

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter (A)

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-12

Jesus tells his disciples,
"I am the way and the
truth and the life."



FAMILY CONNECTION

Members of the same family often bear close resemblances to one another. Sometimes physical resemblances are shared within a family, but often the similarities are behavioral characteristics and mannerisms. We hear this observation affirmed through a number of common phrases: "He's a chip off the old block" or "She's her mother's daughter." Today's Gospel points to a mystery of faith that might be examined in light of these familial relationships. In Jesus we see and know the Father. Likewise, the Father is known through the life and work of the Son, Jesus.

Talk together as a family about whether people outside of your family recognize common traits of your family. Are there physical resemblances that people recognize and so know each individual as a member of your family? Are there mannerisms that are shared by members of your family? What are some common interests and work that people might associate with your family? As you read today's Gospel, John 14:1-12, keep in mind that members of the same family share many characteristics, even though each person in the family is an individual. What does Jesus tell his disciples about his relationship with the Father? The relationship between the Father and Jesus is so close that Jesus says that those who have seen and known Jesus have also seen and known the Father. Jesus promises his disciples that because of their faith in him and in the Father, they too will be able to do the work of the Father as Jesus did. End your discussion by praying together that others will recognize in your family the work of the Father. Pray together the Lord's 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

MAY 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

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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: MAY 4TH - MAY 10TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-5.4	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-5.5	8:30am	Parkview	Mary Ann Schmidt
"	9:30am	Southwind	Mary Jane Stramel
W-5.6	8:30am	Parkview	Steve Ackerman
Th-5.7	-	-	No Daily Mass
F-5.8	-	-	No Daily Mass
Sat-5.9	6:30pm	Church	Annette Stein
Sun-5.10	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

MASS MINISTERS - MAY 9TH & 10TH

Collection: Kaden Stein & Kevin Stein		
MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able	Avery Hubbell Quentin Tasset
Lector	Larry Friess	Ashley Hubbell
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Steve Hubbell	Drew Hubbell Jeff Hubbell Frank Mages
Music	Ross Ackerman	Ross Ackerman
Ushers	Tom Burke Louie Konrade	Levi Benjamin Keith Brack
Gifts	Robert & Nancy Hatstrup	Vern & Lorie Stein

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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).



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: 5/4 - 5/10

5.4	Lydia Bowman
5.5	Phil Gleason
5.7	Heidy Ackerman
5.9	Morgan Konrade
5.10	Craig Bowman Kyle Eberle LaVonne Nau



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: "The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells his disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

TITHING REPORT for APR. 25th/26th:

Box: \$ 1,762.00

Online: \$ 1,390.00

MOWING SEASON BEGINS:

The cemetery and north lot are needing the first cleanup of the mowing season.

The Jan./Feb. & Mar./Apr. guilds are asked to pitch in to mow and trim on or before Wednesday, May 6th. Guild leaders, please contact your guild lists! Loved ones, please have any loose decor items cleaned away from graves by Monday, May 4th if possible. Thank you!

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.

May Intention: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



4/26-5/3: Benjamins

5/3-5/10: Virginia Ryan



TOTUS TUUS

PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
JUNE 7TH-12TH**

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the 10 Commandments and the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

DAY PROGRAM

- Monday - Friday
- 9am - 3pm
- Grades 1st - 6th

NIGHT PROGRAM

- Sunday - Thursday
- 6:30pm - 8:45pm
- Grades 7th - 12th



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
of DODGE CITY

dcdiocese.org/summer-missions-youth/totus-tuus



VOCATION REFLECTION:

'In my Father's house, there are many dwelling places.' (John 14:2)
Prepare a place in the Father's Mansion by living His promises here on earth.

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.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES:

JUNE 7TH-12TH: TOTUS TUUS

1st - 12th grades in Spearville
See details to the left.

PRAYER & ACTION

High School Service-Based Camp

Location: Garden City

Week 1: June 7th - 12th

Week 2: June 14th - 19th

CAMP CRISTO REY

Middle-School Church Camp

Day-Camp: June 28th in Spearville!

Overnight Camp: June 29th-July 2nd

Location: Camp Aldrich (Claflyn)

Go to dcdiocese.org/youth or visit Jenny in the Parish Office to learn more and inquire about summer camp scholarships.

PARISH CENTER CLEANING

There is a job opening for the cleaning of the parish center.

Preference will be given to parishioners, but consideration will be given to any interested individuals in the community.

This job is a great fit for someone with a flexible schedule & the ability

to get in & out between rentals & church functions!



Please inquire by calling the parish office at (620)385-2202

or emailing Jenny at jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com