



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

JULY 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

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Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

President: Stephanie Hornung

Parish Center Office Hours

Hours listed are approximate and change often.

Fr. John - frjohn47@yahoo.com:

T/W/F : 10 am-12 pm

(by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

M-F: 12 pm-3:30 pm (during the school year)

MASS SCHEDULE: JULY 14TH-20TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-7/14	No Mass on Mondays - Fr. John's Day Off		
T-7/15	8:30am	Parkview	Mary Ann Schmidt
"	9:30am	Southwind	Bernice Mages
W-7/16	8:30am	Parkview	Pat Torline
Th-7/17	8:30am	Parkview	Jack & Tricia Burke
F-7/18	8:30am	Parkview	Jim Sanko
Sat-7/19	6:30pm	Church	Rick Indiek
Sun-7/20	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - JULY 19TH & 20TH

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & Lori Burke

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Cooper Thompson Emmett Wheaton Korbin Wheaton	Elizabeth Bowman Isabel Bowman Hailey Burke
Lector	Larry Friess	Craig Bowman
EMHC	Lori Burke Lynnette Hessman Joyce Rogers	Mary Benjamin LynAnn Bowman Frank Mages
Music	Dawn Burke	Dawn Burke
Ushers	Tom Burke Greg Thompson	Keith Brack Scott Burke
Gifts	G. Thompson Family	Whitney Gleason Fam.

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To join the list or to send a prayer request, email Ginny Werner (ginny_werner@yahoo.com) or Lynnette Hessman (nettemae1984@yahoo.com).

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St. Leonard's Council #1539

K&C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

D&I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 7/14-7/20

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| 7.15 | Rita Friess |
| 7.16 | Cooper Thompson |
| 7.17 | Melvin Strecker |



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers –& us– to go and do the same!*

UPCOMING EVENTS and NOTABLE DATES:

JULY 20TH-25TH: TOTUS TUUS

JULY 22ND: Father's 25th Anniversary (corrected from last week's bulletin)

This date marks Fr. John's actual ordination anniversary of 25 years a priest! We can't wait to celebrate in September.

JULY 27TH: Server Appreciation Party @ Spearville Park and Swimming Pool

Come eat at the park and swim at the pool from 6-8 PM!

AUGUST 1ST-3RD: Midwest Catholic Family Conference - Wichita

For more information about this fantastic conference in Wichita, please grab a brochure with registration information, located above the bulletins in the church entry!

AUGUST 9TH/10TH: Eucharistic Conference - Hays

The Salina Diocese will hold a Eucharistic Conference again this year in Hays at FHSU. For more information and registration, go to

<https://salinadiocese.org/office/eucharistic-conference-2025/>

AUGUST 14TH/15TH: The Feast of the Assumption - Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass will be on Thursday, August 14th at 7 PM. Mass on August 15th will remain at 8:30 am at Parkview.

AUGUST 20TH: Religion Year Opening Mass and Registration

The opening Mass and registration night for the religion year will be on Wednesday, August 20th at 7 PM. The 1st class will be August 27th!

Be looking in the mail for your schedules and welcome back info soon.

CEMETERY MOWING NEXT WEEK:



September/October & November/December Guilds are up to mow the cemetery and North lot by Wednesday, July 16th. Please have your loved ones' graves cleaned up of any loose decor items by Monday the 14th to accommodate the volunteers who like to start early. Thank you!

DON'T FORGET TO RSVP:

There's still plenty of time, but don't forget to RSVP for Father John's Ordination Anniversary Celebration on September 20th! You can find the RSVP form on the homepage of the website, or email Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com with your response. The submission of the form has been tricky for some!

FR. JOHN FORKUOH'S



25th Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 20th

SPEARVILLE, KS

HOSTED BY ST. ANTHONY,
ST. LAWRENCE,
& ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
PARISHES

ALL ABOUT TOTUS TUUS

PARENTS: Please visit the church website www.stjohnspearville.com or Facebook @ "Spearville St. John Youth" to find registration forms and the volunteer sign-up sheet. Totus Tuus takes a lot of help from everyone.

ELEMENTARY: Please sign up for a snack item or two for every elementary student you sign up. These needs are listed on the sign-up sheet. Or, sign up to provide a lunch for the ministry team and helpers on Mon.- Thurs.
MS/HS: We need volunteers to bring supper for the kids and ministry team on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings. Team up with others to make this easier and so no one is providing the full meal alone.

We also need adult helpers during the daytime hours Monday-Friday. MS/HS students are encouraged and welcome to come help during the day as well. All those opportunities are also on the sign-up sheet!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT (7/23) POTLUCK:

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED

As a part of the Totus Tuus Week, we invite all parishioners and families to enjoy a potluck supper on Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:00 PM.

This is also a great time for us to recognize Fr. John for his ordination anniversary from the day before (July 22nd)!

Bring your favorite main dish, side, or dessert and enjoy some fellowship.

*This will be the meal provided for the MS/HS students attending the evening session of Totus Tuus.

ROSARY CHALLENGE:



The rosary challenge is still going strong! Please receive the statue, pray the rosary each day for a week, and find the next person to challenge! As always, we ask that everyone prays for vocations and for their own needed intentions.

June 29th-July 6th: Carmelita Slattery

July 6th-13th: Shirley Moritz

July 13th - 20th: Kerry Ackerman



TOTUS TUUS *"Totally Yours"*

JULY 20TH-25TH

1ST-12TH GRADES

7th-12th* Grades:

Sunday-Thursday, 6:30-8:45pm

Supper provided by parent volunteers Sun.-Tues.
Parish Potluck on Wed. Pizza Party provided on Thurs.

1st-6th* Grades:

Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm

Students need to pack a lunch Mon.-Thurs. and bring a labeled water bottle every day.

*Use grade levels for next school year.



VOCATION REFLECTION:

*We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for the generosity to serve God's people.
(Luke 10:25-37)*

Please pray for the young men and women of our parish and diocese and for their future vocations.

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:

Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 13, 2025

*The 15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)*

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

*The parable of the
Good Samaritan.*



As Jesus continues his journey to Jerusalem, he is confronted by a scholar of the law who wants to test him. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Jesus is asked about the greatest commandment. Here, in Luke's Gospel, the lawyer asks what we must do to inherit eternal life. Love of God and love of neighbor are what is required for eternal life. Jesus' response is simple, "Do this and you will live."

The lawyer tries another question: Who is my neighbor whom I must love like myself? In the society of Jesus' time, with its distinctions between Jews and Gentiles, men and women, clean and unclean, this was a trick question. Jesus responds with one of the most beautiful of all the parables, the Good Samaritan, only found in Luke's Gospel. Jesus demolishes all boundary expectations. It is not social definitions such as class, religion, gender, or ethnicity that determines who is our neighbor. A neighbor is a person who acts with compassion toward another. The point becomes not who deserves to be loved as I love myself, but that I become a person who treats everyone with compassion.

Family Connection

Families rely on selfless love. Parents show love for their children not just when it's convenient, but whenever their children's needs must be met. Imagine if the members of a family were concerned only with their own needs. How quickly things would fall apart!

In the story of the Good Samaritan, we learn about someone who went out of his way to care for the needs of another. He recognized the victim as his brother and accepted responsibility for him. As a family, talk about the responsibilities of each member of the family. Share how you, as parents, care for the needs of everyone in the family even when it's inconvenient. Ask your children to share times when they did chores and helped the family even when it was not convenient. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 10:25-37. Talk about how the Samaritan went out of his way to care for the needs of the victim. Make a commitment as a family to follow the example of the Good Samaritan. Explain that the more you learn to accept responsibility for each other's needs at home, the more you'll be able to accept responsibility for the needs of others in the world.