

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will ‘lay down their lives for their friends.’ Take time to pray, to ask God what He wants of you. (John 12:20-33) If you think God is calling you to priesthood or to consecrated life, visit our website at www.dcdiocese.org/vocations

March 17 & 18, 2018		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE —March 19 - 25				
	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		Keith Hammeke
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Michael & Rosa Hornung
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Thelma Langlois
		Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Stanley Stramel
		Fri.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Gerald Schmidt
		Sat.	4:30 p.m.		Confessions	
			5:30 p.m.	Church		Parishioners
		Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church		Joan Indiek



MINISTERS FOR March 24 & 25

Servers:	(Sat.) Ethan, Karsen and Danica Hal-ling (Sun.) Trace Tasset, Alissa Heskamp, Carson Rich	Keyboard:	(Sat.) Gayla Kirmer (Sun.) Gayla Kirmer
Greeters:	(Sat.) Kurt Lampe (Sun.) John Calvin	Songleaders:	(Sat.) Rakel Halling (Sun.) Janel Calvin
Lectors:	(Sat.) J.T. Horack, John Stegman (Pas-sion) (Sun.) R.J. Meyer, Kelly Tasset (Pas-sion)	Ushers:	(Sat.) Carl Hubbell, Steve Ackerman (Sun.) Dennis Schawe, R.J. Meyer
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Shirley Moritz, Joyce Rogers, Ross Ackerman, John Stegman, Mark Strecker, Jill Vierthaler (Sun.) Norbert Strecker, Larry Schmidt, Riley Schmidt, Jeff Hubbell, Paula Schneweis, Kevin Stein	Gifts:	(Sat.) Larry B. Ackerman (Sun.) Glenn Helfrich
		Rosary:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) Levi Benjamin
		Collection:	Jan Rabe
		Collect. Asst.:	Greg Vierthaler
		Sacristan:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason (Sun.) Mary Benjamin



A WARM WELCOME to new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to the pastor after Mass. There are family informa-tion 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: March 10 & 11:
Collection Total — \$3,466.25
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CRS RICE BOWL: THIRD WEEK OF LENT: Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communi-ties 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. This week we encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family sur-vive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God’s creation this Lent? How can you support those, world-wide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-5> for more on the story of Alefa.
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LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES:
Offerle..... Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
Spearville..... Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.
Kinsley Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Wright..... Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
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MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK:
Holy Thursday, March 29 7:00 p.m.
Holy Friday, March 30 3:00 p.m.
Holy Saturday, March 31 9:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 1 9:00 a.m.
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KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:
March 23rd - Fish Fry 5 p.m., at the Parish Center
Bi-Annual 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. Con-tact the USD 381 office or JT Horacek for application.
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SCHEDULE FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
March 23.....High School and their teachers
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ENCOUNTER WITH GOD’S CALL: The Encounter weekend is April 14-16. Young men-high school juniors, seniors, and those of college age – are invited to join Fr. Wesley for a road trip to Conception Seminary College. The weekend is a time to hear talks and spend time with seminarians while enjoying time with other young men who are seeking God’s will in their life. There is no charge for the weekend and transportation is provided. Register online at <http://dcdiocese.org/vocations/discernment-events> or contact Ana Gaytan at 620.227.1500 or agaytan@dcdiocese.org

SONG LEADERS: We need more musicians to help lead music at the weekend. Your commitment a month will help a lot. Please share your God-given melodious voice with us. For God blesses the cheerful giver.
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EASTER BAKE SALE: Annual Parish Easter Bake Sale will be Holy Saturday, March 31st. Each family in the parish is asked to bring one or two items to be in-cluded in the bake sale. The Oak Room at the Parish Center will be open at 7:30 a.m. that morning for you to drop off your donations. You may also leave them in the body room on Good Friday and we will get them to the sale. The sale will be held from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., please stop by the Oak Room and shop for your “Easter Treats.”
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MOVIE: On Friday, March 23, the movie, The Case for Christ, will be showing at the Heartland Center for Spirituality for the spring series of “Movies with a Mes-sage.” An investigative journalist and self-proclaimed atheist sets out to disprove the existence of God after his wife becomes a Christian. The movie begins at 6:15 in the Auditorium of the Motherhouse of the Domini-can Sisters of Peace. Other movies in our spring series include: The Jewish Cardinal (Tuesday, April 10), and Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber (Tuesday, May 8th) A free will offering will be accepted to offset the cost of refreshments.
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FAITH FORMATION: Please join us for Faith For-mation this Sunday after Mass. We will watch the next video in our Bible series and enjoy a spaghetti meal! As always, child care will be provided and 24-hour Adora-tion will follow at 1 p.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday.
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NOTICE TO D OF I MEMBERS: We are having Bingo for all senior citizens on March 25, at 2 p.m., at Parkview. Please bring baked goods, paper goods, candy, etc., for prizes.

March 19 - 25 Birthdays	
March 19	Kenna Ackerman, Sarah Connelly
March 22	Luke Heskamp
March 23	Keith Brack
March 24	Susan Hines, Kayci Rogers
March 25	Ginny Werner, Kelly Barnett