

*All Are Welcome . . .*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

January 22, 2006

THIRD 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  
Deacon Joseph Manchak  
Brother Terry Nufer, CPPS ..... In Residence

## Business Office

Florence Gazda, Louise Kaminsky

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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



**WELCOME TO GOD'S  
NEW CHILDREN**

Today at the 9 am Mass, Alexandria Marie Delgado and Sophie Danielle Salazar receive New Life in Christ through the Waters of Baptism. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as they begin this journey of faith.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION

Our next series of parish baptisms will begin with the First preparation session on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Diane Puplava (219-473-7557) or dpuplava@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

### CONFIRMATION RITE OF ENROLLMENT

The Rite of Enrollment for those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated today. Fifty-seven students from St. John School and our cluster Faith Formation Program come before our faith community to pledge their continued prayer and study as they prepare to be confirmed by Bishop Melczek on March 4<sup>th</sup>. The Rite of Enrollment for the five high school students preparing for Confirmation will be celebrated during the Life Teen Mass today. A list of the Confirmation Candidates names will be posted at the entrances of the church. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers during the coming weeks.



### 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.

If you would like to add a name to this prayer list, please call the parish office.

### LIFE TEEN AND SPIRIT DAY

All High School Students interested in helping with Spirit Day (February 26<sup>th</sup>) are invited to attend our next Life Night (after the 5:30 pm Mass on January 22<sup>nd</sup>) to help plan the day. If you have any questions please call Candi Stapleton at 219-659-1663 or Marjie Biel at 219-973-1283.

St. Vincent DePaul special collection  
Next Sunday, January 29.

## Mass Intentions

Monday, January 23

7:00 am †Paula Dybel Zabrecky Off: Mother, Mary Therese

Tuesday, January 24, Francis de Sales, bishop, dr.

7:00 am †Margaret T. Franich Off: Geraldine Kortokrax

8:30 am †Deceased of Murzyn & Fech Families Off: Bev & Bob Murzyn

Wednesday, January 25, Conversion of Paul, Apostle

7:00 am †Henry H. Wintczak Off: M/M Harry Kulik

8:30 am †Hank Palmisano Off: The Evano Family

Thursday, January 26, Timothy and Titus, bishops

7:00 am Intention of John & Fran Kulas  
60th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, January 27, Angela Merici, virgin

7:00 am †Adeline Dubich Off: George & Wanda Dubich

8:30 am †Louis & Elizabeth Mashura Off: Son, Richard Mashura

Saturday, January 28, Thomas Aquinas, priest, dr.

7:00 am †Martha Kashak Off: Greg Geffert

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 29, Fourth 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



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, Ann Mihalso, Jay Sheets, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnecik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



John J. Vega, Rose Leslie, Edward Korosi, and Joanne Marie Juscik (sister of Joe Pokraka)

Something to Ponder...

The highest reward for a person's toil is not  
what he gets for it;

But what he becomes by it.

John Ruskin

## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly .....	\$7,976.00
Loose.....	\$511.30
High School.....	\$28.50
Grade School.....	\$171.71
Total for the Week.....	\$8,687.51

### CANDLE BLESSING

You are reminded that on the feast of the Presentation of our Lord it is customary to receive a blessed candle to be burned within the home during fearful or sad as well as joyful times. You are invited to bring a candle from home to be blessed during the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Such blessed objects become sacramentals, leading us closer to Jesus, our light. Bring the light of Christ into your home and share his light and love with everyone.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.



### LIFETEEN

We're always looking for snacks and goodie donations on LifeTeen "LifeNights." Parishioners and parents can donate chips, pop, snacks or even make desserts or side dishes and drop them off at any youth night after 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sundays in St. John School. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help to feed the growing spirits of our parish teens! Contact Candi 659-1663 for information.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CIRCLE #81

Will hold their FINAL meeting Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Whiting. All members are urged to attend! Information regarding other D of I Circles will be available for those wishing to continue their membership in the organization.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK  
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### WINTER FESTIVAL MEETINGS

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

### FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return your raffle tickets for the Winter Festival. You may drop them in the collection basket or rectory drop box. Extra tickets are available in the Rectory during business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

### TRIP SCHEDULE

Order Date	Pick up Date
1/23	1/30
2/6	2/13

### CATHEDRAL ARTS CONCERT SERIES

A Winter Organ Recital by H. Ricardo Ramirez from Cathedral of the Holy Name in Chicago, will be held Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at St. Mary of the Lake Church, 6060 Miller Avenue, in Gary, Indiana. A free will offering will be accepted. For information or directions call 219-882-6079 or 219-531-0922.

### GANG AWARENESS

The School City of Whiting is sponsoring a community forum on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 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 welcome.

### 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](http://www.sunnyridge.org).

### LATE NITE CATECHISM

Dinner & Show on Saturday, February 4, at St. Florian Gymnasium, 131<sup>st</sup> & 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 28

Lectors: J. Wagner, A. Perz  
 Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, MJ Kansky, N. Mitchell,  
 M. Poppen, J&D Franko  
 Altar Servers: Colin Chiluski, Nicholas & Zack  
 Curosh

### 7:00 am, January 29

Lectors: R. Matlon, T. Barilla  
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, L. Barron, B. Chidalek,  
 E. Matuska, J&G Blackwell  
 Altar Servers: Katelyn Kruszynski, Christine  
 Lewandowski, Jessica Lopez

### 9:00 am, January 29

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, F. Powell  
 Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, JL Tonkovich, M. Jakubielski,  
 A. Jurek, D. Weber  
 Altar Servers: Garret Goodwin, Jessica Hatzel,  
 Krystle Howard

### 11:00 am, January 29

Lectors: K. Lannon, D. Botich  
 Euch Min: M. Knazur, C. Lannon, Erwin Roldan,  
 M&K Wagner, E. Igras, K. Saliga, E. Duray  
 Altar Servers: Emelie Lovasko, David Matura, Trinty  
 Mitchell

### 5:30 pm, January 29

Altar Servers: Joseph Igras, Alison Kouris, Jason  
 Kresich

### CARE CENTER

January 29: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska, L&C Remmers

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### 7:00 am

January 23 & 24: Daisy Cruz & Mikayla Dross  
 January 25 & 26: Joshua Flores & Rachel Grunhard  
 January 27 & 28: Rachel Hurtig & Alyce Jakubielski

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The IRS requires a written receipt only for contributions of \$250 or more. If you need a receipt for your contribution to the Catholic Services Appeal in 2005, please call the CSA Office at 219-769-9292 ext. 268, or e-mail jillyes@dcgary.org with your request. 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. A most sincere thank you to all those who have participated!

Just a Jest in Honor of Catholic Schools Week  
 Beginning January 29th...

My Spell Checker...Eye halve a spelling chequer. It came with my pea sea. It plainly marques for my revue miss steaks eye kin knot sea. Eye strike a key and type a ward, and weight four it to say weather eye am wrong oar write; it shows me strait a weigh. As soon as a mist ache is maid, it nose bee fore two long and eye can put the error rite, it's rare lea ever wrong! Eye have run this poem threw it. I am shore your pleased to no, it's letter perfect awl the weigh. My chequer tolled me sew!

## 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.....

### EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education .....Diane Puplava  
 Elizabeth Ministry: Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman  
 Gymnasium .....Matthew 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 Director .....Rich 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 Makers .....Geri 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 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)

Monday, January 23 TRIP Orders Due

- 10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Festival Meeting (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Finance Council School Board Meeting SJ

Tuesday, January 24

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJ)



Only 27 days until Winter Festival!

Friday, January 27

Saturday, January 28

Sunday, January 29

- Special Collection for St. Vincent de Paul
- 9:00 am Catholic Schools Week
- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite
- 7:00 pm Respect Life Service (SJ)

### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL

Will be hosting a Make Up Entrance and Scholarship Exam Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. for all interested eighth grade students. Students are asked to arrive by 7:45 a.m. and testing should conclude by 11:45 a.m. Bring two #2 pencils, the \$25 test fee and remember to eat a good breakfast. Information on the Honors, College Prep, College Bound and Enrichment programs as well as the tuition, transportation, scholarships and financial assistance specifics can be obtained by contacting Jeff Fielder k773-731-7272 Ext. 239. or check wed [www.sfdshs.org](http://www.sfdshs.org).