

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, April 26, 2026

4th Sunday of Easter (A)

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Jesus is the gate
for his sheep.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God.

As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.

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 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter (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: APRIL 27TH - MAY 3RD

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-4.27	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-4.28	8:30am	Parkview	Butch Fagen
"	9:30am	Southwind	Ron Hornung
W-4.29	8:30am	Parkview	Marceda Schmidt
Th-4.30	8:30am	Parkview	Pat Torline
F-5.1	8:30am	Parkview	Lawrence Nietling
Sat-5.2	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-5.3	8:00am	Church	Bernadine & Henry Grasser

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

MASS MINISTERS - MAY 2ND & 3RD

Collection: Austin Hornung & Levi Benjamin

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Kaleb Konrade Cooper Thompson Kade Thompson	Elizabeth Bowman Madeline Bowman
Lector	Chanda Schulte	SENIORS
EMHC	Katie Gleason Lynnette Hessman Jolene Tasset	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin LynAnn Bowman
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Carson Konrade Greg Thompson	SENIORS
Gifts	Carson Konrade Fam.	SENIORS

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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

BIRTHDAYS: 4/27 - 5/3

4.28	Denny Werner
4.29	Riley Schmidt
5.1	Hayden Schmidt
5.2	Jill Vierthaler Kambre Konrade
5.3	Drew Hubbell



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Jesus says, "I came that they may have life, and have it to the full." Good stewards are grateful for the gift of life and joyfully share their abundance with others.

TITHING REPORT for APRIL 18th/19th:

Box: \$ 2,576.00

Online: \$ 1,090.00

CONGRATULATIONS ON CONFIRMATION!



Please pray for and congratulate those who were recently confirmed by Bishop John: Hailey Burke, Jarran Dvorak, Bellanie Friess, Lena Gleason, Caleb Herrmann, and Chase Howerton. Thank you to Tonya Hubbell for your formation of these kids!

-RELIGION YEAR ENDS- -APRIL 29TH-

Our last religion class of the year is this coming Wednesday, April 29th. A big thank you to our catechists for making this year of religion great. We hope the kids will stay involved through the summer with Totus Tuus, church camps, and summer missions. Check with Jenny in the Parish Office for more information and scholarship applications.



2026

TOTUS TUUS

PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
JUNE 7TH-12TH**

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the 10 Commandments and the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!



DAY PROGRAM

- Monday - Friday
- 9am - 3pm
- Grades 1st - 6th



NIGHT PROGRAM

- Sunday - Thursday
- 6:30pm - 8:45pm
- Grades 7th - 12th



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dcdiocese.org/summer-missions-youth/totus-tuus

VOCATION REFLECTION:

'Repent and be baptized!' Our life as Christian disciples is a constant conversion to the Lord; we must constantly live out the commitments made at our own Baptism. (Acts 2:38)

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



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

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.

PARISH CENTER CLEANING

There is a job opening for the cleaning of the parish center.

Preference will be given to parishioners, but consideration will be given to any interested individuals in the community.

This job is a great fit for someone with a flexible schedule and the ability to get in & out between rentals & church functions!



Please inquire by calling the Parish Office at (620)385-2202 or emailing Jenny at jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com.

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.*



4/26-5/3: Bowman Family

GRADUATION MASS:

We will celebrate the graduating seniors next Sunday, May 3rd, at the 8 AM Mass. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the next steps in life!

