

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, April 12, 2026

2nd Sunday of Easter
or Divine Mercy Sunday (A)

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Thomas believes
because he sees Jesus.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others.

Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Read today's Gospel, John 19:19-31, with your family. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas? Jesus grants Thomas the evidence that Thomas needs to believe, but Jesus also affirms the faith of those who will be called upon to believe without first-hand experience. We are among those whom Jesus calls blessed. Discuss with your family the basis of each member's faith in Jesus—the witness of the first disciples, the Gospels, the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church.

Pray together that your faith in Jesus will be strong.
Pray an act of faith together.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

APRIL 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (A)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

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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: APRIL 13TH - 19TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-4.13	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-4.14	8:30am	Parkview	Mary Ann Schmidt
W-4.15	8:30am	Parkview	Herb Greenstreet
Th-4.16	8:30am	Parkview	Ted & Alice Hornung
F-4.17	8:30am	Parkview	Deacon Dwaine Lampe
Sat-4.18	6:30pm	Church	Austin & Katie Kropp
Sun-4.19	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

MASS MINISTERS - APRIL 18TH & 19TH

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Kevin Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Brady Preisner Makenzie Preisner	Jarran Dvorak Cammack Dvorak
Lector	Evan Martinez	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Katie Gleason Lynnette Hessman Larry Schmidt	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Carson Konrade Louie Konrade	Kevin Mages Nathan Stein
Gifts	Larry & Nancy Ackerman	Whitney Gleason 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).



K&C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



The Daughters of Isabella
St. Vincent de Paul #211

D&I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 4/13-4/19

4.13	Bob Hattrup
4.15	Steve Hubbell
4.16	Tom Hornung
4.17	Kade Thompson
4.18	Alan Hines
4.19	Payten Howerton



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

TITHING REPORT **for APRIL 4th/5th:**

Box: \$ 3,379.00
Online: \$ 335.00

MONTH-END TOTALS **for MARCH 2026:**

Income: \$ 29,462.47
Expenses: \$ 23,189.63
Net: \$ 6,272.84

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.

April Intention: Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



4/12-4/19:

Jeff & Angela Schawe

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)
Jesus commissions us to be his witnesses to the end of the world.
Do not be afraid to proclaim him in thought, word, and deed.

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



Left to Right: Deacons Esteban Hernandez, Eric Frieb, and Carson Haupt

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND **THE PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS!**

Saturday, May 30th
10 o'clock AM

Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Please continue praying for Deacons Esteban Hernandez, Eric Frieb, and Carson Haupt as they prepare to be ordained to the priesthood. This is a **MOMENTOUS** occasion for our diocese to be ordaining 3 priests on the same day. We hope many parishioners plan to attend in support and witness this incredible blessing.

We know this time of year is busy, but we ask that you consider making this one-night parish mission a priority. We have been given an amazing

This is the Hour

*Living the Catholic Faith with
Courage, Clarity & Conviction*



Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
*Go & Make Disciples: The
Call to Evangelization*



Dr. Marcus Peter
*This is the Hour: The
Urgency of the
Gospel*

St. John the Baptist Parish Center

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

6 PM – Welcome & Refreshments

6:30 PM – “This is the Hour” – Dr. Marcus Peter

7:30 PM – “Go & Make Disciples” – Dcn. Harold Burke-Sivers

Childcare will be available

A powerful one-night parish mission to awaken hearts,
renew faith, and inspire Catholics to live the Gospel
boldly in today's world.



opportunity to host these two speakers who are phenomenal defenders of the Catholic faith. We hope to pack the parish center to give these men the audience they deserve. Invite your friends, neighbors, and other Catholics in our area! Deacon Harold and Dr. Peter will take up a collection at the end of the event to cover their travel expenses and fund their ministries. They will travel here and speak at no cost to the parish!

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - VOCATION RENDEZVOUS INVITE

High School students should let Jenny know if they'd like to attend the Vocations Rendezvous **ASAP** (w/ parent permission to be excused from school). This is a fun opportunity to explore the possibility of religious vocations and hang out with other high schoolers from our Diocese.

APRIL 23

11:30AM	Arrive at Sandbox (in Goddard) by 11:30 for a free lunch and pickleball/volleyball
2PM	Tour St. Mark the Evangelist parish and pray together as a group
4PM	Boys tour St. Joseph seminary Girls tour Immaculate Heart of Mary convent
7 PM	Depart for home

