

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, February 8, 2026

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and light of the world.



Family Connection

The widespread use of electricity in our society may make us less aware of the value and importance of light. To re-engage with the power of the metaphor that Jesus offers, gather your family in a darkened room. Bring only one flashlight.

Sit together for a minute and consider what you are able to do and see in so little light. You might try opening the Bible to see whether you can read today's Gospel. Turn on the flashlight and experiment to see how one might use it to achieve the greatest amount of light. Then read today's Gospel by the light of the flashlight.

Ask everyone to consider what it means to say that Christians are to be the light of the world. How might your family act in a way that is a light for others, a light that is worthy to put on a lamp stand? Choose one thing that your family will do this week to show that you are the light of the world. You might choose to participate in an activity that your parish sponsors, such as help with a food pantry. Pray together by singing "This Little Light of Mine."

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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: FEBRUARY 9TH-15TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-2.9	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-2.10	8:30am	Parkview	Larry & Jolene Tasset Anniv.
"	9:30am	Southwind	Rick indiek
W-2.11	8:30am	Parkview	Mike Torline
Th-2.12	8:30am	Parkview	Mark Downey
F-2.13	8:30am	Parkview	Lawrence Nietling
Sat-2.14	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-2.15	8:00am	Church	John Indiek

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

MASS MINISTERS - FEBRUARY 14TH & 15TH

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & TJ Ackerman

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Karla Gleason
Servers	Calder Ackerman Hallie Ackerman Jaxon Ackerman	Austin Ruiz Kelton Konrade
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Rich Gleason
EMHC	Becky Downey Drew Hubbell Mike Hubbell	LynAnn Bowman Frank Mages Laura Stein
Music	Jenny Schmidt	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	TJ Ackerman Drew Hubbell	Jeff Heskamp Kevin Mages
Gifts	TJ Ackerman Family	Whitney Gleason Fam.

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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

The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

BIRTHDAYS: 2/9-2/15

2.12	Erin Huston
2.13	J.J. Chapman
2.14	Layson Wheaton
2.15	Eric Dvorak Milo Herrmann



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

TITHING REPORT for JAN. 31st and FEB. 1st:

Box: \$ 2,474.75
Online: \$ 210.00

JANUARY 2026 TOTALS:

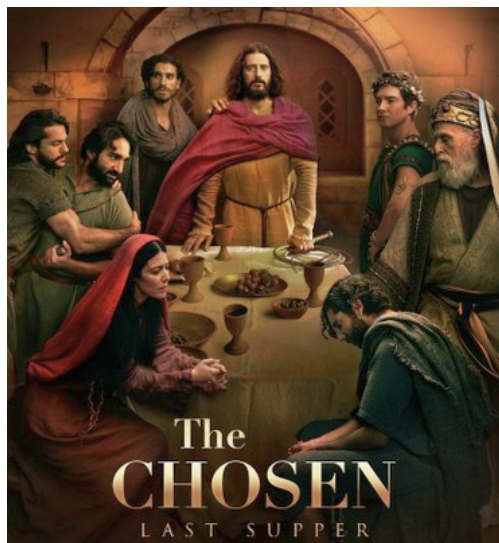
Collection: \$ 41,417.64
Expense: \$ 37,365.62
Net: \$ 4,052.02



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 discussion for each episode.



Episode 2 THIS SUNDAY: February 8th.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SPEND YOUR LENT?

ASH WEDNESDAY-FEB. 18TH

Mass at Parkview - 8:30 am
Mass at Church - 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Morning During Lent
(2/19-4/2) **6:00 - 7:00 AM**
Come & go as you need - you do not have to stay the whole hour.

THE CHOSEN

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays @ 7:00 PM
Stay tuned for a leader schedule.

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Try one of these many series:
“Wilderness Within”
w/ Sr. Josephine Garrett
“Return”
w/ Fr. John Burns
“Restore”
w/ Sr. Miriam James Heidland
“Fearless”
w/ Chris Stefanick

ASCENSION APP

“Cruz” Lenten Challenge

HALLOW APP

Pray40: The Return

CONFESSION: Schedules TBD

VOCATION REFLECTION:

‘I resolved to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.’ (1 Cor 2:2)

In the Cross is our salvation, proclaim that salvation in all you do!

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 8th-15th:

Shawn & Kelly Tasset Family

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS MINISTERS

Servers: Cooper & Kade Thompson,
Lector: Audrey Ackerman, **Ashes:** Levi Benjamin, **EMs:** Mike Hubbell, Steve Hubbell, Riley Schmidt, **Music:** Janell Calvin, **Gifts:** Mark Howerton Family

NCYC TRASH BAG SALES:

The current 7th-10th graders who plan to attend NCYC in 2027 have been organized and are starting their fundraising with trash bag sales. If you are not approached by a student but want to order some trash bags, please reach out to Jenny in the Parish Office to order, or we will send a kid directly to you! Orders are due on February 25th. Rolls are \$13 each in the below colors and sizes.

NCYC

Did you miss the meeting and your child wants to attend NCYC?

Contact Jenny Schmidt to sign up and get a packet of NCYC information and trash bag order forms.
jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com



HEAVY DUTY TRASH BAGS

Blue - 55 gallon - 16 bags per roll

Yellow - 39 gallon - 25 bags per roll

White - 15 gallon - 65 bags per roll



WANT ANOTHER WAY TO SUPPORT THE NCYC KIDS?

IF YOU HAVE A DILLONS PLUS CARD, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW:

1. Go to www.dillons.com/communityrewards
2. Sign in to or create an online Dillons account.
3. Click on “enroll now” or search for an organization.
4. Search for “DA640” or “St. John the Baptist NCYC/Youth”
5. Click on our organization to enroll.

Now, every time you swipe your Dillons card with a purchase, a portion will be donated to the NCYC group at no extra cost to you!

