

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 27, 2025

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches the disciples about prayer.



Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbor, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place." They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches the Lord's Prayer. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbor who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbor is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbor is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

JULY 27, 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Pastor

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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 28TH-AUGUST 3RD

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-7.28	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-7.29	8:30am	Parkview	Healing of Mary Hattrup
"	9:30am	Southwind	Elmer Schuette
W-7.30	8:30am	Parkview	John Indiek
Th-7.31	8:30am	Parkview	Carol Schell
F-8.1	8:30am	Parkview	Tony Mages
Sat-8.2	6:30pm	Church	Leroy Mages
Sun-8.3	8:00am	Church	Connie Burkhardt

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

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 2ND & 3RD

Collection: Nathan Stein & Levi Benjamin

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Calder Ackerman Cheyenne Ackerman Hallie Ackerman	Aubree Ruiz Austin Ruiz Kelton Konrade
Lector	Audrey Ackerman	Ashley Hubbell
EMHC	Becky Downey Mike Hubbell Tonya Hubbell	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Drew Hubbell
Music	Ross Ackerman	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Cory Ackerman Carson Konrade	Blake Connelly Nathan Stein
Gifts	Carson Konrade Fam.	Blake Connelly Fam.

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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&C Meetings
1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows

D&I Meetings
2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 7/28-8/3

7.28	John Stegman
7.29	Audrey Scheve
7.30	Mary Schartz Debbie Wood
7.31	Hudson Ackerman Tom Tasset
8.1	Maci Ackerman Dawn Burke Barb Naasz Larry Schmidt
8.2	Bobbie Schuette



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

TITHING REPORT - JULY 19TH & 20TH:

Box Collection: \$ 1,983.25

Online Collection: \$ 1,030.00

Stewardship Spotlight Daily Mass Ministers



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU:

As we continue to recognize our Mass ministers in our Stewardship Series, we'd like to thank the people who have dedicated themselves to helping with Daily Mass at Parkview. The offering of Daily Mass is such a blessing to our small parish. Fr. John has been especially blessed by the constant presence of the Daily Mass attendees. We appreciate all that you do!

Sacristans: Kerry Ackerman and Pat Sanko

Rosary Leaders & Lectors: Kerry Ackerman, Carolyn Gleason, MaryIda Heskamp, Louise Lampe, Cathy Mages, Joyce Salter, Rosann Tasset, and Glenn Torline

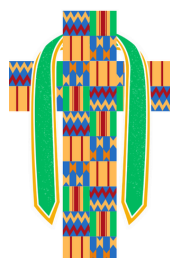
Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn Gleason, Louise Lampe, Shirley Moritz, Norbert Strecker, Rosann Tasset, and Glenn Torline

CEMETERY MOWING NEXT WEEK:



January/February & March/April Guilds are up to mow the cemetery and North lot by Wednesday, July 30th. Please have your loved ones' graves cleaned up of any loose decor items by Monday the 28th to accommodate the volunteers who like to start early. Thank you!

FR. JOHN FORKUOH'S



25th Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 20th

SPEARVILLE, KS

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

MASS AT 4 PM. DINNER TO FOLLOW.

Please send photo memories to
rjburkefamily@gmail.com

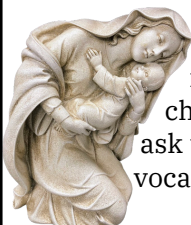
RSVP on the church website or by
emailing your number of guests to
jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.

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.



August - During this month of the Assumption & Queenship of Mary, pray we can have grace & humility like the Most Holy Mother of God.

July 27-August 3: Becky Downey

REMINDERS:

Parish Council
August 7th
8:00 PM

Vigil Mass of the Assumption
August 14th
7:00 PM

KofC Cash Giveaway
August 16th
5:30 PM

Religion Year Opening Mass
August 20th
7:00 PM



A SUCCESSFUL WEEK OF TOTUS TUUS ENDS:

A huge thank you goes out to the parents for sending your kids, sending snacks, providing meals, and to those who helped supervise. Thank you to the Youth Committee for their help, to Spearville Grade School for use of their building one day, to the Spearville Fire Department for their help with the water fight, and last but not least, to Father John for all his ministry through the sacraments! The kids had a blast through the week!

FUNERAL NOTICE

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.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you." Believe and act on Jesus' promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God's will. (Luke 11:1-13)

Please pray for the young men and women of our parish and the Dodge City 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