

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 12, 2026

15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23

*Jesus teaches that the kingdom
of heaven is like seed that has
been sown on good soil.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel reminds us that in order for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavor to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this—family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

Gather together as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm 65.

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 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Pastor

Fr. John Forkuoh, 385-2212

Parish Secretary/DRE

Jenny Schmidt, 385-2202

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM

President: Jess Halling

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 13TH - JULY 19TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 7.13	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 7.14	8:30am	Parkview	Mark Downey
"	9:30am	Southwind	Leland Stein
W - 7.15	8:30am	Parkview	Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen
Th - 7.16	8:30am	Parkview	Elvira Grasser Lorenzen
F - 7.17	8:30am	Parkview	Dean & Joyce Weis
Sat - 7.18	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun - 7.19	8:00am	Church	Lawrence Nietling

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

MASS MINISTERS - JULY 18TH & 19TH

Collection: Larry Ackerman & Nathan Stein

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Cooper Thompson Kade Thompson	Aubree Ruiz Quentin Tasset
Lector	Larry Friess	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Ross Ackerman Becky Downey Katie Gleason	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Louie Konrade Greg Thompson	Nathan Stein Shawn Tasset
Gifts	Greg & Amy Thompson	Chris Konrade Family

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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



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BIRTHDAYS: 7/13 - 7/19

7.13	Mike Hubbell Mia Benjamin
7.15	Rita Friess
7.16	Cooper Thompson
7.17	Melvin Strecker



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ & taken it in, yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty-fold!*

TITHING REPORT for JULY 4th/5th:

Box: \$ 2,446.45
Online: \$ 560.00

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 12th-
July 19th:**

Louise
Lampe



**ALTAR SERVERS &
YOUTH MINISTERS**



DATES TO NOTE:

- **July 26th:** Server Appreciation Pool Party
- **August 22nd:** KofC Cash Giveaway
- **August 26th:** Opening Mass & Registration of Religious Education 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:

Make your heart ready to receive the Word of God sown through the Mass and Sacraments in the Church. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

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

JOIN FATHER JOHN ON PILGRIMAGE IN 2027!

Fr. John is hosting a 12-Day Pilgrimage through Proximo Travel, visiting Rome, Assisi, Fatima, and Lourdes from

June 4-15, 2027!

If you are interested in this once-in-a-lifetime trip and want to know more details such as cost, itinerary, inclusions, and registration information, visit https://www.proximotravel.com/trip-store/?action=view_trip&triptemplateid=1362



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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK 2026:

July 19-26, 2026

A few of the many benefits:

1. Supports reproductive health
2. No harmful side effects
3. Cooperates with a couple's combined fertility and is useful to achieve or postpone pregnancy
4. Fosters mutual communication with couples, respect for and acceptance of the total person
5. Honors God's design for married love!

Explore NFP methods:
www.dcdiocese.org/nfp

CEMETERY MOWING:

The next mowing of the cemetery will be up to the **May/June and July/August** guilds on **Wednesday, July 15th**. Guild leaders, please start contacting your people to help. Families, please have items cleared off of gravesites by Monday, July 13th.

You may return decor to headstones by July 16th.

Thank you!

