

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, March 1, 2026
Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



Family Connection

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus' first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus' Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus' glory, His Resurrection.

Death, especially Jesus' death, marks a low point in humanity, but His Resurrection is our victory, the ultimate high. As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Jesus' Transfiguration may have been an event from which Peter, James, and John drew courage when they faced the difficult events of Jesus' Passion.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Pray that your family will use these experiences to sustain you during times of difficulty. Close by praying today's psalm, Psalm 33.

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

MARCH 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

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

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: MARCH 2ND - 8TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-3.2	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-3.3	8:30am	Parkview	Jim Sanko
"	9:30am	Southwind	Annette Stein
W-3.4	8:30am	Parkview	Jack Milford (birthday)
Th-3.5	8:30am	Parkview	Pat Torline
F-3.6	8:30am	Parkview	Ashlyn Kasselmann (birthday)
Sat-3.7	6:30pm	Church	Jeremy Stein
Sun-3.8	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - MARCH 7TH & 8TH

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Jan Rabe

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	Barb Mages
Servers	Jaxon Ackerman Reece Schulte	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt
Lector	Chanda Schulte	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Larry Schmidt	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Frank Mages
Music	Jenny Schmidt	No Music - Lenten Quiet Mass
Ushers	TJ Ackerman Tom Burke	Keith Brack Blake Connelly
Gifts	TJ Ackerman Family	Blake Connelly Fam.

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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: 3/2-3/8

3.2	Lyle VanNahmen
3.4	Kirk Konrade Chanda Schulte
3.5	Vicky Scheve Korbin Wheaton
3.8	Toni Aistrup Patti Israel Glen Keller Kali Ackerman



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION:

St. Paul reminds us that we are called to a holy life—not by our own doing, but by God’s grace. As Christian stewards, we respond to that grace with gratitude, using our time, talents, and gifts to share the light of Christ who destroyed death and brought life through the Gospel.

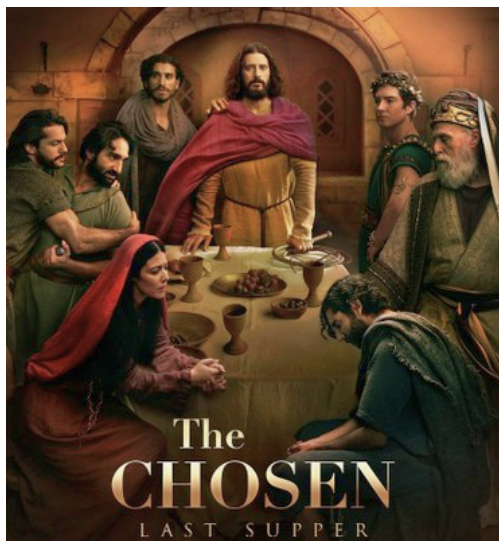
TITHING REPORT for FEBRUARY 21st/22nd:

Box: \$ 1,661.75
Online: \$ 2,115.00

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 5 THIS SUNDAY: March 1st



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.

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.

March Intention: *We pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.*

March 1st - 8th:
MaryIda Heskamp



VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Rise, and do not be afraid." (Matthew 5:38-48)

So many experience fear when called to the priesthood or religious life. God strengthens those who are called if they respond with a generous heart.

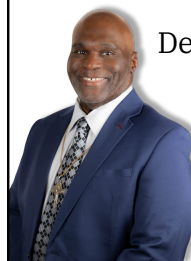
If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:
Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

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



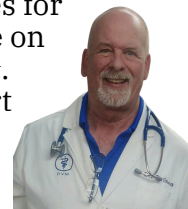
MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL:

The funeral services for

Mike Torline will be on Saturday, March 7th.

The rosary will start at 10:00 AM with the Funeral Mass following at 10:30.

Burial will be at St. John the Baptist Cemetery and a luncheon will be served at the Parish Center immediately following. Our prayers are with the Torline family.



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.*

