

St. John Parish

VOCATION VIEWS: The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today. Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

February 6 & 7, 2021

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — February 8 - 14					
Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention	
Mon.	No Mass			Marvin Gleason	
Tues.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Mary Norma Schulte	
Wed.	8:30 a.m.	Church		No Mass	
Thurs.	8:30 a.m.	Parkview		Suzie Stramel	
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Gilbert “Gil” Ackerman	
Sat.	3:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	Mary Harris	
	4:00 p.m.	Church			
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church			



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 Cassie Sanko at csanko@ksu.edu.

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.



MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS:

2/13/21 Saturday: Jill Vierthaler (EMC), Cindy Hubbell (Lector), Phil Knoeber (Collection), Greg Vierthaler (Collection Asst.)

2/14/21 Sunday: Jeff Heskamp (EMC), Craig Bowman (Lector)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please wear a mask and sanitize your hands then come forward at the Lamb of God. Receive the host, then remove your mask and consume it. Replace your mask and then sanitize your hands again. (Sanitizer is located on the credence table beside Father at the altar.) Father will then give you the paten with the hosts in it. Give out communion to the north side first, if anyone is seated there. Then proceed to the outer edge of the front step, near the hand sanitizer on the stand. People will come from the outside

edges of the pews and should be wearing a mask and maintaining the 6 ft distance. If you should happen to touch another person while distributing, stop and go to the sanitizing station, set down the paten, sanitize your hands and then return to giving out communion. Please go to the back if there are musicians and then return your paten to Fr. John at the altar when you are finished. For little children who have not yet made First Communion, you can just do an “air” blessing instead of touching them. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, “I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings.”



ASH WEDNESDAY: February 17 Mass -----7 p.m.



2020 Parish Statistics:

Number of Children Baptism6
Welcome to the Newly Baptized.

Number of First Communion.....7
Congratulation to our 1st Communicants.

Number of Marriages.....2
Congratulation Brides & Grooms.

Number of funerals and burials recorded17
May God grant them peace and eternal rest.



FORMED: Our Parish just purchased FORMED and below are the sign up instructions:

1. Visit FORMED.org
 2. Click Sign Up
 3. Select “Sign Up As a Parishioner”
 4. Find St. John the Baptist by parish name, address, or zip code
 5. Enter your e-mail - and you’re in!
- FORMED is a Catholic website where you can get thousands of movies, programs, audios and books to help you grow in understanding your Catholic faith. If you need any help contact Jenny Schmidt or Kali Ackerman.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY 2021: Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request this month and to join with many people worldwide in praying for Violence Against Women: We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY IS HIRING FOR SUMMER MISSIONS:

Totus Tuus, Prayer & Action, and Camp Cristo Rey. Young Adults needing a summer job can apply to. <https://form.jotform.com/62586159862166>



February 8 - 14 Birthdays	
Feb. 8	Brian Myers
Feb. 9	Eileen Stegman, Nathan Slattery
Feb. 10	Ann Claussen
Feb. 11	Delores Scheve, Melissa Messino
Feb. 12	Erin Huston
Feb. 13	Lawrence Nietling, JJ Chapman
Feb. 14	Weston Stein, Teaghen Elledge, Tracy Brown, Layson Wheaton

JOB OPENINGS: Catholic Charities has two job openings. We are looking for a Family Support Specialist in the Great Bend area, and an Immigration Services Case Manager in the Dodge City area. For more information, visit <https://catholiccharitiesswks.org/home/news/29-home-news/general/914-catholic-charities-job-openings>



CRS: As Lent approaches CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to reflect on the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just a few loaves and fishes and to consider the needs of the hungry around the world. Journey with CRS to Honduras, Kenya and Vietnam to meet three girls and their families who are thriving with the support of CRS and faith communities like yours. Through stories, videos and lesson plans, your community will learn about the global issue of hunger and malnutrition and our Gospel call to feed the hungry.

Join more than 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses across the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent.



ASH WEDNESDAY: Distribution of Ashes in Time of Pandemic

During this time of pandemic, the Holy See has modified the method of distributing the ashes, on Ash Wednesday. The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel”, or “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”. The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything. These changes minimize the necessity of physical contact between minister and recipient and remove the need for the minister to speak while in close proximity to the recipient. The distribution of ashes via sprinkling is a common practice in some countries but is not well known here.



KANSAS ROSARY CRUSADE: All Kansas Diocese have been asked by our State’s Bishops, including Bishop Brungardt, to join the Kansas Rosary Crusade. Each Thursday, we are asked to pray the Rosary for the passage of pro-life legislation here in Kansas. Thursday is the day when we normally pray the Luminous Mysteries, however the Kansas Rosary Crusade offers the “Mysteries of Life in the Womb” for your Thursday Rosary. You can log on to: <https://kansasrosarycrusade.org/> to get all of the information.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA: The February meeting will be on February 8 at 7 p.m.