

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

January 29, 2006

FOURTH 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

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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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

At St. John the Baptist



RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week at St. John the Baptist School. The theme for Catholic Schools Week is Character, Compassion, and Values. At today's Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass, we honor our teachers and students. The theme for the Mass is Character, Compassion, and Values in our Parish. Following Mass all are invited to the Panel Room for a coffee and donut social. Art work and other student works will be on display.

Monday's theme is Character, Compassion and Values in our Nation.

Tuesday's theme is Character, Compassion and Values in our Community. Grandparents of children in pre-school through fourth grade are invited to 8:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a small breakfast with students in the Panel Room. Students may then take grandparents to class to work on morning school activities.

Wednesday's theme is Character, Compassion and Values in our Students. Students in grades five through eight will attend Mass with high school students at Bishop Noll Institute. A skating party at the Hammond Roller Rink is in store for the upper grades, while students in the lower grades will be treated to a movie in the Marian auditorium.

Thursday's theme is Character, Compassion and Values in our Vocations, extending special thanks to our priests and religious.

Friday's theme is Character, Compassion and Values in our Staff. The All-School 8:30 a.m. Mass will hold a special blessing for school staff. Since today is the Feast of St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after Mass. Everyone is invited to join our children at Eucharistic Devotions at 1:00 p.m.

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

Share in an evening of prayer, thanking God for our precious gift of life. This cluster event hosted by St. John the Baptist, is today, Sunday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from all the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic churches will proclaim the Sacred Scripture readings and shared reflections. Mr. Kevin Scalf, a Missionary of the Precious Blood seminarian, is 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. All are invited to this candlelight service.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 30

7:00 am †Augusta (Gusty) Bartowski Off: Ladies
Penna Slovak Catholic Union Branch #79

Tuesday, January 31, John Bosco, priest

7:00 am †Deceased Members John & Sophia
Kaminsky Family Off: Kaminsky Relatives
8:30 am Intention of Joseph & Vernamae Sotak
65th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 am †Eileen Tomko Off: Husband & Family

Thursday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

7:00 am †Ralph & Emma McCampbell (Anniv.) Off:
Dolores

Friday, February 3, Blaise, Bishop, martyr

7:00 am †Anthony & Pauline Tarastak Off:
Daughter, Anne
8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Sabol
Family Off: Donnie & Family

Saturday, February 4

7:00 am †Margaret Kussy Off: Lorraine & Richard
Davis
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 5, Fifth 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



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 Srencik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Mary Banik

CANDLE BLESSING

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. Bring a candle from home to be blessed during the 7 am Mass, Thurs., Feb. 2. 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.

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$10,335.50
Loose.....	\$555.67
High School.....	\$41.25
Grade School.....	\$165.60
Total for the Week.....	\$11,098.02
Latin America.....	\$1,774.50

PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTIONS

The selection process to replace the six members of the Pastoral Council, whose term expires the end of March, begins in February. An insert explaining what the council does, the qualifications for membership and nomination forms will be included in next Sunday's (February 5th) bulletin. Please consider nominating yourself or another parish member for these important parish positions.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

On the First Friday of the month, February 3, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at St. John the Baptist Church from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Benediction follows. Come to adore our Lord Jesus and pray for the dignity of life in all its aspects. We need to have someone present at all times. Sign up sheets for times will be available at the main entrance. Please sign up for one hour increments.

FEBRUARY FAITH FACTS

You are invited to the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Tuesdays during February from 1:00-2:30 p.m. to learn and share via the Fr. John Corapi video series on the Catechism and our Catholic Faith. If you have a personal Bible and the Catholic Catechism, bring them. Do come and be enlightened. Bring a friend and grow in your understanding of the facts of our faith. Refreshments will be served. Questions? Call Margaret 659-4138.

FREE HEALTH FAIR

The Whiting Lions Club, in conjunction with St. Catherine's Hospital, is sponsoring a free health fair, Saturday, Feb. 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Sacred Heart multipurpose room. Tests being offered include blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, hearing and more. For more information call 659-1658.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
WHITING SERVICE STATION
119TH & INDIANAPOLIS BLVD.
219-659-6844

MARIAN THEATRE GUILD AUDITIONS

For its spring production of Oscar Wilde's, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, directed by Leslie Evans. Auditions will be February 12, 13, 14 from 7-9:00 p.m., in the Marian Memorial Auditorium, 119th & Lincoln Ave., Whiting. We are in need of five men and four women of varying ages. Be prepared to audition with an English accent. Production dates are April 22, 23, 29 & 30th. For more information phone Marty Dybel at 219-659-2782.

HOMEBOUND PARISHONERS

Thirty homebound parishioners are receiving Holy Communion every Sunday through the efforts of our Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound. Their efforts are deeply appreciated and they have expressed how enriching and rewarding it is for them. Please keep our homebound in your prayers. If you know of a parish member that is ill or cannot attend Mass and wants to receive the Eucharist, please have them contact the rectory at 659-0023.

BLOOD DRIVE

On behalf of all those who will use the blood donated at your bloodmobile, thank you. A very special thank you is extended to bloodmobile coordinators Ms. Colleen Lannon and Ms. Mary Poppen for all their efforts in preparation of this operation, as well as to those who donated blood. The blood collected from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will help give many patients another chance. The goal was 25 units and we received 33 Productive units. Your support of American Red Cross Blood Services is greatly appreciated.

Janet Aiken, Chief Executive Officer
American Red Cross, Indiana

OFFICERS NEEDED

The Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union Branch 79 of Whiting is in need of officers to handle the business. We need a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary. Those interested in any position or even two positions, please contact Adele Blastick at 659-4495. If no one applies we will be forced to turn our Branch over to another local Branch.

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 Pupilava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

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

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, February 4

Lectors: L. Gonzalez, F. Gazda
 Euch Min: J&G Blackwell, J&D Franko, G&C Rosen,
 C. Vrabel
 Altar Servers: Kyle Kruszynski, Annie Labus, Erin
 Lawson

7:00 am, February 5

Lectors: R. Pesenko, Helen Marie
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, L. Kilander, C. Pesenko,
 E. Matuska, B. Chidalek, T&S Adam
 Altar Servers: Ryan Brown, Elliot Bibat, Jackie
 Camacho

9:00 am, February 5

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, F. Powell
 Euch Min: F. Delinck, I. Dominguez, Br. J. Hall,
 K. Scalf, R&J Zubeck, B. Delinck, E. Duray
 Altar Servers: Nickolas Lerma, Alex Lewandowski,
 Johnathon Lovasko

11:00 am, February 5

Lectors: M. Bibat, D. Bondi
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, R&B Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk,
 Evelyn Roldan
 Altar Servers: Brittany Bulatovich, Matthew Bula-
 toovich, Julio Casares IV

5:30 pm, February 5

Altar Servers: George Magurany, Javier Mena, Michelle
 Mirza

CARE CENTER

February 5: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

January 30 & 31: Jose Arteaga, Samantha Barilla
 February 1 & 2: Amanda Blackwell, Rachel Boland
 February 3 & 4: Joseph Bondi, Abby Bondi

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

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 re-
 quirements and process for adopting. For more in-
 formation or to register, call 219-836-2117, or visit
 the website at www.sunnyridge.org.

GANG AWARENESS

The School City of Whiting is sponsoring a commu-
 nity 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 Depart-
 ment 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.
 Cooperation between parents, police, community
 and government officials prove to be the most effec-
 tive. Everyone is welcome.

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 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 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)

Monday, January 30 TRIP Pick Up

10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

7:00 pm Festival Meeting (SJ)

7:00 pm Finance Council SJ

Tuesday, January 31

Wednesday, February 1

6:00 pm FFP Classes
Grades 1-5 (SH)

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)



Only 20 days until Winter Festival!

Thursday, February 2

7:00 am Mass and Candle Blessing

4:00-5:00 pm Confessions (SJ)

7:00 pm Faith Formation Board (SH)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SA)

Friday, February 3

Feast of St. Blaise, Blessing of throats after Masses

8:30 am Communion to Shut-ins

1:00-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJ)

Saturday, February 4

Food Drive (SJ)

Sunday, February 5

Food Drive SJ

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 C.P.P.S. Companions

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.