

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, February 1, 2026

The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.



Family Connection

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, having many possessions, and so on. When we think this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. The crowd that day also associated happiness with material possessions and status.

Talk as a family about what it means to be happy or to be blessed. Make a list of traits that you would associate with a happy person. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 5:1-12a. Reflect on Jesus' description of happiness. Think about what each of the Beatitudes might have in common and write a family summary of the Beatitudes. Post the summary in a special place as a reminder of what your family will consider "true happiness."

Conclude by praying together prayers of petition based on the Beatitudes, e.g., "We pray that we will be peacemakers who seek to get along with other people even when this is difficult. We pray to the Lord." All respond: "Lord, hear our 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

JFEbruary 1, 2026

Fourth 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: FEBRUARY 2ND - 8TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-2.2	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-2.3	8:30am	Parkview	Gaylord Moritz
"	9:30am	Southwind	Butch Fagen
W-2.4	8:30am	Parkview	Marleigh Benham (Birthday)
Th-2.5	8:30am	Parkview	Ron Hornung
F-2.6	8:30am	Parkview	Marceda Schmidt
Sat-2.7	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-2.8	8:00am	Church	Scott Mages

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

MASS MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

Collection: Austin Hornung & Philip Gleason

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Dana Howerton
Servers	Jaxson Dodd Kaleb Konrade	YOUTH MASS K/1 st , 6 th , & 8 th Grades
Lector	Jamie Dodd	YOUTH
EMHC	Lynnette Hessman Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	Philip Gleason Jeff Hubbell LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Dawn Burke	Dawn Burke
Ushers	Louie Konrade Kevin Rabe	YOUTH
Gifts	Kirk Konrade Family	YOUTH

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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



D of I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 2/2-2/8

2.2	Debbie Schmidt Alan Halling Cory Ackerman
2.3	Justin Schulte
2.4	Kenny Schulte Cammack Dvorak
2.7	Theresa Barnett LaWana VanNahmen



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do for the sake of the kingdom! The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom will be rewarded!*

St. John the Baptist's Annual **PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Sunday, February 1st
@ St. John Parish Center
8:30 - 10:30 AM

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



KofC FREE THROW DISTRICT COMPETITION:

The Knights of Columbus
District Free Throw
Competition
- for the winners
of the 1st round -
will be held in
Spearville this
Sunday, February 1st
at 2 pm in the New Gym.

Good luck to our
Spearville competitors!



TITHING REPORT for JAN. 24TH & 25TH:

Box: \$ 2,190.50
Online: \$ 1,970.00

NCYC SIGN-UP MEETING:

NCYC

Calling all current 7th-10th
graders who want to
attend NCYC 2027! There
will be a sign-up meeting
with some preliminary
information to hand out
on Wednesday, February
4th after religion-8 PM at
the Parish Center.

Come see what the
commitment entails and
toss around some ideas
for group fundraising.

ANDREW & MARIA DINNERS:

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

Boys - Feb. 1st - Larned
Girls - Feb. 15th - 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!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Jesus shares with us the great commands of the Beatitudes as He seeks to bless us in our faith. Ask Yourself: Am I called to practice the Beatitudes through a religious vocation?

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.

February Intention: That
children suffering from
incurable diseases
receive the necessary
medical care and
support they need, &
that they and their
families never lose hope.



February 1st - 8th:
Mark & Dana Howerton Family

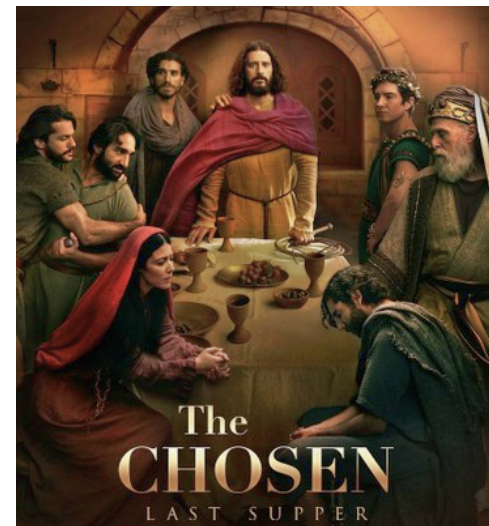
FEBRUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The Parish Council will
meet at 8 pm in the Oak
Room on Thursday,
February 5th. Committees
are encouraged to meet at
7 pm that evening, or
sometime prior.

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.

