

Sunday Connection

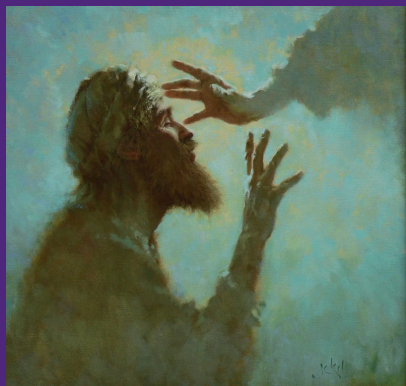
A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals Himself as the Son of Man.



Family Connection

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

MARCH 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

100 S. Main St. - PO Box 187 - Spearville, KS 67876 - www.stjohnspearville.com

Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

Bookkeeper

Tena Gleason, 385-0615

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)

Get Connected

formed™

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).



K&C Meetings

1st Mondays

7:45 PM Rosary

Meeting Follows



The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

D&I Meetings

2nd Mondays

7:00 PM

Oak Room

MASS SCHEDULE: MARCH 16TH - 22ND

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 3.16	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 3.17	8:30am	Parkview	Austin & Katie Kropp
"	9:30am	Southwind	Leland Stein
W - 3.18	8:30am	Parkview	Butch Fagen
Th - 3.19	8:30am	Parkview	Deacon Dwaine Lampe
F - 3.20	8:30am	Parkview	Marceda Schmidt
Sat - 3.21	6:30pm	Church	Connie Burkhart
Sun - 3.22	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - MARCH 21ST & 22ND

Collection: Austin Hornung & Frank Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Cooper Thompson Kade Thompson	Elizabeth Bowman Isabel Bowman
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Craig Bowman
EMHC	Mike Hubbell Larry Tasset Jolene Tasset	LynAnn Bowman Connie Heskamp Phil Gleason
Music	No Music - Lenten Quiet Mass	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Rich Gleason Greg Thompson	Jeff Heskamp Kurt Halling
Gifts	Ushers	Peggy & Lester Schulte

BIRTHDAYS: 3/16-3/22

3.16	Karen Minnis Jackie Strecker Dave Tasset
3.17	Amy Indiek Gari-Ann Stein
3.19	Kenna Ackerman Sarah Connelly
3.20	Katye Stegman
3.22	Luke Heskamp



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

TITHING REPORT for

MARCH 7TH/8TH:

Box: \$ 2,515.00

Online: \$ 1,030.00

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
LEADER SCHEDULE**

Fridays at 7 PM.

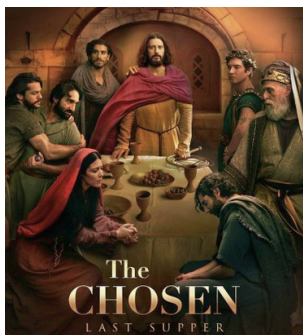
3/20 - Faith Formation
3/27 - K of C
4/3 - Fr. John
5:00 PM before
Good Friday Service



THE CHOSEN - SEASON 5:

Join Faith Formation to watch and discuss the latest season of *The Chosen*, **Sundays @ 3:30** at the Parish Center. Snacks, childcare, & guided discussion are provided for each episode.

Due to the penance service, **NO** episode this Sunday, March 15th.



Episode 7: March 22nd
Episode 8: March 29th

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



EVERY morning of Lent.

6:00 - 7:00 AM

Wednesday Weekly Adoration

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:

Sunday, March 15th

4:00 PM - Spearville

7:00 PM - Wright

Fr. John & Fr. Ted
will be available
to hear confessions.

SPEARVILLE FISH FRY

KofC Council #1539:

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH @ 5:00 PM

St. John the Baptist Parish Center

Free-Will Donation

(Proceeds to benefit Pro-Life Causes)



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.

March Intention: We pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

March 15th-22nd:

TBD



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man, just as He can open our eyes blinded by the sins we have committed. (John 9:2-3)

Be open to new areas that God is leading you to trust His promises.

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

Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA TO HOST SENIOR BINGO:

All senior citizens are welcome to play Bingo at Parkview on Sunday, March 15th at 1:00 pm.

*DofI members are asked to bring items for prizes.



SPEARVILLE COMMUNITY

Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by St. John the Baptist Church Youth Committee

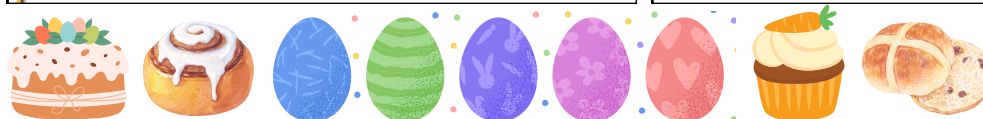
Where:
Greenstreet
Park
Gather
by the Picnic
Shelter

When:
Saturday,
April 4th
HUNT BEGINS
at 11 AM

Who:
Hunters must be
0-12 years old,
but bring the
whole family!



**The Easter Bunny will be available
for photos from 10:30-11:30am.**



EASTER BAKE SALE:

Saturday, April 4th
Oak Room: 8-10 am

All parishioners are asked to donate items and deliver to the church by Friday evening (4/3), or directly to the Oak Room first thing Saturday morning. Thank you!

THIS IS THE HOUR: *Living the Catholic Faith with Courage, Clarity, and Conviction*

Mark your calendars for a one-night parish mission (in Spearville!) with renowned Catholic speakers, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter.

Tuesday - April 21, 2026

6:30-8:30 PM in the Parish Center

Seen on EWTN and heard on Ave Maria Radio, Dcn. Harold and Dr. Peter will present on living out the Gospel and evangelizing as disciples of Christ.

