions! You are appreciated.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16:19-31)

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org



**ANNUAL
PARISH
SOUP
SUPPER**

*Sunday,
October 26th*

**5:00-7:00 PM
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH CENTER**

**SOUP, SANDWICHES, & PIE
FREE-WILL DONATION**

**GAMES, RAFFLE PRIZES, &
DOOR PRIZES**

**FUN & FOOD
FOR EVERYONE!**

CEMETERY MOWING

NEXT WEEK:

May/June & July/August
Guilds are due to mow the cemetery and North lot by **Wednesday, October 1st**. There are maybe just a few mowings left in the season. Thank you to all who have helped to keep the cemetery looking great!



FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU:



THE CHOSEN
SEASON FOUR

Season 4 - Episode 4

Sunday, September 28th

3:30 PM @ Parish Center

ALL are welcome! Snacks and childcare will be provided.

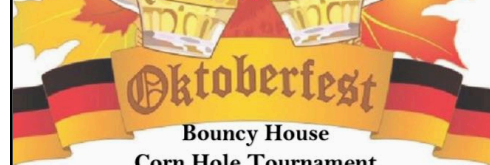
OCTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER FOR ST. ANDREW CHURCH RENOVATIONS - ALL ARE INVITED!

1st ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST Wright K of C Council 1862

Saturday October 11th

2:00 – 10:00

Bierocks
Bratwurst
Sauerkraut
Dessert
Beer



Oktoberfest

Bouncy House
Corn Hole Tournament
Horseshoes
Music By Crazy Horse
7:00 – 10:00
Watch College Games
Come Join the Fun