

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

February 19, 2006

SEVENTH 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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Religious Formation.....473-7557
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Baptism.....473-7557
RCIA.....473-7557
Children's Faith Formation.....219-765-9916
Life Teen Coordinators:
Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283
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or 659-1663
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.

PARISH LIFE



IT'S A JUNGLE IN HERE!

This year's Winter Festival is in full swing! Come join us for dinner! We have Polish sausage, tamales, pizza, beef sandwiches, cheesecake & coffee and more. Visit the Beer Garden or the Silent Auction. Have fun at the tip booths, game room or video game competition. There is also an arts & crafts booth, bake sale, disc jockey, and our very own "Lawrence (Kaminsky) Welk". Take a "moonwalk", have your face painted, or get a girls make-over. Sunday the Talent Show begins at 3 pm, with an American Style Dinner offered that evening. The Raffle will be held at the end of the evening at 9 pm. Bring family, friends, and neighbors for great food and a fun time in the "jungle."

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements of Church contributions for 2005 may be requested by calling the Rectory 659-0023 during office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Now is the time to subscribe 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. Keep in touch with people and news of your Catholic faith. Submit a check or money order for \$23 and drop it in the parish collection basket at any of the Masses during February and March.

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS ANNUAL APPEAL

You are invited to contribute to the Slovak Catholic Federation SS. Cyril & Methodius Annual Appeal the weekend of February 26th. Funds from this collection will aid the priest-graduate students studying at the Pontifical College of SS. Cyril & Methodius in Rome. A percentage also aids those religious congregations represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Slovak Federation Appeal," and place in the collection or Rectory drop box. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

LENTEN EVENING SERIES

The Faith Enrichment Committee offers an opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith via the Fr. John Corapi video and discussion series: The Teaching of Jesus Christ. Bring your Bible and your Catholic Catechism, if you have them. We will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. each Tuesday evening during Lent in the Sacred Heart Rose Room. Come and be spiritually enriched. Questions, call Margaret 659-4138.

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.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

7:00 am †Michael Rusnack Off: W/R Cluster Faith Formation

Tuesday, February 21, Peter Damian, bishop, dr.

7:00 am †Steve Mihalso Off: Wife, Ann

8:30 am †John & Ann Bodney Off: Dorothy

Wednesday, February 22, Chair of St. Peter, apostle

7:00 am †Ben & Terese Chilla Off: Sister, Clara

8:30 am †Charles Salley Off: Wife, Anne

Thursday, February 23, Polycarp, bishop, martyr

7:00 am †Maria Novakova Off: Lambert Novak

Friday, February 24

7:00 am †Dale Keith Off: Family & Friends

8:30 am †William Ferko Off: Wife & Family

Saturday, February 25

7:00 am †Michael Repay Off: Family

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 26, Eighth 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, Magdalene Douchette, Sophie Foley, Patricia Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Ann Mihalso, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

RESPECT LIFE

You are invited to a series of talks on end of life decisions, feeding tubes and living wills. The three speakers will be Gilbert Meilaender, a member of the President's Council on Bioethics, Gene Diamond, CEO of Sisters of St. Francis Health Care Services and Attorney Tom Gryzbeck, President of St. Margaret Mercy Health Care Centers. The talks continue Sunday February 19 and 26 at St. Paul Church, 1855 Harrison Blvd. Valparaiso from 1:00-3:00 pm. A light luncheon will take place preceding the talks at 1:00 p.m. For reservations call Mary Mauer 219-464-4831.

Pirohi will be sold Sunday February 26 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM in the Panel Room lobby. Noodles available while they last!

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$8,847.63
Loose.....	\$397.20
High School.....	\$29.50
Grade School.....	\$156.75
Total for the Week.....	\$9,431.08

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. If you would like more information explaining what the council does, the qualifications for membership, and nomination, please call the Rectory during business hours. Do 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.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION

Spring into a fruitful Lenten season by participating in the upcoming Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Rose Room, 1731 LaPorte Ave., Whiting. The Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to mark your personal calendar now and plan to join with believers as together we gain some profound spiritual insights. This year's guest presenter is Mr. Kevin Scalf, a Missionary of the Precious Blood seminarian, who will launch us into the Lenten journey of prayer, penance, and almsgiving. Come be encouraged and challenged. Questions? Call Margaret 659-4138.

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 about the Catechism and our Catholic Faith. If you have a personal Bible and the Catholic Catechism, bring them. Bring a friend! Grow in your understanding of our faith. Refreshments served. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

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, or other cause of infant or early childhood death. Please join us at 3025 Highway Ave., Highland, on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. You may 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.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

PETER D. ADAM, D.C. CHIROPRACTOR
221 S. Rt. 41, Suite B – Located in Omni 41
Scherville, IN 219-322-2205

LENTEN LUNCH BUNCH

The Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to learn with the Lunch Bunch at the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Tuesdays during Lent, 12:00-1:00 p.m. This year's topic is Pope John Paul II. The documentary video "Witness to Hope" will provide a springboard into discussion on Tuesdays, March 7, 14, and 21. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide beverages and spiritual nourishment. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

OLD PALMS

Please place your old palms into the baskets provided at the side exit or back of church. They will be burned after the 8:30 am Mass on Friday, Feb. 24, and will then be used to bless the faithful on Ash Wednesday.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, February 23rd starting with services at 1:15 p.m. in Church with meeting to follow in the Mural Room. Group 11 with their Promoter, Ann Klochan will host the social hour with cards and bunco. The Rosary Society would like to thank Marsha Banik for stepping up and taking the office of President and all the other officers for their hard work. The Officers for September 2005 to June 2007 are: Moderator Father John Kalicky, C.P.P.S.

President: Marsha Banik

Vice President: Ann Klochan

Recording Secretary: Fran Kutzko

Corresponding Secretary: Ruth Rapchak

Treasurer: Dorothy Kasper

Parliamentarian: Jeanette Hajdich

Publicity: Helen Marie Lukacek

"WE HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS..."

We won't promise you the healing of a paralytic on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend as in today's Gospel. However, when describing their Weekend, many couples say that they have rarely experienced anything so positive for their sacrament. The next Weekends will be April 28-30 (Merrillville), June 2-4, or August 4-6. For reservations or info, call Mark & Mary at 800-553-3193 or visit www.wmchicago-gary.org.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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. 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 results by May 31, 2006.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

St. John Baptist's Middle School Science Olympiad Team recently competed at the Hammond Invitational, receiving medals in four events. Their next tournament will be the Regional competition on February 25th at Purdue Calumet. The team members are: Yesenia Avila, Allie Rayburn, Katie Kruszynski, Ryan Thrasher, Emelie Lovasko, Jay Lockridge, Katherine Chiluski, Lisa Gundich, Clarke Remmers, Kayla Dietz, Jacob Wright, Christine Lewandowski, Rachel Boland, Tania Spezza, and Jessica Lopez.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, February 25

Lectors: J. Wagner, J. Kozak
Euch Min: J&G Blackwell, D. Cuculich, R&B Jerzyk,
B. Jerzyk, N. Mitchell
Altar Servers: Adam Flores, Colin Chiluski, Drew
Dybel

7:00 am, February 26

Lectors: R. Pesenko, Helen Marie
Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, E. Matuska,
C. Pesenko, M. Saliga, G. Jancosek
Altar Servers: Aimee Perhach, Ashley Pokraka,
Clarke Remmers

9:00 am, February 26

Lectors: E. Bojda, F. Powell
Euch Min: I. Dominguez, J&D Franko, Br. J. Hall,
D. Weber, L. Wade
Altar Servers: Nicholas & Zack Curosh, Joseph
Franko

11:00 am, February 26

Lectors: D. Botich, K. Lannon
Euch Min: M&K Wagner, M. Knazur, D. Shimala,
K. Saliga, K. Scaff, C. Lannon, E. Duray
Altar Servers: Trinity Mitchell, Rafael Rodriguez,
Karina Rodriguez

5:30 pm, February 26

Altar Servers: Jessica Hatczel, Julian Gonzalez,
Garret Goodwin

CARE CENTER

February 26: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska, L. Biel

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

February 20 & 21: Jessica Lopez & Colton Lopez
February 22 & 23: Emelie Lovasko & David Matura
February 24 & 25: Lauren Markovich & Elena Paloma

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.

PROFIT FOR OUR SCHOOL

Help St. John School by clipping and saving the official Box Tops for Education Coupon from participating General Mills products. Also, look for the Project A+ logo on the Tyson Food Products you buy, cut on the dotted line, and send in the entire label. We also recycle old cell phones and inkjet cartridges. Our school earns up to \$3 per inkjet cartridge and \$2.25 per qualifying cell phone! Drop these items in containers located in the back of church or send them to school with your child. Earn dollars for our school and recycle to help our environment.

He who loses money loses much. He who loses a friend, loses much more. He who loses faith, loses all.

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.....Pat Shalack

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, February 19 Winter Festival!

9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:00-9:00 pm Parish Festival
3:00 pm Talent Show in Auditorium
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Monday, February 20

President's Day No School
10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, February 21

1:00-2:30 pm Video series Catechism & our
Catholic Faith (SH Rose Room)
6:30 pm Parent Formation Reconciliation SJ
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (SH)

Wednesday, February 22

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

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)

7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)

Thursday, February 23

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJ)
1:15 pm Rosary Society (SJ)
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJ)

Friday, February 24

Saturday, February 25

Sunday, February 26

9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
1:00 pm Confirmation Spirit Day (SJ)
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

DID YOU KNOW... A gesture peculiar to Catholics is that of genuflection before entering a church pew. This is a sign of adoration and greeting directed toward the divine presence of the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle in the sanctuary. The custom began in the earliest centuries of Christianity as Christians observed the military genuflecting before the emperor. It was determined that certainly such reverence should be given to Jesus, the King of Kings.

