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The Birth of John the Baptist

Thoughts on Today's Liturgy

Reading 1: Isaiah 49: 1-6 You are my servant through whom I show my glory.

Reading 2: Acts 1: 3, 22-26 John's role is preparing the way for the Messiah.

Gospel: Luke 1: 57- 66, 80 He shall be called John and it means God is gracious.

Theme: Like John we are called to prepare the way of the Lord.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday	16	5:30 p.m.	ML	Thanksgiving for Rain	The Birth of John the Baptist
Sunday	17	8:30 a.m.	SH	Marilyn Eck	✠ The Birth of John the Baptist
Sunday	17	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners	The Birth of John the Baptist
Tuesday	19	9:00 a.m.	ML	Lorena Angell	✠
Wednesday	20	8:30 a.m.	SH	Eddie Schmidt	✠
Thursday	21	8:30 a.m.	KW	Alice	✠
Friday	22	9:00 a.m.	ML	Lorena Angell	✠
Saturday	23	5:30 p.m.	ML	Ray Schmidt	✠ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	8:30 a.m.	SH	Eddie Schmidt	✠ Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	24	10:30 a.m.	KW	Parishioners	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacrament of Reconciliation 30 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment

Reflection: A Tipping Point. The birth of John the Baptist is, to the story of our salvation, what best-selling author Malcom Gladwell might have called a "tipping point": "a dramatic moment...when everything can change all at once." Today's readings – all of them – practically shout, "Pay attention! A new thing is happening!" "The Lord has spoken," Isaiah prophesies, that after many trials Israel may be "gathered to him" and its "salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Paul, after recounting the "old" history of the Israelites, proclaims the new one: a savior, Jesus, has come, heralded by John. And the newborn John becomes a symbol for the moment when everything will change: his name – John, not Zechariah – represents a break with the past, and his father's acceptance unlocks the old man's lips that he may bless God. When John is grown, he will preach a baptism of repentance, urging those who hear him to turn away from the past, to start over. John's destiny and ours, is to be a light, to "go before the Lord to prepare his way." Because through us the "tender compassion of our God...shines on those who sit in darkness..." Can I be like John, a servant through whom God's glory shows? To be "a light unto the nations" is probably more than I can do. But perhaps I do know someone who sits in darkness, who needs John's comforting message: "you can start over. Turn toward the light. A new thing is happening!" ~Richard Reece

VIBRANT MINISTRIES

Response to call. Appeal reaches \$10 million. Holy Rosary Catholic Church reached 65%, 55 gifts totaling \$66,920. St. Boniface reached 47%, 46 gifts totaling \$61,200. St. John reached 48%, 32 gifts totaling \$82,940. To offer a gift: online donations, go to www.dcdiocese.org/vibrant-ministries or you can mail your pledge to Vibrant Ministries Appeal, Catholic Diocese of Dodge City, 910 Central Avenue, Dodge City, KS. For donations of grain or stock contact Mark Roth at 620-227-1535 or mroth@dcdiocese.org

PLEASE EMAIL BULLETIN ITEMS TO WALINDA BY NOON TUESDAY TO ccbc@sctelcom.net

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sick and Shut-Ins:

Steve Eck, Helen Eck, Betty Schmidt, Sandy Ricke, Ruth Blick, Gladys Christensen, Deven Leis, Lawrence Rausch, Sister Catherine Therese, Laurie Hiltner, Sue Smith, Miles Sheldon, Sammy Flyingout, Norman Fischer, Edna Swayden, John Dohm, Cindy Archuleta

For the Faithful Departed:

Lorena Angell, Ron Swonger, Donna Rowe, Susie Reed, Alice Burenheide, Jerry Arensdorf, Marilyn Eck, Eddie Schmidt, Grace Burenheide, Elmer Angell Jr., Frances Larkin, Art Tatera, Gary Noland, Ray Schmidt, Ted Brown and all the souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect peace.

CHURCH NEWS

Father Firmin

Father Firmin Kyaw will be leaving Barber County the first of July after serving nearly seven years as pastor at St. John, St. Boniface, and Holy Rosary. A Farewell Dinner for Father will be held immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Kiowa in the parish hall. Everything for the meal will be provided; please come help us send Father Firmin off with our warmest wishes!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Dechant Foundation Golf Classic

Save the date and make plans now for the 2018 Dechant Foundation Annual Golf Classic, September 7, at Mariah Hills Golf Course in Dodge City. Get your teams organized and enter soon. The proceeds benefit the Retired Priest's Fund of the Diocese of Dodge City. Call Mark Roth at 620.227.1535 or email mroth@dcdiocese.org to register and for more information.

Retrouvaille

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about the upcoming July 20th Wichita Retrouvaille program for couples, Contact Dacia & Kieran (800) 470-2230 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

If you or someone you know is suffering from an abortion decision, discover Jesus' merciful heart which brings peace and comfort. Rachel's Vineyard retreats are all about healing the pain of abortion one weekend at a time. The second of three 2018 Kansas City retreats takes place on July 20-22. Please call (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing.

Human Trafficking

June – Predators are at work throughout the year – summer is no exception. Learn more about human trafficking/modern day slavery so that you can be more alert to trafficking situations. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking. sistersagainstrafficking.org

Ministry Schedule June 30th – July 1st

Week 1	St. Boniface	St. John the Apostle	Holy Rosary
Lector 1	Briana Stephenson	John Miller	Kay Koger
Cantor	Choir	Choir	Volunteer
Lector 2	Steve Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Rory Traffas
General Intercessions	Jacob Eck	Rick Hitchcock	Linda Sheldon
Eucharistic Ministers	Dean Eck Jacque Totty Paul Totty Lawrence Smith Sheila Ricke	Delores Moreno Glenna Reif Melvin Reif	Rory Traffas Jacque Traffas Michael Lynch Myra Dick Julie Warner
Servers	Jack Schreiner Mindy Wells Drake Schmidt	Allie Hoch	Volunteers
Musician	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm	Donita Ragan	Ruth Schmidt or Kathy Dohm
Greeters		Graves Family	Miles and Linda Sheldon
Sacristan	Sheila Ricke	Danny Archuleta	Jacque Traffas
Rosary	Lawrence Smith		Brenda Wright