

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, October 5, 2025

The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

Jesus teaches the apostles the importance of faith and service to God.



Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

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

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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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: OCTOBER 6TH-12TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-10.6	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-10.7	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
"	9:30am	Southwind	NO DAILY MASS
W-10.8	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Th-10.9	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
F-10.10	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Sat-10.11	6:30pm	Church	John & Anna Habiger Family
Sun-10.12	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - OCTOBER 11TH & 12TH

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Lori Burke

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able Hailey Burke	Hudson Schmidt Quentin Tasset
Lector	Larry Friess	Rich Gleason
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Larry Schmidt	Connie Heskamp Laura Stein LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Scott Burke Tom Burke	Kevin Mages Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Larry & Nancy Ackerman	Melvin & Pat Habiger

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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).



St. Leonard's Council #1539

K of 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: 10/6-10/12

10.6	Cindy Schmidt Greg Vierthaler Faith Ackerman
10.7	Sandy Ackerman Calder Ackerman
10.8	Jim Hogan
10.9	Larry Ackerman
10.11	Judy Fagen



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: When will I have given enough – of my income, of my time, of my talents? Today's Gospel suggests that only total stewardship will do: "When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say 'We are useless servants. We have done no more than our duty.'"

TITHING REPORT - SEP. 27th & 28th:

Box Collection: \$ 1,841.50

Online Collection: \$ 1,350.00

FATHER'S VACATION HOME TO GHANA:

Fr. John will be gone through the month of October & returning after the 1st week of November.

During this time, there will be no daily Masses at Parkview or on Tuesdays at Southwind. Adoration on Wednesdays will also be on hold until Father returns.

If there is an emergency or an immediate need for sacraments, please contact Jenny and she will get in touch with a priest for you.

cell: (620)357-4198

office: (620)385-2202

In Father's absence, we welcome Fr. Felix Agibi from the Missionary Society of St. Paul on Oct. 4th & 5th, Fr. Reggie Urban on Oct. 11th/12th & 25th/26th, and Fr. John Strasser on Oct. 18th/19th & Nov. 1st/2nd.

FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU:



Season 4
Episode 5
October 5th
3:30 PM
Parish Center
ALL are welcome!
Snacks & childcare provided.

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

October Intention: Pope Leo asks that we pray the rosary each day in October for peace around the world - with our families and our communities.

October 5th-12th:
Roger Gleason



Stewardship Spotlight: *Music Ministers*

Do we really need music in Mass?

The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states that "sacred music is a treasure of inestimable value," meant to enhance worship & encourage active participation by all the faithful.

Just like stained glass windows, or beautiful statues & paintings, music's role in the liturgy is to allow beauty to lead us into deeper worship & lift our souls to Christ.

Why do you do music?

Howertons graciously responded:

Tessa: "It's something fun that I can do for God."

Chase: "I do it because I get to do it with my mom. I like leading people & there's no better place to do that than in God's house."

Dana: "Serving God & His Church has always been simple for me. Being able to play the piano is a unique gift of His, but singing is a gift that so many have and could offer. His blessings are boundless & giving back my time & talent seems to be the least I can do."

THANK YOU to all our musicians!

Ross Ackerman, Dawn Burke, Janell Calvin, Chase, Dana, & Tessa Howerton, Gayla Kirmer, Jenny Schmidt. **AND** another thanks to all who join the choir for special occasions! You are appreciated.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14)

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



**ANNUAL
PARISH
SOUP
SUPPER**

Sunday,
October 26th

5:00-7:00 PM
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH CENTER

SOUP, SANDWICHES, & PIE
FREE-WILL DONATION

GAMES, RAFFLE PRIZES, &
DOOR PRIZES

FUN & FOOD
FOR EVERYONE!

WELCOME FATHER FELIX AGIBI

The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 300 priests. They are working in eleven countries of Africa, Grenada in the West Indies, the United States, England, Sweden and Ireland. They also have over 130 seminarians in their seminary in Nigeria.

Their mission in Malawi provides rehabilitation and support to children in rural areas. They assist with the education of ex-street children in South Sudan and also run elementary schools to cater for the educational needs of children from poor families. They also need funds to:

- 1) provide freshwater wells, and education in rural communities of Chad, Malawi, South Sudan, Kenya, & Nigeria;
- 2) Sponsor seminarians, our future priests;
- 3) Support priests in the founding/building of new churches.

Your prayers and financial support will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul. The needs are many, but the resources are limited.

May God bless you!

Find out more about them at
www.mspfathers.org

DOOR PRIZES:

If an individual or business would like to donate door prizes for the Soup Supper, please contact Stephanie Hornung.
(620)385-0326

We'd appreciate the support and your generosity. Thank you!



OCTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER FOR ST. ANDREW CHURCH RENOVATIONS - ALL ARE INVITED!

1st ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST Wright K of C Council 1862

Saturday October 11th

2:00 - 10:00

Bierocks

Bratwurst

Sauerkraut

Dessert

Beer



Oktoberfest

Bouncy House

Corn Hole Tournament

Horseshoes

Music By Crazy Horse

7:00 - 10:00

Watch College Games

Come Join the Fun