

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

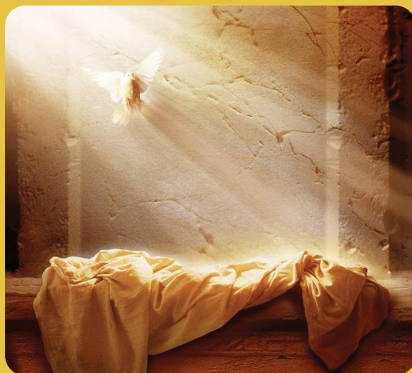
Sunday, March 29, 2026

Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-9

Mary of Magdala finds
that the stone has been
removed from Jesus' tomb.



FAMILY CONNECTION

In the Easter Gospel we hear about how the disciples found the tomb empty three days after Jesus' death. We are also told that they do not yet understand the Scriptures or that Jesus had been raised from the dead. That understanding gradually unfolded for the disciples as they began to experience the risen Lord. Similarly, our understanding of Jesus' Resurrection unfolds for us throughout our lives. In the weeks ahead, we will hear how the first disciples moved from confusion, doubt, and skepticism to faith. Their experience can teach us how we too might receive this gift of faith from God.

Gather your family members and ask them to share what they know about the events that happened in the days after Jesus' crucifixion. Invite your family to imagine that they are among Jesus' first disciples. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:1-9. Reflect together on the Gospel with questions such as these: If you had been among the first disciples who heard that the stone had been removed from Jesus' tomb and that Jesus' body was no longer there, what would you think? What did Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved think had happened? Recall that this experience is the first indication Jesus' disciples have that He is risen. Throughout the Easter season, we will learn more about how the disciples came to believe that Jesus had been raised from the dead.

Pray together using today's psalm, Psalm 118: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

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

APRIL 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (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: APRIL 6TH - 12TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-4.6	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-4.7	8:30am	Parkview	Claude Rogers
"	9:30am	Southwind	Berna Mae Stegman
W-4.8	8:30am	Parkview	Lyle Tenbrink
Th-4.9	8:30am	Parkview	Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen
F-4.10	8:30am	Parkview	Sonja Strecker
Sat-4.11	*4 pm*	Church	Daughters of Isabella
Sun-4.12	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - APRIL 11TH & 12TH

Collection: Nathan Stein & Kevin Rabe

MASS	SATURDAY - *4:00 PM*	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt Reece Schulte
Lector	Audrey Ackerman	2nd Graders
EMHC	Becky Downey Larry Tasset Jolene Tasset	LynAnn Bowman Steve Hubbell Laura Stein
Music	Dawn Burke	Dawn Burke
Ushers	Kevin Rabe Kelly Stein	Drew Hubbell Blake Connelly
Gifts	Ushers	2nd Graders

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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: 4/6-4/12

4.7	Dane Dvorak
4.8	Xander Calvin
4.10	Gayla Kirmer Aubree Ruiz Matt Huston
4.12	Lindsay Dvorak



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!



Happy Easter

We know this time of year is busy, but we ask that you consider making this one-night parish mission a priority. We have been given an amazing

TITHING REPORT for MARCH 28TH/29TH:

Box: \$ 3,379.00
Online: \$ 335.00

opportunity to host these two speakers who are phenomenal defenders of the Catholic faith. We hope to pack the parish center to give these men the audience they deserve. Invite your friends, neighbors, and other Catholics in our area! Deacon Harold and Dr. Peter will take up a collection at the end of the event to cover their travel expenses and fund their ministries. They will travel here and speak at no cost to the parish!

This is the Hour

Living the Catholic Faith with
Courage, Clarity & Conviction



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
Go & Make Disciples: The
Call to Evangelization



Dr. Marcus Peter
This is the Hour: The
Urgency of the
Gospel

St. John the Baptist Parish Center

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6 PM – Welcome & Refreshments

6:30 PM – “This is the Hour” – Dr. Marcus Peter

7:30 PM – “Go & Make Disciples” – Dcn. Harold Burke-Sivers

Childcare will be available

A powerful one-night parish mission to awaken hearts, renew faith, and inspire Catholics to live the Gospel boldly in today's world.



VOCATION REFLECTION:

He is Risen! Salvation has been won; the power of death is broken.
Be inspired by Christ's triumph over death that you might be
a confident witness of His Resurrection. (Matthew 28:6-7)

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org



Left to Right: Deacons Esteban Hernandez, Eric Frieb, and Carson Haupt

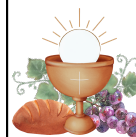
MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS!

*Saturday, May 30th
10 o'clock AM*

Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please continue praying for Deacons Esteban Hernandez, Eric Frieb, and Carson Haupt as they prepare to be ordained to the priesthood. This is a **MOMENTOUS** occasion for our diocese to be ordaining 3 priests on the same day. We hope many parishioners plan to attend in support and witness this incredible blessing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Please pray for the 2nd graders, as they will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 12th at the 8:00am Mass.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to their parents and to LynAnn Bowman for being a wonderful catechist, helping to form them for this monumental step in their faith. Our first communicants include: Quinn Ackerman, Anna Connelly, Adaline Ellis, Danika Herrmann, Landon Hubbell, Mackenzie Langlois, Eleanore McLaughlin, Harmony Schmidt, Siena Schmidt, Lakyn Schulte, Katye Mae Stegman, Kason Stein, & Bryson Strother.

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.

April Intention: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

3/29 - 4/5:

Rich & Karla Gleason

4/5 - 4/12:

Mike & Tonya Hubbell

