

**BIRTH OF JOHN the BAPTIST**  
**JUNE 24, 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 6/25/18 – 7/01/18**

Mon - 8am - Leola Weaver  
Tues - 8am - Emma & Adolph Hottovy  
Wed - 8am - Ernie Hejl  
Thurs - 8am - Mabel Van Ert  
Fri - 8am - Fr. Casey Porada  
Sat - 8am - Judy Quam  
5:00pm - Marie Slater  
Sun - 8am - Marvin Moos  
10am - all people  
12 noon - LeRoy Simoneau

**STUDENTS & CASHIERS:** Students 16 and older can sign up to work the firework stand as cashiers, a paid position. For more information, also for other students volunteering contact: Linda at [cujaysfans@gmail.com](mailto:cujaysfans@gmail.com) or Shawn at [shawnkean125@gmail.com](mailto:shawnkean125@gmail.com)

**VINO et VERITAS:** This Sunday at 7pm Rosemary Clements is hosting a gathering at their home, 3200 W. Pleasant Hill Road; Lincoln NE 68523.

**YOUTH IN PARK:** June 24<sup>th</sup> after 10am Mass, parents and children are gathering at the Denton park for play time and bible stories.

**PARISH THINGS:** // June 28<sup>th</sup> Firework stand opens 10am-10pm(earlier the 4th) // July 5-6 Adoration for 1<sup>st</sup> Friday // July 7<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm open house for Millie Reynold's birthday // July 10<sup>th</sup> Genesis Bible study 6:45-8pm // July 12-15- Blessed George Pier Frassati play in church hall, put on by youth from the area- go to Frassati.Eventbrite.com for more information and ticket reservations, or call 402-937-4467 // July 14<sup>th</sup> Holy Hour 7-8 am // August 13<sup>th</sup> Altar society

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PRAYER LINE:** parishioners will pray for your intentions, forward to Boots, [bootswailes@aol.com](mailto:bootswailes@aol.com) or 402-328-9730.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** June: Diane Edwards, Haley Coufal, Marge Kneifl, Linda Rienks, Theresa Emmert, Joanan Largent, Donna Shinaut, Bonnie Otte, Kristin Harsh, Alyssa Cisneros. July: Theresa Troyer, Sheri Fraley, Janet Peterson, Amy Banderas, Carol Heesacker, Tracy Soucek, Julia Miron, Annata Sullivan, Kathryn Pierce

**NEARBY EVENTS:** // Marian Mantle prayer group meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month 3pm in the Flanagan room at Madonna Hospital to pray for faith of children // Pray the rosary at 9:30 and 1pm on Tuesdays outside the Lincoln abortion clinic // July 5<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm intro to deliverance ministry at John 23<sup>rd</sup> Cntr // July 8-10 & 10-12 Canoe trip // NFP intro session July 12<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> 7pm at John 23<sup>rd</sup> Cntr, see [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp) // July 13-15 Steubenville Youth Conference, \$400. Go to [lincolndiocese.org](http://lincolndiocese.org), then to youth ministry // July 21<sup>st</sup> Steven Ray speaking from 10-11am at St. Michael's parish in Lincoln // July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2pm Mass at the Cathedral for the final vows of Marian Sisters

**LITURGY PLANS- June 30 & July 1, 2018**

| 5pm vigil | 8am     | 10am       |        |
|-----------|---------|------------|--------|
| Clements  |         | Shinaut    | music  |
| Clements  | Kouma   | Kluge      | reader |
| Kavan     | Chapman | Shinaut    | acte   |
| Griffin   | Riley   | Henkel     | ushr   |
|           | Topil   | Ryan       | ushr   |
| Emmert    | Hollman | Braunsroth | gifts  |
|           | Chapman | T Miron    | svr    |
|           |         | H Miron    | svr    |

12noon -no assignments

**POPE'S INTENTIONS:** That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY: 6-17-18** Tithe:\$8,475.00; Loose plate: 111.00; Votive 28.00.

**FORMED.ORG:** Visit this website and go to the section with a registered parish, put in the parish code **d3d398** and you will be able to enter your email address and password to access the materials, Catholicism, Symbolon, Y-disciple, and more...

**"FOODNET:** Volunteers serve at Denton Comm. Center, 5pm Mondays. If you could assist preparing meals at 3:30pm, picking up food from different locations on Mondays 1-3, serving, or cleaning up later contact John Hetcko or Mary Coulter.

This food we call the Eucharist, of which no one is allowed to partake except one who believes that the things we teach are true, and has received the washing for forgiveness of sins and for rebirth, and who lives as Christ handed down to us. For we do not receive these things as common bread or common drink; but as Jesus Christ our Savior being incarnate by God's Word took flesh and blood for our salvation, so also we have been taught that the food consecrated by the Word of prayer which comes from him, from which our flesh and blood are nourished by transformation, is the flesh and blood of that incarnate Jesus." -- St. Justin Martyr, 2nd Century



## RIPE AND READY



Teachers and coaches know how to modify their tactics to reach various learners. God does the same with us, perfectly assessing the precise intervention we need in particular situations. God sent Jesus into the world at the ripest moment in human history. Although plenty of prophets, for centuries, had foretold the coming of the Messiah, the profound honor of meeting Christ himself fell to John the Baptist. The

Gospel of Matthew tells us what this blessed prophet was like: “John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.” Out of an infinite variety of people throughout all of human history, God chose John the Baptist, in his wildness, to make us ready to meet the Son of God.

## LEAST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

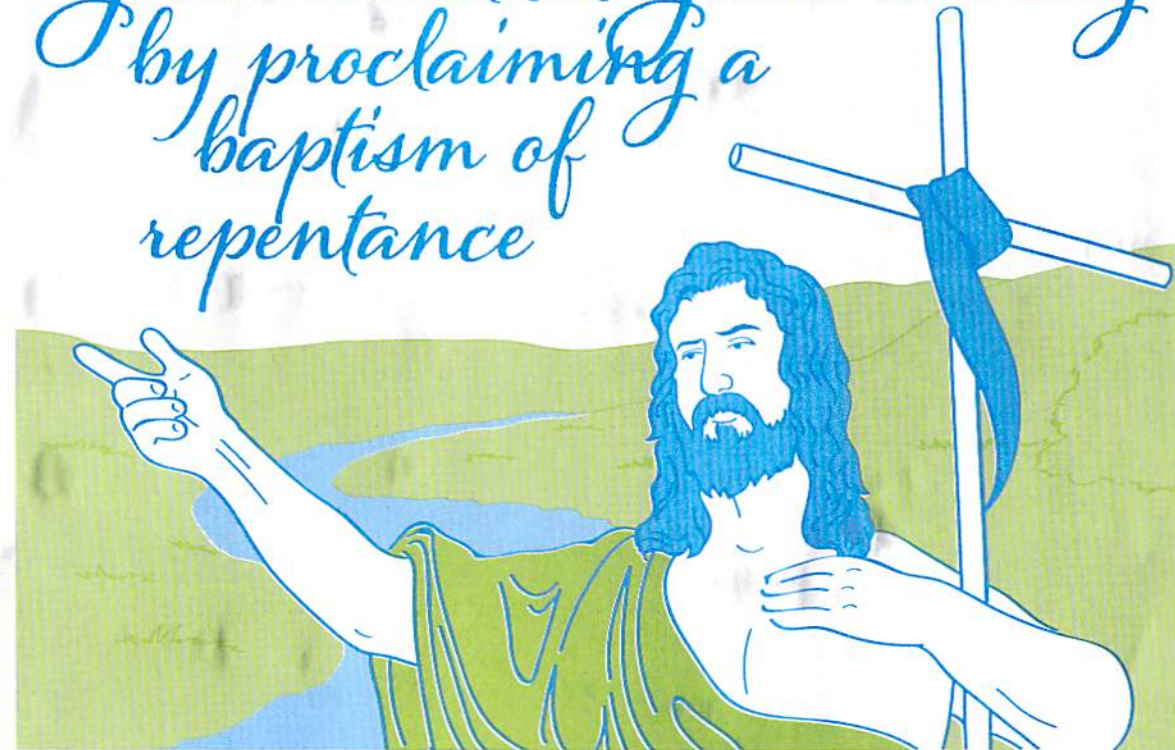
Few, if any, of us would be likely to choose John the Baptist as the one to prepare the world to meet its savior. Most of us would feel awkward around John, given his food and clothing choices, and his constant reminders to repent of our sins. John’s own father, Zechariah, doubted God’s providence when he learned his wife Elizabeth would give birth to John. As a punishment, the angel Gabriel removed Zechariah’s ability to speak. Luke’s Gospel reading today recounts the moment when Zechariah acknowledges God’s plan for his son. He supports Elizabeth—who had trusted in God’s providence all along—and regains his voice. Zechariah rejoices in God’s wisdom, praising God to all their neighbors.

John’s story reminds us how our instincts often run counter to God’s wisdom. Though we avoid awkward and difficult people, God chooses a locust-eating man to show us the way to Jesus. The lesson of John the Baptist is never to underestimate the power and wisdom of God. This inspires hope! We, like John, are “fearfully, wonderfully made” (Psalm 139). God has beautiful plans for each of us.

Today’s Readings: Is 49:1–6; Ps 139:1–3, 13–14, 14–15; Acts 13:22–26; Lk 1:57–66, 80

6/24/2018

*John heralded Jesus' coming  
by proclaiming a  
baptism of  
repentance*



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June 24, 2018 • The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

God loves infinite variety. God creates every human person as an unrepeatable being, each with a distinct purpose in life. Today, on the feast of John the Baptist, we praise God for creating this oneofakind powerhouse prophet and preacher. Maybe some of us share personality traits with John the Baptist. Or maybe we couldn’t be more unlike him. God will use whatever gifts we have, bold or discreet.

God wants salvation to “reach to the ends of the earth,” as today’s reading from Isaiah says, so we can all find a way to serve the Lord. Nothing less than the salvation of the world is at stake; we have received the “word of salvation,” Saint Paul says in the Acts of the Apostles. Today’s feast is a perfect time to ask the Lord what gifts we have, and how we can use them to share the love of Jesus.