

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 5, 2026

14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:25-30

*Jesus prays in thanks to God,
who has revealed himself to
the lowly.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches an important lesson for families: from the youngest and simplest among us, we can learn the most profound insights about God. Parents who are attentive to this reality can learn much from their children even as their children are learning from them. Families who create time and space for encounters with God will enrich the faith of all who share in family life.

Gather as a family and read together today's Gospel, Matthew 11:25-30. Allow time for each person to reflect on what Jesus reveals to us about God. Invite each person to show these things in a creative way, perhaps through a picture, poem, or some other means. Share these with one another. Conclude in prayer together, thanking Jesus for making God known to us. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm, Psalm 145.

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

JULY 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

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Parish Center Office Hours

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: JULY 6TH - JULY 12TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 7.6	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 7.7	8:30am	Parkview	Jim Sanko
"	9:30am	Southwind	Annette Stein
W - 7.8	8:30am	Parkview	Scott Mages
Th - 7.9	8:30am	Parkview	Steve Ackerman
F - 7.10	8:30am	Parkview	Fr. Ben Konda
Sat - 7.11	6:30pm	Church	Ron Hornung
Sun - 7.12	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - JULY 11TH & 12TH

Collection: Austin Hornung & Lori Burke

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Jenny Schmidt	Jenny Schmidt
Servers	Jaxon Ackerman Reece Schulte	Avery Hubbell Reid Schmidt
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Ashley Hubbell
EMHC	Lynnette Hessman Mike Hubbell Tonya Hubbell	Drew Hubbell Frank Mages Riley Schmidt
Music	Jenny Schmidt	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	TJ Ackerman Kelly Stein	Keith Brack Vern Stein
Gifts	TJ Ackerman Family	Vern & Lorie Stein

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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 #1839

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: 7/6-7/12

7.10	Xavier Calvin
7.11	Jo Peintner Sarah Stegman
7.12	Amanda Bittel



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth". Stewardship is the "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.

TITHING REPORT for JUNE 27th/28th:

Box: \$ 1,524.00

Online: \$ 1,610.00

Don't forget the Diocese in your generosity.
dcdiocese.org/donate



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.

July 5th - July 12th:
Shirley Moritz



ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH MINISTERS



DATES TO NOTE:

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

July 26th: Server Appreciation Pool Party

August 26th: Opening Mass of Religion Year

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

We are to live a life in the Spirit, putting to death the works of the flesh.

Ask God to help you always live as a child of the Light. (Romans 8:13)

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.

