

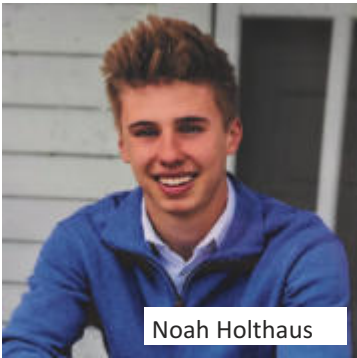
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# Saint John *the* Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

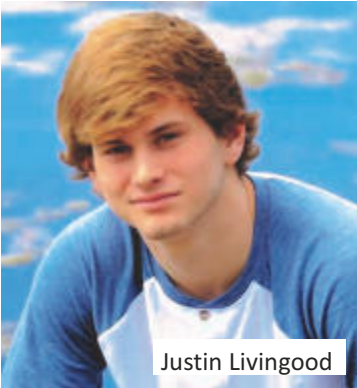
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Love  
One another

*A new command I give you:  
Love one another. As I have loved you,  
so you must love one another.*

*John 13:34-35*

*Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." — Jn 13:33a, 34a*

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Amanda Tool

Congratulations to all of St. John's Parish graduates. Those graduating from Clinton High School are pictured at left. And congratulations to Erin Finger who received her Master's Degree from Illinois State University last weekend. May God's blessings be on all of you.

class of  
**2019**

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Monday, May 20th**

**8:00 am Mother's Day Novena**

*Tuesday, May 21st*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Wednesday, May 22nd**

**8:00 am Mother's Day Novena**

*Thursday, May 23rd*

*8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*

**Saturday, May 25th, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 pm + Albert Ochs**

**Sunday, May 26th, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**8:30 am + Clara McGreal**

*10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC*



A reminder, that throughout the month of May, we pray the rosary before weekend Masses in honor of our Blessed Mother. The rosary begins approximately 20 minutes before Mass begins. Please join us!

Collection Counters this week are  
**Denny Madix and Troy Vanover.**  
Thank you for serving in this way.

## Prayers for Those in Nursing Homes

Gloria Case, Millie Frese, Don Jackson, Dorothy Kuntz, Marie Riegel, Mary Ann Ryan.



## Prayers for the Sick

Janet Ashby, Nancy Askins, Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Phyllis Fehr, Msgr. Albert Hallin, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Deacon John Leonard, Kathy Lockwood, Tina Mannix, Joni Mollet, Sally Waite, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Nikki Welch, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Guy Wisegarver.



**Saturday, May 11th 4:00pm  
and  
Sunday, May 12th 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes.....\$2,820.00  
Loose.....\$187.00  
Total Collection.....\$3,007.00

Outreach Collection \$1,344.00

## St. John's Parish

### Annual Diocesan Appeal

We have received a nice response from the letters that were recently mailed to those who had not yet pledged to the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal. But we would like to hear from all of you. Together we can accomplish many works of faith, hope and charity. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are pledge cards/envelopes at the church entrances. Please remember, every dollar raised to make our goal supports important diocesan ministries, and every dollar raised over our goal will be kept in the parish to help us with our current parish projects. To those who have pledged, we are most grateful! Thank you.



**ADA 2019 Goal - \$30,461**

### Adult Education Opportunity

On **Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30pm**, there will be a gathering to talk about Mary. Since May is the month dedicated to Mary, there have been some requests to learn more about Mary and her role in the life of the Church. We will address some Theology and also touch on appearances of Mary and Marian Devotion. You are invited to join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30pm.

### Memorial Day Mass

Memorial Day is Monday, May 27th. Please make note that there will be **no 8:00am Mass** at St. John's Clinton that day. A special Memorial Day Mass will be offered at St. Joseph Cemetery in Farmer City at 9:00am. Call the Parish Office for directions. All are welcome.

### Catholic Funeral Planning

Recently, we have received several inquiries about the proper planning of Catholic funerals. Brochures for "Understanding and Planning Catholic Funerals" are now available on the table in back of Church. These brochures are free of charge and contain a lot of good information that will hopefully aid you in your advanced planning. Please feel free to take one home with you.

### Church Bell Song

On Saturday, May 25th at 5:10pm, the church bell carillon will play "You Light Up My Life" donated by Bev & Howard Hartsock in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary. You too can have the song of your choice played on a specific day and time for your special intention. The cost is only \$10 for a weekday and \$15 for a weekend day. Just stop by or call the Parish office during business hours.



# May Crowning 2019



Above right: This year Sarah Mills had the honor of crowning Mary at last Sunday's May Crowning.



Last Sunday at the 8:30am Mass, CCD students participated in a May Crowning in honor of our Blessed Mother. Students processed with rose bouquets that were placed around Mary's statue.

## Mass for New Catholics & First Communicants

On Sunday, June 2nd at 10:30am Bishop Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. invites all those who entered the church this year and all those who received their First Communion this year to a special Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria. If you received your First Communion this year you are encouraged to wear your First Communion outfits (suit, dress, veil etc.) If you entered the church this year you are encouraged to bring all those who supported you on your spiritual journey ( family, friends, sponsors, RCIA team members etc.). Your bishop is looking forward to celebrating this Mass with you.

## Hiring Development Coordinator

Epiphany Parish in Normal is hiring a Part-time Development Coordinator. This position will provide leadership and continuity for all fundraising and development activities for Epiphany Parish and School. The Development Coordinator will begin as a part-time position, approximately 25 hours per week. Compensation will include a base salary plus incentive compensation based on results achieved. Please see the link on the parish ([epiphanyparish.com](http://epiphanyparish.com)) or school ([epiphanyschools.org](http://epiphanyschools.org)) website for a full job description and guidance on the application process. Resumes and cover letters will be accepted until midnight on May 24th.

Today's Gospel returns us to the table of the Last Supper where Jesus' primary sign of self-giving was the washing of his disciples' feet. John makes the point that Jesus washed everyone's feet and adds that Judas had received food from Jesus' own hand. Today's passage begins at night, just after Judas left the group.



From the beginning of this supper, the Gospel of John shows Jesus as the servant, the least among them all. In this passage from the Last Supper, Jesus offered himself fully even to the one who was to betray him. This is symbolic of everything that is to come in the Passion; it reveals the glory of God who is all love and forgiveness, whose faithfulness to sinful human beings cannot be overcome, not even by betrayal on the part of Jesus' closest friends or the chosen people. God's glory is the act of loving that nothing can diminish.

Deepening their awareness that he was pronouncing his last testament, Jesus told them he would be with them only a little longer. Then, he put into words what he had already taught them through the symbolic actions of washing their feet and sharing their food: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." He didn't simply ask them to love one another; he set himself up as the model for what love means. As he had said at supper, they were to wash each other's feet. This was truly a new commandment. Now, their measure of love was not to be determined by their feelings, their blood or cultural ties, but by the love of God the Creator who recognizes no divisive or categorizing distinctions among human creatures.

The stunning part of the command is realized in the second clause, "as I have loved you." Jesus said this to the disciples whose feet he had just washed. Before they could love as he did, they had to comprehend how greatly they were loved. Fulfilling Jesus' command to love is not a task that

**He poured water  
into a basin and began  
to wash his  
disciples' feet ...**

John 13:5



can be accomplished, it is a response to receiving love. Jesus was telling his table companions that their communion with him and one another would empower their loving. It would reveal the glory of God just as Jesus would reveal it by being lifted up. Their self-giving service would be the sacrament that would make them a sign and source of salvation for the world.



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