

VOCATION VIEWS: “Let the little children come to me...”
Are you called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, sister or brother? Contact Frs. Wesley and Juan Salas vocations@dcdiocese.org or 620-227-1533.

October 2 & 3, 2021

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE — October 4 - 10

Day	Time	Location	Celebration	Intention
Mon.	No Mass			
Tues.	No Mass			
Wed.	No Mass			
Thurs.	No Mass			
Fri.	8:30 a.m.	Church		Jeremy Stein
Sat.	5:00 p.m.	Church	Confessions	
	6:30 p.m.	Church		All Parishioners
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Church		Sylvester and Louise VanNahmen



MINISTERS FOR October 9 & 10

Collection: Luke Heskamp	Eucharistic: (Sat.) Lynnette Hessman
Collect. Asst: Lori Burke	(Sun.) Mary Benjamin
Sacristan: (Sat.) Bonnie Laudick	Musician: (Sat.) Julie Knoeber
(Sun.) LynAnn Bowman	(Sun.) Julie Knoeber
Servers: (Sat.) Blake and Austin Hornung,	Song Leader: (Sat.) Janel Calvin
Aubrey Huston	(Sun.) Janny Schmidt
(Sun.) Andrew and Nathan Bowman, Danica Halling	Ushers: (Sat.) Cory Ackerman, Rod Durler
Lector: (Sat.) Audrey Ackerman	(Sun.) Elliott Nold, Denny Schawe
(Sun.) LaWana VanNahmen	Gifts: (Sat.) Greg Vierthaler
	(Sun.) Shawn Tasset



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.

STEWARDSHIP: October 3, 2021 (27th Sunday in Ordinary Time) The phrase in today’s Psalm, “May you see your children’s children, “is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. “May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!”



POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION: 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 and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. In October the Pope is asking that we pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.



RENOVATION: Renovation work on our Parish Center is ongoing. Please call St. Andrew Church Wright (620-227-3363) or St. Joseph, Offerle (620-659-2529), if you need to use the Parish Center. They are ready to open their Parish Centers for our parishioners.



PARISH SOUP SUPPER: The Annual Soup Supper will be held on Sunday, Oct. 17th at the Parish Center.

We are accepting donations for door prizes. If anyone would like to donate a door prize, please contact Jill Vierthaler (385-2208) or Kenna Ackerman (408-8893) or any member of the Church and Community Affairs Committee. Thank you so much for your generosity!



MATRIMONY ANNIVERSARY MASS: Every year in October, couples across the diocese who are celebrating a 5, 10, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 50-plus year anniversary of matrimony have been invited to attend the Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.

Once again this year, the Matrimony Anniversary Mass will not be held as a diocesan event. Our parish will honor parishioners celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 50-plus on October 17, 2021, during Mass. Please submit your name to Fr. John or Judy.

October 4 - 10 Birthdays	
Oct. 4	Glenn Helfrich, Hunter Indiek
Oct. 5	Larry Hornung, Kamree Strecker
Oct. 6	Cindy Schmidt, Greg Vierthaler, Drace Fierro, Faith Ackerman
Oct. 7	Sandy Ackerman, Calder Ackerman
Oct. 8	Jim Hogan, Harley Johnson
Oct. 9	Larry J. Ackerman

DISCOVER AN ACTS RETREAT: Women’s Retreat will be October 21-24 and Men’s Retreat will be November 18-21, both at the Heartland Center for Spirituality in Great Bend. An ACTS Retreat is a three day/three night Catholic lay retreat presented by fellow parishioners. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service, and can be powerful tools for retreatants to strengthen their faith, experience spiritual renewal, deepen their prayer life, and build friendships with others from the Dodge City Diocese community. Retreat brochures can be picked up at your parish office, or check out www.actsdcd.org for more information.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS HIRING! We are looking for Refugee Case Managers and an AmeriCorps service member to provide employment services for refugees and other vulnerable populations. For more information, visit https://catholic-charitiesswks.org/home/employment.



OPEN POSITION AT THE CHANCERY: The Diocese of Dodge City is accepting resumes for the position of Accounting/Benefits Specialist. Please call or email me at gpaz@dc-diocese.org or 620-227-1531 to request more information or to submit a resume. The position is posted on the Diocesan Website.



PRIEST CONVOCATION: Priests in our diocese will be attending Convocation on Tuesday, October 5 through Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the Spiritual Life Center, Wichita. There will be no weekday morning Masses on Tuesday through Thursday. Thanks



FUNERALS: Let’s continue to pray for our deceased brothers; Rex Aistrup (12/02/30—09/05/21) and Steve Ackerman (08/09/44----09/22/21). May their souls Rest in Peace. And May the Lord strengthen the faith of their families and lighten their loss.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble”. Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother”.

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence”, help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.