Sunday Connection

A Gospel Reflection by Loyola Press

Sunday, November 15th
33rd Sunday in Ordinary TIme (A)

Gospel Reading
Matthew 25:14-30
Jesus tells the parable of the talents, in which he teaches about the importance of using the gifts that God has given to us in service to the Kingdom of Heaven.



FAMILY CONNECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the correlation between faithfulness and responsibilities. Family life provides many opportunities to illustrate this connection for children. As children prove themselves trustworthy, they can be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Jesus teaches us in this parable that when we show ourselves to be trustworthy in small matters, we can be trusted to participate in greater matters of responsibility.

As you gather as a family, take some time to recall how each child in the family has matured and can now be trusted with greater responsibilities. Say: In today's Gospel, Jesus talked about how our trustworthiness in small matters shows that we can also be trusted to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. Read Matthew 15:14-30. Say: We share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven when we use our talents to help and serve others.

As a family, choose one thing to do this week to serve others. Conclude in prayer together, asking God's help so that your family may serve others more faithfully. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

NOVEMBER 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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Parish Council-1st Thursdays @ 8PM
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Parish Center Office Hours
Hours listed are approximate and change 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: NOVEMBER 16TH - 22ND

DAY	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTION
M - 11.16	*---NO MASS - Father's Day Off---*		
T - 11.17	8:30am	Parkview	Claude Rogers
"	9:30am	Southwind	Lyle Tenbrink
W - 11.18	8:30am	Parkview	Jane Hubbell
Th - 11.19	8:30am	Parkview	Deployed Military Members
F - 11.20	8:30am	Parkview	Deacon Dwaine Lampe
Sat - 11.21	***5:00 PM***	Church	Elmer Schuette
Sun - 11.22	***9:00 AM***	Church	All Parishioners of St John.

Confessions available 45 minutes before the weekend Masses.
Or call to schedule an appointment.

MASS MINISTERS - NOVEMBER 21ST & 22ND

Collection: Lynnette Hessman & Lori Burke

MASS	*SATURDAY - 5:00 PM*	*SUNDAY - 9:00 AM*
Sacristan	Tonya Hubbell	Mary Benjamin
Servers	Blake Hornung Cooper Thompson	S.J. Burke Kelton Konrade Quentin Tasset
Lector	Tonya Hubbell	Kelly Tasset
EMHC	Becky Downey Lynnette Hessman Mike Hubbell	Lori Burke Levi Benjamin Mary Benjamin
Music	Ross Ackerman	Dawn Burke
Ushers	Cory Ackerman Greg Thompson	Scott Burke Tom Burke
Gifts	Greg Thompson Family	Melvin & Pat Habiger

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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

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BIRTHDAYS: 11/16-11/22

11.18	Larry Friess Greg Scheve
11.19	Bree Herrmann
11.20	Michaela Hubbell KC Preisner
11.21	Angus Snyder

Parish Announcements, News, and Events

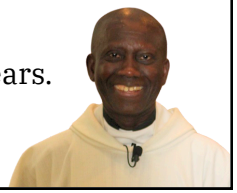
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: *Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today's Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.*

TITHING REPORT for NOV.7th/8th:

Box: $ 1,954.36
Online : $ 1,050.00

FUN FACTS ABOUT FR. EMMANUEL:

Fr. Emmanuel enjoyed the subjects of Geography and Agricultural Science the most during his school years. His hobbies include walking, drumming, gardening, and singing.



DIGITAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS DUE BY: Monday, November 30th

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Thank you to all the individuals and families who scheduled photo sessions for the new parish directory. Our next step is to catch all the parishioners who were unable to photograph with Universal Church Directories. ***If your family missed out on pictures, we'd love for you to submit a digital photo to be included.***

The photo should meet these qualifications:

- JPEG (.jpg) File Format
- Minimum 300 DPI Resolution
- Portrait (Vertical Orientation)

UNIVERSAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Email photos to jschmidt@stjohnspearville.com, with the following information:

- Head of Household First and Last Name
- Spouse Name (last name if different)
- Children's Names from oldest to youngest
- Mailing Address
- Phone Number(s)
- Email Address(es)

We have the opportunity to have a custom Parish App that will contain a digital and editable directory in real time with messaging capabilities. Email addresses will be needed for invite links if we pursue that option.
Digitally submitted photos will be ***$15 per submission***. This will allow for each family to receive their 'free' copy of the completed directory. Please either bring your payment to the Parish Office, or place this in the collection basket in an envelope labeled with your name and "Digital Photo Submission Fee." Thank you for your efforts. We'd love to see everyone included in the directory!

VOCATION REFLECTION:

"Since you have been faithful in small matters, you will be given greater responsibility." To follow the Lord is to slowly grow in the love of the Lord, practicing small steps of virtue in order to grow to a vibrant faith in Christ. (Matthew 25:14-30)

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

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS and CONDOLENCES

The rosary, funeral, and burial for Glenn Torline will take place this Friday, Nov. 20th. The rosary will begin at 1:30 pm with the Funeral Mass, burial, and dinner to follow. Our prayers are with Glenn's family.

CHURCH CLEANING:

The parish is looking for another church cleaner. The job is roughly 2-3 hours every other week. Any parishioner middle-school age and up would be considered. Contact Jenny if interested. (620)385-2202

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.

November Intention: *Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be used to serve the common good and in solidarity of those who have less.*



November 15th-22nd:
Stephanie Hornung

KofC FOOD DRIVE:

Knights of Columbus will be handing out paper bags for a Manna House Food Drive that will end by Nov. 22nd. Non-perishable food items and monetary donations will be accepted. KofC will match donations up to $500.

ST. JOHN YOUTH COMMITTEE

Operation Christmas Child

DONATIONS DUE:
November 16th

We are fortunate to share our gifts with children in other countries who may not receive anything else for Christmas.

May the gifts be a sign of Christ's love for them.

Unwrapped items can be dropped off at the Church, the Parish Center, or brought to religion classes.

Scan the QR Code to see frequently asked questions including a list of prohibited items, as well as suggested items to donate.

