

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, August 17, 2025

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus has come not only to bring peace, but also division.



Family Connection

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of households will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to your children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others. Encourage them to pray to the Holy Spirit for the gift of courage (fortitude) so that they may do the right thing even if unpopular. Conclude by praying a spontaneous prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking for the gift of courage (fortitude).

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 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

Bookkeeper

Tena Gleason, 385-0615

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 18TH - 24TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-8.18	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-8.19	8:30am	Parkview	Janice Hornung
"	9:30am	Southwind	Leland Stein
W-8.20	8:30am	Parkview	Phyllis Indiek's 90 th Birthday
Th-8.21	8:30am	Parkview	Austin & Katie Kropp
F-8.22	8:30am	Parkview	Marceda Schmidt
Sat-8.23	6:30pm	Church	Connie Burkhardt
Sun-8.24	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 23RD & 24TH

Collection: Nathan Stein & Kevin Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Bonnie Laudick	Barb Mages
Servers	A.J. Herrmann Caleb Herrmann	Clare Bowman Madeline Bowman
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Craig Bowman
EMHC	Lori Burke Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	LynAnn Bowman Chelsea Gleason Frank Mages
Music	Dana & Chase	Dana & Chase
Ushers	Cory Ackerman Rod Durler	Wesley Gleason Kevin Mages
Gifts	Rich & Karla Gleason	Eric Dvorak Family

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1. Visit 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) or Lynnette Hessman (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

BIRTHDAYS: 8/18-8/24

8.18	Jan Rabe
8.20	D'Nelle Greenstreet Phyllis Indiek Lane Tasset Amy Thompson
8.21	Louie Konrade
8.23	Lynnette Hessman



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *In today's second reading, St. Paul encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.*

TITHING REPORT AUGUST 9th & 10th:

Box Collection: \$ 3,499.00

Online Collection: \$ 1,190.00

Stewardship Spotlight:



Proclaiming the Word of God:

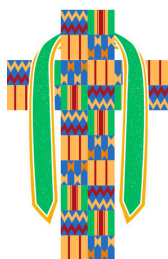
Our lectors have the important job of proclaiming the Word of God during Mass through the readings of the Old and New Testaments, and presenting the Prayers of the Faithful.

Thank you to our wonderful lectors!

Audrey Ackerman, Craig Bowman, Xavier Calvin, Larry Friess, Rich Gleason, Ashley Hubbell, Cindy Hubbell, Tonya Hubbell, Evan Martinez, Chanda Schulte, Lorie Stein, Kelly Tasset, & LaWana VanNahmen.

If you feel capable of serving in this way, please reach out to Fr. John or Jenny in the Parish Office.

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

The Mass is named from the Latin term, "missa," which means mission. It is to give us as Christians a mission for life--to enter into Christ's sacrifice and to invite others to do the same. Every baptized Catholic has a universal call to holiness. We must be active in pursuing holiness, and attending Mass every week is the easiest and most profound way to do that. It is our highest form of prayer: meeting the Lord in the Word **and** partaking in the Eucharist. Helping with the various ministry roles takes our participation one step further, ensuring that the whole parish can benefit from the works we're capable of giving.

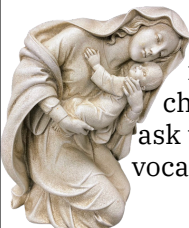
WHY DO I LECTOR?

Fr. Bert Nett was running low on help when he asked Larry Friess to start reading: "The rest is history. I feel like a more active participant and enjoy giving back to our church community."

Thank you Larry, & to all our lectors.

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 17th-24th: Justin & Arlene Phillips

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)

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*

Religion Year Opening Registration will follow at the Parish Center. Fees are \$25 per student.



WEDNESDAY, 8/20 @ 7 PM

FAITH FORMATION INVITES YOU:



Weekly showings of The Chosen: Season Four will begin on Sunday, September 7th at 3:30 PM at the Parish Center.

Join us as we watch and discuss the show's portrayal of the stories we already know and believe. Watching this show brings the Bible to life in a way no other show or movie has before. Snacks and childcare provided.

DECHANT FOUNDATION GOLF CLASSIC:

Friday, September 5th

Register Here: dcdiocese.org/donate-front

10TH ANNUAL **GOLF** CLASSIC

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Mariah Hills Golf Course Dodge City

CHECK IN 9:30 AM	5th September FRIDAY	TEAM \$500
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REGISTRATION : dcdiocese.org/donate-front

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH - OFFERLE CHURCH WINDOW FUNDRAISER



Winner's Choice between these two locally handmade queen-sized quilts.

Drawing at St. Joseph Church Quilt Show OFFERLE DAYS

Saturday, August 23rd - 10am-4pm

Tickets: 1 for \$15 or 4 for \$50

Contact: Bonita Werner (620-288-0091) or Jerri Stegman (620-255-5598)

Need not be present to win.