

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)

Gospel Reading

John 3:13-17

Whoever believes in him may have eternal life.



Family Connection

As a family, sit down together and brainstorm a list of family highlights, moments in the lives of family members that are to be celebrated, such as achievements, accomplishments, and awards. Spend some time reminiscing about these various events or moments. Remind your children of how proud you are of them. Point out that often achievements and accomplishments are signified by the presentation of trophies, medals, ribbons, or certificates. Show some examples of such awards in your family's possession.

Say, "We have one other symbol in our home that celebrates a victory that we all can share in." Show a cross or crucifix that you keep on display in your home. This is a symbol of God's victory over death. Jesus died on the cross, but because of his Resurrection, the cross has become for us, not a symbol of defeat, but a symbol of victory. Explain that the following Gospel is from the Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross and read aloud John 3:13-17. Talk about what the word exaltation means—to raise high, to lift up, to sing praise to. Remind your family that whenever they see the cross displayed in your home, it is a reminder to exalt and to praise God for loving us so much that he gave us his only Son, Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Sign of the Cross, a prayer that exalts God's love. May our sufferings become sources of victory for us.

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

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C)

100 S. Main St. - PO Box 187 - Spearville, KS 67876 - www.stjohnspearville.com

Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

Bookkeeper

Tena Gleason, 385-0615

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: SEPTEMBER 15TH - 21ST

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-9.15	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-9.16	8:30am	Parkview	Gaylord Moritz
"	9:30am	Southwind	LeRoy Mages
W-9.17	8:30am	Parkview	Frankie Hogan-Welsh
Th-9.18	8:30am	Parkview	Jack Burke
F-9.19	8:30am	Parkview	Delores Scheve
Sat-9.20	4:00pm	Church	Vocations
Sun-9.21	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.

MASS MINISTERS - SEPTEMBER 20TH & 21ST

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & Ross Ackerman

MASS	*SAT. - 4:00 PM*	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Jenny Schmidt	Bonnie Laudick
Servers	Jarran Dvorak Hanston Server Jetmore Server	Hallie Ackerman Calder Ackerman
Lector	Tonya Hubbell - Petitions	Audrey Ackerman
EMHC	Visiting Priests	Volunteers
Music	Choir	No Music
Ushers	Rod Durler Rich Gleason	Volunteers
Gifts	Parish Rep.	Volunteers

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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&C Meetings

1st Mondays

7:45 PM Rosary

Meeting Follows



The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

D of I Meetings

2nd Mondays

7:00 PM

Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 9/15-9/21

9/15	Janell Calvin
9/18	Nancy Hattrup Joleen Stein Anita Schmidt
9/19	Ashley Hubbell Logan Hubbell
9/20	Anthony Able
9/21	Kelly Stein G.W. Thomas



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: John 3:13-17 reveals God's boundless love in giving His Son for our salvation. As stewards of this gift, we are called to reflect His love in our daily lives. By sharing our time, talents, and treasures, we become instruments of His grace, bringing hope and light to the world.

TITHING REPORT - SEP. 6TH & 7TH:

Box Collection: \$ 1,741.00

Online Collection: \$ 990.00

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.

WHY DO I LECTOR?

"I reached a point where my children were older and I began to feel that I wanted to be more involved and give more of myself to the church. Lectoring allows me to minister to the church by delivering the Word to the congregation, which in turn enriches my participation in Mass and gives me the opportunity to study and contemplate the Word each time I prepare. When I lector, the Mass and celebration just mean more to me."

-Kelly Tasset-

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.

FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU:



Season 4 - Episode 2

Sunday, September 14th

3:30 PM @ 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. ALL are welcome! Snacks and childcare will be provided.

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

September Intention: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

September 14th-21st:
Kenna Ackerman



FATHER'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you to all who responded and will be attending Fr. John's 25th Anniversary Celebration next Saturday! We are excited to have nearly 300 people attend from our parish and Hanston and Jetmore's parishes. Remember that Mass will begin at 4:00 PM. There will be no 6:30pm Mass on Saturday. Father will still say Mass at 8 AM on Sunday morning.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - 4 PM **Reception following Mass** **at the Parish Center.**

- Brisket Dinner
- Cake
- Drinks
- Yard Games

The Knights of Columbus will be serving beer and liquor at the reception. All donations given for drinks will be given to Fr. John's primary school in Ghana!

Let's celebrate Fr. John's 25 years!

If you're unable to make it, but want to leave a card or well-wishes for Fr. John, you can mail them to PO Box 187 or drop them by the parish office.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so was Jesus lifted up on the cross for our redemption and salvation.

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

2 NEW SEMINARIANS: We are very excited that they Catholic Diocese of Dodge City welcomes two new seminarians - Daniel Ordoñez from Garden City and John Szot from Great Bend. Let us pray for them and all our seminarians, that through the will and the grace of God, they may become great priests!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF DODGE CITY



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OUR SEMINARIANS