

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord (A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus charges his disciples to make disciples of all nations & promises to be with them forever.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Just as Jesus sent his disciples to make disciples, our family, the domestic Church, is called to bear witness to the life of discipleship. That act of witnessing can take many forms. First and foremost our family should call people to discipleship by the example of our love for one another. That example is only the beginning; our love must extend beyond the family, reaching out to others and to the world.

Together with your family, identify one or more ways in which your family lives the life of Christian discipleship. Thank God for the blessing of the opportunity to be able to show God's love. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 28:16-20. Discuss what Jesus sends his disciples to do. Work together to identify one or more ways in which your family would like to do a better job bearing witness to the life of discipleship. Choose one of those ways and work together to make it happen. Pray as a family for the grace to be witnesses to the world of the life of discipleship. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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

MAY 17, 2026

The Ascension of the Lord (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

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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: MAY 18TH - 24TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-5.18	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-5.19	8:30am	Parkview	Mark Downey
"	9:30am	Southwind	Daughters of Isabella
W-5.20	8:30am	Parkview	Bob Peintner
Th-5.21	8:30am	Parkview	Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen
F-5.22	8:30am	Parkview	Elmer Schuette
Sat-5.23	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun-5.24	8:00am	Church	LeRoy Mages
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

MASS MINISTERS - MAY 23RD & 24TH

Collection: LaWana VanNahmen & Frank Mages		
MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton	Barb Mages
Servers	AJ Herrmann Caleb Herrmann	Jace Langlois Aubree Ruiz
Lector	Cindy Hubbell	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Katie Gleason Lynnette Hessman Steve Hubbell	LynAnn Bowman Frank Mages LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Howertons	Howertons
Ushers	Cory Ackerman Kelly Stein	Blake Connelly Kurt Halling
Gifts	Ushers	Cody Langlois Family

Get Connected



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

Daughters of Isabella Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room

BIRTHDAYS: 5/18 - 5/24

5.19	Laura Stein
5.22	Lori Burke Ashley Wheaton
5.23	Cheyenne Ackerman
5.24	Lester Schulte



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

TITHING REPORT for MAY 9TH/10TH:

Box: \$ 2,160.00

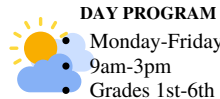
Online: \$ 1,210.00

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PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM

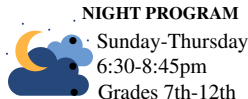
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST JUNE 7TH-12TH

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

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.

May Intention: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



May 17-24: Kirk & Morgan Konrade Family

CELEBRATE FR. TED:

You are invited to celebrate the

25th Anniversary of Ordination
for
Father Ted Stoecklein



with a come-and-go reception at St. Andrew Parish Center in Wright, Kansas, on
Sunday, May 17th
from
1:00 - 3:00 pm.

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Go and make disciples of all nations!" (Matthew 28:19) Our lives must proclaim the Truth that comes to us from Christ; embrace the call to be a witness of Christ to the ends of 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 of and to witness this incredible blessing.



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

YOUTH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES:

TOTUS TUUS: JUNE 7TH-12TH
1st-12th grades in Spearville

PRAYER & ACTION

High School Service-Based Camp

Location: Garden City

Week 1: June 7th - 12th

Week 2: June 14th - 19th



CAMP CRISTO REY

Middle-School Church Camp

One-Day-Camp: June 28th in Spearville!

Overnight Camp: June 29th-July 2nd

Location: Camp Aldrich (Claflin)

FATHER/SON FISHING EVENT

Friday, June 26th: 6:00-8:30pm

Exact location near Dodge shared upon registration.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER CRAFT & TEA

Saturday, June 27th: 10 am - Spearville

Go to dcdiocese.org/youth or visit Jenny in the Parish Office to learn more and inquire about summer camp scholarships from our parish!

CELEBRATE the ORDINANDI:

We are asked to offer our prayers for Deacons Eric Frieb, Carson Haupt, and Esteban Hernandez on their ordinations, and send those prayers in the form of a spiritual bouquet.

Offer a rosary or chaplet, a Mass, a holy hour, etc. and **scan the QR code** below to fill out a form with your offering. From the form, a card will be sent to the seminarians letting them know of your prayers!

Physical cards can be mailed to:

Catholic Diocese of Dodge City
attn: (seminarian name)
PO Box 137
Dodge City, KS 67801



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 & 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