

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

March 19, 2006

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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
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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 Lfeteen 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Through baptism our own bodies are made temples of God, and by the ritual washing and anointing we are plunged into a pattern of dying and rising which identifies us with Christ. Our Lenten penitential practices (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are our concrete ways to enter into this dying and rising mystery of Christ. Like Christ, we become living signs of God's love and fidelity. The witness of our lives is a living sign of our relationship of love and mercy.

We can examine our own ways of relating to others and make sure that our priorities are straight: worship God above all and respect ourselves and others as temples of the Holy Spirit.

(Living Liturgy, Third Sunday of Lent, 2006)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/VESPERS

You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers at St. John the Baptist this Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 p.m. This North Lake Deanery event situated in Lent, offers everyone the opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as together we worship the real presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

RCIA

On the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the RCIA offers special rites called Scrutinies during Sunday Masses. In each scrutiny the community prays that the Elect be enlightened and purified and any evil influences within their hearts will be removed by the grace of God as the gospel stories promise.

The Gospels proclaimed during the Scrutinies tell of dramatic events reminding both the elect and all of us that the journey from sin and death to everlasting life is the promise of Jesus Christ and the vocation of every Christian. In the Gospel of the Third Sunday, Jesus meets the woman at the well. Like this woman who in the presence of Jesus faced all of the falsehood about herself, the elect and all the faithful are reminded that they must never put too much trust in themselves or in their own fragile abilities.

Please continue to pray for our Elect, Craig Mosoriak and Anthony Rodriguez as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

LIFE TEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The members of Life Teen are organizing a presentation of the Stations of the Cross which will be offered on Good Friday at 7 pm. At least 25 teens are needed. All 8th Graders and High School youth are encouraged to participate and should join us this Sunday (March 19th) after the 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass for the first planning session. The session will be held in the St. John Pastoral Center (3rd floor of the school building).

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Let us remember in prayer that the ability to work to earn a living is a right of all people. All workers have the right to a fair wage, to organize themselves, and to work in good conditions. May our fasting keep us mindful of the workers who provide food for their families. May our almsgiving assist those in need.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20, Joseph, husband of Mary
7:00 am †Florence Kowalski Off: Tom & Lorraine Huber

Tuesday, March 21
7:00 am †Mary Schultz Off: Jim, Jack & Diane Schultz
8:30 am †Joseph Bobos Off: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch #81

Wednesday, March 22
7:00 am †Beverly Ondo Off: Ann & Norman Slack
8:30 am †Kay Sabo Off: Mary Burke & Fiori Proccissi

Thursday, March 23, Toribio de Mogrovejo, bp.
7:00 am †Helen Janik Off: Mary Phillips

Friday, March 24
7:00 am †Robert L. Becich Off: Loving Family
8:30 am †Andro & Anna Palko Off: Ann Palko

Saturday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord
7:00 am †Dale Keith Off: Dick & Tony Dudley
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 26, Fourth Sunday of Lent
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, 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, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Elizabeth Yednak, Barbara A. Kosior, John Lovasko Sr. (Father of John Lovasko)

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 Gormley, Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mor-dus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Eric Schaufele, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.*

There are many books and reading items in the Pamphlet Rack in the church vestibule! You are invited to browse and select items to help you in your Lenten journey.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$9,985.70
Loose.....	\$596.78
High School.....	\$35.75
Grade School.....	\$137.08
Total for the Week.....	\$10,755.31
Church Central and Eastern Europe.....	\$3,081.26

During Lent you are invited to:

JOURNEY WITH CHRIST

The children in our School and the Faith Formation Program along with their families have created Family Lenten Crosses. These crosses are on display at the foot of the cross on the Benedict Avenue side of church. If your family would like to create a Family Lenten Cross, pick up a pattern near the display and return it to that area when it is completed.

JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH at the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Tuesdays during Lent, 12 noon-1pm. This year's topic is Pope John Paul II. The documentary video "*Witness to Hope*" will provide a springboard into discussion on Tuesdays, March 21. On March 28 and April 4 we'll view the Fr. John Corapi video on the Paschal Mystery. Bring your lunch and we'll provide beverages and spiritual nourishment. Call Margaret at 659-4138 if you have questions.

GROW IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH via the Fr. John Corapi video/discussion series: *The Teaching of Jesus Christ*. Bring your Bible and Catholic Catechism (if you have them) to the Sacred Heart Rose Room, Tuesday evenings during Lent from 6:30-8:00 pm. Come be spiritually enriched. Call 659-4138 with any questions.

FOLLOW THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays: 2:30 pm — Immaculate Conception Church
 6:00 pm Bi-lingual Stations/Mass at Sacred Heart
 7:00 pm Stations at St. John the Baptist
 Sundays: 1:00 pm St. Adalbert Church

ATTEND DAILY MASS

7 am daily at St. John the Baptist

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

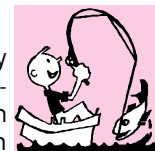
Monday, March 20, 7 pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 Monday, March 27, 7 pm, St. Catherine of Siena
 Thursday, March 30, 7 pm, St. John Bosco
 Monday, April 3, 7 pm, St. Casimir
 Tuesday, April 4, 7 pm, All Saints (with St. Joseph) at All Saints
 Thursday, April 6, 7 pm, Immaculate Conception, Whiting (includes Whiting Cluster)
 Monday, April 10, 7 pm, St. Stanislaus (East Chicago)
 Monday, April 10, 6:30 pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe (Harbor)
 Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick (Harbor)
 Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 pm, St. John Cantius (Harbor)

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Please help feed the needy of our parish this coming Easter. Donations of can goods, non-perishable food items, and toiletries can be dropped off in the back pews of church. The packaging and delivery of food baskets will take place in church immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver the baskets that day. All are welcome!

ST. JOHN FISH FRY

St. John the Baptist is sponsoring a Fish Fry this coming Friday, March 24, from 4 pm until 6:30 pm, in the Panel Room. Lake perch and shrimp dinners will be \$9.00 each, with halushki \$3.00 a bowl. Take out orders will be available. Come join us for food and fellowship!



CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

Congratulations to the following Bishop Noll Institute students who have made the First Semester honor roll! Magna Cum Laude: Krystle Howard, Heather Wanek, Nicole Gamboa, Consuelo Moreno, Jacob Pelletier, Lillian Cruz; Summa Cum Laude: John Grogan, Christopher Menchaca, Patrick Nee, Joshua Pelletier, Steven Radloff; Cum Laude: Nicholas Fornaciari, Nicole Bobos, Jamie Jalouga, Ian Smith-Garcia, Ruth Barlo, Kristen Chico.

Congratulations also to Annie Labus, Honors with Distinction; and Kathryn Goldhagen, First Honors; who have been named to the St. Ignatius College Prep honor roll for the first semester.

LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

The Annual Fundraising Banquet/Silent Auction will be at St. Maria Goretti Church, 500 Northgate Dr., Dyer, Friday, April 28. Featured speaker is Mark Morris. Tickets \$25, students \$20. We are trying to get a table of parishioners. Call Margaret at 659-4138 if interested in attending.

MIGRANT WORKERS PROJECT

St. Vincent DePaul Society is sponsoring a collection of toiletries and cleaning supplies for migrant workers who will labor on Lake County farms throughout the summer. We request donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap, razors, shaving cream, lotion, combs, packs of Kleenex, band-aids as well as detergent, dish soap and paper towels. Please place donated goods in the box in the vestibule of the church marked Migrant Workers Project. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please place donation in an envelope marked St. Vincent DePaul Migrant Workers Project and drop in the collection. Your generosity the past two years for this project has been greatly appreciated.

We will collect supplies through Palm Sunday, April 9th. If anyone has working unused fans, the workers can put them to good use. Please call the St. Vincent DePaul number 659-1073 or Diane Kaminsky 659-8746 to make arrangements to have the fans picked up.

Interested in learning about the St. Vincent DePaul Society? Join us at the Sacred Heart Rectory at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. For assistance, please call 659-1073. *We help, we care, we serve.*

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK LASSIE

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLUMBERS
397-8084

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, March 25

Lectors: F. Gazda, F. Stofcik

Euch Min: M&K Wagner, D. McCampbell, N. Mitchell,
G&C Rosen, J. Wozniak

Altar Servers: Demetria Beaulieu, Kyle Brown, Colin
Chiluski

7:00 am, March 26

Lectors: R. Pesenko, Helen Marie

Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, E. Matuska,
M. Saliga, J&G Blackwell

Altar Servers: Rachel Grunhard, Rachel Hurtig, Alyce
Jakubielski

9:00 am, March 26

Lectors: F. Powell, E. Bojda

Euch Min: D. Cuculich, I. Dominguez, R&J Zubeck,
Br. J. Hall, A. Jurek

Altar Servers: Hunter Banas, David Boland, Drew
Dybel

11:00 am, March 26

Lectors: R. Mikola, D. Bondi

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, M. Knazur, C. Lannon,
E. Igras, K. Saliga, M. Poppen, E. Duray

Altar Servers: Stephen & John Duha, Katelyn
Kruszynski

5:30 pm, March 26

Altar Servers: Nicholas & Zack Curosh, Adam Flores

CARE CENTER

March 26: 10:00 a.m. L&C Remmers, J. Kaminsky

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

March 20 & 21: Daisy Cruz & Mikayla Dross

March 22 & 23: Manuel Estrada & Joshua Flores

March 24 & 25: Andrew Franko & Bianca Gonzalez



A ONE AND A TWO AND A THANK YOU...THANK YOU...

Our sincerest apologies to Mr. Don Kaminsky for his absence on our front cover last week! The winter festival would not have been as enjoyable without St. John the Baptist's very own "Lawrence Welk Kaminsky" providing such entertaining accordion music during the weekend.

ST. MARY CHURCH (GRIFFITH) MISSION

Sunday, April 2 - Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. For information call 922-2285. On Wednesday, April 5 at 7 pm, there will be a Communal Penance service

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

All past parishioners or graduates of the school are invited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the parish. Mass celebrated by Bishop Melczek, Saturday, April 29, at 4 pm, with dinner to follow at K of C Hall in East Chicago. Must purchase dinner tickets in advance to attend: \$20 adults; \$15 children 2-12 years. Call 845-1939.

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 DirectorDon Kaminsky
Church/Rectory
School Building Facilities.....Pat Shalack

EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education..... Diane 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 ScoutsMichael Maloney
Girl ScoutsJeannine Dabertin

PARISH LIFE

Holy Name Society Anthony Barilla
HomeboundDeacon 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 CoordinatorJoseph Kruczek
Environment Martin Dybel
Eucharistic Ministers..... Eve Duray
Lectors.....Nancy Gomez
Liturgy CommitteeMargaret Saliga
Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin
Parish Music Director Geraldine Hildreth
Prayer GroupMarilou Tonkovich
SacristanMargaret Matuska

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food CollectionThomas Chocholek
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Diane Kaminsky

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am RCIA 1st Scrutiny (SJ)
- 11:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism (SJ)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Adalbert Church
- 3:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (SJ)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Monday, March 20, TRIP Orders Due

- 10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, March 21

- 12:00-1:00 pm Lenten Lunch Bunch (SH Rose Rm)
- 6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion (SH)
- 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society (SH Rectory)

Wednesday, March 22

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

Thursday, March 23

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting



We are a light
to each other

Friday, March 24

- 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross, IC Church
- 4:00 pm—6:30 pm Fish Fry in St. John Panel Room
- 6:00 pm Stations/Mass (bi-lingual), Sacred Heart
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. John Baptist

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am RCIA 2nd Scrutiny (SJ)
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Adalbert Church
- 3:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (SJ)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

PIROHI'S

St. John Pirohi Makers are having a final sale. Mark your calendars for Palm Sunday, April 9th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school lobby.

Northwest Indiana Catholic: Enjoy the region's Catholic newspaper for just \$23 for 46 issues! Submit a check or money order and drop in the parish collection basket at any March Mass. .

ANNUNCIATA SUPER BINGO

Saturday, April 1st in the Parish Center, 3750 E. 112th Street. Buffet served 2:30 pm. Donation \$27. To reserve your seat call Diana 773-374-1465.