

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, April 19, 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Families, as the domestic church, have the opportunity to make the family meal a time of prayerful encounter with one another and with Jesus. At a family meal we share our experiences of the day and connect them with the experiences of others in the family. We can also enjoy the meal as an opportunity to reflect upon our family life in light of Scripture. At their best, our family meals can connect us to Jesus, too.

Choose a family meal this week to share one another's experiences of the week in a special way. Perhaps invite family members to plan and prepare the meal together. Begin the meal by reading today's Gospel, Luke 24:13-35. As you eat, talk together about how the disciples discussed their experiences in Jerusalem and how they came to understand them differently when Jesus interpreted those events in the light of Scripture. Then invite each family member to share the things that are going on in his or her life. Consider what Jesus might say to each person if he were sitting at your dinner table. Conclude with a special prayer after your dinner. Pray a prayer of blessing for each family member, asking that Jesus continue to be present in each person's life, helping each one to be a better follower of Jesus. Conclude with a Sign of Peace.

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

APRIL 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter (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: APRIL 20TH - 26TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-4.20	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-4.21	8:30am	Parkview	Payten Howerton (B-day)
"	9:30am	Southwind	Annette Stein (rescheduled)
W-4.22	8:30am	Parkview	John Indiek
Th-4.23	8:30am	Parkview	Susan Hernandez
F-4.24	8:30am	Parkview	Melvin Hines
Sat-4.25	6:30pm	Church	Habiger's 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Sun-4.26	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - APRIL 25TH & 26TH

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & Rich Gleason

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Karla Gleason
Servers	Emma Ackerman Aubrey Huston Dawson Huston	Avery Hubbell Emalye Stegman Quentin Tasset
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Becky Downey Mike Hubbell Steve Hubbell	Connie Heskamp Drew Hubbell Frank Mages
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Tom Burke Rod Durler	Jeff Heskamp Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Tom & Lori Burke	Jacob Stegman 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

Happy Birthday Fr. John!

BIRTHDAYS: 4/20-4/26

4.23 Jeff Hubbell
Fr. John Forkuoh



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *The disciples on the road to Emmaus walked and talked with Jesus all day long, but it was not until they offered Him hospitality and He blessed and broke the bread that they recognized Him. Simple acts of loving kindness still reveal the presence of God in our midst.*

TITHING REPORT for APRIL 11th/12th:

Box: \$ 2,375.00

Online: \$ 855.00

Congratulations First Communicants!

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 & prayer.*



4/19-4/26: Bowman Family



VOCATION REFLECTION:

'Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.' (1 Peter 1:17)
Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must change to reveal this gift to the world.

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

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.



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

SEE YOU ALL ON TUESDAY!

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.

