

Saint John the Baptist

In Luke 1:13, the Archangel Gabriel visits the parents-to-be of St. John the Baptist, Elizabeth and Zechariah, and says, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall name him John.” Tomorrow we celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist. For Luke the birth of John the Baptist closely parallels the birth of Jesus. John the Baptist’s birth is the prelude to the birth of Jesus.

The Archangel Gabriel not only told Elizabeth and Zechariah that they were to name the baby John, but the angel continues “And you will receive joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth.” The tradition at the time was that when a birth was imminent, friends and local musicians gathered near the house. When the birth was announced, and if it was a boy, the musicians would break into song, and there was general congratulations and rejoicing. This was natural but it was also a clear demonstration of the significance of the birth of John the Baptist.

The Archangel Gabriel announces to our Blessed Mother Mary that she will also bear a son. At that same time, he revealed to Mary that her cousin Elizabeth was six months pregnant. Mary journeys to visit Elizabeth. You may recall that during that visit the baby “leapt” in Elizabeth’s womb when Mary greeted her. John the Baptist knew even then that this was the Messiah.

The Church selected June 24 for John’s birthday, not because there is any definite record that is when it occurred, but because that is in keeping with the birth of Jesus six months later. St. John the Baptist began his public ministry around 30 A.D. He was known for attracting large crowds throughout Judea and near the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized in the Jordan, John knew Him and said, “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me.” (Mt 3:14)

John not only recognized the divinity of Jesus, he emphasized it with his sizable following. He told his followers to turn to Christ, who he called the Lamb of God. Many of John’s followers became what we might term to be the first Christians.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

***160 Holt Spur Drive
Jamestown, Tennessee 38556
Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor***



June 23, 2018

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

**Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)
Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)
Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)
Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)
Father Michael Sweeney: Rectory 865-882-9838
Emergency: 865-216-6453**



Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
June 30, 2018

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**Readers:** W. Allen / P. Dalton / M. Criswell  
**Altar Servers:** M. Mahon / S. Mahon  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / D. Hailey  
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June Sacristan: April Hatfield
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
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Bulletin: Mary Germann
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**INTENTIONS**



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Terry McDonald; Mike & MaryLee Baldalament; Philip Adkins, relative of the Brayton family; and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

**ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS**

**June 16, 2018**

Parish: \$ 167  
Building Fund: \$ 155

Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: NA / 10  
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MASS INTENTIONS

June 23, 2018

For the repose of the souls of **Paul and Doris Rindler**;
Requested by their children: **Jim, June, Margaret, Patricia, Mary Ann, Mark, Rosemary, John and Barbara.**
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The July – September 2018 schedule for readers and Eucharistic ministers is in the narthex.  
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The next **Parish Pastoral Council meeting (PPC)** will be Wednesday, **July 11th** at 6:00 pm in the parish hall.
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The next **St. Mother Teresa guild meeting** will be held on Thursday, **July 19<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am in the parish hall.  
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The **KoC** will have it's next **Council meeting** Tuesday **July 10th** in Crossville. The rosary will be said at 5:30 pm and the meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)
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**July 7<sup>th</sup>**     **Readers:** M. Criswell / W. Allen / S. Mahon  
                  **Altar Servers:** J. Brayton / S. Brayton  
                  **Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Savastano / J. Vaughn  
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July 14th **Readers:** W. Allen / P. Dalton / M. Criswell
 Altar Servers: F. Schuch / A. Stucker
 Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahon / S. Mahon