

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:37-44

...always be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.



Family Connection

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent (A)

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

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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: DECEMBER 1ST - 7TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-12.1	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-12.2	8:30am	Parkview	Mary Ann Schmidt
"	9:30am	Southwind	Berna Mae Stegman
W-12.3	8:30am	Parkview	Susan Hernandez
Th-12.4	8:30am	Parkview	Judy Dockendorf
F-12.5	8:30am	Parkview	Daughters of Isabella
Sat-12.6	6:30pm	Church	Lawrence Nietling
Sun-12.7	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & Lori Burke

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	Barb Mages
Servers	Blake Hornung Avery Hubbell Jaxon Ackerman	YOUTH MASS K/1 st , 5 th , & 8 th Grade Classes
Lector	Ashley Hubbell	YOUTH
EMHC	Lori Burke Larry Tasset Jolene Tasset	Phil Gleason Jeff Hubbell Tonya Hubbell
Music	Howertons	Howertons
Ushers	Tom Burke Rich Gleason	YOUTH
Gifts	Bob & Nancy Hattrup	YOUTH

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 of 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: 12/1-12/7

12.3	Jenna Gleason Jacob Stegman Kason Stein
12.4	Lee Naasz
12.5	Nathan Bowman
12.6	Jolene Eberle Diana Nau
12.7	Lakyn Schulte



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: "At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

TITHING REPORT for

NOVEMBER 22ND & 23RD:

Box Collection: \$ 2,599.25

Online Collection: \$ 2,055.00

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, JJ Chapman, MaryIda Heskamp, Cathy Mages, Frank Mages, Glenn Torline

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

Sunday, December 21st

Fr. John and Fr. Ted Stoecklein will be available from 4:00-5:00 pm in Spearville, and from 7:00-8:00 pm in Wright to hear confessions before Christmas.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:

We will pray the Vigil Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation on Sunday, December 7th at the church at 7:00 PM. Mass will also be said at Parkview on Monday, December 8th at 8:30 AM.



Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass	Sunday, December 7th 7:00 PM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton
Servers	Avery Hubbell Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt
Lector	Tonya Hubbell
Eucharistic Ministers	Drew Hubbell Mike Hubbell Riley Schmidt
Music	Howertons
Gifts	Riley Schmidt Family

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord! In God's House is found true joy, blessed are those called to minister in His Temple. (Psalm 122)

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

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

As always, when you receive the statue, pray for increased vocations in our diocese, your own personal intentions, and the special intentions listed for the month below.

December Intention: For Christians living in areas of conflict and persecution, especially the Middle East and Nigeria, that they might be seeds of hope, peace, and reconciliation.



**November 30th-December 7th:
Riley & Jenny Schmidt Family**

Pastoral Ministry Formation Courses for Spring 2026

THEO1003: Intro 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

THEO4881: 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



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

THANK YOU FROM NCYC:



"The NCYC group sends a big thank you to all of the organizations and individuals who supported our efforts to attend the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. We appreciate everyone that donated or purchased items at this year's garage sale, with a special thanks to Steve and Julie Knoeber for their many contributions. We also thank the parish, Daughters of Isabella, Knights of Columbus, and the Feist Foundation for their financial support and providing us with fundraising opportunities."

