

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, October 26, 2025

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.



Family Connection for the Gospel Reading

In the family, one sometimes observes a level of competition between children for parent attention, for acknowledgement of their abilities. Somehow, children seem to internalize that the attention given to one member of the family diminishes the attention given to another. In this way, children can often sound like the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. Parents who provide continual reminders to their children that they are loved for who they are, not for what they do, help children develop a healthy spirituality.

As a family, talk about what it means to compare oneself to another. Discuss whether it is helpful to compare oneself to another. In what ways might this be positive? (when it motivates one to use one's talents) In what circumstances might this be unhelpful? (when it proves discouraging, when it prevents one from valuing the abilities of another)

As a family, read today's Gospel, Luke 18:9-14. Discuss: What was wrong about the prayer of the Pharisee? How can we emulate the prayer of the tax collector?

Pray together as a family in thanksgiving for the blessing that is each member of your family. Pray that your family will be free from unhealthy competition. Pray in thanksgiving that God's love for us is unconditional.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

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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 27TH - NOVEMBER 2ND

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-10.27	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-10.28	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
"	9:30am	Southwind	NO DAILY MASS
W-10.29	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Th-10.30	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
F-10.31	8:30am	Parkview	NO DAILY MASS
Sat-11.1	6:30pm	Church	Bernie Stegman
Sun-11.2	8:00am	Church	All Deceased Parishioners

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

MASS MINISTERS - NOVEMBER 1ST & 2ND

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Frank Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	Barb Mages
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able	Cammack Dvorak Jarran Dvorak
Lector	Rich Gleason	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Becky Downey Katie Gleason Jeff Hubbell	Chelsea Gleason Connie Heskamp Frank Mages
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Tom Burke Jeff Hubbell	Wesley Gleason Jeff Heskamp
Gifts	Tom & Lori Burke	Wesley 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).



St. Leonard's Council #1539

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: 10/27-11/2

10.29	Janice Costello Emma Ackerman
10.30	Roger Gleason John Schmidt
11.1	Sadie Dvorak Caleb Herrmann
11.2	Dale Stein Rick Heeke



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Both the first reading and today's

Psalm say clearly that the Lord hears the cry of the poor. We might ask ourselves: Have I been given the gifts – of time or money or abilities – to be the means by which God answers their need?

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!

CEMETERY CLEANUP

In our final cleanup of this mowing season, the **Sept. - Oct. & Nov. - Dec. Guilds** are due to mow the cemetery and North lot on **Wednesday, October 29th.**

Thank you to all who have helped to keep the cemetery looking great all season long!



SACRED HEART HOLY HOUR **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.



ST. MARY'S 60TH ANNUAL PHEASANT FEED

All are invited to St. Mary's Heritage Hall on **Saturday, November 8th** for the 60th Annual Pheasant Feed. They'll be serving soups, chili dogs, beans, sandwiches, and pie for a free-will donation from **11am-2pm.**

There will also be a bake sale. Bring your family, bring friends, enjoy the fun, & have some good food!



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 26th-November 2nd:
Kevin & Jan Rabe



DURING FATHER'S VACATION:

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:

Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14)

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

News from Ghana

Fr. John has been enjoying his time at home. His home diocese threw a celebration for him and the other 3 priests who also celebrated their 25th Ordination Anniversaries this year. Otherwise, he has enjoyed some downtime and visiting with friends and family.

Below: Father is pictured with some family members.



Left: Fr. John was able to present \$1,000 to his home parish priest. This donation will help put a new roof on the building of his former primary school. Most of this money came from the KofC beverage donations during his celebration!

Below: Fr. John is pictured with his nieces and nephews.



Below: Dancing at the celebration.



Above: Fr. John is pictured with other priests & religious who attended the celebration Mass.

