

**June 24, 2018** Nativity of St. John the Baptist (B) Is 49:1–6 Acts 13:22–26 Lk 1:57–66, 80

# God's Mission for Us

When an artist begins a painting, she or he has the end result in mind. The final result, the inspiration, is what sets the artist in motion. Aristotle called this ideal the "final cause" because it was the first thing in mind (the inspiration) and the last to be realized (the final product).

When God gives life to a human at the moment of conception, he does so with a final mission in mind for that child. He gives life freely, but not without a plan.

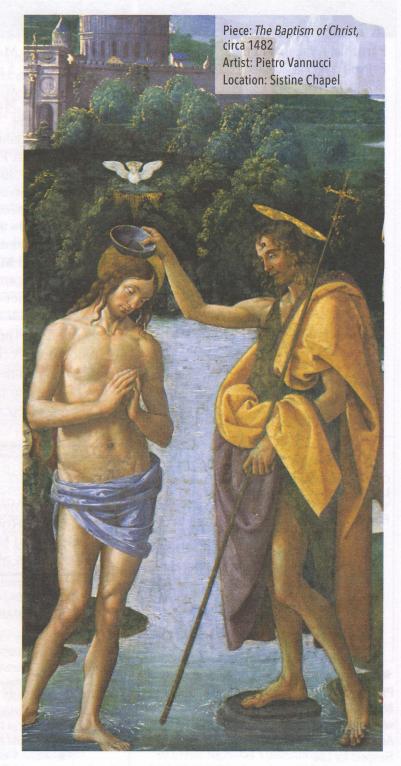
You and I are not the result of a coincidence or a chain of chemical reactions. We began at the heart of a loving, purposeful God. God willed you and wants you! You are who you are because of God's infinite love. He created you as a unique and divinely designed human being. His purposeful hand reached out and lifted you into existence just the way you are.

Yet your creation is not merely in the past but a reality that touches you now. God holds you and keeps you in every moment of your life. With every breath and movement, God is sustaining you. Your life is a loving project of God today.

Like St. John the Baptist who was created and called to be Jesus' cousin and prepare the way for him, so you have a call to prepare the way for Jesus to enter your world. How you do that in your lifetime as well as how you do that today is something unique to you. Your life has a mission! What is it? —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## For Reflection

Do I have a strong sense of God's mission for my life? What might be some of the elements? How have I benefited from other people who have been generous with their own mission?



Before birth the LORD called me, from my mother's womb he gave me my name. Isaiah 49:1



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Sunday Offerings

 General Fund
 \$4,022.00
 Tuition
 \$871.67

 Loose
 \$97.00
 Gen. Fund Child
 \$3.19

 Votive Stand
 \$59.00
 Reg/Book Fees
 \$150.00

 Father's Day
 \$1,005.00
 School Appeal
 \$500.00

### Total Received \$6,720.36

73 general offering envelopes collected, including children. Special Collections Cardinal Glennon \$20.00

Please remember St. Ignatius Parish & School in your will.

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Places to go.....

6/25/18 The monthly Deanery Pro-Life Holy Hour will be held 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration Chapel with prayers & Benediction for Respect for Life 7/11/18 Quilts of Valor at St. Joseph in Josephville, MO. 7/13/18 Pregnancy Assistance Center Benefit Dance at KC Hall at 7:30pm-10:30pm \$10 in

Dance at KC Hall at 7:30pm-10:30pm \$10 in advance available at KC Hall or Pregnancy Assistance Center \$12 at door

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## **Parish Services**

Weekend Masses Saturday, 5 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Weekday Masses 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday Tuesday 7:30 p.m. and PH Devotions Confessions Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment Baptisms and Marriages By arrangement with Fr. Raymond Buehler

Reception of Appreciation in honor of Fr. Buehler Sunday, June 24th after 10am Mass in front of the rectory ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Please Come Join Us on Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> in welcoming **Fr. Steve Robeson** in celebrating Mass and PH Devotions at 7:30pm

### Benefit Dance for the Pregnancy Assistance Center

on Friday, July 13, 2018 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall 1121 Columbus Lane Washington, MO 63090 Music by "Starlighters". Tickets available at Knights of Columbus Hall and Pregnancy Assistance Center.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** The rectory looks amazing! Thank you to all that helped clean, move and organize! We appreciate all you do for St. Ignatius.

## **Upcoming Events at St. Ignatius**

6/28 Rosary & Litany after Mass 7/02 Church cleaning this week for Team 8 (Leader-Jeanette Marquart) 7/04 Parish Office Closed 7/05 Rosary & Litany after Mass 7/05 Home Economics 8am-3pm in **Community Center** 7/12 Rosary & Litany after Mass 7/16 Church cleaning this week for Team 9 (Leader-Ava Diermann) 7/19 Rosary & Litany after Mass 7/19 Home Economics 8am-3pm in **Community Center** 7/26 Rosary & Litany after Mass 7/29 Shooting Match at 12pm Visit our website for more upcoming events!

www.saintig.com

#### Washington Area Steering Committee Town Hall Frequently Asked Questions In early May, the Washington Area Catholic Education and Formation Steering Committee held Town Hall Meetings that were designed to keep the parish and school communities informed of the committee's

progress, to share the information and research that has been gathered to date, and to seek input from the members of our parish and school communities. The members of the Steering Committee are very grateful to the parishioners, parents, and educators who attended these meetings and shared their thoughts and insights. The questions and comments made at these meetings were recorded and carefully reviewed by the members of the Steering Committee over the past several weeks. As promised at the Town Hall Meetings, the Steering Committee has responded too many of the general questions that were raised at these meetings. You will find on our parish's website responses to the frequently asked questions. You are encouraged to review these responses. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact our parish's representatives on this committee. These individuals are: Mrs. Stacy Kloeppel & Mrs. Jennifer Poindexter

The Steering Committee will continue to meet over the summer months and will communicate again later in the summer.



## Note from Father Buehler

-- A word of gratitude to the many volunteers who came this past Thursday evening to help prepare the living space in the rectory for Fr. Steve, as well as those who helped move his belongings into the rectory. Many hands make light work, especially when moving furniture.

-- On behalf of the ACA, thank you for your generosity this year! As we wrap up this year's drive, our numbers are up across the board.

-- Beginning this past Friday, the Church in the United States is taking up the standard of Religious Freedom Week, with the theme this year of 'Serving Others with God's Love'. What is the point of this? It is twofold: First - God's people, before and after Christ, have in varying times and parts of the world been pressured to confine their faith to within the walls of church, or worse, been forbidden to practice the faith at all. Though we are relatively free at this point in American history, it wasn't always so; and if we are not proactive, it will become difficult or even dangerous again. Look at China, or Canada to the north, or, recently, Ireland. Second, when speaking or acting on behalf of religious freedom, we cannot simply be on the defense with regards to legislation, but also exercise that freedom to show others the *value* of our faith to civic society. If looking for ideas how to do that, look no further than the practice of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

-- Speaking of prayer, have you considered requesting a Mass to be said for an intention or a loved one, living or deceased? Though we can pray on our own, or in a group, the Mass is our most powerful prayer. Why? In all other instances, it is we who pray to God... but at Mass, it is Jesus praying to His Father and ours! The Mass has the full power of the Cross behind it, a gift of love and gratitude of eternal weight. And at Mass, Jesus takes our prayers to himself, makes them his own, and presents them to the Father with profound love. This is a tremendous gift and privilege! If you have a particular intention or desire to have Mass said for someone, living or deceased, there are requesting envelopes in the back of church or at the parish office available from Anne Lober.

-- This will be my final weekend as the administrator at St. Ignatius. Though I volunteered to cover for Fr. Terry's convalescence, and though I knew it was to be temporary by design, it's still hard to say farewell. This parish is a treasure and has been easy to fall in love with! The staff, the school, the community... all have so abundantly lived out the Gospel. Know of my deep gratitude to so many who have generously poured out time, treasure and talent to keep things humming during this time of transition. You will be in good hands with Fr. Steve taking over effective Tuesday. I will be transitioning back to full-time Associate Pastor at St. Francis Borgia. If ever in the area, please stop by and say hello!

-- Finally, please thank Fr. Joe Wormek, pastor of St. Francis Borgia. He made my time at St. Ignatius possible. This is both because of his permission, but also because as I split my time to help at St. Ignatius, he took on a larger share of the work at SFB.

God bless you, and let's keep one another in prayer!

# **MASS SCHEDULE**

## Saturday, June 23

5:00 p.m. † Fr. Terry Borgerding Eucharistic Ministers: Ralph Glosemeyer Jayne & Maurice Glosemeyer | Dianne & Tom Meyer Lector: Jayne Glosemeyer <u>Ushers:</u> Ralph & Vikki Glosemeyer Servers: Carter Glosemeyer & Izabella Glosemeyer Sunday, June 24 8:00 a.m. † Jerome & Eileen Ruether Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Hawkins or Paul Hecktor Jeanette Marquart | Debbie Engemann | Jodi Glosemeyer | Rick Hawkins Lector: Alice Kluesner Or Jodi Glosemeyer Ushers: Dale Schwoeppe & Chad Engemann Servers: Erica Schwoeppe & 10:00 a.m. + For the People of St. Ignatius Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Freese Tricia Kemper | Teresa Volkerding | Becky Schoppenhorst | Audrey Hellebusch Lector: Alice Kluesner Ushers: Neal Kluba & Teresa Volkerding Servers: Sam Chambers & Carley Kopmann Monday, June 25 8:00 a.m. + Molly Schuler Tuesday, June 26 7:30 p.m. + Matt & Kris Doell Wednesday, June 27 8:00 a.m. + Theodore & Rosaly Meyer Thursday, June 28 8:00 a.m. † Ted & Agnes Luechtefeld Friday, June 29 8:00 a.m. + Larry Kavangh Saturday, June30 5:00 p.m. † Mary Mebruer Kellogg Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Glosemeyer Janet Glosemeyer | Jim & Jeanie Ginther Lector: Leo Meyer Ushers: Lisa Marguart & Shawn Polston Servers: Izabella Glosemeyer & Austin Cooper Sunday, July 1 8:00 a.m. + For the People of St. Ignatius Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Hecktor Sheila Shortt | Bill Shuler | Christopher Engemann | Joan Meyer Lector: Sheila Shortt Ushers: Denny & Elaine Glosemeyer Servers: Ryan Kloeppel & Luke Kloeppel 10:00 a.m. + Matt & Kris Doell **Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Westhoff** Peggy Nenninger Judy Bieker | Lesa Leopold | Danielle Gratza Lector: Vincent Leopold Ushers: Dave & Shiela Shortt Servers: Adam Kopmann & Jared Kopmann

## June 24<sup>th</sup> Blurb - Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Dynamic Catholic, Alive – Chosen and Called

How beautiful the readings are today for this solemnity! They remind us that God knows us and loves us so deeply. He knows us better than we know ourselves. Even before we were born, He saw what our lives would be like. Just like the prophet Isaiah and John the Baptist, we are called to be servants of God who dedicate our lives to Him. Our Triune God must be the center of everything that we do, not just another item among the many on a checklist. Today, invite God to come into every dimension of your life, especially your family life. With this approach of consecration to God, making Him the focal point of our relationships, our work, and our leisure, we can bring others into a similar relationship with God and help them recognize their true identity as sons and daughters called to serve. Let us be like St. John the Baptist, who constantly sought to point others to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, during his short life. archstl.org/dynamic

Mass Intention envelopes are in back of Church. Please drop in collections or stop in the Parish office to schedule your intention.

All bulletin requests are due by Tuesday morning. Please send to info@saintig.com

## Please Pray for the Sick/Ailing/Recovering

Doug Grafrath Irene Buenemann Duck Brinker Karen Brinkmann Harper Pillman Kim Smith Joseph V. Borgerding Tabitha Kersey Judy Brouk Stephanie Lindemann Tom Meyer Elaine Voss Pete Reitz Betty Hellebusch Evelyn Tucker Shelbee Mauldin Jim Grafrath Andrew Hellebusch Carol Jacquin Brad Segar Ralph Glosemeyer Fred Borges Richard Preiss Roberta Maune Tom Glosemeyer Judi Liermann Ethel Thomas Fr. Finbarr Dowling Dawn Borgmann Natalie Ulett Audrey Wagener Kay Wagner Betty Schulte Marc Wagener Laura Tellmann Fr. Terry Borgerding

Cindy Faust

# Anniversaries of Our Dearly Departed

6/4/02 Gregory Blockage 6/5/12 Nancy Klinkhardt 6/5/78 James Buel 6/7/14 Lorraine Volkerding 6/10/99 Ewald Liermann 6/11/82 Allison Koch 6/11/92 Melvin Schubert 6/13/82 Joseph Hellebusch 6/14/01 Aloysius Miesner 6/16/99 Marvin Gratza 6/17/02 Nicholas Volkerding 6/18/14 Beth Stanman 6/20/84 John Glosemeyer 6/21/97 Eugene Glosemeyer 6/27/04 Leroy Meyer 6/27/04 Timothy Glosemeyer

## Calendar

Monday June 25 Weekday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday** June 26 Weekday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday June 27 Weekday 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3 Mt 7:15-20

> Thursday June 28 Weekday 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29

Friday June 29 Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 Mt 16:13-19

Saturday June 30 Weekday Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Mt 8:5-17

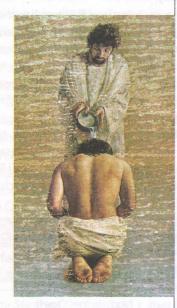
Sunday July 1 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Dear Padre,

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

esus was not baptized in the Jordan River for the same reasons we are baptized today. Exactly why Jesus received baptism is known to him alone. Your question will be one that goes into the "everything you wanted to ask Jesus when you meet him in heaven" category. But scholars studying this question have reasonable assumptions about why Jesus requested baptism.

When Jesus requested baptism from John, he wanted to demonstrate that he identified with his people's search for God. Scholars speculate that after years of performing the duties of home and the carpenter's trade, Jesus had become increasingly conscious of his life's mission. It was time to seize the moment and begin his ministry. John balked,



thinking he should be accepting baptism from Jesus-the long-awaited one. But Jesus prevailed, and a voice from heaven ratified his action. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

After Jesus' baptism, John's mission was accomplished. Jesus took center stage. Identifying with his people's sinfulness, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized to demonstrate his solidarity with the people, signaling the beginning of the Messianic Age that John had promised.

We know the rest of the story. Later, Jesus would commission his apostles to baptize all nations. This would be a baptism of water and the Spirit, signifying that the baptized had found Jesus and were living in forgiveness and freedom.

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## A Word From Pope Francis

That is the purpose of our mission: to identify the material and immaterial needs of the people and try to meet them as we can. Do you know what agape is? It is love of others, as our Lord preached. It is not proselytizing, it is love. Love for one's neighbor, that leavening that serves the common good.

-Interview with La Repubblica, October 1, 2013



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