

**2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 2018**

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH
7105 Cass Ave. DENTON, NE 68339
Parish priest: Msgr. Mark Huber
Regular Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil: 5:00 pm
8am, 10am, 12 noon

◆ Daily Mass: 8:00 am
Confession: ½ hour before weekend Masses
or anytime upon request

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MASSES INTENTIONS 12/10– 12/16/18

Mon - 8am - Norine Fredricksen
Tues - 8am - Ada Ringer
Wed - 8am - Julie Sullivan
Thurs - 8am - Toni Howell
Fri - 8am - Theoda & Joseph Bernadt
Sat - 8am - David Mattes
5pm - Dale Gonka
Sun - 8am - John & MaryAnne Juricek intentions
10am - Irene Bauer
12 noon - all people

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTERS:

Children are invited to participate, the ages are 5-7; 8-10 and 11-14; supplies are in the narthex. Please return the 11 x 17 posters by Dec. 16th.

NATIVITY PLAY, COOKIE DECORATING & ACTIVITIES: Wed. Dec. 12th 6:15 the ccd students will put on a Christmas play; all families and children are invited to the church hall afterward for activities.

PARISH THINGS: // Dec. 11th Bible class 6:45-8pm // Dec. 12th Nativity Play at 6:15pm & crafts for kids afterward // Dec. 17th 6 social and 6:30 KC Dinner – please contact Steve Jarecki // Christmas Masses: Dec. 24th 4, 6 and 10pm; Dec. 25th 9am // Mother of God Masses: Dec. 31st 6pm; Jan. 1st 9 & 10:30pm //

EXTRA CONFESSIONS: Dec. 22 8:30-9:30am; 6-7pm; Dec. 23 6-7pm; Dec. 24th 10-11am and 12noon-1pm

CHURCH CLEANING: Dec.: Janyce Ostrander, Carmen Hesser, Paige Mongeon, Beth Coufal, Jodi Gabel, Audine Oehm, Judy Gant, Linda Jeffery, Judy Lewis, Amanda Wasser

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Any high school student is invited for games, fun and snacks this Wednesday evening, Dec. 12th at 7:30pm in the church hall.

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE: Type in “diocese of lincoln”; for events/ opportunities. For study from home go to “Education”, under religious education there are good materials.

WORKS OF MERCY: *Corporal:* Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Visit the sick, visit those in prison, Bury the dead; *Spiritual:* Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Warn the sinner, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive offenses willingly, Comfort the afflicted, Pray for the living & the dead.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Residents of Crete Manor appreciate being remembered at Christmas. The altar society sponsors this and will have a tree with tags on it. If you can get a gift please wrap it and place the tag or name on it so it can get to the correct person. Thank you.

"FOODNET:Volunteers serve at Denton Comm. Center, 5pm Mondays, assist preparing meals at 3:30pm, pick up food from different locations on Mondays 1-3, or clean up at the end, contact John Hetcko or Mary Coulter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: 12-02-18 Tithe:\$4,772.00; Loose plate: \$93.00; Votive \$4.00; Retired priests: \$408.00.

NEARBY EVENTS: // Mondays, Dec. 10th & 17th 7-9pm Catholic Divorce healing and support program at John 23rd Center // Dec. 9th 2pm Carole Fest at Newman Center- benefit for St. Gianna Women's Home // Dec. 15th 10am blessing of baby Jesus nativity images at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ // Dec. 16th 7pm at St. Gianna's, talk by Fr. Kilcawley on relationships // Dec. 28th Holy Infant Mass at 6:30pm at St. John 23rd Center for couples who have lost a child, St. John 23rd Center – 402-473-0620 for details // Marian Mantle prayer group meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month 3pm in the Flanagan room at Madonna Hospital to pray for faith for children // Pray the rosary 9:30 or 1pm on Tues. outside the Lincoln abortion clinic // NFP intro session Dec. 13th or Jan. 10th, 7pm @John23rd Ctr, see www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp // June 10-14 summer days with Christ the King Sisters for children who completed first thru eighth grade.

LITURGY PLANS– Dec. 15/16, 2018

5pm vigil	8am	10am	
Clements	Jurgens	Fraley	music
Griffin	G Kouma	Kluge	reader
Aschoff	Chapman	Henkel	acfte
	Hoffmann	Kean	ushr
	Hollman	Braunsroth	ushr
Gandara	Hollman	Shinaut	gifts
	Chapman	Voboril	svrv
		S Henkel	svrv

12 The SCHOLA leads music

John Paul II: Man cannot live without love. He remains a being that is incomprehensible to himself, his life is senseless, if love is not revealed to him, if he does not encounter love, if he does not experience it and make it his own, if he does not participate intimately in it. It is Christ the Redeemer who fully reveals man to himself.

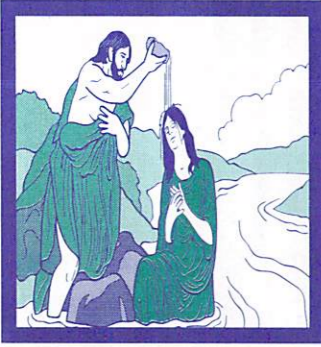
POPE'S INTENTIONS: That Christians in Asia, bearing the witness to the Gospel, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

PARENT PROTECTION OF CHILDREN:
<https://www.lincolndiocese.org/protection-of-youth>

POPE'S INTENTIONS: That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

PRAYER LINE: Parishioners will pray for your intentions, bootswailes@aol.com or 402-328-9730

HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS



John the Baptist preached from the desert. The desert not far from Jerusalem is extremely rugged, where steep hills and deep valleys are common across a barren landscape. When John quoted Isaiah in today's Gospel, this rough terrain stirred the imagination of John's listeners. John proclaimed that these hills and valleys are to be made level, to provide a smooth path for God to enter.

John's listeners recognized that the height of hills and the depth of valleys are similar to human attitudes and relationships: heights of personal pride and depths of discouragement and fear. Hills and valleys evoked how people treat each other, with some people raised high and others brought low. They suggested how social structures embody and harden these tendencies with large-scale systems of military, political, or economic oppression. John proclaimed that God was about to alter this social landscape through the work of Jesus.

EARTH-MOVING

Transforming the human landscape, like the task of smoothing the desert hills and valleys, is an enormous undertaking, truly the work of God. Yet God looks for partners in this transformation. John the Baptist, and Jesus afterward, called followers to participate in God's work, and to begin with repentance. We the Church respond to this call today, and acknowledge our ongoing need for God's mercy and forgiveness. Our Advent preparation for Christmas includes opening our hearts to God's forgiveness, so that Jesus might come to take residence there.

We join in God's earth-moving project by repenting of how we block God's path with resentments and fears. When we are brought low in our lives, we seek God's help, and God will enlist the help of others. When we realize that we reside on mountains of advantage or privilege that place others in valleys, we are to repent and to change how we live. When we bring healing and justice to others, we are sharing in God's earth-shaking work, and preparing a straight pathway for our God.

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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John proclaimed a baptism of repentance



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When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repen-

tance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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