

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

January 15, 2006

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
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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

SPECIAL THANKS

We send special thanks to our cluster Life Teen members who assembled the House Blessing Kits that were distributed last Sunday. We also thank our teens for sorting all of the donations for our Adopt-A-Baby Advent Outreach. May God bless them for sharing their time with our community!

FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES

The students of our cluster Faith Formation Program and St. John School are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We, as members of their family of faith, are called to renew our own love and appreciation of this beautiful sacrament of God's forgiveness, mercy and healing as well as offer our prayers and support for these children during their time of preparation. The names of the candidates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation are listed on the insert in today's bulletin.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

During the past few weeks, parents and godparents have gathered in prayer and study to prepare for the baptism of their children. They have presented their children to the parish community of Saint John the Baptist. They have promised to raise their children in the faith of the Catholic Church.

We, as their family of faith, have witnessed the celebration of the first two Rites of Baptism. We have signed these children with the cross of Christ, promised to prayerfully support the parents and godparents, and publicly professed our own faith.

On Sunday, January 22nd at the 9 a.m. Mass, these children will receive new life in Christ through the waters of baptism and be anointed with the Oil of Chrism. You are invited to join with our entire parish to celebrate with these children and their families. During the days before this very blessed event, we ask you to keep these children in your prayers.

Alexandria Marie Delgado
Sophie Danielle Salazar

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 Alito thought he could allow restrictions on abortion, he did so. Also petition your U.S. Senators to approve Senator Brownback's ban on all human cloning. The bio-tech industry is pushing legislation that would permit cloning human embryos for lethal experimentation and the establishment of human embryo farms. Contact Bayh and Lugar through the Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 16

7:00 am †Margaret Sandrick Off: Hubsand, Edward

Tuesday, January 17, Anthony, abbot

7:00 am †Albina Wells Off: St. John Rosary Society

8:30 am †Henrietta Madura Off: Joanne Kanyur

Wednesday, January 18

7:00 am †Andrew & Julia Kaminsky Off: Son Don & Family

8:30 am †Nicholas C. Gansinger Off: M/M Ernest Kiekenapp

Thursday, January 19

7:00 am †John Bobos Off: Wife, Theresa & Family

Friday, January 20, Fabian, pope, martyr,
Sebastian, martyr

7:00 am †Margaret Duray Off: Kathy Duray

8:30 am †Ray, Jean & Steve Linko Off: Joe & Debbie Franko

Saturday, January 21, Agnes, virgin, martyr

7:00 am †Richard Samek Off: Helen & Children

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 22, Third 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, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, Ann Mihalso, Jay Sheets, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Betty Talabay

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., Eric Schaufele, and Aaron Suarez.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$10,765.95
Loose.....	\$607.70
High School.....	\$25.00
Grade School.....	\$169.57
Total for the Week.....	\$11,568.22

STEWARDSHIP

DOUBLE OUCH!! Our December NIPSCO bill is \$20,537.32. December was unusually cold and we are very grateful for the mild January temperatures. Lets hope they continue.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to share in an evening of prayer, thanking God for our precious gift of life. This cluster event will be hosted By St. John the Baptist Church on Sunday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from all the W/R Catholic churches will proclaim the Sacred Scripture readings and shared reflections. Mr. Kevin Scalf, a Missionary of the Precious Blood seminarian, is the guest speaker. Together, we pray that we may become a nation who reverences life in all its forms. May our nation move from a culture of death to a culture of life. We hope that you will attend this candlelight service.



MESSAGE FROM WHITING FOOD PANTRY

Thank you very much, parishioners, for your generous food donations. For Christmas the food pantry arranged seasonal packages, which included a ham and trimmings, for the needy families in the community, hoping to provide some semblance of a holiday atmosphere in the home settings.

The support of this community effort is appreciated, and even more so in the holiday season when we are challenged by the greater needs of these families. It is through your continued support that we can provide nourishment and assistance to the less fortunate members of our community during their time of need.

I like the new approach to a rotating schedule of food contribution at the individual churches of the cluster. As the people feed their bodies may they find the strength to feed their souls. I hope they realize they can find strength through the Lord and prayers.

Chuck Kosalko, Coordinator, Whiting Food Pantry

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
ADAMS LOCKS
1538 -119TH STREET WHITING
219-614-2139

GANG AWARENESS

The School City of Whiting is sponsoring a community forum on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Whiting High School Auditorium at 1800 New York Avenue (Door #18). The topic for discussion will be "Gang Awareness". The Whiting Police Department will be making the presentation, which will be followed with a question and answer session. Street gang prevention/intervention cannot be assigned as the sole responsibility of any one service agency. Gangs are not just a police problem, a school problem, or a family problem. Cooperation between parents, police, the community and government officials are proving to be the most effective. Everyone is welcomed.

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

Children all over the world are in need of a loving family. Sunny Ridge Family Center invites you to attend a free Adoption Information Meeting, Monday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 pm, at the Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Avenue, in Munster. Come learn the requirements and process for adopting. For more information or to register, call 219-836-2117, or visit the website at www.sunnyridge.org.

THANK YOU "PIROHI LADIES"

We are grateful to Geri Tumidalsky and her team of Pirohi Ladies. Their hard work netted the parish \$4,578.00. This is a wonderful testimony of what a good and delicious Pirohi they produce, the best in the area. Thank you Ladies!

DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The DCCW invites all women of the Gary diocese to their quarterly meeting to be held at St. James in Highland, Indiana, on Wednesday, January 18th at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$4 per person. Questions? Call Margaret 659-4138.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, January 19th starting with services at 1:15 p.m. in church; meeting to follow in the Mural Room. Group 10 with their Promoter, Berdie Chiluski, will host the social hour of cards and bunco.

WINTER FESTIVAL MEETINGS

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

LATE NITE CATECHISM

Dinner & Show on Saturday, February 4, at St. Florian Gymnasium, 131st & Houston Avenue, in Hegewisch. Doors open at 5 p.m.; play starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Includes a delicious pasta dinner. Cash Bar. Free Parking. There is limited seating, so call 773-646-4877 to reserve your tickets.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, January 21

Lectors: F. Gazda, F. Stofcik
 Euch Min: R&B Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk, E. Igras, G&C Rosen,
 J. Wozniak

Altar Servers: Kyle Brown, Drew Dybel, Adam Flores

7:00 am, January 22

Lectors: M. Saliga, D. Guiden
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, J&G Blackwell,
 C. Pesenko, L. Barron

Altar Servers: Carlo, Jr. & Carla Casas, Donnella
 Casillas

9:00 am, January 22

Lectors: E. Bojda, R. Jakubielski
 Euch Min: I. Dominguez, J&D Franko, R&J Zubeck,
 K. Scaif

Altar Servers: Hunter Banas, David Boland, Joseph
 Franko

11:00 am, January 22

Lectors: M. Bibat, R. Mikola
 Euch Min: M&K Wagner, J. Bondi, Evelyn Roldan,
 S. Rosendo, C. Vrabel, D. Shimala, E. Duray

Altar Servers: Katherine Chiluski, Emily Curosh,
 Amanda Delinck

5:30 pm, January 22

Altar Servers: Emily & Hillary Vargo, Julian Gonzalez

CARE CENTER

January 22: 10:00 a.m. N. Gomez, J. Kaminsky

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

January 16 & 17: Joseph Bondi & Ryan Brown
 January 18 & 19: Brittany & Matthew Bulatovich
 January 20 & 21: Jackie Camacho & Julio Casares IV

St. Vincent DePaul Society Annual Report 2005 Whiting-Robertsdale Cluster

Income	
Church collections, poor boxes	\$6,904.28
Private/group donations	3,683.00
Total	\$10,587.28
Expenses	
Client Aid	\$8,889.28
Dues/Contributions to Dist. Council	465.00
Operating Expenses—stamps, etc.	144.00
Total	\$9,498.28

We aided 217 families with financial assistance:
 Rental assistance — 87 Medical assistance — 3
 Utility assistance — 124 Food Vouchers — 3

We also aided 12 families with donated food, clothes, furniture, and household items. The Migrant Workers Project provided personal care items, clothes, and fans to men working at farms in our area. The St. Vincent DePaul Society sincerely thanks all of you for your generous and prayerful support of this ministry. God bless all of you!

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 15

- 9:00 am 2nd Rite of Baptism (SJ)
- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:30 pm Appreciation dinner

Monday, January 16

- No School (SJ) Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, January 17 -TRIP Pick Up

- 7:00 pm 3rd Baptism Preparation (SJ)
- 7:00 pm H.S.A. Meeting (SJ)
- 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (SH)

Wednesday, January 18

- 6:00 pm FFP Classes Grades 1-5 (SH)
- 7:00 pm Festival Meeting (SJ)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (IC)



Thursday, January 19

- 1:15 pm Rosary Society (SJ)
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Formation (SJ)

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am 3rd Rite of Baptism (SJ)
- 11:00 am Rite of Enrollment Confirmation (SJ)



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 .