

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

March 26, 2006

FOURTH 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
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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

This Sunday's gospel mentions that the "Son of Man would be lifted up." Being "lifted up" is a reference not only to Jesus being lifted up on a cross to die, but it also is a reference to Jesus being lifted up in glory. Death leads to risen life. The second reading reminds us that God loves us so much as to give us "life with Christ." We too will be lifted up to bear our crosses so that we can share in Christ's risen, glorious life. Believe it or not, life comes from death; that God loves us so much as to send the Son to die for us and be raised so that we might also share in divine life.

(Living Liturgy, Fourth Sunday of Lent, 2006)

RCIA

On the 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 that any evil influences within their hearts be removed by the grace of God. The Gospels proclaimed during the Scrutinies tell of dramatic events. They remind 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. 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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

The Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community will celebrate a Communal Reconciliation Service on Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. Appropriate readings, prayerful song and an examination of conscience will help the penitent to prepare for a worthy reception of the Sacrament of Penance. Both face-to-face and private confessional will be available. This is a wonderful way to receive God's merciful forgiveness and thus prepare for the Easter celebration.

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 26th) after the 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass in church for the first practice.

SECOND RITE OF BAPTISM

On Sunday, April 2, we will celebrate the Second Rite of Baptism at the 11 am Mass. Join us as we share our faith with Ricardo Austin Alvarez, Meryck Robert Gonzalez and Hailey Ann Johns.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Please help 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 am Mass on Palm Sunday. Volunteers are needed to package and deliver the baskets that day. All are welcome to come and help.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 27

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Plemich Family
Off: Therese Plemich

Tuesday, March 28

7:00 am †Joe Geffert Off: Wife, Julie & Family
8:30 am †Florence Golding Off: Daughters, Patty,
Peggy & Mary

Wednesday, March 29

7:00 am †Deceased Members Miller, Furtak &
Humenick Families Off: Bill & Mary
8:30 am †John, Ann & Richard Bodney Off: Dorothy

Thursday, March 30

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Potasnik, Zehme, &
Molson Families

Friday, March 31

7:00 am †Betty Talabay Off: F.C.S.L.A. Branch #81
8:30 am †Joseph Matlon Off: Tom Brown

Saturday, April 1

7:00 am †Rose Leslie Off: Elizabeth Dedinsky
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 2, Fifth 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, 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 Srnck, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Catherine A. Kalicky
Rudy Kapitan

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 Wil-son.*

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.

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$9,578.80
Loose.....	\$388.63
High School.....	\$23.50
Grade School.....	\$112.60
Total for the Week.....	\$10,103.53

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. 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 with 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 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)

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.



MIGRANT WORKERS PROJECT

St. Vincent DePaul Society is sponsoring a collection of toiletries and cleaning supplies for migrant workers who 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, label appropriately and drop in the Sunday collection basket. We collect supplies through Palm Sunday, April 9th. If anyone has working unused fans to donate, please call 659-1073, or Diane Kaminsky 659-8746 to make arrangements to have them picked up. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

GOOD FRIDAY INTERFAITH CHOIR

The next choir rehearsal for the Good Friday Community Interfaith Prayer Service will be at Immaculate Conception (choir loft), Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 p.m. If you were unable to make it to the first practice and would still like to sing with the choir, it is necessary that you make it to the final rehearsal on April 3rd. (NO rehearsal Monday, March 27.) You are sure to be enriched by participating!



RACE FOR EDUCATION

Our St. John school children will once again participate in a RACE FOR EDUCATION. This year will mark our third "RACE," to be held Friday, April 28. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this event, our students walk or jog around a quarter mile track as many times as possible during a one-hour time period. Younger students partake on a shorter track. Each student raises funds by asking sponsors to give a tax-deductible gift based upon the laps completed; or, if the sponsor prefers, to contribute a flat donation. Last year our children raised \$30,000.00, which was used to continue providing a quality Catholic Education. We ask that you consider supporting our "RACE" this year. You can pick up a pledge form in church at the end of each pew, at the school office, from the rectory, or on the parish website at sjbcatholicparish.org. If you do not wish to sponsor a specific child, you can make a general donation to the school by indicating this at the bottom of the form. Thank you for supporting our school!

Monique Jakubielski & Deanne Shimala
 Race for Education Co-Chairpersons

NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Enjoy the region's only 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.

SUNNY RIDGE FAMILY CENTER

General Adoption Information Meeting on Monday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. at the Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Ave. Come learn about children available from the USA, China, Guatemala, Poland and more. For information or to register call 219-836-2117 or visit website www.sunnyridge.org.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
SENIOR CARE INSURANCE SERVICES
 7998 BROADWAY, MERRILLVILLE
 219-736-9450

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, April 1

Lectors: J. Kozak, L. Gonzales
 Euch Min: E. Igras, L. Kilander, G&C Rosen,
 C. Vrabel, J&D Franko
 Altar Servers: Joseph Franko, Julian Gonzalez, Garret
 Goodwin

7:00 am, April 2

Lectors: D. Guiden, T. Barilla
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek,
 C. Pesenko, L. Barron, E. Matuska
 Altar Servers: Colton Lopez, Emelie Lovasko, David
 Matura

9:00 am, April 2

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, E. Remmers
 Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, D&L Blackwell, B. Delinck,
 M. Jakubielski, E. Duray, F. Delinck
 Altar Servers: Jessica Haczcel, Krystle Howard,
 Joseph Igras

11:00 am, April 2

Lectors: S. Silva, N. Gomez
 Euch Min: J. Bondi, R&B Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk, MJ Kansky,
 Evelyn Roldan
 Altar Servers: Lauren Markovich, Elena Paloma,
 Aimee Perhach

5:30 pm, April 2

Altar Servers: Alison Kouris, Jason Kresich, Kyle
 Kruszynski

CARE CENTER

April 2: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

March 27 & 28: Brian Lawson & Nicholas Lawson
 March 29 & 30: Justin Lerma & Jessica Lopez
 March 31 & April 1: Christine & Adam Lewandowski



CONGRATULATIONS

"COACH DELGADO" & TEAM

St. John parishioner, Joe Delgado, is first year Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at George Rogers Clark High School in Hammond. He was recently named Coach of the Year by both the Post-Tribune and The Times newspapers. Due to his coaching philosophy and training program, and the tireless efforts of the team members, the Clark Pioneers captured the boys basketball Sectional title for the first time in 34 years. Parish members on the winning team include Zach and Nick Curosh, Brenden Kowalke, and Andrew Polak. Of course for students who attend St. John, they know the win isn't the coach's only claim to fame. One of the team's favorite cheerleaders is Joe's mother, Liz Delgado, who is Manager of the Cafeteria at St. John the Baptist School, of which Coach Joe is a 1993 graduate.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Goes to Zach Curosh of George Rogers Clark High School who received a \$500 Region Sports All Academic Team Scholarship! Zach is Valedictorian of his senior class!

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 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 ScoutsJeannine 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 CommitteeMargaret Saliga
 Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin
 Parish Music Director..... Geraldine Hildreth
 Prayer Group.....Marilou Tonkovich
 Sacristan Margaret Matuska

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Monday, March 27, TRIP Pick Up

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

Tuesday, March 28

12:00-1:00 pm Lenten Lunch Bunch (SH Rose Rm)
 6:00 pm SJ Adult Choir practice, church choir loft
 6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion (SH)
 7:00 pm 2nd Baptism Preparation (SJ)

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

6:00 pm SJ Adult Choir practice
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJ)

Friday, March 31

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, April 1

4:30 pm RCIA 3rd Scrutiny (SJ)

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
 11:00 am 2nd Rite of Baptism (SJ)
 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Adalbert Church
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite
 7:00 pm CPPS Companions

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Sr. Viviana Custo and Fr. John Zemelko are coordinating a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in conjunction with Maranatha Tours from October 23-October 31, 2006. Cost of the trip including airfare from New York, tour bus, 2 meals a day, and tour guide is \$1,649 double occupancy. Call Sr. Viviana at 219-392-7195 (work), 219-473-7828 after 7 pm, or e-mail vcusto@hotmail.com.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FAMILY SERVICES

Things too quiet around your house? Consider becoming Licensed Foster Parents. You may be the family a child needs to succeed in life. Attend an informational meeting at Catholic Charities, 6919 Indianapolis Blvd., Hammond, Monday, April 10, at 6 pm. Call Lisa or Joanne 844-4883.