

# Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

**Sunday, January 25, 2026**

The 3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (A)

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins to preach in  
Galilee and calls his first  
disciples.



## Family Connection

Today's Gospel tells us little about the background of these fishermen, their work, and their families. In today's Gospel, we are simply told that James and John left their father, Zebedee, in the boat and followed Jesus. Matthew points out the separation because he wants to show that Christian discipleship can require a change in our lives and even our family relationships.

Perhaps the message for us today is to balance the radical call to be a follower of Jesus with the challenge to be "fishers of men" even within our own families. Creating this balance may require that we change some of the priorities of our own family life.

As a family, detail the activities of a typical day. Discuss together what priorities are reflected in this daily schedule. How does your family respond when your daily plans are interrupted or must be changed? Together read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:12-23. Reflect together on the example of the first disciples who dropped everything to follow Jesus.

Ask: Does our family schedule give evidence that we put God first in our family life? What might we do to better reflect that God is our priority? Pray together that your family will always give evidence that God comes first in your family life. Pray today's Psalm or the Lord's Prayer.

For more background information on the Gospel for the weekend, visit  
[www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/](http://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/)



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

JANUARY 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

100 S. Main St. - PO Box 187 - Spearville, KS 67876 - [www.stjohnspearville.com](http://www.stjohnspearville.com)

## Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

## Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

## Bookkeeper

Tena Gleason, 385-0615

## Parish Council-1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays @ 8PM

President: Stephanie Hornung

## Parish Center Office Hours

Hours listed are approximate and change often.

## Fr. John - [frjohn47@yahoo.com](mailto:frjohn47@yahoo.com):

T/W/F : 10 am-12 pm

(by appointment for sacramental needs)

## Jenny - [jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com](mailto:jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com):

M-F: 12 pm-3:30 pm (during the school year)

## MASS SCHEDULE: JANUARY 26TH-FEBRUARY 1ST

| DAY             | TIME                                  | LOCATION  | MASS INTENTION           |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <b>M-1.26</b>   | No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off |           |                          |
| <b>T-1.27</b>   | 8:30am                                | Parkview  | Pat Torline              |
| "               | 9:30am                                | Southwind | Leroy Mages              |
| <b>W-1.28</b>   | 8:30am                                | Parkview  | Virginia Ryan's Birthday |
| <b>Th-1.29</b>  | 8:30am                                | Parkview  | Ted & Alice Hornung      |
| <b>F-1.30</b>   | 8:30am                                | Parkview  | Daughters of Isabella    |
| <b>Sat-1.31</b> | 6:30pm                                | Church    | Berna Mae Stegman        |
| <b>Sun-2.1</b>  | 8:00am                                | Church    | George Heskamp           |

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

## MASS MINISTERS - JAN. 31ST AND FEB. 1ST

**Collection:** Kaden Stein & Rich Gleason

| MASS             | SATURDAY - 6:30 PM                             | SUNDAY - 8:00 AM                                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sacristan</b> | Chanda Schulte                                 | LynAnn Bowman                                      |
| <b>Servers</b>   | Anthony Able<br>Thomas Able                    | Clare Bowman<br>Elizabeth Bowman<br>Quentin Tasset |
| <b>Lector</b>    | Cindy Hubbell                                  | Kelly Tasset                                       |
| <b>EMHC</b>      | Katie Gleason<br>Jeff Hubbell<br>Steve Hubbell | Mary Benjamin<br>Connie Heskamp<br>Riley Schmidt   |
| <b>Music</b>     | Ross Ackerman                                  | Jenny Schmidt                                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>    | Rod Durler<br>Rich Gleason                     | Kelly Stein<br>Shawn Tasset                        |
| <b>Gifts</b>     | Jeff Hubbell Family                            | Craig Bowman Family                                |

## Get Connected



1. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:ginny_werner@yahoo.com)) or Lynnette Hessman ([nettemae1984@yahoo.com](mailto: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: 1/26-2/1

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1.26</b> | Quinn Ackerman                |
| <b>1.27</b> | Aydin Ruiz                    |
| <b>1.28</b> | Virginia Ryan                 |
| <b>1.29</b> | Denny Schawe                  |
| <b>1.30</b> | Sue Ann Hampton<br>Rita Stein |
| <b>2.1</b>  | Shawn Stein                   |



## Parish Announcements, News, and Events

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond immediately to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

### 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



### **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 |



### **TITHING REPORT for JAN. 17TH & 18TH:**

Box: \$ 6,990.36  
Online: \$ 630.00

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grades and want to get involved, please contact Jenny in the parish office. Thank you!

### **PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE:**

Please consider joining the Diocese in their Pilgrimage for Life on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> beginning at 10 AM at the Cathedral. Listen to 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](http://dcdiocese.org/offices/respect-life)

### **VOCATION REFLECTION:**

*After the time of His prayer and fasting in the desert, Jesus begins to call the Twelve.*

We must be students of prayer so that we can hear the same call given to Andrew and (Simon) Peter, James and John. (Matthew 4:20)

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:

**Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or [vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org](mailto: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.



**Jan. 25th-Feb. 1st:**  
Scott and Dawn Burke Family

### **ANDREW & MARIA DINNERS**

HS students - last chance to sign up for the upcoming Andrew and Maria Dinners.

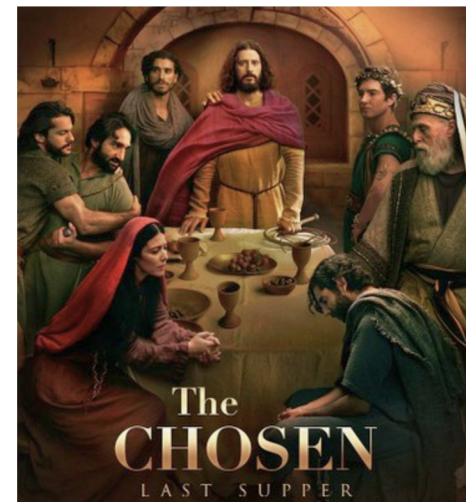
**Boys - Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> - Larned**  
**Girls - Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Wright**

Both Events: 6-8 pm  
We have a few signed up. Let Jenny, Fr. John, or your religion teacher know if you want to join!

### **THE CHOSEN - SEASON FIVE:**

Join Faith Formation to watch and discuss the latest season of *The Chosen*, every **Sunday at 3:30 pm** at the Parish Center.

*February 1st - March 22nd*  
Snacks, childcare, and guided enriching discussion for each episode.



### **LENT IS QUICKLY-APPROACHING:**

Lent is such an important time to rid ourselves of vices and to grow in virtue, to reflect, repent, and reset. Consider how the church might help you this Lent. Make note of our Mass, Confession, and Adoration times. Come to Faith Formation's showings of *The Chosen*. Find faith-enriching content to watch and study on our Formed subscription. Find a devotional or download the Hallow App. Let's grow in holiness together. If you feel called to lead a study or small group, please reach out to our Faith Formation committee to help with resources!

### **Ash Wednesday - February 18th**

Mass at 8:30 am at Parkview or 7:00 pm at the church.

