

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, January 18, 2026

The 2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34

John testifies that Jesus
is the Lamb of God,
God's own Son.



Family Connection

The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ?

As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34.

Consider how John the Baptist gives testimony to who Jesus is. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

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

JANUARY 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (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: JANUARY 19TH - 25TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-1.19	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-1.20	8:30am	Parkview	Tim Hernandez
"	9:30am	Southwind	Annette Stein
W-1.21	8:30am	Parkview	Steve Ackerman
Th-1.22	8:30am	Parkview	Claude Rogers
F-1.23	8:30am	Parkview	Victoria Trumble
Sat-1.24	6:30pm	Church	Mike Torline
Sun-1.25	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - JANUARY 24TH & 25TH

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Frank Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Avery Hubbell Kaley Konrade Kambre Konrade	Cammack Dvorak Jarran Dvorak
Lector	Chanda Schulte	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Drew Hubbell	Levi Benjamin Larry Schmidt Laura Stein
Music	Dawn Burke	Dawn Burke
Ushers	Scott Burke Tom Burke	Keith Brack Blake Connelly
Gifts	Scott Burke Family	Blake Connelly Family

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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: 1/19-1/25

1.21	Philip Knoeber
1.22	Scott Burke, Jr.
1.24	Scott Ackerman Harper Stein
1.25	Wendy Sanko Jakob Benjamin



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

2026 TITHING ENVELOPES

If you still tithe using weekly envelopes, please find your box on the entryway table!

If you'd like to switch to online giving, please scan this QR code to find our parish's online giving platform:



TITHING REPORT for JANUARY 10TH & 11TH:

Box Collection: \$ 1,704.25
Online Collection: \$ 1,190.00

THIS SUNDAY!

The gym will open at 1:30pm for registration & warm-up. All Knights are encouraged to come help rebound & tally baskets.



FREE THROW COMPETITION

> SUNDAY
> JANUARY 18TH
> 2 PM

NEW HIGH SCHOOL GYM

GIRLS & BOYS AGES 9-14 (AS OF 1.1.26)
CONTESTANTS SEPARATED BY AGE & GENDER

PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE:

Please consider joining the Diocese in their Pilgrimage for Life on Saturday, January 31st beginning at 10 AM at the Cathedral. Listen to a representative of the KS Catholic Conference speak on pro-life issues in Kansas legislation, go on the 2-mile prayer walk, and end back at the Cathedral for Mass and lunch. This event is free, but participants are encouraged to bring non-food pantry items to donate to Catholic Charities. Please register at dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life

VOCATION REFLECTION:

'Behold the Lamb of God!' John the Baptist points his followers to Jesus. (John 1:29) Our actions as disciples of Christ should do the same.

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.

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.



January 18th-25th:
TJ & Katie Ackerman Family

NCYC NEEDS A SPONSOR:

We thank KC Preisner for taking the lead and organizing all the NCYC group fundraising efforts for the last 2 years. He is stepping down and we are looking for new leadership. If you have kids currently in 7th-10th grades and want to get involved, please contact Jenny in the parish office. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

To the individuals who showed up to remove snow and ice from the church and parish center sidewalks last weekend, thank you so much for your work and allowing everyone to attend church safely!



THE CHOSEN - SEASON FIVE:

Join Faith Formation to watch and discuss the latest season of *The Chosen: Season Five*.

Every **Sunday at 3:30 pm** at the Parish Center.

February 1st - March 22nd

Snacks, childcare, and guided enriching discussion about each episode.



DIOCESAN 75th ANNIVERSARY SHIRTS

Find the order form on the entryway table. Orders and money are due to Jenny by Friday, January 30th.

SIZES	PRICES
2T, 3T, 4T	\$11.50
YS, YM, YL	\$14.00
AS, AM, AL, AXL	\$14.00
A2XL, A3XL	\$16.00



St. John the Baptist's Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 25th
@ St. John Parish Center
8:30 - 10:30 AM

Free-Will Donation
Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, & Orange Juice



The Church & Community Affairs Committee welcomes any volunteers who would like to serve a shift for the Pancake Breakfast. If you'd like to help, please contact Stephanie Hornung at 385-0326, or Debbie Wood at 253-1297. Thank you!