

June 24, 2018  
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

# ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God  
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

1101 S. LAFAYETTE, FT. WAYNE, IN 46802

FATHER PHILLIP A. WIDMANN, *Pastor*

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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am

Holy Day - 5:15 pm

## Parish Office

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### Pastoral Associate & SVDP

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Diane Day ..... (260) 426-1217

### Soup Kitchen Volunteer Coordinator

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Dottie Carpenter ..... (260) 424-3355

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Dottie Carpenter ..... (260) 705-1690

### Chairperson Parish Pastoral Council

Jennifer Hayes ..... (260) 450-2193

## Sacraments

### Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

### Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

### Baptism

For details please call the Church Office.

Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

### Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR

Anytime by appointment.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

### Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

### Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm

Call or email submissions.

## Parish Mission Statement

*"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."*

## Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

New Parishioner  New Address  New Phone Number  Moving, remove from list

## The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Tiny fingers and toes. A little yawn. A loud cry. An infant wrapped in swaddling clothes. "What will this child be?" It is a question every parent asks time and time again. As first steps are taken, as personalities emerge, as a child shows interest in reading or drawing or climbing, the question is on our lips. "What will this child be?" This question is asked as John the Baptist is born. Will he be a priest like his father? Does his strange, unexpected name signal a departure from that inheritance? Could Elizabeth and Zechariah ever have predicted what would be?

Under the tutelage of his priestly father, John "became strong in spirit." As an adult, John would retreat into the desert to preach repentance. He would attract a large following and eventually attract the attention of the rulers of the day. He would point out the adulterous ways of King Herod and would find himself in prison. Eventually, he would be beheaded. But today, he is a child, an infant newly born.

On this special feast, we're reminded of the great humility required of parents. The character formation, the discipline and encouragement, the violin lessons and soccer practices. Every parental effort is subjected to the decisions of the child. Even children on a sure track by high school graduation transform under life's circumstances. Entrusting our children to God can be incredibly intimidating. "What will this child be," especially when that transformation lies outside of my control? John the Baptist's story might not have ended as his parents imagined. But he is celebrated as the greatest of the prophets, as the one who prepared the way for the Messiah. Here is the hope of all Christian parents -- that our children would be raised in such a way that when people meet them, they meet Jesus Christ.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*I praise you, for I am wonderfully made..*

**Sunday, June 24**

**Sacristan:** Chuck Luther

**Commentator/Petitions:** Rena Zirille

**Servers:** Tommy O'Neil, Lauren O'Neill, Gary O'Neil

**First Reading:** John Barnett

**Second Reading:** Andrea Thomas

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Chuck Luther, Pat McBride, Theresa Spencer, Ken Yahne, Louise Yahne, Rosemary Mausser, Maureen McCon,

Prosper Batinge

**Ushers:** Greg Gemperline, Angela Spencer, Joe Spencer, John Peterson

**Greeters:** Scott & Rita Zehr

**Sunday, July 1**

**Sacristan:** Sue Koester

**Commentator/Petitions:** Tom Rumschlag

**Servers:** Noah Johnson, Katy Parrott, Kera Parrott

**First Reading:** Carmen Doyle

**Second Reading:** Ann SeCheverell

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Sue Koester, John Barnett, Eugenia Barnett, Jennifer Hayes, Maureen McCon, Rosemary Mausser, Maxine Stovall, Angela Greven

**Ushers:** Dennis Doyle, Gary Grider, Antonio Salazar, Greg Gemperline

**Greeters:** Malachi Johnson, Mary Ashby

*"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"*

*"a time to be born..."*

*"a time to love..."*

*"a time to be healed..."*

*Please pray for the sick of our Parish*

*"a time to die"*

*"and a time for peace"*

*and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war or natural disasters.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1f*

**Readings for the Week of June 24, 2018**

**Sunday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 [7b]/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 [cf. 9d]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 [33a]/Mt 7:15-20

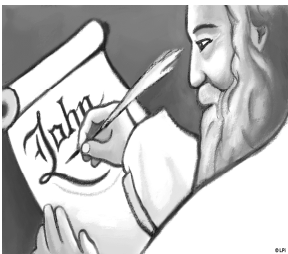
**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 [19b]/Mt 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43



They made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. - Lk 1:62-64 Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998,



## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, June 24**

**10:45 am** Lawrence Endress

**Sunday, July 1**

**10:45 am** For the People of St. Mary Mother of God Parish



## Altar of Service

### Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for...NOODLES.

#### Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Sunday 11:30 -1:00 pm

Saturday, June 23: Brad

Sunday, June 24: Brice

Saturday, June 30: Larry C

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

### AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS:

#### Small Table Fans

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Do you feel a calling to minister to our shut-ins? Please call the church office at 424-8231 or Sue Koester at 493-4282 for more information, or if you know of a parishioner who may be homebound and in need of communion brought to them.



## The Week Ahead

**Sunday, June 24**

- Second collection is for Peter's Pence

#### CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL

A free concert of traditional choral and instrumental music will be presented by the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Choir.

1100 S Calhoun Fort Wayne

**Wednesday, June 27, at 7 p.m.**

Free parking, free admission, free ice cream!

All welcome.

### SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER 20** : Soup Kitchen Annual Fundraiser

**VISIT: [www.stmarysfw.org](http://www.stmarysfw.org)**

For Parish Information and Current Events

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To parishioners Chelsea Miller Rager and Blake Rager on the Baptism of their son Quincy Scott on June 16th at St. Mary Mother of God Parish.

## Parish Announcements

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence)

### DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP FOR HS STUDENTS

The Summer Camp "Beauty Will Save the World!" is a week-long theology camp that will give high school students the opportunity to spend a week learning about and coming to encounter God through beauty. Students will spend July 8-12 on the campus of the University of Saint Francis, 2701 Spring Street, painting an icon of Christ, learning about how God calls each person to an individual vocation, and experiencing the richness of the Catholic Church's liturgical prayer. Cost: \$99. Website: <https://philosophy.sf.edu/summer-institute/> Contact: Timothy Trout [timothytrout4@gmail.com](mailto:timothytrout4@gmail.com)

### HOLY HOUR AT ST. FELIX CENTER

A Father Solanus Hour will be Saturday, June 30, from 11 a.m. to noon at St. Felix Catholic Center, 1280 Hitzfield St. Huntington Indiana, 46750. Brother Richard Merling, OFM Cap., the co-vice postulator for the cause of sainthood and the worldwide director of the Father Solanus Guild, will be speaking at St. Felix. Brother Richard will be available to hear your stories about Father Solanus and any miracles related to Father Solanus. Please RSVP to attend this unique event by contacting Drew Stuart, adult formation director at SS Peter and Paul Parish. Call or text 260-224-0522 or email [dstuart.spp@gmail.com](mailto:dstuart.spp@gmail.com). There's no charge.

### CATHEDRAL BOOK STORE SALE

Cathedral Books & Gifts is having a pre-inventory Clearance Sale!!!! 40% off many, many items, including First Communion, Confirmation & more! Closed July 1-4.

### SETON MIRACLE MILES

The 10th running of the Seton Miracle Miles 5K Run/Walk is coming up on Saturday, August 4th, a wonderful kick off to SetonFest. This annual family-friendly event starts at 8 am. This year, there will be free kids fun runs at 8:45 for ages 3 to 13. **All monetary proceeds from the Run/Walk benefit St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.** Registration forms are available in the gathering area, or register online at [www.seasfw.org](http://www.seasfw.org). Contact race director Mike Rost at [msslm5@frontier.com](mailto:msslm5@frontier.com) with questions. Start training now!