

# June 24 – Nativity of St. John the Baptist



*Zechariah's doubt gave way to faith.  
His silence uttered deaf words:*

*"John is his name."*

*Holy Spirit,  
let us not stand wordless  
when you tell us God's truth.  
Let us trust it with whole hearts and souls,  
Let it give us joy and gladness,  
and may it shower praise of God  
and belief upon us.*

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We can learn three things from John the Baptist: how to prepare, how to discern, and how to decrease in order to let the Lord increase. When Jesus began to preach, did John's following begin to decline? Why does Pope Francis say we need to diminish? According to him, is everything in our ministry up to us, or can we be assured that God will do God's part?

"And a Christian should be a man or a woman who can step aside because the Lord will grow in the heart and soul of others."  
(Pope Francis, June 24, 2014)

## SET YOUR FAITH ON FIRE

+ It sets my faith on fire when I see a person who shows respect for others by making a practice of listening to what another person has to say without interrupting, which may seem like a small thing, but makes a big difference to a person who needs to be heard.

+ A person who has the opportunity to put down another person, but takes the high road and lifts the other person up instead, that keeps the fire of my faith burning.

## PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., June 27	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., June 29	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 23	4 PM	Al & Myrna Kohlman
Sun., June 24	10 AM	Thomas Merkel
Sat., June 30	4 PM	Art Simon
Sun., July 1	10 AM	Frank Nold

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday – June 30 at 4:00 PM

*Greeters:* Gary Wagner

Ken and Terry Harmeyer

*Server:* Cloey Simon

*Cantor:* Brooke Payne

*Lectors:* Terry Harmeyer, Cathy Wagner

*Euch. Ministers:* Bill Deller, Janet Deller

Gene Moorman, John Wagner

### Sunday – July 1 at 10:00 AM

*Greeters:* David and Laurie Husted - *back*

Mark and Lorrie Gilland - *back*

Ray and Mary Merkel - *side*

*Servers:* Seth Weisenbach, Caleb Simon

*Cantor:* Rachel Toops

*Lectors:* Brooke Weisenbach, Amy Kinker

*Euch. Ministers:* Katie Spreckelson, Ben Harlemert

Emma Spreckelson, Blake Simon

## PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2304.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 9.79
Loose Collection	\$ 404.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2717.79
Education of Future Priests	\$1504.00
Capital Improvement	\$500.00

## **Peace and All Good!**

*"It is not hatred that is wrong; it is hating the wrong thing that is wrong. It is not anger that is wrong; it is being angry at the wrong thing that is wrong. Tell me your enemy, and I will tell you what you are. Tell me your hatred, and I will tell you your character."*

*~ Fulton J. Sheen*

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** – The sanctuary light will burn June 24 through July 1 for Ambrose and Elizabeth Volk.



**PETER'S PENCE** – Next weekend, you are asked to help support Peter's Pence. This collection gives Pope Francis the means to provide emergency assistance to those in need because of natural disaster, war, and disease.

Please drop your envelope in the regular collection.

**SUMMER MONTHS** – Liturgical ministers are needed during these summer months also. **Please** check your schedule to see your assigned times. If you cannot be present (vacations, etc.) please find a substitute. If you are not successful in finding a substitute, then call the parish office so we are aware that one is needed. Thank you. **You are important to the liturgical life of this parish!**

**DISHES** – Several dishes have accumulated in the kitchen on the racks near the wall. Please see if one of the dishes belongs to you!

**THE LORD'S LAUGHTER** – When I was 12, my father told me a terrible story that had happened at the gas station that day. "I was pumping gas when I noticed this small dog licking up a puddle of gasoline off the ground," he said. "All of a sudden, the poor thing started running around the car as fast as he could. He kept running and running until he finally just dropped to the ground right in front of me."

I gasped, "Oh no. Was he dead?"

Dad shook his head. "No, he just ran out of gas."

Dad was quite pleased with himself over that one. (Bill Woodman)

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The prospective father-in-law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?"

The groom-to-be replied, "Well, no, sir, I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves." (The Joyful Noiseletter, via George Goldtrap)

### **SUNDAY REFLECTION**

How do you feel about being made by God into a polished arrow? Most of us might say that we would leave that to John the Baptist.

Arrows, polished or not, are meant to hit their target. This requires focus, concentration, and practice. As faith communities, how do we help one another to be those arrows that get to the target of our missions as a church? We have to focus outside of ourselves, concentrate on our neighbors and neighborhoods, our family and friends.

The first step is to practice on small projects. Then we keep making that mission target bigger, wider, and more expansive and inclusive.

**HUMILITY**  
IS NOT THINKING  
LESS OF YOURSELF,  
IT'S THINKING OF  
YOURSELF LESS.

C.S. LEWIS

*These are the few ways we can practice humility:*

- To speak as little as possible of one's self.*
- To mind one's own business.*
- Not to want to manage other people's affairs.*
- To avoid curiosity.*
- To accept contradictions and correction cheerfully.*
- To pass over the mistakes of others.*
- To accept insults and injuries.*
- To accept being slighted, forgotten, and disliked.*
- To be kind and gentle even under provocation.*
- Never to stand on one's dignity.*
- To choose always the hardest.*

~Mother Teresa, The Joy in Loving