

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEW: 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 24 & 25, 2018		LITURGICAL SCHEDULE —March 26 - April 1				
	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		Martin Family
		Tues.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Joe Hines
		Wed.	8:30 a.m.	PV		Rain
		Thurs.	7:00 p.m.	Church	Holy Thursday	Marvin Gleason
		Fri.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Good Friday	Gerald Schmidt
		Sat.	9:00 p.m.	Church	Holy Saturday	William & Helen Temaat
		Sun.	9:30 a.m.	Church	Easter Sunday	All Parishioners



MINISTERS FOR HOLY THURSDAY (7 P.M.) AND GOOD FRIDAY (3 P.M.)			
Servers:	(Th.) Haley, Hannah and Jenna Gleason (Fri.) Catherine, Nathan and Andrew Bowman	Keyboard:	(Th.) Dana Howerton (Fri.) Men’s Choir
Greeters:	(Th.) Brian Myers (Fri.) Jeff Heskamp	Songleaders:	(Th.) Gayla Kirmer (Fri.) Men’s Choir
Lectors:	(Th.) Cindy Hubbell (Fri.) Tonya Hubbell, Ashley Hubbell (Passion)	Ushers:	(Th.) Cory Ackerman, Rod Durler
Eucharistic:	(Th.) Jolene Tasset, Larry Tasset, Jill Heeke, Jennifer Lindsay, Steve hubbell, Kenna Ackerman (Fri.) L’Jean Dixon, Mary Schartz, Toni Aistrup	Gifts:	(Th.) Larry J. Ackerman
		Collection:	Jeff Hubbell
		Collect. Asst.:	Nadine Lampe
		Sacristan:	(Th.) Bonnie Laudick (Fri.) LynAnn Bowman

MINISTERS FOR HOLY SATURDAY (9 P.M.) AND EASTER SUNDAY (9 A.M.)			
Servers:	(Sat.) Logan and Michaela Hubbell, Kate Steimel (Sun.) Autumn Wadley, Teaghen Ellege, Carson Rich	Keyboard:	(Sat.) Bryce Ackerman (Sun.) Bryce Ackerman
Greeters:	(Sat.) Kraig Lindsay (Sun.) Stephanie Hornung	Songleaders:	(Sat.) Choir (Sun.) Janel Calvin
Lectors:	(Sat.) Craig Bowman, Larry Friess (Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen	Ushers:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason, Rich Gleason (Sun.) John Gunkel, Glenn Helfrich
Eucharistic:	(Sat.) Tonya Hubbell, Mike Hubbell, Phil Gleason, Sue Hampton, Shirley Moritz, Joyce Rogers (Sun.) Mary Benjamin, Levi Benjamin, Kurt Kirmer, John Gunkel, Connie Heskamp, Jeff Hubbell	Gifts:	(Sat.) Rod Durler (Sun.) Chris Sohm
		New Fire:	(Sat.) Phil Gleason, Tom Burke
		Collection:	R.J. Meyer
		Collect. Asst.:	Ron Temaات
		Sacristan:	(Sat.) Dwaine Lampe

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES: March 17 & 18: Collection Total — \$2,649.10.

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HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION: We will end Holy Thursday Mass with adoration. Each family is asked to spend one hour in adoration using the following schedule if possible:

Last Names A - G: End of Mass to 9:00 p.m.
 H - K: 9:00 - 10:00 p.m.
 L - S: 10:00 - 11:00 p.m.
 T - Z: 11:00 p.m. - 12 midnight

We will have copies of Night Prayer available to end your prayer time. If you cannot make your assigned time, please feel free to worship when you can.

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PROM NIGHT: Mass is scheduled at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, 2018, to make accommodation for prom activities.

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CRS RICE BOWL: PALM SUNDAY

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. This week, we encounter Jesus in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

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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

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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 included 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 8:00-11:00 a.m., please stop by the Oak Room and shop for your “Easter Treats.”

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WE ARE IN NEEDING OF 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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KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bi-Annual Poker Tournament tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 8 April 30th-Deadline for scholarships. One given to a member. One to the son or daughter of a member. Contact the USD 381 office or JT Horacek for application

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HOLY THURSDAY: We need people to sign-up for their feet to be washed on Holy Thursday. The sign-up sheet is at the back of church in the body room.

GOOD FRIDAY: There will be Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m., on Good Friday before the celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m.

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CONTACT STATE LEGISLATORS REGARDING PENDING BILL: Bishop John Brungardt, in concert with the other bishops of Kansas, is appealing to Catholics throughout the diocese to support an effort currently under way called the “Protect Adoption Choice” campaign. The goal is to mobilize Catholics to support bills now before the Kansas Legislature that will protect the conscience rights of faith-based adoption and foster-care agencies. Currently, faith-based adoption and foster-care agencies in the state are free to operate according to their religious beliefs. The Adoption Protection Act (House Bill HB 2687 and Senate Bill SB 401) would ensure that the current situation remains the same. The Kansas Catholic Conference is helping to coordinate this statewide campaign.

There have been situations in other states where government agencies have forced Catholic Charities to shut down their adoption ministry because they will only place children in homes with a married mother and father. The “Adoption Protection Act” would pro actively ensure that this will not happen in Kansas. This legislation simply allows faith-based child placement agencies to continue to operate according to their religious principles. The bill does not infringe upon anyone’s legal right to adopt children; it simply affirms that faith-based agencies cannot be punished for adhering to their religious beliefs in their adoption ministries.

HB 2687 and SB 401 do not impact the rights of same-sex couples to adopt children nor do they discriminate against any group or individual. The bills simply say that faith-based providers will not lose their licenses or be otherwise punished for continuing to operate as they have and serving the common good by placing children in homes through adoption and foster care. According to the Kansas Catholic Conference, this bill is needed because a future governor could implement changes administratively that would punish faith-based providers because of their policies. All voting-age Catholics are asked to get involved in the Protect Adoption Choice campaign now before the regular session of the Kansas Legislature ends on April 6. Failure to take action on this important issue could one day result in the closure of faith-based adoption agencies like Catholic Charities.

Please contact by phone your state representative and senator as soon as possible. The following is a sample of what you might say:

“Hello, my name is _____ and I am a registered voter from _____. I respectfully ask you to support the ‘Adoption Protection Act’ (HB 2687 in the House and SB 401 in the Senate). This legislation ensures that faith-based adoption providers like Catholic Charities will continue to be free to serve children and families. Catholic Charities’ adoption ministry has been forced to close in other states because of groups and government agencies hostile to our Catholic beliefs. Catholic Charities and other faith-based adoption providers should be free to serve the common good as they have for so long. This legislation does not affect anyone’s legal right to adopt, it just protects groups like Catholic Charities. Birth mothers and adoptive parents who want to use a faith-based provider should be free to do so. As your constituent, this legislation is very important to me. Thank you.”

To learn more about the Protect Adoption Choice campaign, please visit the campaign web site at www.ProtectAdoptionChoice.org where you can directly email your state senator and representative. To find the phone number of your state legislator, please visit http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2017_18/members/, or call Legislative Administrative Services at 785-296-2391 for your legislators’ phone numbers. Thank you for your generous support of the children. May the Lord assist us.

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STEWARDSHIP: March 25, 2018 (Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion) Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

March 26 - April 1 Birthdays	
March 27	Becky Downey, Grayson Halling
March 28	Jessican Lampe, Gaylord Moritz, Katelynn Slattery
March 29	Misty Tenbrink
March 30	Ross Ackerman, Melvin Hines, Sara Able
March 31	Florence Hines
April 1	Kimberly Slattery