

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, November 16, 2025

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple and warns his followers that persecution will come before the end of time.



Family Connection

Children, while innocently naïve about most world events, are also profoundly sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us.

Discuss with your children one or more current events or a situation in your family which shows difficulties that may challenge our trust in a God who cares for us. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5-19. Notice how Jesus said that even when his disciples are persecuted, God would be with them.

Together with your children, talk about ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Talk together about some actions you might take as a family to make better the situations you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands.

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 16, 2025

Thirty-Third 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)

Get Connected



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).



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: 11/17-11/23

11.18	Larry Friess Jane Hubbell Greg Scheve
11.19	Bree Herrmann
11.20	Michaela Hubbell KC Preisner
11.21	Angus Snyder

MASS SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 17TH - 23RD

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-11.17	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-11.18	8:30am	Parkview	Mark Downey
"	9:30am	Southwind	Annette Stein
W-11.19	8:30am	Parkview	Dan Friess
Th-11.20	8:30am	Parkview	Austin & Katie Kropp
F-11.21	8:30am	Parkview	Leland Stein
Sat-11.22	6:30pm	Church	Butch Fagen
Sun-11.23	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

MASS MINISTERS - NOVEMBER 22ND & 23RD

Collection: Nathan Stein & Carson Konrade

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Bellanie Friess Jaelin Friess	Lena Gleason Kelton Konrade
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	Lorie Stein
EMHC	Steve Hubbell Larry Tasset Jolene Tasset	Levi Benjamin Wesley Gleason Frank Mages
Music	Howertons	Howertons
Ushers	Rich Gleason Carson Konrade	Keith Brack Blake Connelly
Gifts	Carson Konrade Fam.	Blake Connelly Fam.



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Today's readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time. But the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.*

TITHING REPORT-NOV. 8TH & 9TH:

Box Collection: \$ 2,738.35

Online Collection: \$ 1,170.00

OCT. 2025 MONTH-END TOTALS:

Income: \$ 25,198.69

Expense: \$ 22,986.05

Net: \$ 2,212.64

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 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 a faith-filled 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our youth are participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. We hope that all kids wanting to donate small toys, games, toiletry items, hats, gloves, socks, etc. will bring those donations to religion on Wednesday, November 19th! There will be a large tub in the entryway of the Parish Center, or elementary students can take their donations to their class to turn in.

Thank you for your participation and your generosity!

Donations due at religion November 19th.



ADVENT RETREAT

"A Day with the Stations of the Crib"
Saturday, December 6th, 1-5pm
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.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes." (Luke 21:5-19)

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

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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



Sunday, November 23rd is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, on which is always celebrated *Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.*

In recognition of this day and as a pre-advent time of reflection, there will be Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:00am Mass, from 9:00am until 6:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet to take a holy hour that needs filled, but all are welcome to stop in and pray at any time. Fr. John will hear confessions from 5-6 and will pray the benediction to end adoration at 6:00pm. Join us in prayer and praise for Christ our King.



ROSARY CHALLENGE:

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



November 16th-23rd:
Shirley Moritz