

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

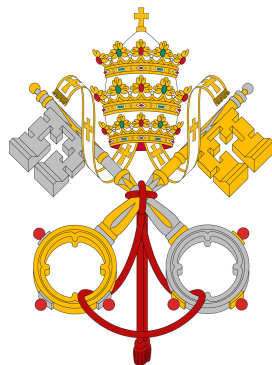
Sunday, August 16, 2026

21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

*Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus
as the Christ and is given the key
to the Kingdom of heaven.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation.

As you gather together as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith.

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 23, 2026

21st 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: 2:30 pm - 5 pm (during the school year)

MASS SCHEDULE: AUGUST 24TH - 30TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M-8.24	7:00 AM	CHURCH	Fr. John & Our Parish
T-8.25	8:30am	Parkview	Herb Greenstreet
"	9:30am	Southwind	Leland Stein
W-8.26	8:30am	Parkview	Elvira Grasser Lorenzen
Th-8.27	8:30am	Parkview	Susan Hernandez
F-8.28	8:30am	Parkview	George Heskamp
Sat-8.29	6:30pm	Church	Mike Schawe
Sun-8.30	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - AUGUST 29TH & 30TH

Collection: Larry Ackerman & Frank Mages

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Kaleb Konrade Kambre Konrade	Hudson Schmidt Reid Schmidt
Lector	Larry Friess	Lorie Stein
EMHC	Lynnette Hessman Mike Hubbell Tonya Hubbell	Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin Riley Schmidt
Music	Ross Ackerman	Jenny Schmidt
Ushers	Rich Gleason Louie Konrade	Kelly Stein Vern Stein
Gifts	Ross Ackerman Family	Blake Connelly 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).



K&C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows

D&I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room



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BIRTHDAYS 8/24 - 8/30

8.26	Allen Tasset
8.27	Jerry Scheve Hudson Schmidt
8.28	Cindy Hornung Anna Stein Hallie Ackerman



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are."

Good stewards understand that all is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

TITHING REPORT for AUGUST 15TH & 16TH:

Box: \$ 1,979.01

Online: \$ 690.00

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Opening Mass for all Parents and Students - Wednesday, August 26th - 7:00 PM at Church
- Registration for 2nd-12th grades following at the Parish Center - \$25 per student
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Meeting and Sign-Up after Mass at church - Parents of 3-year-olds through 1st Grade
- Youth Committee will have treats for the kids at the Parish Center after Mass
- FIRST CLASS: Wednesday, September 9th - 7:00 PM

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 23rd-30th:
Cathy Mages



CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
ARTISAN/VOLUNTEER MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD - 4:00 PM
OAK ROOM



Do you have talents in wood working, crafting, painting, sewing, or calligraphy you'd like to share with our new religion program, CGS? There's a project information meeting this Sunday at 4 PM in the Oak Room. Come see how you might be able to help!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20)

We confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

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

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

If you have digital photos that commemorate any moments we've shared with Fr. John in the last 11 years, please email them to Jenny by August 23rd: jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com Thank you!

Parish Feast Festivities & Fr. John's Goodbye

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21ST

Outdoor Adoration & Confession at 8:30 PM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND

Mass at 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD

Mass at 8:00 AM

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH

Morning Mass at 7:00 AM (Church)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

Confessions: 6-6:45 PM

Religion Mass & Registration: 7 PM

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH

Morning Adoration & Confession: 6:30-7:30 AM

Parish Directory Photos

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

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Passion of St. John the Baptist

Mass with Bishop John - 6:30 PM

Gathering after Mass at the Parish Center

"Snack" Potluck - bring a food to share!

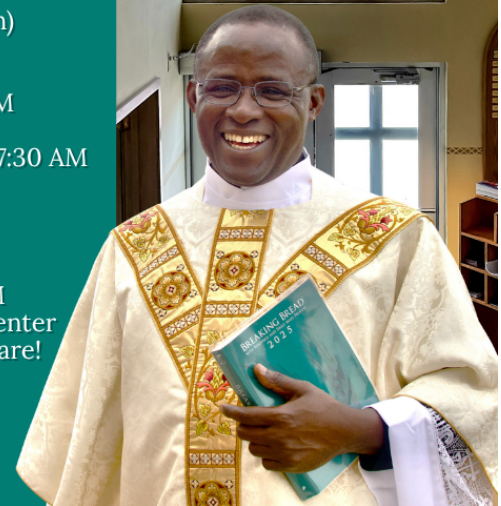
Games, Firepits, S'mores,

and time with Fr. John

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Mass at 8:00 AM

Fr. John's Last Mass



75th Anniversary Celebration
A Journey of Faith and Grace

12 SEPTEMBER 2026
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
3201 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801

MASS CONFESSIONS ADORATION ARTIFACTS

A meal will be served after the Mass.

8:30 am.....Welcome and refreshments in the social hall

9 am - 4 pm....Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit- open (Closed during Mass)

The Jubilee Exhibit will include Church patrimony, religious artifacts, historic photographs, Bishops' memorabilia and sacred treasures from the diocesan archives.

9:30 am.....Parish & Religious Congregations' delegations prepare for the procession

10 am.....Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Procession of delegations from the Parish & Religious Congregations Commissioning of the congregation on the occasion of our anniversary

Offertory collection to benefit Catholic Charities of SWKS

12 pm.....Lunch available

1 - 3 pm.....Confessions available

1:30 - 3 pm.....Adoration

1:30 - Blessed Sacrament exposed, followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Catholic Diocese of Dodge City Litany

2:45 - Benediction, reposition, hymn, conclusion

4 pm.....Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit Closes