



**St. Dominic  
St. Francis Xavier  
Catholic Church**  
*Our Lady of Snows Shrine*



**June 24, 2018**

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

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**SACRAMENTS**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

5:30 pm Sat. Vigil @ St. Dominic

8:00 am Sun. @ St. Francis Xavier

10:30 am Sunday @ St. Dominic

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tue. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier

Wed. 8am @ St. Dominic

Thu. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier

Fri. 8am @ St. Dominic

No Mass Mon. or Sat.. Morning

**RECONCILIATION**

30 Minutes prior to

5:30 pm and 8:00 am Mass

Anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the parish 9 months prior to preferred wedding date

**BAPTISM**

Contact the office after birth of the child

**REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

Luke's infancy narrative would make a wonderful opera. One song leads to another, beginning with Elizabeth's joyful greeting to Mary, then Mary's *Magnificat*, followed by Zechariah's song at John's birth, climaxing with the angels' hymn at Christ's birth, and gently closing with old Simeon's canticle in the temple.

Today we focus on the event that motivated Zechariah's great song of praise, the birth of John the Baptist. To appreciate this story we must remember the events leading up to what we hear in the Gospel. The archangel Gabriel had appeared to the priest Zechariah as he was offering incense in the temple, telling him that he and his long-barren wife, Elizabeth, would finally have their prayers answered with a son who would do great things for God. Quite taken aback, Zechariah asked how he could know this to be true. Wrong question! For doubting, he was made mute.

Just as Elizabeth gave birth to a son, Zechariah gave birth to a song, one of the most beautiful in scripture, recognizing "the Lord, the God of Israel who has visited and brought redemption to his people," and hailing his infant child as one who would be called "the prophet of the Most High, going before the Lord to prepare his way" (see Luke 1:68-79). John, of course, would go into the desert to sing his own song: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." And, in the fullness of time, Jesus, God's love song to the world, came, and the singing still goes on.

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**June 17, 2018**

**St. Dominic:**

**Envelopes\* \$ 1823.08**  
**Plate \$ 252.00**  
**Total: \$ 2,075.08**

**Week of June 10 \$ 2,064.25**  
**Week of June 3 \$ 4,985.75**

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$2,719.11

**St. Francis Xavier:**

**Envelopes\* \$ 1,240.00**  
**Plate \$ 110.00**  
**Total: \$ 1,350.00**

**Week of June 10 \$ 959.00**  
**Week of June 3 \$ 2,278.50**

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$1,971.04

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of June 30-July 1st

Homebound: Pat Doyle

Nursing Homes: Corky & Jeri Albright

**Ministry Schedule for the  
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

<b>St. Dominic June 30th~ 5:30 pm</b>	<b>St. Francis Xavier July 1st~ 8:00 am</b>	<b>St. Dominic July 1st~ 10:30 am</b>
<b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>COMMUNION</b>	<b>COMMUNION</b>
Mark Pruett Vickie Pruett Gregg Watkins Theresa Watkins D'Ann Decker	Steve Devlin Kathy Devlin Caroline Hanson Mike Henry Hilda Hrenchir	Dave Schmitz Gail Schmitz Dan Nienues Stacey Nienues Susan Schirmer
<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>
Jean Lierz	Bill Berns	Malea Zeller
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
Isaac Curtis Preston Utz Isaac Utz	Emma Poort Abigail Evert Victor Organista	Emma Sides Sam Zeller Richard Zeller
<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>MUSIC</b>
Cathleen Reed Jeff Ehrhardt	Joan Hood All Cantors	Cathleen Reed Robin Sides
<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b>	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b>	<b>GREETERS / USHERS</b>
Gregg Watkins Theresa Watkins Bob Fox Leon Freel	Jim Seematter Marsha Seematter Steve Devlin Ben Ehrhart	Gary Kelly Debbie Kelly Mike Meerpohl Dan Fiedler

**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS**

**The Nativity of St. John the Baptist**

SATURDAY, June 23rd~		
St. D	5:30 PM	JoRae Krogman (D)
SUNDAY, June 24th~		
St. D	9:00 AM	Bob Hood (D)
St. F	11:00 AM	For All Parishioners
TUESDAY, June 26th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	William & Patricia Walsh (D)
WEDNESDAY, June 27th~		
St. D	8:00 AM	The Church
THURSDAY, June 28th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Bud Williams (D)
FRIDAY, June 29th~		
St. D	8:00 AM	Ann Glassman (D)

**The 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

SATURDAY, June 30th~		
St. D.	5:30 PM	For All Parishioners
SUNDAY, July 1st~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Mike Harris (D)
OLS	8:30 AM	
St. D	10:30 AM	Gloria Meerpohl (D)

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

June 25-July 1	Linda Crabill, Sheila Springer
July 2-8	Robin Sides
July 9-15	Kara Hoffman
July 16-22	Becky Grollmes, Clara Child
July 23-29	Reith Family

**Please contact the office ahead of time and let us know when you are planning on cleaning so that the church will be unlocked and the lights can be turned on for you.**

Thank you for your service to your parish. You can still volunteer by calling the office at 364-3262

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 Janeil Stevens

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 Pat Doyle

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 Kay Andler  
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**Congratulations to St. Francis Xavier.**

Knight of the month of June...

**Larry Larkin**



My dear parishioners of St Dominic and St. Francis Xavier:

The three years that I have spent with you as your pastor went by so quickly. It was a great time of being together, praying and working together. You all have made my life so enriching and memorable. I take this opportunity to thank all of you for being so generous with your time, gifts, and resources. I am very grateful for everything that you have been to me. I pray for God's many blessings upon you and your dear ones.

I will be going to India for my sabbatical for six months and when I come back in January I am assigned as pastor of Sacred Heart-St. Casimir parishes in Leavenworth, Ks. Please pray for my safe travels and fruitful ministry. Here is my new address from January: Fr. Marianand Mendem

1401 2nd Avenue  
 Leavenworth, Ks. 66049

**A BIG TOTUS TUUS THANK YOU**

Special thanks to everyone who helped to make our Totus Tuus week so successful. Thanks to those who provided housing and hospitality for the team and to all who provided dinners for the team and a wonderful variety of items for the lunches for the team and the volunteers. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for cooking hot dogs for everyone for Friday's lunch. Thanks to those who volunteered in the classrooms and those who helped in the kitchen with snacks and lunch and water breaks

We are grateful that many of our children were able to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to grow and learn about our beautiful Catholic faith.

Thanks also to our Totus Tuus team, Brian and Jake, Delaney and Aubrie. Please remember them in your prayers as they continue to carry the message of God's love to the other parishes where they will minister this summer.

**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Since June 24 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church has the opportunity for a more intense celebration of the birth of John the Baptist, who is often described as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the bridge between Judaism and Christianity. More commonly, John is known as the "precursor" of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Gospels report John's basic message: Repent, the kingdom is near at hand. One greater than I is coming.

Though he was a wandering preacher who dressed in camel skins and ate grasshoppers, John's legacy is one of true royalty. His origins are similar to those foretold by God through the prophet Isaiah: "You are my servant, he said to me, Israel through whom I show my glory" (Isaiah 49:3). John's humility—"I am not he"—was surpassed only by that of his Lord Jesus, the humble servant who followed.

## PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Estelle Danner; Deb Davies; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Kathy Estabrook (sister of Terry Ludvicek); Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Sam Gerry; Vivian Gonzalas; Brad Gould; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Ernest Haug (Brother of Bill Haug); Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Frank Hulsing (Father of Shannon Henry); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; Rheva Korte; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mary Morford; Don Morris; Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Gean O'Toole (Mother of Jim O'Toole); Calvin Page; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Amy Reese (daughter of John & Susan Stallbaumer); Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey); Virginia Ryan (Grandmother of Scott Bond); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Janie Teetzel; Laveda Wahweotten (mother of Tina Wahweotten); Melinda Waareham; Gregg Watkins; James Wecker; Max Wichman (Son of Jeanette Wichman)

*We pray for those among us who are ill, their families and for their care-giver, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty;  
and for those in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom.*

***To place someone's name on the prayer list or to remove a name, please call the Parish Office (364-3262)***

### **Scripture Insights~**

As we celebrate the birthday of John the Baptist, the readings focus on John's role of inspiring people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah. The First Reading is one of four "Servant Songs" in the book of the prophet Isaiah. For Christians, these songs expressly prepare the way for the Messiah by foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, who fulfilled these prophecies. Here the Servant speaks and describes his call from his mother's womb; how God empowered him with gifts as a speaker; how difficult his task was going to be; how his task was to bring together the people of Israel while also being a light of salvation to the nations of the earth. The servant trusts in God while grieving over the sufferings that he has to face.

The Gospel reading from Luke narrates events surrounding John's birth-focusing on his name. For the people of Israel, a person's name expressed an aspect of their identity. The name, John, a common one among the people of Israel, was not found in his family's lineage. It means "the Lord has been gracious" because the elderly parents, Elizabeth and Zechariah, had lost all hope of conceiving a child in their old age. God had certainly favored them. This raised the question: "What, then, will this child be? For surely the hand of the Lord was with him?"

The Second Reading, from Acts of the Apostles, answers this question. When Paul speaks in the synagogue of Antioch, he identifies John's role as preparing the way for the Messiah. This shows how well the early Church understood that the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ.

Like John the Baptist, our task is to continue his work of enabling the light of Christ to shine out more fully in our world.

- The Isaiah passage uses several poetic images to describe the Servant. How do you interpret them?
- Do you see God's grace blessing your life as God blessed John's life?
- How can you continue John's work in your own life?



“Behold, one is coming  
after me;  
I am not worth to unfasten  
the sandals of his feet.”  
~Acts 13:25

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

It's midsummer day! We have the advantage of celebrating one of the great hidden treasures of our liturgical calendar on a Sunday this year. There are only three "nativity" feasts on our calendar: for the Lord, the Blessed Mother (September 8), and today's birth of the Baptist. Today's date is anchored by the Annunciation (March 25), when Mary learns not only of her own child's advent, but of Elizabeth's child. We are exactly half a year away from Christmas Eve. There are strong traditions around this feast. Just as the winter solstice provides a rich vocabulary for Christmas, so does the abundance of light at midsummer inform this celebration. Just as at Christmas, a religious festival spills over into culture. As summer light reaches its peak, the sun-drenched zones of northern Europe see people staying up all night, lighting "St. John's fires" in the long summer twilight. Bonfires seem to be the unifying force in all these celebrations, kindled along the shores of the St. Lawrence in Quebec and Montreal, with harbor illuminations in France. You may be most interested in the custom in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the Baptist's own city. People there will leap into the sea between midnight and dawn to honor John. Why not find your way to a pool, a lake, or a sandy beach today and plunge in to recall your baptism? It's a tradition!

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Reason deceives us; conscience, never.

—Jean Jacques Rousseau

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Monday, June 25th	Tuesday, June 26th	Wednesday, June 27th
St. Dominic	K of C Meeting` 7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration 2-5:00pm	8:00 am Mass
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass	8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 204:00pm

	Friday, June 29th	Saturday, June 30th	Sunday, July 1st
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass	5:30 pm Vigil Mass Farewell to Fr. Mendem following Mass	10:30 am Mass Farwell Pot Luck Following Mass
St. Francis Xavier			8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Mass

	Wednesday, July 4th	Thursday, July 5th	Saturday, July 7th
St. Dominic	No Mass Office Closed		5:30 pm Vigil Mass
St. Francis Xavier		No Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm	

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