

## From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Recently several people asked me about Mass intentions. I thought that I would spend some time to explain this tradition of our faith. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a reason: for example, the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints, that includes the living and dead. For the communion of saints offer prayers for one another at the Mass assisting each other with our prayer. Keep in mind that the tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, originates in the very early Church.

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: first, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church; second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church; and third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

The special ministerial fruits of the Mass are applied to the particular intention of the Mass, i.e. "for whom the Mass is offered." When I arrived at Precious Blood we did not have enough Mass intentions, so other area parishes provided us a supply of intentions. However, I feel that we have enough people here to offer our own Mass intentions. Please contact the Parish Office to set up Masses for your loved ones.

The following are guidelines for scheduling Mass intentions. Masses can be scheduled for a loved one up to 365 days in advance. This directive comes from Canon Law # 953: "No one is permitted to accept more offerings for Masses than can be satisfied within a year. Masses may be satisfied within 365 days from the acceptance of the offering." Parishes are to encourage the Catholic faithful to remember the deceased through Mass offerings or memorial gifts.

A Mass intention can be for a parishioner as well as a non-parishioner. A Mass intention can be for a person, couple, or a family. Extra Masses are sent away to our missionaries or retired priests. The suggested stipend for each Mass is \$10.00 as of December 2, 2007.

Sincerely,

## Stewardship of Treasure

Collection for June 16/17	\$	15,478
Amount Needed Each Week:	\$	15,598
(Shortfall) / Over This Sunday:	\$	(120)
(Shortfall) / Over Year-To-Date:	\$	16,370
Children's Weekly Collection:	\$	2
Children's Year-To-Date:	\$	72
Adoration Chapel:	\$	377

### Trivia Question

(questions & answers are from *The Great Catholic Trivia Challenge* by Claire Mary Smith)

What is the Old Testament?

- A) A rough draft of the New Testament
- B) The diary of Adam and Eve
- C) The teachings of Buddha, written in Pauli, Sanskrit, and Tibetan
- D) Writings of angels
- E) The first part of the Christian Bible, originally written in Hebrew, featuring God's covenant with Abraham and the revelation of Himself to the people of Israel.

### Pope Francis' Monthly Intention

#### *Social Networks*

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

Congratulations to

Kevin G. Fleck  
Northview Drive, Ferdinand, IN

our \$100 Cash Bonanza Winner

for June 17, 2018

# THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



## Weekly Readings and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, June 23

Reading: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34  
4:00 p.m. Clem Messmer

### Sunday, June 24

Reading: Is 49:1-6, Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80  
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Kevin Brown (A)

### Monday, June 25

Reading: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5  
No Mass

### Tuesday, June 26

Reading: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;  
Mt 7:6, 12-14  
8:00 a.m. Tom Renner (A)

### Wednesday, June 27

Reading: 2 Kgs 22:8-13, 23:1-3; Mt: 7:15-20  
8:00 a.m. Esther & Lucas Stenftenagel

### Thursday, June 28

Reading: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29  
8:00 a.m. Joseph Wagner

### Friday, June 29

Reading: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the  
Frank & Bertha Knies Family

### Saturday, June 30

Reading: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Mt 8:5-17  
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the  
Henrietta Voegerl Family

### Sunday, July 1

Reading: Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;  
Mk 5:21-43  
8:00 a.m. Philip Wagner (A)  
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

## PTA Scrip News

Don't forget to think ahead for those special people in your life ... A SCRIP gift certificate is an easy way to give a useful gift.

Next Selling Date at Precious Blood

June 23 Kim Johnson  
June 24 Ann Shappard

## Ministry Assignments

### Saturday, June 30— 4:00 p.m.

Gift Bearers: Chad & Tammy Hurm Family  
Servers: Kendalyn Hurm, William Schmitt,  
Anna Schmitt, Madeline Wanninger  
Eucharistic Ministers: Chad & Tammy Hurm,  
Stephanie Schepers, Darlene Schnell,  
LaVonne & Michael Seidl,  
Doris Sermersheim  
Hospitality Ministers: Leon Goepfrich, Kadon Hurm,  
Greg Luegers, Douglas Scherle  
Lector: Erika Kempf  
Sacristan: Pam Hildenbrand  
Cantor: Brad Tretter

### Sunday, July 1— 8:00 a.m.

Gift Bearers: Hospitality Ministers  
Servers: Carter Blume, Elliott & Isabelle Hopf  
Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Edwards, Kathleen Munning,  
Joshua & Nichole Peter, Ralph Schwenk,  
Drake & Mary Leah Siegel  
Hospitality Ministers: James Edwards, Stephen Meiring,  
Cameron & Kevin Mehringer  
Lector: Jeffrey Woehler  
Sacristan: Kathleen Boehm  
Cantor: Nancy Litteken

### Sunday, July 1— 10:30 a.m.

Gift Bearers: Chad & Julie Barth Family  
Servers: Preston Hempfling, Jacob Welp,  
Grace & Samuel Kluemper  
Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Buschkoetter, Ronald Schitter,  
Art & Nathan Rillo, Angie Schuch,  
Roger Seger, Marilyn Wolf  
Hospitality Ministers: Kurt & Todd Mehringer,  
Joseph & Thomas Moorman  
Lector: Clay Armstrong  
Sacristan: Barbara Keeley  
Cantor: Brenda Eckerle

**Please insert**

**Edward Jones—Chris Hanneman**

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**THANK YOU:** This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

## Parish Calendar for the Week

### Sunday, June 24

Children's Liturgy of the Word—Gr. 1-2 during 10:30 a.m. Mass  
Children's Church—Preschool & Kindergarten (ages 4-5) during 10:30 a.m. Mass. Meet in the Gathering Area

### Monday, June 25

6:00-10:00 p.m. Quilting in Quilters' Room

### Tuesday, June 26

6:00-7:00 p.m. Finance Commission Meeting  
7:00-8:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

### Wednesday, June 27

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. All Day Quilting—Pitch in lunch  
6:00 p.m. Pray the Rosary in Church

### Saturday, June 30

3:00-3:45 p.m. Reconciliation

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### COMING OUR WAY

August 19 - Precious Blood Parish Picnic— Volunteers needed to help make our picnic a success.

## Parish Announcements

### Bereavement Meal Containers

There are many containers that have been left from the Bereavement Meals. Please stop by and pick up your container in the Auxiliary Kitchen. Thanks!

### Precious Blood Picnic News

There will be a Picnic Chairpersons Meeting on Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Endress Hall (north door unlocked). If unable to attend, please call Mary Jo Hart at 812 634-7829 or email at mjhtax@yahoo.com



### St Vincent de Paul, Jasper District

The St Vincent de Paul Store needs a part time employee to sort donations & work as cashier. This person would work 3 days a week plus occasional Saturdays. Candidate must be able to work with the public & represent St Vincent de Paul in a professional manner. Our employees are not permitted to purchase & resell donated items. Applications are available at the St Vincent de Paul store in Jasper.

## Area Announcements

**June 30 - Saint Francis Xavier Church, Poseyville** - Join us for Chops and Cheers! Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. followed by a pork chop dinner with cheesy potatoes, green beans, salad, roll, dessert and drink. Live music beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dine in or carry out. Dinner and cheer garden - \$15.00, Cheer garden only - \$5.00. Must be 21 years old or older to attend. For more information or to purchase tickets call 812-662-0103.

**June 30 - SOURCE + SUMMIT**...Continues...Please join us on June 30, 2-8 p.m. for the Feast of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church. Join Fr. Tyler Tenbarge, home from Rome and celebrating Holy Mass. Adoration, Confession, Food, Fun and Fellowship with Friends. - All are welcome - age 13 and up! FREE! Sarto Retreat Center, 4200 N. Kentucky Ave. Go to [www.sourcesummitevansville.org](http://www.sourcesummitevansville.org) for registration details.

**July 1 - PATRIOTIC ROSARY at Holy Family Church** on Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Join us as we pray a beautiful rosary for our country with prayers from our founding fathers and patriotic songs sung between decades of the Rosary.

**July 10 (2nd Tuesday due to 4th of July) St. Joseph Parish - DIVORCE SURVIVAL** -6:30-8 p.m. in the Saint Joseph Ministry House, 218 W 13th St, next to the Bosco House. You will be fed!! Taco Tuesday! Both Men & Women are welcomed. To be clear this is not a dating event. It is for support/opportunity to address needs in dealing with hardships that come with divorce. For more information contact the parish center (812) 482-1805.

**July 18 - St. Peter Parish** - In conjunction with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, St. Peter Parish, Montgomery, IN, invites the people of the diocese of Evansville to an organ concert. The program will be held in St. Peter church on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (This date is the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the blessing and dedication of the church building at St. Peter.) The concert will be presented by David Lamb and will last about one hour. There will be no admission fee or free will offering. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. E.D.T. Come early and wander through the Garden of Sorrow and Joy.

### Memorial Donations

Donations that have been made in the last several months in Memory/Honor of:

David Buechlein, Leona Kluemper, Raymond Schepers, Gerald Bartley, Ruth Mehringer, Joseph Wagner, Rose Mary Kaiser, Doug Lukemeyer, Paul Schitter, John Burger

Thank you!



# THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

## Religious Education

### *C.L.O.W. Facilitators:*

- July 1: Steph Armstrong & Meredith Knies  
July 8: Mackenzie Sargent & Abby Fischer

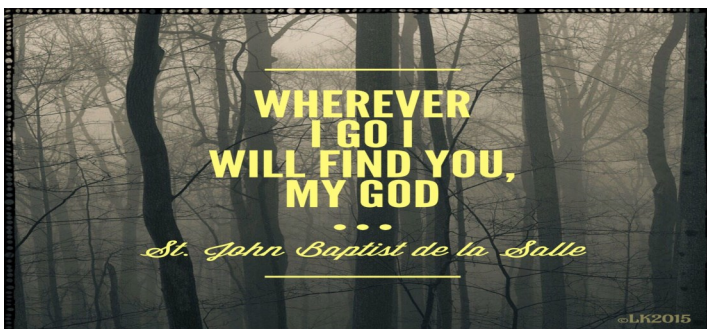
### *Children's Church Facilitators:*

- July 1: Anne Brake & Ava Bower  
July 8: Jessica Mehringer & Tysen Mehringer

### *Vocations' Traveling Chalice:*

- July 1: TBA  
July 8: TBA

**Who are the Saints? St. Irenaeus of Lyons (130 – 202)** The writings of St. Irenaeus entitle him to a high place among the fathers of the Church, for they not only laid the foundations of Christian theology but, by exposing and refuting the errors of the gnostics, they delivered the Catholic Faith from the real danger of the doctrines of those heretics. He was probably born about the year 125, in one of those maritime provinces of Asia Minor where the memory of the apostles was still cherished and where Christians were numerous. He was most influenced by St. Polycarp who had known the apostles or their immediate disciples. Many Asian priests and missionaries brought the gospel to the pagan Gauls and founded a local church. To this church of Lyon, Irenaeus came to serve as a priest under its first bishop, St. Pothinus, an oriental like himself. In the year 177, Irenaeus was sent to Rome. This mission explains how it was that he was not called upon to share in the martyrdom of St Pothinus during the terrible persecution in Lyons. When he returned to Lyons it was to occupy the vacant bishopric. By this time, the persecution was over. It was the spread of gnosticism in Gaul, and the ravages it was making among the Christians of his diocese, that inspired him to undertake the task of exposing its errors. He produced a treatise in five books in which he sets forth fully the inner doctrines of the various sects, and afterwards contrasts them with the teaching of the Apostles and the text of the Holy Scripture. His work, written in Greek but quickly translated to Latin, was widely circulated and succeeded in dealing a death-blow to gnosticism. At any rate, from that time onwards, it ceased to offer a serious menace to the Catholic faith. The date of death of St. Irenaeus is not known, but it is believed to be in the year 202. The bodily remains of St. Irenaeus were buried in a crypt under the altar of what was then called the church of St. John, but was later known by the name of St. Irenaeus himself. This tomb or shrine was destroyed by the Calvinists in 1562, and all trace of his relics seems to have perished. The feast day of St. Irenaeus is June 28. (Resource use [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))



## ADULTS—DON'T MISS THE 3RD ANNUAL BOSCO EXTRAVAGANZA

All adults (age 21+) are invited to this annual event. Join us on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Holy Family (Fellowship Hall) to help design the roadmap for youth ministry in 2018-2019. Our short evening will give an overview of youth ministry and how we need help with youth and behind the scenes in the 2018-2019 school year.

Current and new volunteers are asked to attend  
Coffee/Tea & Dessert Provided

Keynotes presented by Fr. Jerry Pratt from St. Joseph and Steve Dabrowski, Diocesan Director for Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Please RSVP with Angie Greulich by Monday, August 13th  
812-481-2442 or [agreulich@evdio.org](mailto:agreulich@evdio.org)

## Divine Providence Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Open Hours

Contact [dp@adorationmanager.com](mailto:dp@adorationmanager.com) or call 812-630-8382 for more information.  
Every other Saturday 2:00 A.M. - 3:00 A.M.  
Friday 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

## Fortnight for Freedom - Prayer for Religious Liberty

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).

We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties; by your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 17, 2018, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545, or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

### TEC Weekend

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a three-day experience for young people who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, and for community. Adults are also welcome and encouraged to attend as they increase our witness to our faith while experiencing their own encounter with Christ. Candidates can expect to meet others from all areas of the Diocese, find how God fits in your life, and encounter the Risen Jesus Christ. You will have time to reflect on your life, ideas, hopes, and dreams away from home, school, and/or work. You can find an application and more information at <http://www.switec.org/> The next weekend is July 21-23, 2018 at St. Mary's Church in Ireland. Future retreat weekends are scheduled for November 10-12, 2018 and February 16-18, 2019. Feel free to send in applications for any of the weekends, but please know that they may fill quickly, so send in your application soon.

### Humanae Vitae

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Pope Paul VI's Encyclical, Humanae Vitae. We will celebrate this event at our Respect Life Celebration on October 4. There will be a panel of guests to discuss the impact of Humanae Vitae on their lives, followed by Bishop Joseph Siegel discussing how we might take the principles of Humanae Vitae into the future. Registration opens August 9. Please consider joining us!

### Holy Trinity Positions Available

**Preschool Teaching Assistant** - 29 hrs/week. Seeking an energetic, team-oriented, individual to work with our full day pre-kindergarten class. Central Campus.

**Cafeteria Worker** - 12-15 hrs/week. Applicants must be able to lift over 20 lbs. and able to stand for extended periods of time while preparing food, serving and washing dishes. Multiple positions - Central and East

**Maintenance/Janitorial Staff** - 20 hours/week. Applicants must be able to lift over 20 lbs. and stand/walk for long periods of time while cleaning classrooms, restrooms and completing other tasks as designated by Director of Maintenance. East Campus.

All positions will start on or after August 1st. Please contact Jenna Seng at [jseng@evdio.org](mailto:jseng@evdio.org) if interested in any of the positions!

### Peter's Pence Collection

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. For more information, visit [www.uscch.org/peters-pence](http://www.uscch.org/peters-pence).

**LORD, Let Us See Your Kindness And  
Grant Us Your Salvation.**

### Attention Women of All Ages!!

Join us for the 3rd Annual Gather in Faith Women's Conference at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish on Saturday, September 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This year's key note speakers are Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, co-authors of The Friendship Project: The Catholic Woman's Guide to Making and Keeping Fabulous, Faith-Filled Friends.

Invite your friends and join us for a day of discovery about our Faith, our Families and our own Feminine Genius. Register for the conference on [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) starting June 15, download our registration form from [sjbnewburgh.com](http://sjbnewburgh.com), or contact Bethany Logan at [bpmjmd@yahoo.com](mailto:bpmjmd@yahoo.com). Cost: \$25 (includes lunch). Registration increases to \$30 if payment is received after Aug. 31. Childcare: \$5 per child, \$15 family max.

### Indiana Catholic Conference

The Indiana Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana on state and national issues. As part of its mission, ICC provides information and opportunity for Catholics and all persons of good will to engage in policy development and legislative action through I-CAN (the Indiana Catholic Action Network). An easy way to stay up to date and engaged is through the Indiana Catholic Conference. Information about the Conference and the Action Network and to sign up can be found at the website, [www.indianacc.org](http://www.indianacc.org).

*Trivia Answer:* (E) The first part of the Christian Bible, originally written in Hebrew, featuring God's covenant with Abraham and the revelation of Himself to the people of Israel.

### Coordinator of Youth Ministry

St. Isidore Catholic Parish, Celestine is seeking a faithful and highly motivated individual for the position of Parish Director of Youth Ministry. This can be a part-time or full-time salaried position. Candidate to meet the following qualifications.

- Faithful and highly motivated individual
- Can develop and coordinate comprehensive youth ministry in a parish environment.
- Practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- Degree in religious education or campus ministry beneficial.
- Or knowledge within a Catholic parish environment with religious education and youth ministry.
- Strong leadership skills and work ethic.
- Can multi task and highly organized person.
- Wednesday evenings hours Aug. 22 through March 20 from 3:00pm till 8:30pm is a must.
- Able to communicate and work with youth and adults in a parish consisting of 900 families.

The position will begin August 1, 2018 and applications will be accepted until July 20, 2018

Resumes to be submitted by postal mail to St. Isidore Parish, P.O. Box 1 Celestine, In 47521 or email to: Fr. Eugene Schmitt at [eschmitt@evdio.org](mailto:eschmitt@evdio.org).

# Summer Fun!



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There shall be eternal summer  
in the grateful heart.

