

Holy Spirit Parish

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist June 24, 2018

Birth of John the Baptist

Hold the Locusts

The birth of John is much like the birth of Jesus. Neither mother expected to be pregnant (Elizabeth was very old, Mary was not married.) Both were announced by an angel; both were given a name by the angel (Luke 1:13 and 1:31.) All who heard about the births were amazed (Luke 1:66 and 2:18.) It should be no surprise that the two mothers got together to discuss these things (Luke 1:39-56.) Most likely, talking about their experiences helped them to believe what the angel had said. You might say Elizabeth prepared Mary to be the mother of the Savior. And years later John would help people prepare to accept Jesus as their Savior.

Now the Church has always taught that saints are not just admired, they are to be imitated. So how do we imitate John? Probably not by living in the desert and eating locusts and wild honey. (I'll take the honey, but hold the locusts.) Let's look at a few of the things John is known for and how we can learn from them.

John lived in the desert to prepare for his ministry. How do we prepare to serve the Lord? Have you ever gone on a retreat, not just because it was required by your school or job, but because you wanted to take time to be with the Lord? Many retreat houses have weekend retreats for those who can't take off work. The point of a retreat is not just to get away, but to learn how to pray or to deepen your prayer life.

As we learn to pray better, we get to know the Lord better. That brings us to the second way to imitate John: Lead others to Christ. We need to know the Lord to bring others to him. With the power of the Holy Spirit we received in the sacrament of Confirmation, we can give good examples of Christian love, share our faith, stand up for justice, and encourage others to grow in faith. Like John, we may also meet resistance, but we can be confident that the Lord will be with us always.

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Masses:

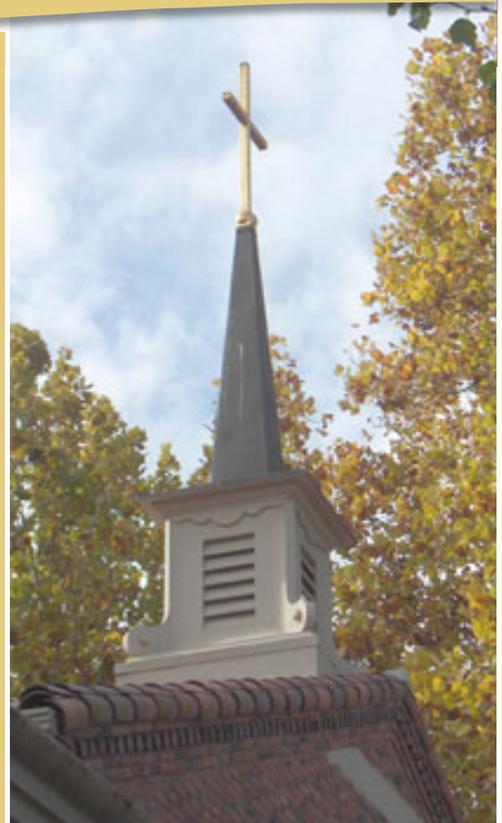
Saturday Vigil	5:15 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
Weekday	8:00 a.m.

***Baptisms:** By appointment. Please call the Rectory 443-5442

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

***Marriage:** Couples planning marriage are asked to make an appointment at Rectory at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

- **Holy Spirit Parish School: (Grades TK-8) 448-5663**
Ann Marie Faires, Principal and Renee Malaki, Associate Principal
- **Catholic Faith Formation (CFF): Patricia Scott, Director**
Grades K-8; Mondays, 5:45 to 7p.m. at Holy Spirit School.
- **Respect Life Ministry:** Mack & Lucy White 447-7327.
- **Care of Sick & Elderly:** Call the Rectory for Holy Communion home calls. 443-5442
- **St Vincent dePaul Society ~SVdP Meet 4th Tues each month 397-7264**



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*We, the people of
Holy Spirit Parish
seek to live as disciples of Christ.
Guided by the Holy Spirit,
fed and strengthened
at the Eucharistic table,
we are called to witness the Good
News of the Gospel by our
lives of faith, service,
community, and hospitality.*



**Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
June 24, 2018**

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

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	5:15 pm	Jo Aubin +
Sunday	9:00 am	Holy Spirit Parishioners
	11:00 am	Antonia Neihaus +
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners
Monday	8:00 am	Virginia & Jim Johnson, SI
Tuesday	8:00 am	Robin Durfee, SI
Wednesday	8:00 am	Leeman Parker +
Thursday	8:00 am	Doug Holbrook +
Friday	8:00 am	Poor Souls
Saturday	5:15 pm	Doug Holbrook +
Sunday	9:00 am	Holy Spirit Parishioners
	11:00 am	Holy Spirit Parishioners
	5:15 pm	Holy Spirit Parishioners



Celebrate Our Soon-to-Be-Ordained Deacons!

Next Saturday Holy Spirit Parishioners Eric Hintz and Daniel Patterson will finish their three year preparation and be ordained as Permanent Deacons! Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Eric and Danny will celebrate their Mass of Thanksgiving here at Holy Spirit Church on **Sunday, July 1 at the 11:00am Mass**. This will be followed by a reception in their honor in the McHugh Hall. All are invited to come celebrate and offer your support!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

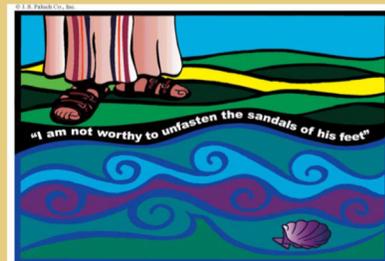
Monday:	2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday:	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29
Friday:	<u>Vigil</u> : Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 <u>Day</u> : Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17
Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

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.

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New Parishioner Registration

Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Ph. # _____

Email: _____

Please place form in the collection or drop off at the rectory.

Here at Home



Time Talent Treasure (TTT)

Faithful Stewardship.

A way of life.

Everything we think,

say and do

after we say "I believe."

"My husband Steve and I felt a calling to give back to our church, to possibly be there for our fellow parishioners in some way. Holy Spirit was beginning a bereavement ministry for those of us suffering with the loss of a loved one. We both felt compelled to share in this way. Our meetings thus far have been a growing experience for both of us and we are excited to continue our journey."
~Patricia Webb

Afternoon Book Club Meeting

The afternoon book club will meet **Thursday, June 28 at 1pm in McHugh Hall** to discuss "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. This small book is described as a "morally complex, multilayered novel that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor and trust." Please join us for what should be an interesting discussion!

Summer Bible Study Classes

It's not too late to join the Bible Study classes taking place weekly in McHugh Hall.

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother: **Thursday at 7-8:30pm until July 26** with no meeting on June 21.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: **Tuesday at 12-1:30pm until Aug 14** with no meeting on July 31.

You can purchase the material for both studies online at AscensionPress.com or at the Parish Office.

Adult Faith Formation

Surviving Divorce - Hope and Healing For the Catholic Family: **Tuesday evening at 7-8:30pm** in McHugh Hall until **Aug 28** with no meeting on July 3. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. You can purchase the material online at AscensionPress.com or at the Parish Office.

Peter's Pence Collection next Weekend

Next week, we will take 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. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

This Week At A Glance

- June 23 Collar Cup FUNraiser
- June 23/24 SVdP Bundle Sunday
- June 26 Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
- June 26 St. Vincent de Paul meeting
- June 26 Surviving Divorce meeting
- June 27 Coffee & Catholicism
- June 28 Afternoon Book Club
- June 28 A Biblical Walk with Blessed Mother
- June 30 Confessions
- June 30 Guitar Ensemble Rehearsal
- July 1 Newly ordained deacons' Mass of Thanksgiving and reception
- July 1 AA Meeting

**Please call the rectory for further information on any events listed for the up-coming week.



This Weekend is SVdP Bundle Sunday

Holy Spirit SVdP needs your help with donations for our Bundle Sunday! The SVdP Thrift Store truck will be in the church parking lot this weekend, **June 23 & 24** at all Mass times to accept your kind donations of clean, gently used clothing, small furniture, linens, and household items in good condition.

"Thank you for helping us to help others."



Camp Pendola Family Camp

Inviting all families, to spend time together away from the demands of the daily schedule, **September 1-3**. Unplug yourselves and join us for our annual Family Camp, a weekend of fun and relaxation up in the pines at Camp Pendola near Camptonville. Families of all sizes are welcome with rates starting at \$175, max \$450. Fees cover all food and activities. For questions and to register call 530-389-2780 or visit online at www.pendola.org

Quo Vadis/Where are you going?

This summer retreat for young men ages 13 to 17 allows participants to listen to vocation stories, have fun, pray and learn about the different charisms and vocations (consecrated, married, religious and single life) to begin thinking of their own calling. **August 2-5** at Trinity Pines Catholic Center in Colfax. \$60 (includes room and meals) until July 16, then \$70. Download forms and register: www.scd.org/quovadis

What does it mean for Catholics today to be "strong in spirit?"