

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, July 19, 2026

16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus offers parables about the Kingdom of Heaven and explains them to his disciples.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Taken together, the parables found in today's Gospel offer both a sobering reminder about the Kingdom of God and words of encouragement. As the wheat and the weeds must grow together until the harvest, so we may not know whether our actions contribute to God's Kingdom until God's final judgment. With this word of caution in mind, we act always in prayer that our actions will be consistent with God's plans. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we hear words of encouragement. God can bring the Kingdom of Heaven from even the smallest of beginnings. Thus, we ask God to work through us for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Set aside some time this week to make bread with your family. Show the amount of yeast that is required to raise an entire batch of bread. Observe that little things can go a long way. After the bread has been baked, gather together as a family. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:24-43. Reflect together on what Jesus means when he teaches that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed and like yeast. In these parables, Jesus is teaching us that God can work wonders from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of God. This means that even the little things that we do can make a big difference in the lives of others. What are some of the little things that we can do in our family that help to make things better for others? Decide on one action to take together. Pray that God will use your action to make a difference in the world. 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

JULY 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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: 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 20TH - JULY 26TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 7.20	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 7.21	8:30am	Parkview	Melvin Hines
"	9:30am	Southwind	Susan Hernandez
W - 7.22	8:30am	Parkview	Marceda Schmidt
Th - 7.23	8:30am	Parkview	Rick Indiek
F - 7.24	8:30am	Parkview	Deacon Dwaine Lampe
Sat - 7.25	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun - 7.26	8:00am	Church	Scott Mages

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

MASS MINISTERS - JULY 25TH & 26TH

Collection: Jan Rabe & Rich Gleason

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	Karla Gleason
Servers	Kaley Konrade Reece Schulte	Cammack Dvorak Jarran Dvorak
Lector	Chanda Schulte	Rich Gleason
EMHC	Lori Burke Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	Connie Heskamp Frank Mages Laura Stein
Music	Ross Ackerman	Ross Ackerman
Ushers	Tom Burke Kirk Konrade	Eric Dvorak Jeff Heskamp
Gifts	Kirk Konrade Family	Eric Dvorak Family

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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: 7/20 - 7/26

7.21	Tony Lampe Sheila Weis Keldan Kuck
7.23	George Schulte
7.24	David Stein Elizabeth Bowman Anna Connelly



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: Good stewards in a parish are like the yeast in today's Gospel. Their selfless gifts of time and talent help the parish grow and thrive, and their example inspires others to become good stewards, too.

TITHING REPORT for JULY 11th/12th:

Box: \$ 2,132.00
Online: \$ 880.00

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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.

**July 19th-
July 26th:**

Dennis
Hernandez



DATES TO NOTE:

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

The Lord is a God of mercy and graciousness, abounding in kindness and fidelity. Our response is one of gratitude for calling us to be his disciples. (Psalm 86:15)

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



Scan the QR code with your phone for the direct link.

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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

Jenny will be out of the office from July 21st-July 31st. Please email if anything is time-sensitive.

CEMETERY MOWING:

The next mowing of the cemetery will be up to the **September/October and November/December** guilds on **Wednesday, July 29th**. Guild leaders, please start contacting your people to help. Families, please have items cleared off of gravesites by Monday, July 27th.

You may return decor to headstones by July 30th.

Thank you!

