

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, October 18th
29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22:15-21
*The Pharisees send their
disciples to test Jesus with
a question about taxes.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

Payment of taxes is unlikely to be a disputed issue in your family. Yet families can still learn something from this Gospel reading. Jesus' answer to the Herodians and Pharisees redirects their question to focus on the issue of greatest importance: loving and honoring God. Taking this perspective can help us make good judgments about the competing issues of importance in our lives.

As your family gathers, make a list of the activities that your family spends time doing together, such as household tasks, jobs, academics, and recreational activities. Talk about the importance of each of these activities. Ask what would happen if there were an imbalance in our attention to these activities and we spent too much time on one activity at the expense of another.

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us of the necessity of giving things their proper importance. Read Matthew 22:15-21. The Herodians and Pharisees were giving too much importance to the issue of the payment of taxes. Jesus reminds them that loving and honoring God is of greater importance. In family life we do many important things, but we remember that God is of the greatest importance in our lives. Pray together that your family will learn to keep things in proper perspective, remembering to keep God first in your lives. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 96.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

OCTOBER 18, 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Pastor

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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: OCTOBER 19TH - 25TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 10.19	--NO MASS - Father's Day Off--		
T - 10.20	8:30am	Parkview	Chaten Tasset
"	9:30am	Southwind	Raymond & Virginia Ryan
W - 10.21	8:30am	Parkview	Mike Torline
Th - 10.22	8:30am	Parkview	Sonja Strecker
F - 10.23	8:30am	Parkview	Andy Keller
Sat - 10.24	5:00 PM	Church	Jeniece Schaller Fortin
Sun - 10.25	9:00 AM	Church	Recently Deployed Military

Confessions available 45 minutes before the weekend Masses.
Or call to schedule an appointment.

MASS MINISTERS - OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH

Collection: Austin Hornung & Frank Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 5:00 PM	SUNDAY - 9:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Barb Mages
Servers	Jaxon Ackerman Cooper Thompson Kade Thompson	Jace Langlois Quentin Tasset
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Lori Burke Lynnette Hessman Mike Hubbell	Phil Gleason Frank Mages Laura Stein
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Scott Burke Greg Thompson	Blake Connelly Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Greg & Amy Tompson	Eric Dvorak 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 (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



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BIRTHDAYS: 10/19-10/25

10.20	Michelle Lampe
10.23	Danny Gleason Maryann Nau Nathan Stein
10.25	Blake Connelly Owen Ackerman



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give "to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving "to God what belongs to God"?

TITHING REPORT for OCTOBER 10th/11th:

Box: \$ 2,163.50
Online: \$ 1,250.00

MONTH-END TOTALS for SEPTEMBER 2026:

Income: \$18,089.75
Expense: \$21,708.85
Net: (\$ 3,619.10)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

The ministry schedule for November and December is in progress. If the new Mass times have changed your preferred day of attendance and it may affect your ministry roles, please contact Jenny via email and let her know of any changes or date conflicts you might have:

jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com

As always, thank you to all who serve us in the Mass. The liturgy would not look or run the same without you. You are appreciated!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Our lives ultimately belong to God; let His love shine through all that you do. (Matthew 22:21)

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.

October Intention: Let us pray that mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



October 18th-25th:

Terry & Tena Gleason

ATRIUM OPEN HOUSE

Come see all the work that has gone into our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program! Venture down to the basement classroom after Mass this weekend - October 17th and October 18th, or stop by during the soup supper to see what it's all about!



JOIN FR. JOHN FORKUOH 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, scan the QR code to learn more from the Proximo Travel website:



Oktoberfest

Our neighbors at St. Andrew's in Wright invite all to come out and enjoy their Oktoberfest Celebration on Saturday, **October 24th at 3 pm.**

Hosted by their Knights of Columbus Council #1862, they'll have great German food, beer sales, and live music by *Crazy Horse 2.0* from 7-10 pm. Come out for a good time and to support the Knights at Wright. The event will be held at the St. Andrew Parish Center.

St. John the Baptist

ANNUAL PARISH SOUP SUPPER

Sunday,
October 18th

5:00-7:00 PM
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISH CENTER

SOUP, SANDWICHES, & PIE
FREE-WILL DONATION

GAMES, RAFFLE PRIZES,
& DOOR PRIZES

FUN & FOOD
FOR EVERYONE!

