

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, March 22, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Gospel Reading

John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.



Family Connection

Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and confidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today's Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life. Conclude by praying together the Apostles' Creed or the Nicene Creed.

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 22, 2026

Fifth 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 23RD-29TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 3.23	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 3.24	8:30am	Parkview	Daughters of Isabella
"	9:30am	Southwind	Ted & Alice Hornung
W - 3.25	8:30am	Parkview	Elmer Schuette
Th - 3.26	8:30am	Parkview	LeRoy Mages
F - 3.27	8:30am	Parkview	Ryan Hagans (Birthday)
Sat - 3.28	6:30pm	Church	Gaylord Moritz
Sun - 3.29	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - MARCH 28TH & 29TH

Collection: Carson Konrade & Levi Benjamin

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Calder Ackerman Cheyenne Ackerman Hallie Ackerman	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt Quentin Tasset
Lector	Audrey Ackerman Cindy Hubbell	Kelly Tasset LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Drew Hubbell Jeff Hubbell Steve Hubbell	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Riley Schmidt
Music	Howertons	Howertons
Ushers	Drew Hubbell Jeff Hubbell	Phil Gleason Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Kirk Konrade Family	Eric Dvorak Family

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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: 3/23-3/29

3.23	Keith Brack
3.24	Susan Hines
3.25	Ginny Werner Kelly Barnett
3.27	Becky Downey



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

TITHING REPORT for MARCH 14TH/15TH:

Box: \$ 3,473.00
Online: \$ 440.00

DofI SENIOR BINGO- RESCHEDULED:

All senior citizens are invited to play Bingo at Parkview on Sunday, March 22nd at 1 pm.

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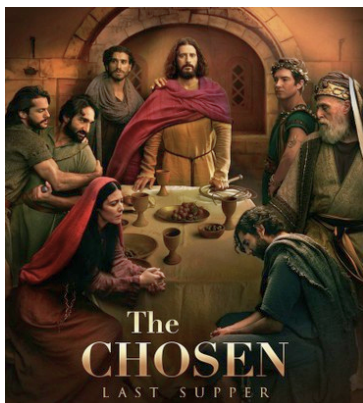
Friday at 7 PM.

3/27 - Led by K of C

THE CHOSEN - SEASON 5:

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

Episode 7 - March 22nd
Episode 8 - March 29th



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

EVERY morning of Lent.
6:00 - 7:00 AM

Wednesday Weekly Adoration
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM



EASTER EGG HUNT:

Saturday, April 4th
11:00 AM
Greenstreet Park



Sponsored by the Parish Youth Committee.
Photos with the Easter Bunny: 10:30-11:30



EASTER BAKE SALE:

Saturday, April 4th
Oak Room: 8-10 am



All parishioners are asked to donate items and deliver to the church by Friday evening (4/3), or directly to the Oak Room first thing Saturday morning. Thank you!



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 22nd-29th:
Jeff & Connie Heskamp



VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ!" (John 11:27)
With this belief, Jesus is able to work marvels through those who trust in Him, even to raising the dead to new life.

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

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday



Saturday,
March 28th
6:30 PM

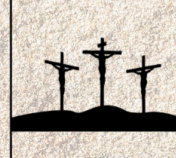
Sunday,
March 29th
8:00 AM

Holy Thursday



Thursday,
April 2nd
7:00 PM

Good Friday



Friday,
April 3rd
Stations - 5 PM
Service - 5:30 PM

Holy Saturday



Saturday,
April 4th
8:00 PM

Easter Sunday



Sunday,
April 5th
9:00 AM

Keep Watch ADORATION

Holy Thursday

Time slots assigned by Last Name starting letters.

8 - 9 pm: A-G
9 - 10pm: H-K
10-11pm: L-S
11-12am: T-Z

Holy Thursday - April 2nd @ 7 PM

<i>Sacristan</i>	Jenny Schmidt
<i>Servers</i>	Avery Hubbell, Hudson & Reid Schmidt
<i>Lector</i>	Jamie Dodd
<i>EMHC</i>	Lori Burke, Katie Gleason, Lynnette Hessman
<i>Music</i>	Jenny Schmidt
<i>Gifts</i>	Drew Hubbell Family

Good Friday-April 3rd @5:30

<i>Sacristan</i>	Jenny Schmidt
<i>Servers</i>	Chase Howerton Tessa Howerton
<i>Lectors</i>	Lorie Stein Larry Friess
<i>EMHC</i>	Riley Schmidt
<i>Music</i>	Men's Choir

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

6:30-8:30 PM in the Parish Center

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.

