

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.



FEAST DAY REFLECTION

Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth-century Rome? First, because St. John Lateran is no ordinary church—it's the cathedral church of the Pope and still known as "the mother of all the world's churches."

But more than that, it sets the standard for all Christian worship spaces. The building itself teaches us that Mass is never something we should watch like spectators, but something in which we participate. No one can do our prayer for us. That's why Jesus drove the money changers out of the temple—He wanted a new temple where God's presence dwells in those assembled, members of His body raised up.

When we come to Mass, do we just watch the priest, or are we transformed with him as he leads us in prayer and deeper communion with God? If our first words after Mass are criticisms rather than thanksgiving, we've become observers rather than participants. But if we are participants, then every reading of Scripture should speak to our hearts, and every Eucharist should be an encounter with Christ that changes us.

God has from all time intended the church building to be a symbol of His Church and our bodies. This is what the readings for today's feast invite us to consider. God's prototype for the church is the Jerusalem Temple, described in this week's First Reading and Psalm. It's God's "holy dwelling," site of His presence in our midst, source of "living waters"—of all life and blessing. But the building gives way to the Body of Christ—us—the people within its walls.

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

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

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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: NOVEMBER 10TH-16TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-11.10	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-11.11	8:30am	Parkview	Jim Sanko
"	9:30am	Southwind	Mark Howerton (birthday)
W-11.12	8:30am	Parkview	Ron Hornung
Th-11.13	8:30am	Parkview	Kevin Hines
F-11.14	8:30am	Parkview	Steve Ackerman
Sat-11.15	6:30pm	Church	Claude Rogers
Sun-11.16	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH

Collection: Kaden Stein & Kevin Stein

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	Chase Howerton Tessa Howerton	Hudson Schmidt Quentin Tasset
Lector	Evan Martinez	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Joyce Rogers	Drew Hubbell Laura Stein LaWana VanNahmen
Music	No Music	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Rod Durler Louie Konrade	Kelly Stein Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Adriana Alcala Fam.	Whitney Gleason Fam.

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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 of C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows

D of I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 11/10-11/16

11.10 Mark Strecker

11.11 Marty Konda

11.12 Chris Pianalto
Doris Schiffrer
Thomas Able
Cassie Sanko

11.13 Linda Friess

11.14 Brady Preisner



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *The Dedication of the Lateran*

Basilica reminds us that we, like the Church, are temples of God's

presence. In John 2:13-22, Jesus cleanses the temple, calling us to renew our hearts.

As faithful stewards, we honor this call by dedicating our lives, talents, and resources to building up His Church and serving His mission.

TITHING REPORT - NOV. 1ST & 2ND:

Box Collection: \$ 2,602.00

Online Collection: \$ 190.00

Stewardship Spotlight: *Ushers & Gifts*

OFFERTORY IN THE LITURGY

"The offertory is a part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist where members of the congregation present the gifts of bread, wine, and monetary contributions to the clergy.

This collection symbolizes the offering of the faithful's work, hardships, and joys, as well as their whole lives, to God."

We offer what we can to God during this portion of the Mass. From our money in the baskets, to the intangible sacrifices of our joys, fears, sufferings, and work, we offer all that we'd like transformed by God in the sacrifice of the Eucharist, and lay it at the foot of the altar.

We thank all our parishioners that have volunteered to be our ushers and pass around the collection baskets, and the couples and families who have humbly presented the gifts during Mass. Thank you for helping with this beautiful symbol and task within the liturgy. Your willingness to participate in this ministry is appreciated.



PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR NCYC

In their fundraising efforts, we have come to rely on the "NCYC Kids" to always be ready to serve food, clear tables, wash dishes, sell our old stuff at garage sales, and provide us with trash bags every year. This all leads up to an incredible trip and event that we pray will help strengthen their Catholic faith and love of God and others.

They will board a bus on Wednesday, November 19th, and enjoy the conference in Indianapolis on Nov. 20th-22nd. Prayers would be appreciated for their safe travels and an awesome experience.

POPE LEO DIGITAL ENCOUNTER

Part of the conference this year will include a **LIVE** conversation with Pope Leo XIV. This digital encounter will be broadcast on EWTN on Friday, Nov. 21st at 9:15am CST. Teenage delegates will be selected to ask questions and share their hopes, struggles, and faith in a real-time dialogue with the Pope. This is an incredible opportunity for our youth to witness and participate in! We encourage you to tune in and experience it with them.

PARISH COUNCIL THIS WEEK:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
8:00 PM - OAK ROOM

Committees are encouraged to meet prior to the council meeting. The Parish Center will be open for those meetings at 7 pm. Please have your chair and co-chair present for the council meeting. Thank you!

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

November Intention: *For all struggling with mental health & suicidal thoughts, that they find the support, care, & love in their community they need to know their lives are valuable.*



November 9th-16th:
Kerry Ackerman

FINAL EPISODE OF SEASON 4:

Sunday
November 16th
3:30 PM
Parish Center
Join us!



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Jesus is the living sanctuary,
& we are His living body in the Spirit.

*If you're discerning the priesthood,
contact our Diocesan Director of
Vocations:*

Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or
vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org



PRAY FOR

OUR SEMINARIANS

Deacon Esteban Hernandez, Jonathan Lemus, Daniel Ordonez, Deacon Carson Haupt, Deacon Eric Frieh, & John Szot

Please pray for these men and for more to join them! If you'd like to mail letters, cards, or gifts of encouragement, you can find their contact information here:
dcdiocese.org/vocations/our-seminarians

Advent Retreat: A Day with the Stations of the Crib

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH FROM 1:00-5:00PM
HEARTLAND CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY
3600 BROADWAY, GREAT BEND, KS

Inspired by the familiar Stations of the Cross, this event will guide you through the significant moments leading up to the birth of Christ, offering a profound and hopeful perspective on the Advent season.

Cost: \$40 (or \$30 for ages 60+)
Stay for Supper (+\$10) and the
40th Anniversary Christmas Concert!

Visit www.heartlandspirituality.org to
register by Monday, November 24th.

