

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, August 24, 2025

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

People will come from north & south, east & west, and take their place in the Kingdom of God.



Family Connection

Picture the most decadent feast you could imagine. The dinner party will have the most exquisite food and drink anyone has ever served, and the company will be even better. Guests will be given lavish gifts upon arrival. There's an open invitation to anyone and everyone, yet the attendee list is rather exclusive. The problem is, is that no one knows when the feast is to occur, but you must make plans to attend and the host requires an RSVP that is uniquely challenging. You must call on him every day until the unknown date of the feast, and you must live every day according to the host's rules; it is his house you'd like to enter after all.

But imagine waiting until you know for certain the feast is happening. Why call every day if the party never seems like it's going to happen? Surely showing your invitation at the door will be enough.

As you read through today's Gospel with your family (Luke 13:22-30), reflect on all the celebrations you have each year and the gifts you might receive. It is an easy reminder for us to show love and appreciation for others on specific days like birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc. But are we sharing that love and appreciation with them on all the days in between? Or do we take for granted that we are invited to celebrate because they love us?

Let us not ignore the invitation we have of eternal life in the Kingdom of God. We should live each day sharing Christ's love, lest we find ourselves knocking on the door to the heavenly feast.

For more background information on the Gospel for the weekend, visit www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

AUGUST 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

Bookkeeper

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

President: Stephanie Hornung

Parish Center Office Hours

Hours listed are approximate and change often.

Fr. John - frjohn47@yahoo.com:

T/W/F : 10 am-12 pm

(by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

M-F: 12 pm-3:30 pm (during the school year)

MASS SCHEDULE: AUGUST 25TH - 31ST

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-8.25	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-8.26	8:30am	Parkview	Melvin Hines
“	9:30am	Southwind	Ted & Alice Hornung
W-8.27	8:30am	Parkview	Susan Hernandez
Th-8.28	8:30am	Parkview	George Heskamp
F-8.29	8:30am	Parkview	Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen
Sat-8.30	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-8.31	8:00am	Church	Daughters of Isabella
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 30TH & 31ST

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & Kevin Stein

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able	Lena Gleason Avery Hubbell
Lector	Larry Friess	Ashley Hubbell
EMHC	Katie Gleason Lynnette Hessman Joyce Rogers	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Drew Hubbell
Music	Ross Ackerman	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Carson Konrade Louie Konrade	Keith Brack Phil Gleason
Gifts	Bob & Nancy Hatstrup	Lester & Peg Schulte

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2. Enter our zip code and select our parish.
3. Enter your name & email.

Join the Email Prayer Chain

To join the list or to send a prayer request, email Ginny Werner (ginny_werner@yahoo.com) or Lynnette Hessman (nettemae1984@yahoo.com).



K of C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



D of I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

BIRTHDAYS: 8/25-8/31

8.26	Allen Tasset
8.27	Jerry Scheve Hudson Schmidt
8.28	Cindy Hornung Anna Stein Hallie Ackerman



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself – my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God – is as important as the monetary gift I offer.

TITHING REPORT AUGUST 16th & 17th:

Box Collection: \$ 2,031.50

Online Collection: \$ 400.00

Stewardship Spotlight:



Proclaiming the Word of God:

Our lectors have the important job of proclaiming the Word of God during Mass through the readings of the Old and New Testaments, and presenting the Prayers of the Faithful.

Thank you to our wonderful lectors!

Audrey Ackerman, Craig Bowman, Xavier Calvin, Larry Friess, Rich Gleason, Ashley Hubbell, Cindy Hubbell, Tonya Hubbell, Evan Martinez, Chanda Schulte, Lorie Stein, Kelly Tasset, & LaWana VanNahmen.

If you feel capable of serving in this way, please reach out to Fr. John or Jenny in the Parish Office.

The Mass is named from the Latin term, "missa," which means mission. It is to give us as Christians a mission for life--to enter into Christ's sacrifice and to invite others to do the same. Every baptized Catholic has a universal call to holiness. We must be active in pursuing holiness, and attending Mass every week is the easiest and most profound way to do that. It is our highest form of prayer: meeting the Lord in the Word **and** partaking in the Eucharist. Helping with the various ministry roles takes our participation one step further, ensuring that the whole parish can benefit from the works we're capable of giving.

WHY DO I LECTOR?

"I started reading at youth masses and as I got older, adding my name to the list felt like another gift I could share with my parish community. Studying the readings before Mass helps me feel more connected and engaged, enriching my experience every time I serve."

-Chanda Schulte-

FR. JOHN FORKUOH'S

25th Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 20th

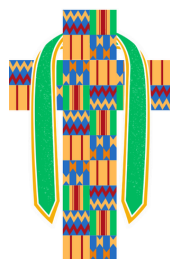
SPEARVILLE, KS

HOSTED BY ST. ANTHONY,
ST. LAWRENCE,
& ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISHES

MASS AT 4 PM. DINNER TO FOLLOW.

Please send photo memories to
rjburkefamily@gmail.com

RSVP on the church website or by emailing your number of guests to jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com



ROSARY CHALLENGE:

The rosary challenge is still going strong! Please receive the statue, pray the rosary each day for a week, and find the next person to challenge! As always, we ask that everyone prays for vocations and for their own needed intentions.



August - During this month of the Assumption & Queenship of Mary, pray we can have grace & humility like the Most Holy Mother of God.
August 24th-31st: Bobbie Schuette

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pay to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21)

Please pray for the young men and women of our parish and the Dodge City Diocese and for their future vocations.

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU:



Weekly showings of **The Chosen: Season Four** will begin on **Sunday, September 7th at 3:30 PM at the Parish Center.**

Join us as we watch and discuss the show's portrayal of the stories we already know and believe. Watching this show brings the Bible to life in a way no other show or movie has before. Snacks and childcare provided.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY: Our condolences and many prayers go to the family of Berna Mae Stegman who passed away on Thursday the 21st. The rosary and vigil service will be on Monday, August 25th at 7 PM with a reception following at the Parish Center. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, August 26th at 10 am. Burial and funeral dinner will follow.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

RELIGION BEGINS: Wednesday, 8/27 is the 1st religion class from 7-8 pm. If you missed registration, please send \$25 with your child. Thank you!

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

Anthony "Tony" Durler will be celebrating his 90th birthday with a reception after Mass at St. Andrew Parish Center in Wright on Sunday, August 31st from 10am-noon. All are welcome to stop by and wish him a happy birthday.

CEMETERY MOWING NEXT WEEK:

September/October & November/December Guilds are up to mow the cemetery and North lot by Wednesday, August 27th. Please have your loved ones' graves cleaned up of any loose decor items by Monday the 25th to accommodate the volunteers who like to start early. Thank you to those who have put in extra time this summer. It's appreciated!

