

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, October 19, 2025

The 29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus urges his disciples to pray
and not lose heart, for God
hears and answers prayers.



Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even an unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously. It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son of Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart. If we persist in anything, let it be prayer.

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 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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)

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1. Visit formed.org/signup
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).

MASS SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 20TH - 26TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-10.20	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-10.21	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
"	9:30am	Southwind	NO DAILY MASS
W-10.22	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Th-10.23	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
F-10.24	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Sat-10.25	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-10.26	8:00am	Church	John Indiek

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

MASS MINISTERS - OCTOBER 25TH & 26TH

Collection: Austin Hornung & Kevin Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	A.J. Herrmann Caleb Herrmann	Clare Bowman Isabel Bowman Madeline Bowman
Lector	Chanda Schulte	Craig Bowman
EMHC	Lynnette Hessman Steve Hubbell Joyce Rogers	LynAnn Bowman Phil Gleason Frank Mages
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Rod Durler Louie Konrade	Keith Brack Nathan Stein
Gifts	Justin Schulte Family	Eric Dvorak Family



K&C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

D&I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 10/20-10/26

10.20	Michelle Lampe
10.23	Danny Gleason Maryann Nau Nathan Stein
10.25	Blake Connelly Owen Ackerman
10.26	Jaxon Ackerman



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Today's theme is perseverance –

Moses keeping his hands upraised throughout the battle, Paul urging Timothy to stay with the task of preaching and teaching, and the widow appealing for the corrupt judge. To be faithful stewards of God's gifts, we too must persevere in the roles to which we are called.

TITHING REPORT - OCT. 11th/12th:

Box Collection: \$ 2,108.00

Online Collection: \$ 820.00

Stewardship Spotlight: Music Ministers

COMMON COMMENTS:

We've been told over and over how nice it is when we have a choir for special Masses, or when the youth of our parish sing for Youth Mass.

Please know that the choir loft is always open for anyone wanting to lend their voices during ANY Mass.

We want kids and adults alike to feel welcome and comfortable sharing their talents with the rest of the church!

THANK YOU to all our musicians!

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

Additionally....

Playing piano has started to become a lost art. We are so thankful to Gayla Kirmer and all the time she has spent recording our church music catalog onto our piano, so that we're always able to enjoy music during Mass even when we don't have a piano player to accompany our cantors.

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 19th-26th:
Katie Gleason



FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU:

Season 4
Episode 7
October 19th
3:30 PM
Parish Center
Snacks & childcare provided.



TUESDAYS WITH THE DIOCESE

FREE Zoom Sessions - Sign up to receive the links here: dcdioocese.org/af

October 21st: 6-8pm

"Why Leo? What's in a Name?"

Presented by Fr. Bob Schremmer

November 4th: 6-8pm

"The Mass: A Guided Tour"

Presented by Fr. Ben Green & Gentry Heimerman

FATHER'S VACATION:

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 and 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

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdioocese.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, 3600 Broadway, Great Bend, KS

Presented by Fr. Ted Skalsky and Diana Ramirez, this mini-retreat is designed to refresh marriages, reconnect hearts, and reignite faith. The retreat will be held from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on Saturday, November 8th at the Heartland Center for Spirituality. 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.



SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR IN KINSLEY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH at 2 PM

You are invited to a Holy Hour devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at St. Nicholas Church in Kinsley. The Sacred Heart Holy Hour is a program of the Knights of Columbus created to foster greater devotion to the Sacred Heart and entrusting our lives and our families to Him.

Images of the Sacred Heart are traveling among parishes throughout the United States and beyond. Free Sacred Heart images and prayer books will be available to take home.

