

Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, September 13th
24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time(A)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

*Jesus teaches that we must
forgive one another as God
has forgiven us.*



FAMILY CONNECTION

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 103, or the Lord's Prayer.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Pastor

Fr. Emmanuel Kosikumah, 385-2212

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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. Emmanuel - emmanuelkosikumah@gmail.com:

Office Hours - TBD

(by appointment for sacramental needs)

Jenny - jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com:

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

MASS SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 14TH - 20TH

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 9.14	---NO MASS - Father's Day Off---		
T - 9.15	8:30am	Parkview	Gaylord Moritz
"	9:30am	Southwind	Annette Stein
W - 9.16	8:30am	Parkview	Sylvester & Louise VanNahmen
Th - 9.17	8:30am	Parkview	Mary Ann Schmidt
F - 9.18	8:30am	Parkview	Pat Torline
Sat - 9.19	6:30pm	Church	Matt & Mary Dockendorf Family
Sun - 9.20	8:00am	Church	All Parishioners of St. John

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

MASS MINISTERS - SEPTEMBER 19TH & 20TH

Collection: Jan Rabe & Rich Gleason

MASS	SATURDAY - 6:30 PM	SUNDAY - 8:00 AM
Sacristan	Dana Howerton	Barb Mages
Servers	Anthony Able Thomas Able	Avery Hubbell Emalye Stegman
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Ashley Hubbell
EMHC	Mike Hubbell Jolene Tasset Larry Tasset	Connie Heskamp Drew Hubbell Frank Mages
Music	Howertons	Howertons
Ushers	Rich Gleason Rod Durler	Blake Connelly Jacob Stegman
Gifts	Kirk Konrade Family	Blake Connelly Family

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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: 9/14-9/20

9.14	MaryIda Heskamp
9.15	Janell Calvin
9.18	Nancy Hattrup Joleen Stein Anita Schmidt
9.19	Logan Hubbell Ashley Hubbell
9.20	Anthony Able



Parish Announcements, News, and Events

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die, we die as his servants."*

TITHING REPORT for SEPTEMBER 5TH & 6TH:

Box: \$ 2,099.00
Online: \$ 800.00

PARISH COUNCIL:

Parish Council, please watch your emails for a rescheduling of the September Parish Council Meeting.

PLEASE WELCOME FATHER EMMANUEL KOSIKUMAH

Please welcome Fr. Emmanuel Kosikumah who will be our new priest. Welcome him with open arms as a brother priest of Fr. John, who also hails from Ghana, though from a different diocese, the Diocese of Keta-Akatsi. Though we are saddened by Fr. John's absence, we are grateful for Fr. Emmanuel's service and ministry. Fr. Emmanuel was ordained in 1991 and has been a priest for 35 years, and previously served at Medicine Lodge, Sharon, and Kiowa in our diocese. You will see him around with 2 other priests who just arrived from Ghana as well, Fr. Elisha and Fr. Sixtus. Please pray for them, for the parishes who will receive them, and for our parish as well.



FAITH FORMATION BEGINS NEW STUDY SERIES

Join with other parishioners at 3:30pm on Sunday afternoons at the Parish Center, as we dive into a study on "The Heart of Prayer,"

presented by Bishop Andrew Cozzens on formed.org. There will be 8 weekly sessions starting Sunday, Sept. 13th. Bishop Cozzens draws from Scripture and the saints to reveal the beauty and transcendence of a prayer life, offering guidance that is practical and down-to-earth. Snacks and child supervision provided.



VOCATION REFLECTION:

For if we live, we live for the Lord. (Romans 14:8)
Are you being called to live your life for the Lord through a religious vocation?
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.

Sep. 13th-20th :
Greg & Audrey Scheve



SEMINARY INFORMATION

ZOOM SESSION:

There will be a special information session via Zoom on October 15th at 7 pm for any men (juniors in high school through college) who are considering a call the priesthood, interested in learning more about seminary life, and want to learn more about the application process. Parents are also invited to take part in the session. Contact Fr. John Stang at vocationpromotion@dcdiocese.org for questions.

KofC SACRED HEART PRAYER SERVICE IN KINSLEY

In collaboration with Knights of Columbus councils in Edwards and Ford counties, St. Nicholas Church will host the Pilgrim Icon Sacred Heart image now traveling throughout the United States. It will be displayed as part of a bi-lingual prayer service at **1:30 pm on Sunday, Sept. 27th** led by Fr. Tim Hickey, pastor and associate state chaplain of the Kansas Knights of Columbus. The Sacred Heart Holy Hour includes readings from Sacred Scripture and meditations on the Sacred Heart, prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and time for silent prayer. Prayer cards in both English and Spanish will be available to attendees.

