

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, February 22, 2026
First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.



Family Connection

When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith. Perhaps the older members of the family can share a favorite Scripture passage with everyone. Younger family members can tell their favorite story from the Bible and be shown where that story can be found. In each case, encourage a deeper sharing of faith by asking each person to tell why the Scripture passage shared is important to him or her. Conclude your time together by again reading Jesus' reply to the devil found in Matthew 4:4 ("One does not live by bread alone . . .") and praying the Lord's Prayer.

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent (A)

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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: FEBRUARY 23RD - MARCH 1ST

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-2.23	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-2.24	8:30am	Parkview	Wilfred Helfrich
"	9:30am	Southwind	Leland Stein
W-2.25	8:30am	Parkview	Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen
Th-2.26	8:30am	Parkview	Deacon Dwaine Lampe
F-2.27	8:30am	Parkview	Daughters of Isabella
Sat-2.28	6:30pm	Church	Mike Torline
Sun-3.1	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - FEB. 28TH & MARCH 1ST

Collection: Kaden Stein & Kevin Stein		
MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	Bellanie Friess Jaelin Friess	YOUTH Mass 3 rd /4 th & 5 th Grades
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	YOUTH
EMHC	Steve Hubbell Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	Philip Gleason Jeff Hubbell Riley Schmidt
Music	No Music	Howertons
Ushers	Rich Gleason Kelly Stein	YOUTH
Gifts	Melvin & Pat Habiger	YOUTH

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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).



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

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

BIRTHDAYS: 2/23-3/1

2.23	Tony Trenkamp Dawson Huston
2.24	Greg Werner
2.26	Whitney Gleason Norbert Strecker
2.28	Dorothy Trenkamp Kelly Tasset
3.1	Carl Hubbell Michael Benish Jacob Wheaton Landree Hubbell



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: In the desert, Jesus shows us that true strength comes from relying on God rather than worldly comfort or power. As stewards of faith, we are called to do the same—trusting in God's word, resisting temptation, and offering our lives in humble service to Him alone.

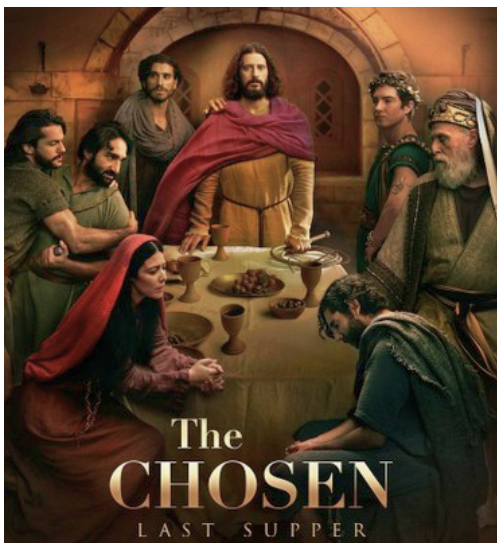
TITHING REPORT for FEBRUARY 14th/15th:

Box: \$ 8,039.00
Online: \$ 440.00

THE CHOSEN - SEASON FIVE:

Join Faith Formation to watch and discuss the latest season of *The Chosen*, every **Sunday at 3:30 pm** at the Parish Center.

February 1st - March 22nd
Snacks, childcare, and guided discussion for each episode.



Episode 4 THIS SUNDAY: Feb. 22nd



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY morning of Lent.
6:00 - 7:00 AM
Wednesday Weekly Adoration
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LEADER SCHEDULE

Fridays at 7 PM.

2 / 27 - Religion Students
3 / 6 - Parish Council
3 / 13 - D of I
3 / 20 - Faith Formation
3 / 27 - K of C

*4/3 - Fr. John
*5:00 PM before
Good Friday Service*

*"We adore You, O Christ,
and we praise You,
because by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world."*

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

As always, when you receive the statue, pray for increased vocations in our diocese, your own personal intentions, and the special intentions listed for the month below.

February Intention: That children suffering from incurable diseases receive the necessary medical care and support they need, & that they and their families never lose hope.

February 22nd-March 1st:
Dave & Rosann Tasset



VOCATION REFLECTION:

Through the obedience of Christ comes acquittal from sin. (Romans 5:17-19)
Through our obedience to Christ, we can be a conduit of Grace to this world.

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

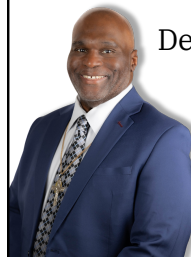
THIS IS THE HOUR: *Living the Catholic Faith with Courage, Clarity, and Conviction*

Mark your calendars for a one-night parish mission (in Spearville!) with renowned Catholic speakers,
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter.

Tuesday - April 21, 2026

more details to come..

Seen on EWTN and heard on Ave Maria Radio,
Dcn. Harold and Dr. Peter will present on
living out the Gospel and evangelizing
as disciples of Christ.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA TO HOST SENIOR BINGO:

All senior citizens are welcome to play Bingo at
Parkview on Sunday, March 15th at 1:00 pm.
*DofI members are asked to bring items for prizes.



SPEARVILLE KofC COUNCIL #1539 FISH FRY:

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH @ 5:00 PM

Free-Will Donation

St. John the Baptist Parish Center



NCYC TRASH BAG SALES:

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!

Orders are due on February 25th.
If an NCYC kid has not gotten your order, feel free to call the parish office or email
jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com.

HEAVY DUTY TRASH BAGS

Blue - 55 gallon - 16 bags per roll

Yellow - 39 gallon - 25 bags per roll

White - 15 gallon - 65 bags per roll



BE ONE OF OUR CHRISM MASS REPRESENTATIVES:

Attend a beautiful Mass of blessing for the sacred oils for our Diocese and enjoy a wonderful luncheon afterwards at the Cathedral.

Thursday, March 26th at 11 AM

Sign up on the entryway table or reach out to Jenny in the Parish Office if you'd like to attend.

**Luncheon spots are limited.*

