

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

January 8, 2006

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Our Parish Vision

In the name of the Father, we, the Catholic community of St. John the Baptist, empowered by the Holy Spirit, the sacraments and prayer, seek to follow the call of Jesus Christ by sharing our individual gifts and talents. Our mission is:

To Love, Serve and Reach out.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. John Kalicky, CPPS Pastor
Rev. Gary Scherer, CPPS Associate Pastor
Deacon Joseph Manchak
Brother Terry Nufer, CPPS In Residence

Business Office

Florence Gazda, Louise Kaminsky

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Religious Formation.....473-7557
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Baptism.....473-7557
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Life Teen Coordinators:
Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283
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Cafeteria.....659-3041
Gymnasium.....473-7556
Helping Hands.....473-7554
Marian Theatre.....473-7555
Panel Room.....659-3041



Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM;
Sunday Lifeteen Mass 5:30 PM
Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass 7:00 AM
School Children's Mass..... 8:30 AM Tues., Wed., Fri.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Every Saturday.....3:30-4:00 PM
Thursday before First Friday of the month...4-5 PM
Weekdays after the 7:00 AM Mass

Baptism

Call Diane Pupilava at 473-7557

Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Communion to the Sick and Shut-Ins

Sundays and First Fridays. Call the Rectory Office.

Hospital Calls

If you or one of your family members is entering the hospital, please inform the rectory.

Registration

Welcome to all. Please register by calling the rectory.

Business Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit bulletin articles by 1:00 PM Monday.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

THANK YOU

A parish Christmas celebration happens only when people willingly and unselfishly share their time and talent. Our thanks to...

...the servers, lectors, cantors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and sacristans;

...the members of the Adult choir;

...those who decorated the church, the rectory, outside crib, and star;

...those who generously shared their expression of love and support to the priests;

...those who celebrated the true meaning of Christmas by participating at Mass

Please note: The deadline to sign up for the volunteers appreciation luncheon is January 9th, refer to article for reservation information.

HOUSE BLESSING KITS

The feast of the Epiphany is celebrated Sunday, January 8. As in past years, House Blessing Kits will be given to each family after the weekend Masses to carry on the custom of blessing our homes in the new year. Within the kit you will find the House Blessing Prayer, instructions for blessing your home, holy water, and chalk. We continue the ancient custom inspired by the visit of the Three Kings. May our homes be places of welcome for all who enter them, and may the peace of Christ be shared by all who dwell therein.

PARISH BAPTISMS

Parish Baptism Rites are being celebrated during the 9 a.m. Masses on January 8, 15, and 22nd. Please keep our newest members and their families in your prayers.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR RECONCILIATION

Children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for this sacrament today with their families and our parish family. During the Rite, the children and their parents promise to continue to pray and prepare to receive this beautiful sacrament of healing.

RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS

Please contact Senators Bayh and Lugar to support President Bush's Judicial nominee Samuel A. Alito who has been nominated to replace retiring Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Alito has made four especially controversial rulings on abortion during his time on the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals. When he thought he could allow restrictions on abortion, Alito did so. Contact Bayh and Lugar through the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord
7:00 am Special Intention of Ann Kozak

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 am Intention of Paul & Mary Hric, 61st Anniversary & Birthday (83)

8:30 am †Dr. Joseph Ritzl Off: Wife, Fran & Family

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 am †Paul G. Kozak Off: Wife & Family

8:30 am †Michael Evano Off: Marian Evano, Daughter

Thursday, January 12

7:00 am †Florence L. Golding Off: Sanford & Janet Stein

Friday, January 13, Hilary, bishop, doctor

7:00 am †Alan D. Kaiser Off: James P. Wilfinger

Saturday, January 14

7:00 am †Norma Serrato Off: Family

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family, Jacqueline Delgado Quinceañera

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am For Our Parish Family

9:00 am For Our Parish Family

11:00 am For Our Parish Family

5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass for Youth of Whiting/Robertsdale Cluster



PRAY FOR...

Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Mary Danielson, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, Ann Mihalso, Jay Sheets, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Barbara V. Kotlowski
Mary M. Schultz
George Brazina
Margaret T. Franich

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

The conflicts in our world continue, and members of our parish community, family, or friends are serving in foreign lands. Please pray for these brave men and women:

Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormlely, Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., and Aaron Suarez.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Christmas.....	\$37,428.00
Loose.....	\$2,019.78
High School.....	\$78.25
Grade School.....	\$243.08
Weekly.....	\$3,785.00
Total for the Week.....	\$43,554.11

SACRIFICIAL GIVING JANUARY 1, 2006

Weekly.....	\$6,787.00
Loose.....	\$520.25
High School.....	\$34.50
Grade School.....	\$88.55
Total for the Week.....	\$7,430.30
Solemnity.....	\$4,916.93

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

At the November Cluster Meeting, church representatives agreed to share the responsibility of feeding the hungry through the monthly food drive. This project assists in the distribution of food through the Whiting/Robertsdale Food Pantry, held at Whiting City Hall the first and third Fridays of each month. Each cluster church has been asked to accept the responsibility of donating food on one Sunday of the month: First Sunday will be St. John; Second Sunday, St. Adalbert; Third Sunday, Immaculate Conception; and Fourth Sunday, Sacred Heart. When there is a Fifth Sunday, as in January, each church is asked to take a second collection to benefit the work of our Whiting St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you to all who accept the challenge of this corporal work of mercy! (Mt 25:31-45)



HIGH SCHOOLS ENTRANCE EXAM

Will be held at the following schools on Saturday, January 14, 2006 8 a.m. Bring two #2 pencils, pen and \$25.00 test fee. Calculators may be used.
Marian Catholic High School, 700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights, IL. 708-755-7565.
Mount Carmel High School, 6410 South Dante Ave. Chicago, IL. 773-324-1020 Ext. 265 Bill Nolan.
Mother McAuley High School, 3737 west 99th Street, Chicago, IL. 773-881-6511 Colleen Quinlan White



The American Red Cross has scheduled its annual blood drive at St. John the Baptist on Saturday, January 14, from 9 am—1 pm. Registration begins in the Panel Room promptly at 8:45 am. Interested donors can contact Mary Poppen at 659-8440 to reserve a specific time slot.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
BARAN FUNERAL HOME
 1235 -119TH STREET, WHITING
 219-659-4400

LUNCHEON HONORING PARISH VOLUNTEERS



The volunteer luncheon is an expression of appreciation to all those who volunteered their time and talent during the past year. The four parishes of St. Adalbert, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception and St. John join together to invite volunteers from its parishes to attend a "Thank You" luncheon. As a volunteer, you and your guest are invited to the luncheon on Sunday, January 15th at 12:30 pm in the St. John Panel Room. RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. Call the Panel Room (659-3041) or St. John Rectory (659-0023). Deadline is Monday, January 9, 2006. Much planning (seating, amount of food needed, etc.) goes into this event, so your cooperation is vital. Please call in your name and that of your guest before the deadline date. Also mention the parish to which you belong. Understandable, only those with reservations will be served. We look forward to a joyous celebration of our common discipleship and stewardship!

THANK YOU

To the Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Benedict's Court for their donation of \$150 to the St. John School Endowment Fund.

FAREWELL & THANK YOU!

To Joe Lazur who will be leaving his Custodial position after 3 years of dedicated service to the parish school, rectory and church. We thank you Joe, for your time, talent and many hours spent keeping the parish facilities in excellent shape.



WELCOME TO

Lionel LeMalle who will be replacing Joe Lazur. Lionel and his wife have re-located to this area from New Orleans after losing their house, truck, and pet dog in Hurricane Katrina.



WINTER FESTIVAL MEETINGS

Mark your calendars with the following dates for Winter Festival meetings. All meetings held at 7 pm: Mon., January 9; Wed., January 18; Mon., January 23; Mon., January 30; Mon., Feb. 6; and Mon., Feb. 13.

FAITH ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

Monthly meeting Monday, January 9th at 6:30 pm at the Sacred Heart "Rose Room". This will be a Christmas Celebration of the past year's blessings.

CRIME WATCH MEETING

The Whiting Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10th at 6:00 p.m., at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Room 200. Let's work together as one community to keep our neighborhoods safe! All are welcome.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, January 14

Lectors: J. Kozak, J. Wagner

Euch Min: E. Igras, M. Krull, M. Knazur,
D. McCampbell, N. Mitchell, C. Vrabel, J. Wozniak
Altar Servers: Robert Markovich, Stephanie Perz,
Taylor Pokraka

7:00 am, January 15

Lectors: R. Pesenko, R. Matlon

Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, D. Cuculich,
E. Matuska, M. Saliga, T. Barilla
Altar Servers: Tania Spezza, Katherine Staley,
Amanda Blackwell

9:00 am, January 15

Lectors: L. Barron, E. Remmers

Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, D&L Blackwell,
M. Jakubielski, ML Tonkovich
Altar Servers: Steven Radloff, Andres Ramirez, Brian
Reeves

11:00 am, January 15

Lectors: D. Bondi, K. Lannon

Euch Min: MJ Kansky, C. Lannon, D. Shimala, Erwin
Roldan, S. Rosendo, K. Saliga, M. Poppen, E. Duray
Altar Servers: Chelsae & Caleb Strabavy, Rachel
Boland

5:30 pm, January 15

Altar Servers: Greg Sienkiewicz, Anneliese
Szutenbach, Catherine Yoder

CARE CENTER

January 15: 10:00 a.m. J. Bobos, R. Mikola

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

January 9 & 10: Alec & Eric Rodriguez
January 11 & 12: Eric Roldan & Adam Rosado
January 13 & 14: Vincent Rossodivito & Natalie Serna

SHARE A RELIGIOUS TRADITION

Jacqueline S. Delgado along with her family will celebrate her Quinceañera on Saturday evening, January 14th, during the 4:30 p.m. Mass. After the homily Jacqueline will renewal her baptismal vows, make a public act of dedication to the Blessed Mother with a promise to imitate Mary's virtues. After a presentation of flowers to Mary's shrine, Jacqueline will be presented with religious gifts of a Blessed Mother Medal, a bible and rosary.

The Quinceañera ceremony (derived from the Spanish words "quince"- 15 and "años"- years) is a ritual that is several hundred years old and one of the few universal Latin American traditions which traces its beginnings to the Aztec Indians of South America. It embraces religious traditions and the virtues of family, faith, good moral principles and social responsibility. It is a celebration of young girl and recognition of her journey from childhood to maturity.

Congratulations to Jacqueline on this special occasion in her life!

PARISH DIRECTORY

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Leo Barron, Damian Bondi, Debbie Franko,
Anne Marie Gyure, Luz Gonzales, Robert Hildreth,
Colleen Lannon, Nancy Mitchell, Mary Poppen,
Martha Shimala, Dorris Weber, Janel Zubeck

FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Edward Bojda, Darlene Beerling, Dan Botich,
Linda Gajewski, Florence Gazda, Don Kaminsky,
Milan Kruszynski

COMMISSIONS:

STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

Bulletin.....Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky
Buildings/Grounds Director Don Kaminsky
Church/Rectory
School Building Facilities..... Joseph Lazur

EDUCATION

Director of Religious EducationDiane Puplava
Elizabeth Ministry: Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman
GymnasiumMatthew Saliga
Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores
Home/School Association Chair.... Charles Remmers
Panel Room Manager.....Carol Vargo
St. John School Advisory Board.....Chair: Deanne
Shimala, Anna Howard, Monique Jakubielski,
Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez, Scott Thrasher
St. John School Principal.....Thomas Feltz
Secretary.....Marilyn Schaufele
School Band DirectorRich Mlynarski
School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado
Cub Scouts..... Michael Maloney
Girl Scouts..... Jeannine Dabertin

PARISH LIFE

Holy Name Society.....Anthony Barilla
Homebound.....Deacon Joe Manchak
Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton
Marian Theatre Guild.....Martin Dybel
Pirohi MakersGeri Tumidalsky
Rosary Society.....Marsha Banik

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers..... Fr. Gary Scherer
Care Center Coordinator Joseph Kruczek
Environment.....Martin Dybel
Eucharistic Ministers..... Eve Duray
Lectors..... Nancy Gomez
Liturgy Committee..... Margaret Saliga
Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin
Parish Music Director.....Geraldine Hildreth
Prayer Group..... Marilou Tonkovich
Sacristan..... Margaret Matuska

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food Collection..... Thomas Chocholek
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Diane Kaminsky

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8 –Feast of the Epiphany

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism (SJ)
- 11:00 am Rite of Enrollment Reconciliation (SJ)
- 3:00 pm Free Concert Mexican & Polish Carols
St. John Cantius Church, East Chicago, IN
- 7:00 pm CPPS Companions

Monday, January 9 –TRIP Orders Due

- 10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
- 7:00 pm Festival Meeting (SJ)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Faith Enrichment (SA)

Tuesday, January 10

- 6:00 pm W/R Crime Watch, Rm 200, Cal. College
- 7:00 pm School Board
- 7:00 pm 2nd Baptism Preparation (SJ)

Wednesday, January 11

- 10:00 am FCSLA (SJ)
- 6:00 pm FFP Classes Grades 1-5 (SH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)

Thursday, January 12

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJ)

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

- 9:00 a.m.-1 pm Cluster Blood Drive (SJ)

Sunday, January 15

- 9:00 am 2nd Rite of Baptism (SJ)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:30 pm Appreciation dinner

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2005 Catholic Services Appeal officially ends Jan. 31, 2006. Please mail your pledge balance payment to be received by the CSA office by that date.

BNI CANDLELIGHT BOWLING FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 28th at Olympia Lanes, 4150 Calumet Ave., Hammond. Dinner begins at 9 pm; bowling at 10 pm. Donation \$25 per person--adults only--includes dinner and bowling. Dinner only (adults) \$10. Reservations due Jan. 20th. Call Jan Golden 219-931-6830. Proceeds benefit BNI students .