

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

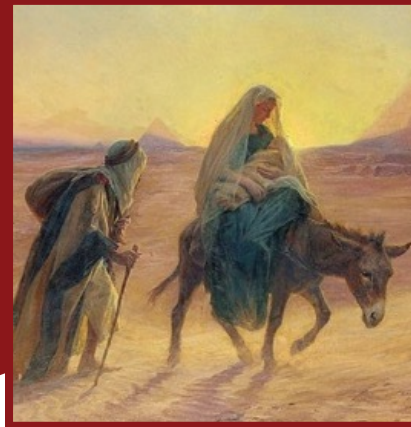
Sunday, December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.



Family Connection

In the midst of the Christmas season, it is quite appropriate that our liturgy asks us to pause to consider the Holy Family. In today's Gospel, we hear about how Joseph protected Jesus from danger by relocating the family to Egypt in obedience to God. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

We might also use this feast to recall the responsibility that each family member has to contribute to the good of the family and recommit ourselves to one another. Our families are the domestic church, where we live out our faith every day.

Gather together as a family to work on a common project. You might prepare a meal together, prepare a special dessert, or perhaps do a craft together. When you finish, talk about how each family member contributed to the project. Remind one another that each member of the family contributes to the good of the whole family. Recall that Jesus was also part of a family and that this Sunday we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23. Pray together that your family will continue to protect and care for one another as Mary and Joseph protected and cared for Jesus.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

DECEMBER 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)

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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)

MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 29TH - JANUARY 4TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-12.29	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-12.30	8:30am	Parkview	Herb Greenstreet
"	9:30am	Southwind	Leland Stein
W-12.31	7:00pm	Church	Janice Hornung
Th-1.1	8:30am	Parkview	Dean & Joyce Weis
F-1.2	8:30am	Parkview	Mike Torline
Sat-1.3	6:30pm	Church	Quentin Tasset (birthday)
Sun-1.4	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - JANUARY 3RD & 4TH

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & TJ Ackerman

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Cheyenne Ackerman Emma Ackerman	Emalye Stegman Quentin Tasset
Lector	Rich Gleason	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Joyce Rogers	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Connie Heskamp
Music	Janell Calvin	Janell Calvin
Ushers	Cory Ackerman Rod Durler	Jacob Stegman Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Larry & Nancy Ackerman	Jacob Stegman Family

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

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

The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

BIRTHDAYS: 12/29-1/4

12.29	Tammy Konrade
12.30	Karla Gleason
12.31	Mike Konda
1.1	Landon Hubbell
1.2	Annette Benish Charlene Halling
1.3	Mary Benjamin Quentin Tasset
1.4	Uriah Hubbell



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Joseph's obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel's warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God's will assures the best use of my talents, too!

TITHING REPORT for DECEMBER 20th & 21st:

Box Collection: \$ 3,137.00
Online Collection: \$ 930.00

Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Vigil Mass at Church December 31 st - 7:00 PM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton
Servers	Kaley Konrade Kambre Konrade
Lector	Cindy Hubbell
Eucharistic Ministers	Katie Gleason Steve Hubbell Tonya Hubbell
Music	Howertons
Gifts	Larry & Jolene Tasset

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY MASS:

Mass for this Holy Day
will also be offered
on Thursday,
January 1st at
8:30 AM at
Parkview.



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.

January Intention:

That praying with
the Word of
God provides
nourishment
for our lives
and helps us
to build fraternity
and greater mission
for our Church.



Dec. 28th - Jan. 4th:

Jamie Dodd Family

KofC MEMBERS:



*Annual Membership
Stag/Stagette*

*Saturday,
January 10, 2026*

Members of Council #1539 of Spearville &
members of Council #1862 of Wright,
as well as their spouses, are invited!

**Come pay your dues for 2026
and enjoy a fun evening with us!**

- Doors and bar open at 5:30 pm
- Meal provided by Council #1539
after Mass at 7:30 pm
- Stick around for card games
& a good time.

**St. John the Baptist
Parish Center
Spearville**



VOCATION REFLECTION:

God's plan for the salvation of the Israelites comes to fruition with the birth of Christ. God continues to call men to the priesthood to bring about the completion of this salvation. (Isaiah 9:5-6)

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

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

The Youth Committee invites all kids and families
to enjoy a movie night during Christmas Break!

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

Friday, January 2nd @ 6:30pm
St. John Parish Center

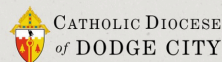


Come for a comfy, cozy night in!
If you want, bring your pillows,
blankets, bean bags, or even
your favorite lawn chairs.

We'll provide popcorn and
a hot cocoa bar. We hope
families of all ages can join us
for an enjoyable evening!



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:



JOIN US FOR OUR

CONFIRMATION Retreat

10AM - 3PM SUNDAY JANUARY 4
SPEARVILLE, KS

\$10 PER PARTICIPANT

RSVP BY EMAIL TO:

EMMA WEBS AT DCYOUTH@DCDIOCESE.ORG

FRIDAY

2

SATURDAY

3

SUNDAY

4

Mass at 10 AM with Bishop John.

*"For a child is born for us;
a son is given to us." ~ Isaiah 9:5*

*Merry
Christmas*

*We pray all our
parishioners and
their families
have a joyous
Christmas season.
Christ is born!
May he be born
in us and reside
in our hearts.*

