

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, September 13th
25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading
Matthew 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.



FAMILY CONNECTION

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favorite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 145, or the Lord's Prayer.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Kosikumah, 385-2212

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

President: Jess Halling

Parish Center Office Hours

Hours listed are approximate and change as needed.

Fr. Emmanuel - emmanuelkosikumah@gmail.com:

Office Hours - TBD (by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

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

MASS SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 21ST - 27TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 9.21	--NO MASS - Father's Day Off--		
T - 9.22	8:30am	Parkview	Steve Ackerman
"	9:30am	Southwind	Leland Stein
W - 9.23	8:30am	Parkview	Jim Sanko
Th - 9.24	8:30am	Parkview	Butch Fagen
F - 9.25	8:30am	Parkview	Bob Peintner
Sat - 9.26	6:30pm	Church	Connie Burkhart
Sun - 9.27	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - SEPTEMBER 26TH & 27TH

Collection: Larry Ackerman & TJ Ackerman

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Jaxon Ackerman Jaxson Dodd	Kelton Konrade Quentin Tasset
Lector	Jamie Dodd	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Katie Gleason	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin LynAnn Bowman
Music	Ross Ackerman	Ross Ackerman
Ushers	TJ Ackerman Kelly Stein	Levi Benjamin Shawn Tasset
Gifts	TJ Ackerman Family	Whitney Gleason Family

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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).



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: 9/21 - 9/27

9.21	Kelly Stein G.W. Thomas
9.22	Dana Howerton
9.25	Catherine Bowman



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Good stewards follow the advice of St. Paul and conduct themselves—by wise use of their time and talents—in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

TITHING REPORT for SEPTEMBER 12TH & 13TH:

Box: \$ 3,338.81
Online : \$ 900.00

Dear parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church in Spearville, We sincerely apologize for any confusion you suffered during the recent change of pastors. Normally, a well-defined timeline is established to facilitate a smooth transition. However, due to unforeseen circumstances related to immigration, we inadvertently overlooked the importance of creating and following a plan for communicating these changes.
Fr. Ted Stoecklein, Vicar General

POTLUCK BRUNCH TO WELCOME FR. EMMANUEL:

We are long overdue to have a formal welcome for Fr. Emmanuel! Please join us for a potluck brunch on Sunday, October 4th after the Sunday Mass. **Time TBD.**
Please watch the bulletin, Facebook, and the church website for communication.

PARISH COUNCIL:

Parish Council, we'd like to meet in the next week or so! Please check your emails and discuss with your committees the best time to have every chair and co-chair (or fill-in representative) present for a meeting. Thank you.

FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU TO A STUDY ON PRAYER:

Join with other parishioners at 3:30pm on Sunday afternoons at the Parish Center, as we dive into a study called, **"The Heart of Prayer,"** on formed.org.
Bishop Andrew Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to reveal the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, offering guidance that is practical and down-to-earth. All are welcome and snacks & child supervision are provided.



VOCATION REFLECTION:

For if we live, we live for the Lord. (Romans 14:8)
Are you being called to live your life for the Lord through a religious vocation?
If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 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. 20th-27th :
Pat & Melvin Habiger



SEMINARY INFORMATION

ZOOM SESSION:

There will be a special information session via Zoom on October 15th at 7 pm for any men (juniors in high school through college) who are considering a call the priesthood, interested in learning more about seminary life, and want to learn more about the application process. Parents are also invited to take part in the session. Contact Fr. John Stang at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org for questions.

KofC SACRED HEART PRAYER SERVICE IN KINSLEY

In collaboration with Knights of Columbus councils in Edwards and Ford counties, St. Nicholas Church will host the Pilgrim Icon Sacred Heart image now traveling throughout the United States. It will be displayed as part of a bi-lingual prayer service at **1:30 pm on Sunday, Sept. 27th** led by Fr. Tim Hickey, pastor and associate state chaplain of the Kansas Knights of Columbus. The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and meditations on the Sacred Heart, prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and time for silent prayer. Prayer cards in both English and Spanish will be available to attendees.

