

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus speaks of his Passion and rebukes Peter for his objection.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Peter was expecting a Messiah that would carry out a different plan than the one Jesus had explained. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We too have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Matthew 16:21-27. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that your family will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our human imaginings. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 63.

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 30, 2026

22nd 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

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

MASS SCHEDULE: AUGUST 31ST - SEPTEMBER 6TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 8.31	NO MASS - Father's Day Off		
T - 9.1	8:30am	Parkview	Ron Hornung
"	9:30am	Southwind	Lawrence Nietling
W - 9.2	8:30am	Parkview	Mark Downey
Th - 9.3	8:30am	Parkview	Marceda Schmidt
F - 9.4	8:30am	Parkview	Rick Indiek
Sat - 9.5	6:30pm	Church	Fr. Ben Konda
Sun - 9.6	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH

Collection: Austin Hornung & Lori Burke

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Chanda Schulte	LynAnn Bowman
Servers	Aubree Ruiz Reece Schulte	Cammack Dvorak Jarran Dvorak Jace Langlois
Lector	Chanda Schulte	LaWana VanNahmen
EMHC	Lori Burke Becky Downey Katie Gleason	LynAnn Bowman Connie Heskamp Laura Stein
Music	Gayla Kirmer	Gayla Kirmer
Ushers	Tom Burke Kevin Rabe	Keith Brack Jeff Heskamp
Gifts	Robert & Nancy Hattrup	Cody Langlois 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 of C Meetings

1st Mondays
7:45 PM Rosary
Meeting Follows



D of I Meetings

2nd Mondays
7:00 PM
Oak Room



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BIRTHDAYS: 8/31 - 9/6

9.2	Kaylee Strother
9.6	Kerry Ackerman Stephanie Hornung Siena Schmidt



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to total stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

TITHING REPORT for AUGUST 22ND & 23RD:

Box: \$ 3,274.13
Online: \$ 2,115.00

PARISH COUNCIL:

Parish Council Committees are encouraged to meet, but Parish Council will be postponed until we have a permanent priest assignment.

CEMETERY MOWING:

The need for mowing has slowed down, but it's time to trim and clean up the cemetery again. The May/June & July/August Guilds will be in charge of this effort on Wednesday, September 2nd. Please have loved ones' graves cleared of decor by Monday, August 31st. Thank you!



VOCATION REFLECTION:

"O God, you are my God whom I seek." (Psalm 63:2)

As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord; eliminate that which blocks your seeking for God.

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

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.

September Intention:

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Aug.30th-Sep.6th:
Norbert
Strecker



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

1st Class:
Wednesday,
September 9th
7 PM - 8 PM

2ND-5TH Grades
Elementary
School

6TH-11TH
Grades
Parish Center

12TH Grade
Church Basement

**75th Anniversary
Celebration**
A Journey of Faith and Grace

12 SEPTEMBER 2026
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

CATHEDRAL OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE
3231 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS, 67801

MASS CONFESSIONS ADORATION ARTIFACTS

A meal will be served after the Mass.

SEPTEMBER 12TH at the Cathedral

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