

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, August 2, 2026
18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading
Matthew 14:13-21
*Jesus feeds the crowd with
five loaves and two fish.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

In our family life we can sometimes hear echoes of the disciples' excuses: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Sometimes this echo is heard from children squabbling about the last piece of cake. Sometimes it is heard in our concern about the limits of the family's income or possessions. Sometimes this echo is heard in our complaints about the seemingly endless demands for our time and attention. Jesus understood these feelings and taught us to see beyond our limitations. Jesus modeled for us a compassion that reaches out to others, even when we would rather withdraw into ourselves. Jesus taught us that God blesses compassion offered to others with his grace. Today's Gospel reminds us that with God there is not only enough, there is an abundance!

Talk together about some of the stresses and demands for time and attention that your family members might feel. Acknowledge that we sometimes have to make difficult choices about how to use our time, talents, and treasure. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:13-21. Notice how much Jesus cared for the crowds, healing the sick even though he wanted to withdraw to a quiet place. Notice how the disciples responded to Jesus' instruction to feed the crowd; they noted their limited supply of food. Jesus blessed this limited supply of food, and it was enough to feed the entire crowd, more than 5,000 people, and there were leftovers! Pray together that Jesus will grant us compassion like his so that we will offer whatever we have to others with compassion and generosity. Pray together today's Psalm, Psalm 145, or 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

AUGUST 2, 2026

18th 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: AUGUST 3RD - 9TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 8.3	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 8.4	8:30am	Parkview	Chaten Tasset
"	9:30am	Southwind	Frankie Hogan-Welsh
W - 8.5	8:30am	Parkview	Scott Mages
Th - 8.6	8:30am	Parkview	LeRoy Mages
F - 8.7	8:30am	Parkview	Raymond Ryan
Sat - 8.8	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun - 8.9	8:00am	Church	Jeremy Stein

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

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 8TH & 9TH

Collection: Audrey Ackerman & Ross Ackerman

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Calder Ackerman Hallie Ackerman	Madeline Bowman Jace Langlois
Lector	Audrey Ackerman	Lorie Stein
EMHC	Lynnette Hessman Mike Hubbell Tonya Hubbell	LynAnn Bowman Laura Stein LaWana VanNahmen
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Cory Ackerman Rod Durler	Rich Gleason Cody Langlois
Gifts	Adriana Alcala Family	Cody Langlois Family

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1. Visit formed.org/signup
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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

BIRTHDAYS 8/3 - 8/9

8.5	Kaleb Konrade
8.6	Alissa Heskamp
8.7	Sharon Konda Micah Ackerman
8.8	Gwen Schulte Lorie Stein Clare Bowman
8.9	Ron Stein Eleanor Strecker



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: In the Gospel today, Peter yearns to do something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to be still, to listen to Jesus, and to wait for His direction. Good advice for us, too!

TITHING REPORT for

JULY 25th/26th:

Box: \$ 2,543.60
Online: \$ 1,410.00

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.

August Intention:

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

August 2nd - 9th:

Eleanor Strecker



Jenny's office hours will be limited at the beginning of the school year. Please email her for the quickest response. Thank you!

DATES TO NOTE:

- **August 1st/2nd:** Holy Land Wood Art Sales after Mass
- **August 6th:** Parish Council Meeting
- **August 21st:** Adoration and Start of the St. John the Baptist Novena
- **August 22nd:** KofC Cash Giveaway
- **August 26th:** Opening Mass & Registration for the '26-'27 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
- **AUGUST 29TH/30TH:**
LAST MASSES WITH FR. JOHN
- **September 9th:** 1st Religion Class

75th Anniversary Celebration

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2026

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM




CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

3231 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS, 67801



MASS 10:00 AM

A meal will be served after the Mass.

ADORATION
CONFESSIONS
ARTIFACTS

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David." The Lord calls us to adventure, to listen to him and follow him, that we might have life in abundance. (Is 55: 1-3)

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

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

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY INFO:

Photography sessions are scheduled for Friday, August 28th from 2:00 - 8:30 pm and Saturday, August 29th from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. We hope to get great participation in order to receive enough credits to make a bonus digital app directory that can be updated in real time and allow for group communications, direct links to the church website and social media pages, and more! Every participating family will receive a free 8x10 photo and a free printed directory when they're published.

Please visit ucdir.com and click "Photography Session Sign-Up." Use the church code: KS245 and password: 245photos. In-person sign-ups will be available after weekend Masses through August. Online sign-ups will be shut off during those weekends to keep everything up-to-date.

JOIN FATHER JOHN ON PILGRIMAGE IN 2027!

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