

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 24, 2018

MONDAY:

- ❖ Our Lady's Prayer Group after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- ❖ Grupo de Evangelizacion, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:

- ❖ **FUNERAL MASS** for Graciela Avila, 11:00 a.m.
- ❖ Ultreya, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

- ❖ **HABRÁ UNA REUNIÓN PARA LECTORES Y MINISTROS** a las 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:

- ❖ Hora Santa, 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY:

- ❖ Sacrament of Reconciliation, **3:15-4:30 p.m.** (or by appointment during the week)
- ❖ Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. (en español); 7:00 p.m. (English).

i have called you
by name,
you are
Mine



FUNDRAISER FOR HIGH SCHOOL STEUBENVILLE RETREAT:

Today, the high school students are serving breakfast after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and Tacos after the Spanish Mass to raise money for a retreat they are attending in Spokane at the end of July. Registration for the retreat is \$165.00 and two nights in a hotel is around \$100 per student. Please support their efforts.

RAFFLE: The High School Youth will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win an ice chest, fishing pole, folding chair, and more! Tickets are only \$1.00, but the more you buy, the better the odds! Thank you to Anthony and Tina Gonzalez of Quincy Hardware and Lumber for donating the items for the raffle.



FUNERAL DINNER HELP: We are in need of food and help for the dinner on Tuesday for the family of Graciela Avila. Irma has a hard time reaching people on the phone, so make sure she has your number correct. Thank you in advance..... Please pray for Graciela's family during this difficult time.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

LA COLECTA PETER'S PENCE: Hoy es la Colecta Peter's Pence, una colecta a nivel mundial que financia las obras de Caridad del papa Francisco. Los fondos de esta colecta ayudan a las víctimas de guerra, opresión y desastres naturales. Tomen esta oportunidad para unirse al papa Francisco y sean testigos de la caridad por nuestros hermanos y hermanas que sufren. Por favor, sean generosos hoy. Para más información, visiten www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK – People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, refugee resettlement, and more. Religious freedom protects the space in which we can continue to serve. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek! Because religious freedom and conscience protection are threatened even in our own state, please help our Bishops by joining the Catholic Advocacy Network at www.thewsc.org.

Quo Vadis Days 2018: Attention all Catholic young men ages 13-19. Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend our Quo Vadis Days Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD will be held from July 30th - August 1st, 2018 at Holy Family Parish, Yakima, WA. Registrations are due on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. The cost of the camp is \$50.00 (Scholarships are available). If you are interested, please contact Father Felipe Pulido at Saint Joseph Parish in Yakima or Michael Kelly at 509-367-5297. For more information visit www.yakimadiocese.net.



Atención a todos los jóvenes Católicos de 13-19 años de edad. ¿Sabes a dónde va tu vida? Nuestro Señor Jesús tiene un gran plan para ti! Estas invitado a asistir a nuestro Campamento Anual Quo Vadis Days para pasar tiempo con otros jóvenes de tu edad escuchando la llamada del Señor en tu vida mientras te diviertes. QVD se llevará a cabo el 30 de julio – 1ro de agosto 2018 en la Parroquia de la Sagrada Familia en Yakima, WA. El costo del retiro es \$50 (becas disponibles). Registros se reciben hasta el miércoles, 18 de julio del 2018. Si estas interesado, por favor comunícate con el Padre Felipe Pulido (509) 248-1911.



THREE TO BE ORDAINED TO PRIESTHOOD JULY 3:

Bishop Joseph J. Tyson will ordain Deacons Jesús Alatorre, César Izquierdo and Jesús Mariscal to the Order of Presbyter Tuesday, July 3 at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church, 1111 Stevens Drive, in Richland. All are invited to attend the Ordination Mass. Father Alatorre, who recently graduated from Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, will begin his first assignment as a parochial vicar at St. Paul Cathedral Parish later in July. Fathers Izquierdo and Mariscal, will return to Rome for advanced studies. Please keep these men in your prayers as they complete their preparations for priesthood.



Celebration of Faith

2018 CHAMPION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION - SPECIAL HONOREE:

MSGR JOHN ECKER: Sixty years ago, Msgr. Ecker came to the Yakima Diocese from Boston and stayed to serve the people of the Yakima Valley. For thirty-three of those years, Msgr. Ecker has served as school pastor for St. Paul Cathedral School. In 2017, he assisted with the school move and renaming to Christ the Teacher to ensure that the legacy of Catholic education in Yakima would continue long into the future. Msgr. Ecker will be honored during the Celebration of Faith Saturday, October 13, 2018 at the Yakima Convention Center. \$110/person; \$1100/table. Register by calling 509-972-3732 or by email at jchapman@cwccatholicfoundation.org.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OFFERS MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP: All incoming sixth- through ninth-graders are invited to grow in faith and have fun at Camp Breakaway, July 30 through August 3, at Camp Touchet in Dayton, Washington. Sponsored by Youth Ministry at Holy Spirit Parish in Kennewick, Camp Breakaway first began in July 2000.

The experience offers prayer and worship, hiking, campfires, crafts and music. The cost is \$150 if paid by June 30 or \$175 after June 30. To register or learn more, contact Pat Moore at (509) 735-8558 or pat@holyspiritkennewick.org or visit the parish website: holyspiritkennewick.org under Youth Faith Formation.



CENTRAL WASHINGTON CATHOLIC YOUTH CAMP! For kids 10 – 18, August 19th - 24th at YMCA Camp Dudley, west of Yakima near White Pass! For more info and to make reservations, see our website, cwcyc.org. Questions? Call Mike, 509-699-1235.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JUNE 30!

EL CAMPAMENTO JUVENIL DE WASHINGTON CENTRAL! Para chicos 10-18 años, de Agosto 19 al 24 en el YMCA Camp Dudley, al Oeste de Yakima cerca de la Cima White Pass. Para mas informes y hacer reservaciones, vea el sitio web, cwcyc.org. Preguntas? Llame a Martha, 509-888-2051. **¡EL ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA REGISTRARSE ES EL 30 DE JUNIO!**

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Saturday - Lectors: Bev McDonald and Irma Sepulveda; Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck and Debbie Graaff

Sunday - Lectors: Theresa Flinn and Nancy Tax; Eucharistic Ministers: Cleora Royston, Joan Schuler, Dena Ybarra, John and Linda Couture

OFFERTORY COLLECTION, June 17: \$3235.00

Do you need summer help cleaning or simple yard work? Call Teresa at 770-5335.

REFLECTION..... *By Scott Hahn*

The people in this week's Gospel are frightened and amazed by the mysterious events surrounding the birth of John. Only his mother and father, Elizabeth and Zechariah, know what this child will be. John the Baptist was fashioned in secret, knit by God in his mother's womb, as we sing in this Sunday's Psalm. From the womb he was set apart, formed to be God's servant, as Isaiah declares in this week's First Reading.

The whole story of John's birth is thick with Old Testament echoes, especially echoes of the story of Abraham. God appeared to Abraham and promised that his wife would bear him a son; He announced the son's name and the role Isaac would play in salvation history ([Genesis 17:1, 16, 19](#)). The same thing happened to Zechariah and Elizabeth. Through His angel, God announced John's birth to this righteous yet barren couple. He made them call John a special name—and told them the special part John would play in fulfilling His plan for history ([Luke 1:5-17](#)).

As Paul says in today's Second Reading, John was to herald the fulfillment of all God's promises to the children of Abraham ([Luke 1:55, 73](#)). John was to bring the word of salvation to all the people of Israel. More than that, he was to be a light to the nations—to all those groping in the dark for God.

We often associate John with his fiery preaching ([Matthew 3:7-12](#)). But there was a deep humility at the heart of his mission. Paul alludes to that when he quotes John's words about not being worthy to unfasten the sandals of Christ's feet. John said, "[Christ] must increase. I must decrease" ([John 3:30](#)).

We must have that same attitude as we seek to follow Jesus. The repentance John preached was a turning away from sin and selfishness and a turning of our whole hearts to the Father. We must decrease so that, like John, we can grow strong in the Spirit until Christ is made manifest in each of us.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Patrick and Laura Escure are planning a trip to the Holy Land in January. For more information contact them at 785-5735.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: If you love a woman who experienced abortion before you met her, you might find your current relationship with her is being impacted by some of her symptoms. We invite you to explore offering the retreat to your wife as a gift and assure her that you would like to accompany her as she goes to deal with this painful event in her history. If God is calling you to hope and healing OR to minister to those in need of hope and healing here in our local community, please contact Lisa Petersen (509-421-7847 or lisapetersen65@gmail.com) for more information. Your call will be kept completely confidential.

VIÑEDO DE RAQUEL Si usted ama a una mujer quien a experimentado aborto antes de conocerla, podría enterarse que su actual relación con ella está siendo impactada por algunos de sus síntomas. Le invitamos a que explore ofrecer el retiro a su esposa como un regalo, dígame que a usted le gustaría acompañarla cuando ella vaya a enfrentar ese doloroso evento en su historia. Lo esta llamando Dios a esperanza y sanación O a ministrar a aquéllos en necesidad de esperanza y sanación aquí en nuestra comunidad local, por favor llame a Lisa Petersen (509-421-7847 ó lisapetersen65@gmail.com) para más información. Su llamada será extríctamente confidencial.

COMING UP around the Diocese.... (details in the narthex)

- **August 5th:** Priest vs. Seminarian Soccer Match. (5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Marquette Stadium – Yakima).
- **August 11th:** Ride D'Vine for Catholic Charities Yakima in the Diocese of Yakima.