

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading
Matthew 18:15-20
*Jesus teaches his disciples how
to settle disputes in the Church.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

Conflict and disagreements are a natural part of family life. Yet, within our family, we have an important opportunity to learn how to resolve disagreements fairly by treating people with love and respect.

As you gather as a family this week, discuss the procedures for resolving disputes in your family. What kinds of things produce disagreements in your family? Do children frequently request the assistance of the adults when a disagreement arises? How do the adults respond? In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the way in which they are to handle conflict within the Christian community of the Church. Read together this Gospel, Matthew 18:15-20. Invite family members to summarize the steps that Jesus proposes for resolving conflict. How might today's Gospel inform your family's handling of disagreements? If you have time, your family might choose to role play how Jesus' teaching about conflict resolution might be applied to a disagreement that sometimes occurs in your household.

In today's Gospel, Jesus also promises that he will help those who pray to him with their needs. Pray together that each member of your family will learn to handle conflict in a Christian manner. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

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Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Kosikuma, 385-2212

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

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Hours listed are approximate and change often as needed.

Fr. Emmanuel - emmanuelkosikuma@gmail.com:

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(by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

M-F: 2:30 pm - 5 pm (during the school year)

MASS SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 7TH - 13TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-9.7	---NO MASS - Father's Day Off---		
T-9.8	8:30am	Parkview	Mike Torline
"	9:30am	Southwind	Jane Hubbell
W-9.9	8:30am	Parkview	Andy Keller
Th-9.10	8:30am	Parkview	Sonja Strecker
F-9.11	8:30am	Parkview	Deacon Dwaine Lampe
Sat-9.12	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-9.13	8:00am	Church	Marylda & George Heskamp

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

MASS MINISTERS - SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH

Collection: Logan Hubbell & Phil Gleason

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	A.J. Herrmann Caleb Herrmann	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	Evan Martinez
EMHC	Ross Ackerman Lynnette Hessman Steve Hubbell	Phil Gleason Riley Schmidt LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Jenny Schmidt	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Carson Konrade Louie Konrade	Phil Gleason Kevin Mages
Gifts	Carson Konrade Family	Adriana Alcala Family

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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



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BIRTHDAYS: 9/7 - 9/13

9.10	Trisha Herrmann
9.11	Brenda Burke Lyla Strecker
9.12	Kevin Rabe
9.13	Rich Gleason



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Am I my brother's keeper?
All three readings today suggest that for the Christian
steward the answer is "Yes!"*

TITHING REPORT for AUGUST 29TH & 30TH:

Box: \$ 2,977.75
Online: \$ 375.00

PARISH COUNCIL:

Parish Council, please watch your emails
for a rescheduling of the September
Parish Council Meeting.

PLEASE WELCOME FATHER EMMANUEL KOSIKUMA

Please welcome Fr. Emmanuel Kosikuma who will be our new priest. Welcome him with open arms as a brother priest of Fr. John, who also hails from Ghana, though from a different diocese, the Diocese of Keta-Akatsi. Though we are saddened by Fr. John's absence, we are grateful for Fr. Emmanuel's service and ministry. Fr. Emmanuel was ordained in 1991 and has been a priest for 35 years, and previously served at Medicine Lodge, Sharon, and Kiowa in our diocese. You will see him around with 2 other priests who just arrived from Ghana as well, Fr. Elisha and Fr. Sixtus. Please pray for them, for the parishes who will receive them, and for our parish as well.



CEMETERY MOWING:

The need for mowing has slowed down, but we still need to trim and tidy up the cemetery. We ask that the **May/June & July/August Guilds** continue the effort to weed-eat and trim the tall grass and weeds around the driveways and headstones. Thank you to those who mowed and contributed last week! Depending on God's timing of rain, we may mow again in a few weeks with the **September-December Guilds** contributing. Be looking for the announcement when it's needed.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)
Make Christ the center of your conversations and interactions with others.
If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang at 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 pope's
intentions listed for
the month.*

September Intention:

*Let us pray for a
just and sustainable
management of
water, a vital
resource, so that
everyone may have
equal access to it.*

Sep. 6th - Sep. 13th
Greg
and Jill
Vierthaler



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1st Class:
Wednesday,
September 9th
7 PM - 8 PM
2ND-5TH Grades
Elementary
School
**6TH-11TH
Grades**
Parish Center
12TH Grade
Church Basement

**75th Anniversary
Celebration**
A Journey of Faith and Grace

12 SEPTEMBER 2026
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE
3231 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS, 67801

MASS CONFESSIONS ADORATION ARTIFACTS

A meal will be served after the Mass.

SEPTEMBER 12TH at the Cathedral

8:30 am..... Welcome and refreshments in the social hall

9 am - 4 pm... Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit- open
(Closed during Mass)

*The Jubilee Exhibit will include Church patrimony, religious artifacts,
historic photographs, Bishops' memorabilia and sacred treasures from the
diocesan archives.*

9:30 am..... Parish & Religious Congregations'
delegations prepare for the procession

10 am..... Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

*Procession of delegations from the Parish & Religious Congregations
Commissioning of the congregation on the occasion of our anniversary*

Offertory collection to benefit Catholic Charities of SWKS

12 pm..... Lunch available

1 - 3 pm..... Confessions available

1:30 - 3 pm..... Adoration
*1:30 - Blessed Sacrament exposed, followed by Eucharistic Adoration
Catholic Diocese of Dodge City Litany
2:45 - Benediction, reposition, hymn, conclusion*

4 pm..... Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit Closes