

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing? (Gen. 22:1-2) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations.

February 24 & 25, 2018		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE —February 26 - March 4			
	Father John Forkuoh 385-2212 http://www.stjohnspearville.com	Day	Time	Location	Celebration Intention
Coordinator of Ministries Judy Gleason, 385-2881		Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Church	Clarence Tasset
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Keith Hammeke
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Marvin Gleason
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Joan Indiek
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV	Darlow Lampe
		Sat.	4:30 p.m.		Confessions
			5:30 p.m.	Church	All Parishioners
		Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church	Margaret Kirmer

MINISTERS FOR March 3 & 4			
Servers:	(Sat.) Kolten Bennett, Kate Steimel (Sun.) Ayden Ruiz, Brooklyn Schneweis, Gavin Schneweis	Keyboard:	(Sat.) Dana Howerton (Sun.) Dana Howerton
Greeters:	(Sat.) Rich Gleason (Sun.) R.J. Meyer	Songleaders:	(Sat.) Julie Knoeber (Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Lectors:	(Sat.) Connie Burkhart (Sun.) Craig Bowman	Ushers:	(Sat.) Rich Gleason, Kevin Rabe (Sun.) John Gunkel, Glenn Helfrich
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason, Sue Hampton, Shirley Moritz, Joyce Rogers, Ross Ackerman, John Stegman (Sun.) Larry Schmidt, John Calvin, Jeff Hubbell, Paula Schneweis, Kevin Stein, Norbert Strecker	Gifts:	(Sat.) Steve Hubbell (Sun.) John Calvin
		Rosary:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) LeRoy Mages
		Collection:	Elliott Nold
		Collect. Asst.:	Vicky Scheve
		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: February 10 & 11: Collection Total — \$2,495.64; February 17 & 18: Collection Total — \$2,156.00

STATISTICAL OVERVIEW:	
January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	
Number of Baptisms	8
First Communions	9
Confirmations.....	13
Marriages.....	2
Funerals and Burials	19

SCHEDULE FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:	
March 2.....	Daughters of Isabella
March 9.....	Faith Formation
March 16.....	Parish Council and Committee Members
March 23.....	High School and their teachers

CHRISM MASS: Chrism Mass 2018 is scheduled for Thursday March 22, at 11 a.m., at Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Those who would like to attend should sign up at the body room. We will need EIGHT people to represent our parish and attend the meal that follows in the parish social hall. However everyone can attend

CRS RICE BOWL: SECOND WEEK OF LENT: Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl from the back of church. During the 40 days of Lent, as companions on the journey, we will encounter our neighbor.

ENCOUNTER CESIA: We encounter Cesia in Nicaragua, where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, young people pursue their dreams by building business to better their lives. How can you work to improve the lives of others this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

STEWARDSHIP: February 25, 2018 (2nd Sunday of Lent) Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare his own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial?

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: The sacrament of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated this weekend of February 24 and 25, 2018. Those who want to be part of the celebration should wait after each Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL: The Parish Council Members and Committee Members are respectfully reminded of our March Meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at 7 p.m., and 8 p.m., respectively.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENTS: March 23rd - Fish Fry, 5 p.m., at the Parish Center
Biannual Poker Tournament - tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 8th
April 30th - Deadline for scholarships. One given to a member. One to the son or daughter of a member. Contact the USD 381 District Office or JT Horacek for applications.

Baptisms: Baptisms were celebrated for the following kids in the month of February 2018:
Lakyn Leigh Schulte on February 10, 2018. Parents: Justin and Chanda Schulte.
Quinn Rylee Ackerman on February 11, 2018. Parents: Ross and Kali Ackerman
Landon Wade Hubbell on February 18, 2018. Parents: Jeffrey and Uriah Hubbell
Thank you parents for the gift of your children.

EASTER EGG HUNT: The St. John’s Easter Egg Hunt will take place this year on Saturday, March 31, at 2 p.m., in the Park. There will be four age groups for the kids: 0-2 years old, 3-4 years old, 5-7 years old, and 8-12 years old. The Easter Bunny will also be on hand to take pictures with the children. Please come out and enjoy the fun sponsored by St. John’s Youth Commission. There will be plenty of eggs for everyone! Dana Rich

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: The D of I is still doing catering for weddings, rehearsals dinners and other functions. Contact Kelly Tasset at 620-339-9239 or kjtasset@yahoo.com.

LENTEN DONATION: Consider a donation of food for Lent. A basket is provided in the back of church to be taken to Manna House.

February 26 - March 4 Birthdays	
Feb. 26	Whitney Gleason, Lindsay Heskamp, Norbert Strecker, Jessica Jernagin, Audrey Ackerman
Feb. 28	Dorothy Trenkamp, Kelly Tasset, Mason Maud
Feb. 29	Shawn Stein
March 1	Carl Hubbell, Miriam Komarek, Michael Benish, Jacob Wheaton, Landree Hubbell
March 2	Lyle VanNahmen, Jennifer Lindsay
March 3	Tyler Schlereth
March 4	Kirk Konrade, Chanda Schulte