

# Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

**Sunday, October 25th**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time(A)

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:34-40

*The Pharisees continue to test Jesus with a question about the greatest commandment.*



## FAMILY CONNECTION

Children learn about love from real, concrete examples witnessed in family life. We can help children to love God and love their neighbors by showing everyday acts of love, generosity, and kindness—our own expressions of our love for God. These acts, small and large, are the expression of what Jesus identified as the two greatest commandments: love God and love neighbor.

Make a list together as a family. Write the words “Love God” on the top of a paper and write the words “Love Neighbor” underneath. Read together today’s Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40. Talk about how Jesus taught us that our love for God is revealed in the love that we show to other people. On the list, use pictures and words to show some of the ways that your family could show their love for other people. Pray together that your family will continue to express your love for God by loving others. Finish by praying the *Act of Love*:

*O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love.  
I love my neighbor as myself for the love of you.  
I forgive all who have injured me and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured.  
Amen.*



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

OCTOBER 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

100 S. Main St. - PO Box 187 - Spearville, KS 67876 - [www.stjohnspearville.com](http://www.stjohnspearville.com)

### Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Kosikumah, 385-2212

### Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

### Bookkeeper

Tena Gleason, 385-0615

### Parish Council-1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays @ 8PM

President: Jess Halling

### Parish Center Office Hours

Hours listed are approximate and change as needed.

**Fr. Emmanuel - [emmanuelkosikumah@gmail.com](mailto:emmanuelkosikumah@gmail.com):**

Office Hours - TBD (by appointment for sacramental needs)

**Jenny - [jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com](mailto:jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com):**

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

### MASS SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 26TH - NOVEMBER 1ST

| DAY              | TIME                           | LOCATION  | MASS INTENTION        |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>M-10.26</b>   | --NO MASS - Father's Day Off-- |           |                       |
| <b>T-10.27</b>   | 8:30am                         | Parkview  | John Indiek           |
| "                | 9:30am                         | Southwind | Juliana Durler        |
| <b>W-10.28</b>   | 8:30am                         | Parkview  | Kunie VanNahmen       |
| <b>Th-10.29</b>  | 8:30am                         | Parkview  | Glenn Torline         |
| <b>F-10.30</b>   | 8:30am                         | Parkview  | Mary Ann Schmidt      |
| <b>Sat-10.31</b> | <b>5:00 PM</b>                 | Church    | Jane Hubbell          |
| <b>Sun-11.1</b>  | <b>9:00 AM</b>                 | Church    | All Recently Departed |

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

### MASS MINISTERS - OCT. 31<sup>ST</sup> & NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Collection:** Jan Rabe & Levi Benjamin

| MASS             | SATURDAY - 5:00 PM                                | SUNDAY - 9:00 AM                               |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sacristan</b> | Teresa Konrade                                    | Mary Benjamin                                  |
| <b>Servers</b>   | Reece Schulte<br>Emmett Wheaton<br>Korbin Wheaton | Elizabeth Bowman<br>Avery Hubbell              |
| <b>Lector</b>    | Chanda Schulte                                    | Ashley Hubbell                                 |
| <b>EMHC</b>      | Becky Downey<br>Jolene Tasset<br>Larry Tasset     | Levi Benjamin<br>Mary Benjamin<br>Drew Hubbell |
| <b>Music</b>     | Gayla Kirmer                                      | Gayla Kirmer                                   |
| <b>Ushers</b>    | Rich Gleason<br>Louie Konrade                     | Jeff Heskamp<br>Drew Hubbell                   |
| <b>Gifts</b>     | Larry & Linda Friess                              | Craig Bowman Family                            |

# Get Connected

## formed™

1. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://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](mailto:ginny_werner@yahoo.com)) or Lynnette Hessman ([nettemae1984@yahoo.com](mailto: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



## facebook

Find the most current announcements on our Facebook page!

### BIRTHDAYS: 10/26 - 11/1

|              |                                                |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>10.26</b> | Jaxon Ackerman                                 |
| <b>10.29</b> | Janice Costello                                |
| <b>10.30</b> | Roger Gleason<br>John Schmidt                  |
| <b>11.1</b>  | Trace Tasset<br>Sadie Dvorak<br>Caleb Herrmann |



## Parish Announcements, News, and Events

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:** *We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship – joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet out neighbor's need.*

### **PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Thank you to all the individuals and families who scheduled photo sessions for the new parish directory. Our next step is to catch all the parishioners who were unable to photograph with Universal Church Directories.

***If your family missed out on pictures, we'd love for you to submit a digital photo to be included.***

The photo should meet these qualifications:

- JPEG (.jpg) File Format
- Minimum 300 DPI Resolution
- Portrait (Vertical Orientation)



Email photos to [jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com](mailto:jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com), with the following information:

- Head of Household First and Last Name
- Spouse Name (last name if different)
- Children's Names from oldest to youngest
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number(s)
- Email Address(es)

We have the opportunity to have a custom Parish App that will contain a digital and editable directory in real time with messaging capabilities. Email addresses will be needed for invite links if we pursue that option.

Digitally submitted photos will be **\$15 per submission**. This will allow for each family to receive their 'free' copy of the completed directory. Please either bring your payment to the Parish Office, or place this in the collection basket in an envelope labeled with your name and "Digital Photo Submission Fee." Thank you for your efforts. We'd love to see everyone included in the directory!

### **VOCATION REFLECTION:**

*"You turned from idols to serve the living and true God." (1 Thess. 1:10)*  
*Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God.*  
 If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:  
**Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or [vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org](mailto:vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org)**

### **Parish Council Meeting:**

Parish Council will meet on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM.

### **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.*

**Oct. 25th-Nov. 1st:**  
 Terry & Tena Gleason



### **FAITH FORMATION**

This study continues for three more weeks!  
 Join in at the Parish Center the next three Sundays (10/25, 11/1, & 11/8) at 3:30 pm, as we continue to learn and grow in prayer.



### **PRAYERS & SUPPORT**

A.J. Herrmann, a St. John's parishioner, server, and NCYC member, has recently been diagnosed with a brain anomaly called a *Chiari Malformation* with a *Syrinx*, or cyst in his spinal cord.

A.J. will need to have neurosurgery to treat this soon. Please keep A.J., his family, and his medical team in your prayers!

His class in Bucklin has organized a benefit for him. If you're able, register to run the Turkey Trot in Bucklin on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Adults can register for \$25 and kids under 12 for \$20. There's a 5K race and 1.5 mile walk, starting at 10:00 AM. Register online at the QR code below by Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 8 PM.

