

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 26, 2026

17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus teaches about the
Kingdom of Heaven.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things in order to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up to make these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying 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

JULY 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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: Jess Halling

Parish Center Office Hours

Hours listed are approximate and change often as needed.

Fr. John - frjohn47@yahoo.com:

T/W/F : 10 am-12 pm

(by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

M-F: 2 pm - 5 pm (during the school year)

MASS SCHEDULE: JULY 27TH - AUGUST 2ND

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 7.27	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 7.28	8:30am	Parkview	Jane Hubbell
"	9:30am	Southwind	Elmer Schuette
W - 7.29	8:30am	Parkview	John Indiek
Th - 7.30	8:30am	Parkview	Claude Rogers
F - 7.31	8:30am	Parkview	NO MASS due to a funeral.
Sat - 8.1	6:30pm	Church	Butch Fagen
Sun - 8.2	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 1ST & 2ND

Collection: Austin Hornung & Kevin Mages		
MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	Barb Mages
Servers	Bellanie Friess Jaelin Friess	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Becky Downey Katie Gleason Steve Hubbell	Drew Hubbell Frank Mages Riley Schmidt
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Carson Konrade Kevin Rabe	Keith Brack Kevin Mages
Gifts	Larry & Nancy Ackerman	Whitney Gleason Family

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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 (gabby_werner@yahoo.com) or Lynnette Hessman (nettemae1984@yahoo.com).



St. Leonard's
Council #1339

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 7/27 - 8/2

7.27	Joan Hogan
7.28	John Stegman
7.29	Audrey Scheve
7.30	Mary Schartz Debbie Wood
7.31	Tom Tasset Hudson Ackerman
8.1	Larry Schmidt Barb Naasz Dawn Burke Maci Ackerman
8.2	Bobbie Schuette



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *The second reading tells us we are called according to His purpose. Are we open to God's call and willing to answer?*

TITHING REPORT for JULY 18th/19th:

Box: \$ 1080.12 Online: \$ 1070.00

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

As always, when you receive the statue, pray for increased vocations in our diocese, your own personal intentions, and the pope's special intentions listed for the month below.

July Intention: *Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.*

**July 26th-
August 2nd:**

Bonnie
Laudick



DATES TO NOTE:

- **July 26th:** Server Pool Party
- **July 28th:** Blood Drive at Parish Center
- **August 1st/2nd:** Holy Land Wood Art Sales after Mass
- **August 6th:** Parish Council Meeting
- **August 21st:** Adoration and Start of the St. John the Baptist Novena
- **August 22nd:** KofC Cash Giveaway
- **August 26th:** Opening Mass & Registration of Religious Education Year
- **August 28th/29th:** Photo Sessions for the new Parish Pictorial Directory
- **August 29th:** Parish Celebration for the Passion of St. John the Baptist
- **September 9th:** 1st Religion Class
- **September 12th:** Dodge City Diocese's 75th Anniversary Celebration @ COLG

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY INFO:

Photography sessions are scheduled for Friday, August 28th from 2:00 - 8:30 pm and Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. We hope to get great participation in order to receive enough credits to make a bonus digital app directory that can be updated in real time and allow for group communications, direct links to the church website and social media pages, and more! Every participating family will receive a free 8x10 photo and a free printed directory when they're published.

Please visit **ucdir.com** and click "Photography Session Sign-Up." Use the church code: *KS245* and password: *245photos*. In-person sign-ups will be available after weekend Masses through August. Online sign-ups will be shut off during those weekends to keep everything up-to-date.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong." True knowledge comes from the Lord and is not to be used for our own gain, but for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. (1 Kings 3:9)

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

ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH MINISTERS

PIZZA AND FREE SWIM



**JULY 26TH
6-8 PM**

**GREENSTREET
PARK &
SPEARVILLE
POOL**

HOSTED BY THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

CEMETERY MOWING:

The next mowing of the cemetery will be up to the **September/October and November/December** guilds on **Wednesday, July 29th**. Guild leaders, please start contacting your people to help. Families, please have items cleared off of gravesites by Monday, July 27th.

You may return decor to headstones by July 30th.
Thank you!



JOIN FATHER JOHN ON PILGRIMAGE IN 2027!

Fr. John is hosting a 12-Day Pilgrimage through Proximo Travel, visiting Rome, Assisi, Fatima, and Lourdes-**June 4-15, 2027!** If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime trip and want to know more details such as cost, itinerary, inclusions, and registration information, visit:

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