

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appears in Judea preaching a message of repentance.



Family Connection

We do many things to get ourselves ready for our celebration of Christmas: purchase gifts, prepare Christmas cards, decorate our homes. John's call of repentance in preparation for Jesus reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out the sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel. Talk about how John reminds the people that they prepare for the reign of God by reforming their lives. As a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas such as the following: Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around your family Advent wreath. Read again today's Gospel: Matthew 3:1-3. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive their sins. Pray together an Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing a Sign of Peace with each other.

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

DECEMBER 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent (A)

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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: DECEMBER 8TH-14TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-12.8	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-12.9	8:30am	Parkview	John Indiek
"	9:30am	Southwind	LeRoy Mages
W-12.10	8:30am	Parkview	Kunie VanNahmen
Th-12.11	8:30am	Parkview	Frankie Hogan-Welsh
F-12.12	8:30am	Parkview	Ted & Alice Hornung
Sat-12.13	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-12.14	8:00am	Church	Carlene Linnebur

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

MASS MINISTERS - DECEMBER 13TH & 14TH

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Kevin Rabe

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	A.J. Herrmann Caleb Herrmann	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt Quentin Tasset
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Lynnette Hessman Steve Hubbell Joyce Rogers	LynAnn Bowman Laura Stein LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	TJ Ackerman Kevin Rabe	Keith Brack Shawn Tasset
Gifts	TJ Ackerman Family	Lyle & LaWana VanNahmen

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).



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: 12/8-12/14

12.9	Hoyt Fry Sean Connelly
12.10	Dennis Nietling
12.11	Delaney Konrade
12.12	Cindy Hubbell
12.13	Amanda Stein
12.14	Becky Hornung



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: John the Baptist calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord" by producing good fruit in our lives. As Christian stewards, this means letting our repentance bear visible results--acts of generosity, service, & love that reflect God's kingdom at work within us.

FEAST OF THE 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

TITHING REPORT for NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH:

Box Collection: \$ 6,796.25
Online Collection: \$ 565.00

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.

Stewardship Spotlight: ***Altar Servers***

We finally arrive at the end of our stewardship spotlight series with our Altar Servers. We are so appreciative of the youth of our parish who step up and serve in the Mass. This thank you is also extended to the parents - the keepers of their schedules and responsibilities. Thank you for serving with reverence and prayerful intention. Thank you for stepping up when things are busy and others might not show up. It's noticed and appreciated.

The 5th graders are our newest servers and are beginning to rotate through the schedule. Keep them, and all our servers, in your prayers!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

A vocation grows in silence, as a shoot sprouts from the ground. Make sure to keep the seed of faith alive in your heart and soul. (Is. 11:1)
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.



December 7th-14th:
Ross & Kali Ackerman Family

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR:

Please email Jenny if you're interested in singing in the Christmas Eve Choir--Mass Prelude performance at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 24th.
jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA:

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DETAILS
SNACKS & BEVERAGES
PROVIDED BY
OFFICERS.

WE ARE COLLECTING MONEY
FOR VICTORY IN THE VALLEY
THIS CHRISTMAS & INVITE
MEMBERS TO BRING THEIR
DONATION.

MONDAY
8TH
DECEMBER
AT 6:30 PM

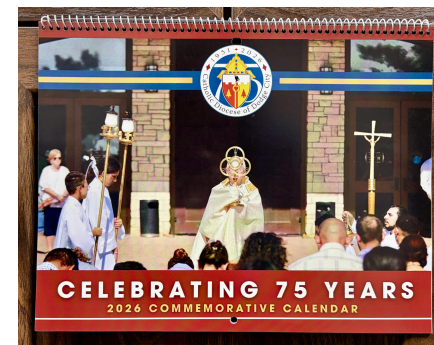


Also, if you made tie-blankets for the Children's Hospital, please bring those to the meeting as well. Thank you!

2026 DIOCESAN

COMMEMORATIVE CALENDARS:

The Dodge City Diocese celebrates 75 years in 2026! In order to commemorate this anniversary, we have 2026 calendars dedicated to our own diocese...there may even be a few familiar faces in the calendar! Make sure you grab one to take home this weekend.



REMEMBER CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN YOUR GIVING:

In the church entryway, you will find information about how Catholic Charities is serving the most vulnerable in our area. They hope all are aware of the Kansas State Pregnancy Resource Tax Credit when giving. 70% of your charitable donation can be a credit applied to your tax filings. Pick up an envelope and pamphlet for information.

