

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, October 12, 2025

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places.

Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks. The giver is more important than the gift.

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 12, 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

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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: OCTOBER 13TH - 19TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-10.13	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-10.14	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
"	9:30am	Southwind	NO DAILY MASS
W-10.15	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Th-10.16	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
F-10.17	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Sat-10.18	6:30pm	Church	Pat Torline
Sun-10.19	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - OCTOBER 18TH & 19TH

Collection: Kaden Stein & Kevin Stein

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Brady Preisner Makenzie Preisner	Austin Ruiz Aubree Ruiz Kelton Konrade
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Lorie Stein
EMHC	Katie Gleason Mike Hubbell Tonya Hubbell	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Connie Heskamp
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Kevin Rabe Rich Gleason	Jeff Heskamp Vern Stein
Gifts	Rich & Karla Gleason	Whitney Gleason Fam.

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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&C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows

D of I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 10/13-10/19

10.13	Callie Wadley
10.14	Kitrina Craft
10.15	Jonathan Able
10.16	Tom Burke Reece Schulte
10.18	Connie Heskamp



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Jesus heals ten lepers in today's Gospel. Only one (10%) came back to say thank you. I, too, have received many blessings from the Lord – indeed, all I am and all I have is gift! How have I remembered to thank Him...and how often?

TITHING REPORT - OCT. 4th & 5th:

Box Collection: \$ 2,137.50

Online Collection: \$ 740.00

SEPT. 2025 MONTH-END TOTALS:

Income: \$ 18,034.40

Expense: \$ 29,272.39

Net: (\$ 11,237.99)

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?

Ross Ackerman replied:

"I volunteer to sing at Mass because I enjoy sharing my gift and talent with God and our parish. Singing and worshiping is my favorite form of prayer."

THANK YOU to all our musicians!

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

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 12th-19th:
Rich & Karla Gleason

FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU:

Season 4
Episode 6
October 12th
3:30 PM

Parish Center
Snacks &
childcare
provided.



Diocesan Matrimony
Anniversary Mass



You are cordially invited to join
Bishop John B. Brungardt
in celebrating the
Diocesan Matrimony Anniversary Mass
honoring couples in the
Dodge City Diocese
who are observing their
5th, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 50+
or other significant anniversary in 2025.

Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 pm
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe
3231 N. 14th Street - Dodge City, KS

A light meal will follow
the liturgy in the
Holy Family
Social Center.

Please register here:



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude.
(Luke 17:11-19)

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



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!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th** **Heartland Center for Spirituality**

Presented by Fr. Ted Skalsy and Diana Ramirez, the retreat is designed to refresh marriages, reconnect hearts, and reignite faith. The retreat will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Heartland Center for Spirituality, located at 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS. The fee is \$25 per couple and includes lunch.

Couples are encouraged to use this dedicated time to focus on their relationship in a peaceful, spiritual environment.

Registration: To register, please contact Ann Axman by emailing ann.axman@heartlandspirituality.org or by calling 620-792-1232.

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. Reggie Urban on Oct. 11th/12th & 25th/26th, and Fr. John Strasser on Oct. 18th/19th & Nov. 1st/2nd.