

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, June 28, 2026

13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus outlines the costs and rewards of discipleship.



FAMILY CONNECTION

One can tell a lot about a family by the way they welcome others into their home. Despite parental efforts to elicit the best behavior from their children, family efforts to entertain guests are sometimes difficult. Practicing a spirit of Christian hospitality within the family can be an occasion to reflect upon the importance of this virtue. A family spirit of hospitality is a sign of faith.

When your family gathers, ask each person to consider the following questions about manners: What does it mean to be a good host? What does it mean to be a good guest? Invite each person to share their thoughts and experiences about being a guest or a host. When they have finished, read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 10:37-42.

Ask family members to describe what Jesus says about hospitality extended to his disciples. (Those who receive Jesus' disciples also receive Jesus himself; hospitality to Jesus' disciples will be rewarded.) Then encourage family members to talk about what it means to be a good guest or a good host. You might also talk about ways in which your family's hospitality might be improved upon. Conclude in prayer together that your family grows to be one in which Christian hospitality is experienced by all. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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

JUNE 28, 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

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Hours listed are approximate and change often as needed.

Fr. John - frjohn47@yahoo.com:

T/W/F : 10 am-12 pm

(by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

M-F: 2 pm - 5 pm (during the school year)

MASS SCHEDULE: JUNE 29TH - JULY 5TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-6.29	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T-6.30	8:30am	Parkview	Daughters of Isabella
"	9:30am	Southwind	Berna Mae Stegman
W-7.1	8:30am	Parkview	Mike Torline
Th-7.2	8:30am	Parkview	Jane Hubbell
F-7.3	8:30am	Parkview	Mary Ann Schmidt
Sat-7.4	6:30pm	Church	Pat Torline
Sun-7.5	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - JULY 4TH & 5TH

Collection: Austin Hornung & Lori Burke

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able Jaxson Dodd	Clare Bowman Elizabeth Bowman
Lector	Jamie Dodd	Craig Bowman
EMHC	Steve Hubbell Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	LynAnn Bowman Connie Heskamp Laura Stein
Music	Howertons	Howertons
Ushers	Tom Burke Rod Durler	Kurt Halling Jeff Heskamp
Gifts	Robert & Nancy Hattrup	Melvin & Pat Habiger

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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



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BIRTHDAYS: 6/29-7/5

6.29	Russell Wood Norbert Linnebur
6.30	Chase Howerton Emmett Wheaton
7.2	Sharon Droste



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministers of hospitality are a most visible example of using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

TITHING REPORT **for JUNE 20th/21st:**

Box: \$ 1,427.00
Online: \$ 970.00

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ROSARY **CHALLENGE:**

As always, when you receive the statue, pray for increased vocations in our diocese, your own personal intentions, and the pope's special intentions listed for the month below.

July Intention: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

June 28th-July 5th:

Kerry
Ackerman



CEMETERY MOWING:

The next mowing of the cemetery will be up to the **January/February and March/April** guilds on **Wednesday, July 1st**. Guild leaders, please start contacting your people to help. Families, please have items cleared off of gravesites by Monday, June 29th. You may return decor to headstones by July 2nd.

Thank you!



DATES TO NOTE:

July 10th/11th: Spearville COW Fest - See how you might support our parish organizations like DoFI, KofC, and NCYC!

August 26th: Opening Mass of Religion Year

August 28th/29th: Photo Sessions for the new Parish Directory

August 29th: Parish Celebration for the Passion of St. John the Baptist

September 9th: (Tentative) 1st Religion Class

September 12th: Diocese of Dodge City's 75th Anniversary Celebration @ COLG - Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, Confessions, Food, and historical displays!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

Be an example of faith to your brothers and sisters; let your faith inspire others to come to know Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. (Matthew 16:13-19)

If you're discerning the priesthood, contact our Diocesan Director of Vocations:

Fr. John Stang @ 620-227-1500 or vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org

A Prayer for Our Nation

God of all nations,
Creator of every people,
we come to you with grateful hearts.

We thank you for this land we call home.
For its beauty and its bounty,
and for its abundant resources
that have shaped and sustained us.

We thank you Lord
for this nation that we love.
For the ideals upon which it was founded,
and for the resilience that has carried it
through times of trial and testing.

We began as scattered colonies,
holding to a vision of freedom and justice for all.
Through struggle and prosperity
we have grown into a great nation.

Teach us to remember the guiding principles
that first gave us life.
Help us to live them faithfully
in this moment before us.

Teach us how to love our country
as it deserves to be loved.
Not as better than others,
but in solidarity with them.
With humility, not pride,
and with generosity, not comparison.

You promise a new heaven and a new earth,
where sorrow fades and peace endures.
Let that promise take root in us today.

Where there is division,
help us find connection.
Where there is strife,
help us find common ground.
Where there is fear,
plant trust in our hearts.

Make us a people who build with care,
who work with honest hands,
who honor the dignity of every life.

Make us a nation that listens,
that serves, that seeks the good of all.

When times feel uncertain,
remind us of your vision of a world restored,
a people renewed, and creation at peace.

Strengthen us in faith,
root us in hope,
and guide us in love
so that the United States of America
may reflect your vision and goodness
down through every generation. Amen.

