

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe(C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is crucified under the
title King of the Jews.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all.

Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation.

Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Savior of all.

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 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (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)

MASS SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 24TH - 30TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-11.24	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-11.25	8:30am	Parkview	Adam Friess's Birthday
"	9:30am	Southwind	Melvin Hines
W-11.26	8:30am	Parkview	Marceda Schmidt
Th-11.27	8:30am	Parkview	Connie Burkhart
F-11.28	8:30am	Parkview	Tessa Howerton's Birthday
Sat-11.29	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-11.30	8:00am	Church	Bernard Strecker

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

MASS MINISTERS - NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH

Collection: Austin Hornung & Ross Ackerman

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	Brady Preisner Makenzie Preisner Reece Schulte	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt Quentin Tasset
Lector	Chanda Schulte	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Ross Ackerman Katie Gleason Mike Hubbell	Connie Heskamp Riley Schmidt LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Janell Calvin	Janell Calvin
Ushers	Rod Durler Kevin Rabe	Jeff Heskamp Kelly Stein
Gifts	T.J. Ackerman Fam.	Lester & Peggy Schulte

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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 of C Meetings
1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



D of I Meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 11/24-11/30

11.24	Richard Broz Cathy Mages
11.25	John Harris Tonya Hubbell
11.27	Jim Nau Jenny Schmidt
11.29	Briley Hubbell Dean Nau
11.30	Tessa Howerton Bob Weis



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: We recall Jesus's death and glorious resurrection as we proclaim him King of the Universe. Is he the king of our hearts? Do we show that in how we spend our time, share our talents, and give of our treasures?

TITHING REPORT for

NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH:

Box Collection: \$ 2,439.75

Online Collection: \$ 420.00

Stewardship Spotlight: *Rosary Leaders*

Preparing our hearts and minds for Mass can sometimes be difficult with the many distractions of life, but entering the church and being able to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary before Mass helps quiet the distractions and prepares us for the sacrament. We are so thankful for those who volunteer to lead us in praying the rosary before Mass.

Although not a scheduled ministry and done on a volunteer basis, we thank those in our recent memory that have lead the rosary. If we've forgotten anyone, our sincerest apologies!

Levi Benjamin
Craig Bowman
J.J. Chapman
MaryIda Heskamp
Cathy Mages
Frank Mages
Glenn Torline

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Sunday, November 23rd



is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, on which is celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Please join our day of prayer and reflection before Advent begins.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
9 AM - 6 PM

CONFESSIONS
5:00-5:45 PM

EVENING PRAYER

We hope everyone will join us at **5:45** for praying the Evening Prayer portion of Liturgy of the Hours with the special intention of more vocations to the priesthood in the Dodge City Diocese.



BENEDICTION & REPOSITION
6:00 PM

VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED

If anyone would like to stay after Adoration at 6 PM, the Liturgy Committee will be removing all the old books and replacing with new ones. All are welcome to help!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God and the Holy Spirit to lead them. (2 Samuel 5:1-3)
If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 21st. Fr. John and Fr. Ted Stoecklein will be available from 4:00-5:00 pm to hear confessions before Christmas.

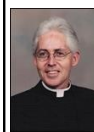
Pastoral Ministry Formation Courses for Spring 2026

THEO 1003 Introduction to Old Testament (3 hour college course)



Instructor: Fr. Terrance Klein
Saturdays: 8:15am-12 noon
Class Dates - Jan. 17, 24, 31,
Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mar. 14, 21
Location - ZOOM

THEO 4881 Improving Our Liturgies (1 hour college course)



Instructor: Fr. Frank Coady
Tuesdays: 6 pm - 9:30 pm
Class Dates - Jan. 20,
Feb. 3, 10, 17
Location - ZOOM

For more information on class descriptions or cost, please visit dcdiocese.org/pastoral-ministry-formation

Or to register, contact Coleen Stein, Director of Adult Formation, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, cstein@dcdiocese.org

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 23rd-30th:
Dennis Hernandez

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!
Register by November 24th at www.heartlandspirituality.org

