

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, August 9, 2026

19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

*Jesus walks on water, and the
disciples acknowledge him
as the Son of God.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

The mission of the Church is to continue the work of Jesus. The family, the domestic church, participates in this mission too.

Talk about how your family participates in the mission of the Church. Discuss ways in which you seek to reach out to your neighbors and people in need through acts of kindness, mercy, and justice. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 14:22-33. Talk about how Peter wanted to be like Jesus, to walk on water like Jesus did. Note that Peter was successful for a time, but then he doubted Jesus, and he began to sink into the water. Talk about how your family's acts of mercy and justice are rooted in your faith in Jesus. Pray together that Jesus will continue to work through your family to prepare the kingdom of heaven. Pray together the Morning Offering 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 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

100 S. Main St. - PO Box 187 - Spearville, KS 67876 - www.stjohnspearville.com

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 10TH - 16TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 8.10	No Mass on Mondays - Father's Day Off		
T - 8.11	8:30am	Parkview	Steve Ackerman
"	9:30am	Southwind	Lyle & Serena Tenbrink
W - 8.12	8:30am	Parkview	Bob Peintner
Th - 8.13	8:30am	Parkview	Mary Jane Stramel
F - 8.14	8:30am	Parkview	Deacon Dwaine Lampe
Sat - 8.15	6:30pm	Church	All Parishioners of St. John
Sun - 8.16	8:00am	Church	Larry Tasset's Birthday
Confessions: Saturdays at 5:45 PM or by appointment.			

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 15TH & 16TH

Collection: Logan Hubbell & Levi Benjamin		
MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Teresa Konrade	Dana Howerton
Servers	Scott Burke, Jr. AJ Herrmann Caleb Herrmann	Avery Hubbell Emalye Stegman
Lector	Evan Martinez	Ashley Hubbell
EMHC	Lori Burke Katie Gleason Steve Hubbell	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Drew Hubbell
Music	Dawn, Hailey, & Jarran	Howertons
Ushers	Scott Burke Tom Burke	Blake Connelly Jacob Stegman
Gifts	Tom & Lori Burke	Jacob Stegman Family

Get Connected



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 #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 8/10-8/16

8.10	Austin Hornung
8.14	Dave Hernandez
8.15	Judy Nietling
8.16	Larry Tasset



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.*

MONTH-END TOTALS

for JULY 2026:

Income: \$22,290.96

Expense: \$25,973.48

Net: (\$ 3,682.52)

TITHING REPORT for

AUGUST 1ST & 2ND:

Box: \$ 2,438.00

Online: \$ 210.00



75th Anniversary Celebration

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2026

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM




CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

3251 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS, 67801

MASS 10:00 AM

A meal will be served after the Mass.

ADORATION
CONFESSIONS
ARTIFACTS

OUTDOOR ADORATION

Join us as the Faith Formation Committee kicks off the week of prayerful events leading up to our Parish Patron Feast Day (Passion of St. John the Baptist - August 29th).

Begin with a novena on August 21st and we encourage all parishioners to pray that for 9 days. If you'd like to begin together, an Outdoor Adoration event will begin at 8:30 pm on Friday, August 21st on the South side of the church. Bring a lawn chair, enjoy the outdoors, and pray with one another for our parish. Fr. John will also be available to hear confessions during Adoration.



Please Note:

With Jenny's teaching position at the school, her parish office hours will be different now, as outlined on the front cover of the bulletin. They will also be limited as school gets underway. Please email her for the quickest response to your parish needs. You may text her if contact is urgent. Thank you for your patience during this transition!

CEMETERY MOWING:

The next mowing of the cemetery: **January/February & March/April** guilds on **Wednesday, August 12th.**

Guild leaders, please start contacting your people to help. Families, please have items cleared off of gravesites by Monday, August 10th. You may return decor to headstones by August 13th. Thank you!



DATES TO NOTE:

- **August 21st:** Outdoor Adoration and beginning of the St. John the Baptist Novena - **8:30 PM on the South side of the church.**
- **AUGUST 22ND MASS TIME CHANGE: 4 PM**
- **August 22nd:** KofC Cash Giveaway
- **August 24th:** Daily Mass at Church - 7 AM
- **August 26th:** Opening Mass & Registration for the '26-'27 Religious Education Year
- **August 28th:** Adoration, Benediction, & Confession - 6:30-7:30 AM
- **August 28th/29th:** Photo Sessions for the new Parish Pictorial Directory
- **August 29th:** Parish Celebration for the Passion of St. John the Baptist - Please use this as an opportunity to send off Fr. John! 🥺
- **AUGUST 29TH/30TH: Last Masses with Fr. John**
- **September 9th:** 1st Religion Class

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY INFO:

Friday, August 28th & Saturday, August 29th

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.

ROSARY CHALLENGE:

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

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 9th-16th: Kim Steimel & Mary Schartz

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:23)

By keeping our eyes set on Jesus, we are able to do marvelous things.

Trust that He will not allow you to stumble or fall.

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