

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 27, 2025

The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.



In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry.

"You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

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

AUGUST 3RD, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

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: AUGUST 4TH - 10TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-8.4	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-8.5	8:30am	Parkview	Herb Greenstreet
"	9:30am	Southwind	Marvin Gleason
W-8.6	8:30am	Parkview	Chaten Tasset
Th-8.7	8:30am	Parkview	Raymond Ryan
F-8.8	8:30am	Parkview	Polly Nightingale
Sat-8.9	6:30pm	Church	Jeremy Stein
Sun-8.10	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 9TH & 10TH

Collection: Kaden Stein & Jeff Hubbell

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Emma Ackerman Aubrey Huston Dawson Huston	Cammack Dvorak Jarran Dvorak Emalye Stegman
Lector	Evan Martinez	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Lori Burke Katie Gleason Joyce Rogers	Jeff Hubbell Laura Stein LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Tom Burke Rich Gleason	Jeff Hubbell Jacob Stegman
Gifts	Adriana Alcala Fam.	Jacob Stegman 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 of I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 8/4-8/10

8.5	Kaleb Konrade
8.6	Alissa Heskamp
8.7	Sharon Konda
8.8	Gwen Schulte Lorie Stein Clare Bowman
8.9	Ron Stein Eleanor Strecker
8.10	Austin Hornung



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

Tomorrow is not promised. Let us use our time and our possessions to serve others, for it is in giving that we receive. Life in heaven will be our reward.

TITHING REPORT

JULY 26th & 27th:

Box Collection: \$ 2,610.00

Online Collection: \$ 1,570.00

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

REMINDERS

Parish Council

August 7th

8:00 PM

**Review and
revise by-laws.*

Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass of the Assumption

August 14th

7:00 PM at church

Mass on the Assumption

August 15th

8:30 AM at Parkview

Cemetery Mowing

August 13th

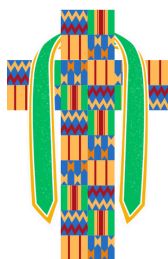
May-August Guilds

Religion Opening Mass

August 20th @ 7:00 PM

**Registration to follow
at the Parish Center*

FR. JOHN FORKUOH'S



25th Ordination Anniversary

Saturday, September 20th

SPEARVILLE, KS

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

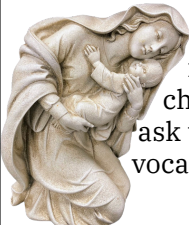
MASS AT 4 PM. DINNER TO FOLLOW.

*Please send photo memories to
rjburkefamily@gmail.com*

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

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.
August 3rd-10th: Larry & Debbie Schmidt*

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:12-21)

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

TOTUS TUUS RECAP:

We have many thank you's for a great week of Totus Tuus!

Thank you 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--enjoy some pictures from all the fun and sharing of faith!

*Thank
You*

