

St. John Parish

VOCATIONAL VIEWS: Like Jesus, you are called God’s beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

JANUARY 2 & 3, 2016

Father John Forkuoh, 385-2212
<http://www.stjohnspearville.com>

Coordinator of Ministries
Judy Gleason, 385-2881

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — January 4 - 10			
Day	Time	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass		
Tues.	8:30 a.m. PV		Ignatius Strecker
Wed.	8:30 a.m. PV		Norman Lee Giles
Thurs.	8:30 a.m. PV		Leo & Alice Sanko
Fri.	8:30 a.m PV		Ann Brack
Sat.	4:30 p.m.	Confessions	
	5:30 p.m.		Ed Mahoney
Sun.	9:30 a.m.		Parishioners



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 nettemae1948@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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Claire Albert, 620-561-1339.
HOMEBOUND: Call the pastor if you would like to receive Holy Communion on Thursday mornings.
DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: If ou would like to know more about the D of I, or are interested in joining, please contact Jeanette Gunkel at jeanettgunkel63@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.
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 Lyza Frasco at 316-371-5678 or elizabethfrasco@aol.com.



MINISTERS FOR — JANUARY 9 & 10

Servers: (Sat.) Katie Gleason, Kolten Bennett (Sun.) Gavin Schneweis, Anna & Nathan Stein	Keyboard: (Sat.) Bryce Ackerman (Sun.) Julie Knoeber
Greeters: (Sat.) Kurt Lampe Family (Sun.) Tony & Michelle Lampe	Songleaders: (Sat.) Jenny Schmidt (Sun.) Lorne Benish
Lectors: (Sat.) Ashley Hubbell (Sun.) Richard Broz	Ushers: (Sat.) Ron Hornung, Carl Hubbell (Sun.) Keith Brack, Scott Burke
Eucharistic: (Sat.) Larry B. & Kenna Ackerman, Mark Strecker, Larry & Jolene Tasset, Jill Vierthaler (Sun.) Riley Schmidt, Paula Schneweis, Norbert Strecker, LaWana VanNahmen, Toni Aistrup, Tony Frasco	Gifts: (Sat.) Ron & Janice Hornung (Sun.) Shawn Rich Family
	Rosary: (Sat.) Virginia Ryan (Sun.) LeRoy Mage
	Collection: Greg Werner
	Collect. Asst.: Lori Burke
	Sacristan: (Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) Mary Benjamin

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: December 26 & 27: Collection Total — \$8,745.13.

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K OF C: on Jan. 4, Rosary at 7:40 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m.
MEN’S & LADIES STAG: will be Jan. 9. Happy Hour starts at 6 p.m. Meal will be served at 7 p.m.
FREE THROW CONTEST: will be Sunday, Jan. 17, at 2 p.m. in the High School Gym. Boys and Girls age 9 - 14 are eligible to participate.

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PARISH COUNCIL: meeting on Jan. 7, at 8 p.m., in the Oak Room. Different Committees are reminded of their meetings at 7 p.m., on the same day.

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D OF I: on Jan. 11: covered dish at 6:30 p.m., meeting, gift exchange and collection of donations for ARK. Dues for 2016 are \$10.

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GRATITUDE: I am thankful to the parish council and the Knights of Columbus; St. Leonard’s Council No. 1539 for your great generosity and thoughtfulness. I appreciate your gifts and May God richly bless you all. I am also deeply thankful to everybody in our church community for all you do for our church and for those who sent me gifts. I wish you all a Happy New Year. Remember you can do all things through Christ who strengthens you! (Ref. Philippians 4:13) — Fr. John

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TOTUS TUUS: Camp registration open for Totus Tuus. Search Catholic Diocese of Wichita website under Totus Tuus. Camps are for students entering 5-12 grades. Questions? Call Chrissy Kissling 316-258-6795.

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ST. NICHOLAS SKI TRIP: The St. Nicholas youth group from Kinsley and Offerle, will be going on a ski trip to Monarch, on March 14, 15 & 16, and they have space available on the bus. If any of St. John youth group from Spearville, would like to go with them, contact Paula Hattrup, at 620-338-5224, or Kayla Gleason, at 620-338-3261. Thank you!

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PASTORAL MINISTRY FORMATION SPRING 2016: THEO 4003 Christology (3 hour) Instructor: Fr. Steve Heina
Course Description: This course will take an in-depth look at what Catholics believe about how Jesus Christ brings the redeeming power of true God and true humanity to you and your world. We will explore the Scriptures, teachings of the church, and the human condition.
Class Times: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 5, 12. Saturday morning 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Location: Interactive Television Sites throughout the Dodge City and Salina Diocese. For more information contact Coleen Stein, 620-227-1538 or cstein@dcdiocese.org.

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LATE NITE CATECHISM: Tickets are on sale for Late Nite Catechism: “Til Death do us Part. Two Performances ONLY 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 2, and 2 p.m., Sunday, April 3, at the “Dreiling Theater” on the campus of Thomas More Prep-Marian, Hays presented by the Daughters of Isabella. Log on to www.tmp-m.org/dofi/ to reserve your seats. Tickets are \$30 each. Late Nite Catechism, the show which the *New York Times* declares “speaks to an audience much broader than any one church...” and the *Daily News* crowned as “Blessedly Funny”. Proceeds to support Vocations and Religious Life in Kansas.

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TOPEKA PILGRIMAGE: Register your youth now for the Diocese of Dodge City pro-life pilgrimage to Topeka on Friday, Jan. 22. Join in a day of prayer, activity, and public witness to the value of every human life. Open to High School and College-age youth and sponsors. Bus will depart from Dodge City at 5:30 a.m. and stop in Great Bend, at St. Patrick Catholic Church. The day’s activities will include a tour of the Capitol, Mass with Fr. Wesley Schawe, lunch, a march and a rally on the steps of the Capitol building. Leave Topeka around 4 p.m., to return back to the Diocese, with return stops in Salina, Great Bend and Dodge City. Cost is \$35 for youth and youth leaders (includes lunch, transportation, rally); Donations are welcome to cover additional costs. Participants will need \$\$ for supper in Salina on the way home. Registrations with payment will be accepted until the bus is full, and should be directed to Gayla Kirmer, Diocese of Dodge City, P.O. Box 137, Dodge City KS 67801, 620-227-1525 or gkirmer@dcdiocese.org.

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CATECHIST FORMATION: Wednesday, Jan. 6 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 – 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Sunday, Jan. 10 – 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Spanish). Fr. Gale Hamerschmidt will present the Wednesday and Saturday session in English. Sr. Angela Erevia will present the Sunday session in Spanish.
Ways the World Wounds (Busyness, Consumerism and Materialism, Violence and Revenge, Individualism and Relativism, Entitlement). Creation is good but distorted by sin. Catechist Formation will discuss five primary ways that our culture can wound and otherwise eat away our relationship with God and the hope the Gospel brings. Will discuss suggestions for both practical action and prayerful reflection.

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CREATE A SPACE FOR GOD IN YOUR LIFE: The two year spiritual Formation Program at Heartland Center for Spirituality will help you discover a new attentiveness to the meaning of Grace, allowing you to live intentionally in spirit Centered ways. You will be introduced to Christian Spirituality, explore contemporary issues, and learn tools for your own inner exploration. You will also encounter Christian Tradition, explore different ways of Spiritual Development, and learn tools to help you discern and implement Spirituality in your everyday life. Our Spiritual Director Training program is designed to nurture the Spiritual heart of those called to the ministry of “Holy Listening.” You will learn skills needed to companion with others on their Spiritual Journey helping them to recognize their spiritual gifts and fulfill their desire for personal spiritual deepening. For more information visit www.heartlandspirituality.org/ spiritlife. To register e-mail office@heartlandspiritulaity.org or call Ann Axman at 620-792-1232.

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January 4 - 10 Birthdays

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Jan. 5	Eric Slattery - Danica Halling
Jan. 6	
Jan. 7	
Jan. 8	
Jan. 9	Scheon Elledge - Isabel Bowman
Jan. 10	Eleanor Linnebur - Madison Tasset Roberta Kiehl - Bill Hornung