

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 20, 2025

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits the house of Martha and Mary.



The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

For more background information on the Gospel for the weekend, visit www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

JULY 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

100 S. Main St. - PO Box 187 - Spearville, KS 67876 - www.stjohnspearville.com

Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

Bookkeeper

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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 21ST - 27TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-7.21	11:30am	CHURCH	Annette Stein
T-7.22	9:30am	Southwind	CANCELLED due to funeral.
"	TBD	CHURCH	Larry Hornung
W-7.23	11:30am	CHURCH	Ron & Janice Hornung
Th-7.24	11:30am	CHURCH	Lawrence Nietling
F-7.25	11:30am	CHURCH	Judy Dockendorf
Sat-7.26	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-7.27	8:00am	Church	Margie Combest

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

MASS MINISTERS - JULY 26TH & 27TH

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Phil Gleason

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	Barb Mages
Servers	Brady Preisner Makenzie Preisner	Lena Gleason Quentin Tasset
Lector	Chanda Schulte	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Steve Hubbell Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	Phil Gleason Wesley Gleason Connie Heskamp
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Rod Durler Louie Konrade	Jeff Heskamp Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Larry & Linda Friess	Wesley Gleason Fam.

Get Connected

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).



1. Visit formed.org/signup
2. Enter our zip code and select our parish.
3. Enter your name & email.



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

BIRTHDAYS: 7/21-7/27

7.21	Tony Lampe, Sheila Weis, Keldan Kuck
7.23	George Schulte
7.24	David Stein, Elizabeth Bowman, Anna Connelly
7.27	Joan Hogan



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Today's readings speak of hospitality.*

Abraham cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required and was rewarded with his heart's desire – a son.

Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

TITHING REPORT - JULY 12TH & 13TH:

Box Collection: \$ 2,201.00

Online Collection: \$ 840.00

JUNE MONTH-END TOTALS:

Income: \$22,296.58

Expense: \$15,384.27

Net: **\$6,912.31**

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

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.

FR. JOHN FORKUOH'S

25th Ordination Anniversary

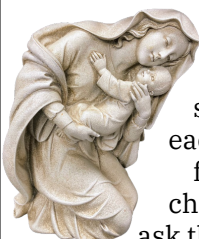
Saturday, September 20th

SPEARVILLE, KS

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

RSVP on the church website or by emailing your number of guests to jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com

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.

July 20th-27th: Louise Lampe

TOTUS TUUS INFO:

Please note that the daily Mass schedule for next week has changed for Totus Tuus. Instead of 8:30 am at Parkview, Fr. John will pray the Mass at the church at 11:30 am, Monday-Friday (except Tuesday). All parishioners are welcome to attend these Masses. Tuesday's Mass is TBD.



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.

FUNERAL NOTICES - May their souls rest in peace. Please pray for their families.

- The funeral for Leroy Mages will begin with a rosary at 9:30 am and Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10am on Tuesday, July 22nd. After the burial at St. John's Cemetery, a dinner will be held at the Parish Center.
- A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Richard Ravenkamp in our church on Friday, August 1st at 10 AM with his son, Fr. Michael Ravenkamp presiding. The burial will follow at the cemetery.

SERVER APPRECIATION PARTY

All altar servers, youth lectors & music ministers are invited to a free swim on **SUNDAY, JULY 27TH**, from 6-8 pm. Meet at the park shelter for supper and enjoy swimming at the pool until 8. The Youth Committee will pay for kids who do not have pool passes.



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.*

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.

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VOCATION REFLECTION:

Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence.

Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-42)

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