

*All Are Welcome . . .*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

February 5, 2006

FIFTH 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

## Telephone (219)/Website Information

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Parish website:.....sjbcatholicparish.org  
Parish Fax.....473-7551  
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www.myschoolonline.com/IN/stjohnbaptistschool  
Religious Formation.....473-7557  
St. John Program:  
Baptism.....473-7557  
RCIA.....473-7557  
Children's Faith Formation.....219-765-9916  
Life Teen Coordinators:  
Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283  
Candi Stapleton: Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com  
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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

### NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Now is the perfect time to renew or begin a subscription to the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. The subscription price is \$23 for 46 issues, (ONLY 50¢ an issue!) which includes the annual Diocesan Telephone Directory. In addition to award-winning coverage about local people of faith and events at your parish and in our diocese, you will receive national and international news on the Catholic Church told from a Catholic perspective. Among our special sections, you will find topics related to seniors, young adults, children, marriage and health, as well as advertisers you can trust. Keep in touch with your Catholic faith by submitting a check or money order for \$23 and dropping it in your parish collection basket at any of the Masses during the months of February and March.

### LIFE TEEN NEWS

This is a reminder to all teens that our next Spirit Day planning meeting will be held Sunday, February 5, immediately after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, in the Pastoral Center. If there are teens still interested in helping, please feel free to attend this meeting. Bring a friend! All are welcome. We need your help in making this Spirit Day a success for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you would like to help or have questions, please contact Candi Stapleton at 659-1663.

P.S. 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.

### SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS ANNUAL APPEAL

You are invited to contribute to the 2006 Slovak Catholic Federation SS. Cyril & Methodius Annual Appeal the weekend of February 26<sup>th</sup>. Funds from this collection will aid the priest-graduate students studying at the Pontifical College of SS. Cyril & Methodius in Rome, Italy. A percentage of the monies collected also goes to those religious congregations in Slovakia represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious, namely: Vincentian Sisters, Dominican Sisters, School Sisters of Saint Francis, Daughters of St. Francis, Sisters of the Order of St. Basil, and the Franciscan Fathers. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Slovak Federation Appeal." You may put it in the collection or in the Rectory drop box. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

## Mass Intentions

- Monday, February 6, Paul Miki & companions, martyrs  
7:00 am †Robert Golding Off: Richard Pramuk
- Tuesday, February 7  
7:00 am †Donald Michael Mores Off: M/M Paul Progar  
8:30 am †Alice M. Jurek Off: M/M John Payonk
- Wednesday, February 8, Jerome Emiliani, priest,  
7:00 am †Benjamin Pardinek Off: Joe Svetic  
8:30 am †Dorothy M. Maglish Off: M/M Andy Burch
- Thursday, February 9  
7:00 am Intention of Joseph Sotak, 92nd Birthday
- Friday, February 10, Scholastica, virgin  
7:00 am †Edward H. Barnaby Off: Ann & Jean  
8:30 am †Gene Franko Off: Michael Sulich
- Saturday, February 11, Our Lady of Lourdes  
7:00 am †Andrew J. Hrapcak Off: M/M Robert Canner  
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family
- Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00 am For Our Parish Family  
9:00 am For Our Parish Family, St. John Holy Name Society  
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, Magdalene Douchette, 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.



Michael Rusnack, father of Nancy Legg

### 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, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

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## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly .....	\$9,296.44
Loose.....	\$475.45
High School.....	\$34.50
Grade School.....	\$160.59
Total for the Week.....	\$9,966.98
St. Vincent DePaul .....	\$1,963.68

### 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 are included in today's, (February 5<sup>th</sup>) bulletin. Please consider nominating yourself or another parish member for these important parish positions.

### BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next series of parish baptisms will begin with the First preparation session on Tuesday, March 13 (note the corrected date!). Please contact Diane Pupilava (219-473-7557) or dpupilava@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

### HOMEBOUND PARISHONERS

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

### 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. Come and be enlightened. Bring a friend! Grow in your understanding of the facts of our faith. Refreshments served. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO PARISHIONERS

Joe Mitchell, student at Calumet College of St. Joseph who received the Express Personal Services Scholarship Award; and to Nicole Massoels who received the National Art Award by the United States Achievement Academy.

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219-473-1616

### 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, 119<sup>th</sup> & 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 & 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information phone Marty Dybel at 219-659-2782.

### FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETING

You are invited to join with members of all our W/R Catholic Churches on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sacred Heart Rose Room at 6:30 p.m. for our monthly meeting. We will be discussing our Lenten endeavors. Come with suggestions for the faith enrichment of our community. Everyone is always welcome. Questions? Call Margaret 659-4138.

### SERVICE OF LIGHT

The Elizabeth Ministry of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is sponsoring a Memorial Mass for families whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child in miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS or other cause of infant or early childhood death. Please join us at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 3025 Highway Ave., Highland, on Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. During the Mass, we will recognize by name the children who have passed away. You may also bring a photo or an item to be displayed near the altar during the Mass in remembrance of your loved one. For info call Sue Kresich 838-5755 or Kathy Dominguez at 924-9212.

### TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tuition assistance applications forms for the 2006-2007 school year are now available in the school office. Catholic students, members of St. John Parish who attend any diocesan school, grades 1-12, may apply. Kindergarten and pre-school students are not eligible. A \$19 nonrefundable processing fee must accompany the application. Approximately \$425,000 is distributed on the basis of need to assist Catholic parents in providing Catholic education and formation to their children. The filing deadline is March 3, 2006. This is the date completed applications must be returned to the pastor. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Parents will be notified of the results in writing by May 31, 2006.

FREE HEALTH FAIR: Saturday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Sacred Heart multipurpose room. For more information call 659-1658.

### ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

Sunny Ridge Family Center invites you to an Adoption Information Meeting, Mon., Feb. 6, 6:30 pm, at Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Avenue. Call 219-836-2117, or visit www.sunnyridge.org.

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

### 4:30 pm, February 11

Lectors: J. Wagner, J. Kozak

Euch Min: D. Cuculich, M. Krull, M. Poppen,  
J. Wozniak, D&L Blackwell, D. McCampbell

Altar Servers: Robert Markovich, Stephanie Perz,  
David Moats

### 7:00 am, February 12

Lectors: P. Banik, M. Banik

Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, E. Matuska,  
M. Saliga, C. Pesenko, T. Barilla

Altar Servers: Amanda Delinck, Mikayla Dross,  
Manuel Estrada

### 9:00 am, February 12

Lectors: E. Bojda, F. Powell

Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, E. Igras, J. Zubeck, A. Jurek,  
D. Weber, R. Zubeck, E. Duray

Altar Servers: Joshua & Jacob Pelletier, Taylor  
Pokraka

### 11:00 am, February 12

Lectors: N. Gomez, S. Silva

Euch Min: MJ Kansky, M. Knazur, C. Lannon,  
N. Mitchell, Erwin Roldan, S. Rosendo

Altar Servers: Maritza Castellano, Stephen & John  
Duha

### 5:30 pm, February 12

Altar Servers: Brian Reeves, Steven Radloff, Andres  
Ramirez

### CARE CENTER

February 12: 10:00 a.m. J. Bobos, R. Mikola

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### 7:00 am

February 6 & 7: Emily Curosh & Katherine Chiluski

February 8 & 9: Daisy Cruz & Donnella Casillas

February 10 & 11: Jakob Davis & Samuel DeCero

### CRIME WATCH MEETING GANG AWARENESS

The Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at Whiting High School Auditorium. It is followed by the Community Forum on "Gang Awareness" at 7:00 p.m. Please enter on 1800 New York Avenue (Door #18). The Whiting Police Department will be making the presentation on "Gang Awareness". A question and answer session follows. Take the opportunity to find out what is going on in your community.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Today's Gospel reading witnesses that even Jesus took a break from his work to go off and pray. Come away on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and let God guide your marriage into a deeper unity with each other and with Him. The next Weekends are February 17-19, April 28-30 (Merrillville), June 2-4, or August 4-6. For information or reservations, contact Mark & Mary at 800-553-3193 or [www.mechicago-gary.org](http://www.mechicago-gary.org).

## 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, 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

Monday, February 6 TRIP Orders Due

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

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

6:30 pm Faith Enrichment (SA)

7:00 pm Festival Meeting (SJ)

Tuesday, February 7

12:30 pm St. Ann Society (IC)

1:00-2:30 pm Video series Catechism & our  
Catholic Faith (SH Rose Room)

6:30 pm School Advisory  
Meeting (SJ)

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul  
(SH)



Only 13 days until Winter Festival!

Wednesday, February 8

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, February 9

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJ)

6:00 pm W/R Crime Watch, Whiting High School  
Auditorium, followed at 7:00 pm by  
Gang Awareness Forum

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

9:00 am—1:00 pm Free Health Fair (SH)

Sunday, February 12

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

### FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return your raffle tickets for the Winter Festival 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.