

All Are Welcome . . .

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

April 2, 2006

FIFTH 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  
Brother Terry Nufer, CPPS ..... In Residence

## Business Office

Florence Gazda, Louise Kaminsky

## Telephone (219)/Website Information

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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  
Candi Stapleton: Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com  
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 Lfiteen 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

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Death is something we try hard to avoid, prolonging arrival of the inevitable as much as possible. By contrast, Jesus embraces His death. He is the grain of wheat that dies. He loses His life in order to be lifted up to eternal life. The gospel sets forth apparent opposites: grain dies—produces fruit, lose life—preserve life. These, however, are not opposites. For Jesus and those who follow Him dying is rising, losing life is preserving it. Thus, in fact, the cross is glorification. Like those in the gospel, we want to see Jesus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in a most unexpected way: being lifted up in death and glorification. The unexpected is that the cross is not a scandal, but a throne of glory.

Our Baptism is the sign of our being drawn to Jesus so that we, too, might be lifted up and glorified with Him. Like Jesus, we must learn obedience through suffering, that is, by dying to self which often takes the form of following Jesus in service of others. Following Jesus demands of us a life very much different from that which the media teach us about happiness.

*(Living Liturgy, Fifth Sunday of Lent, 2006)*

### RCIA

At the 4:30 pm Mass this weekend, our Elect, Craig Mosoriak and Anthony Rodriguez celebrated the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Scrutiny. This marks one of the final stages of their preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Please continue to keep these two young men in your prayers, as well as Candidates Sharyn Calinsky, Sheila Calinsky, Grace Cisneros, Mark Cisneros, Daniel Deel, Adam Madison, Amanda Maloney, Mark O'Hara, Rachel Ramirez, Joel Torres and Brian Witak who will enter into full communion in the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

### BAPTISM MINISTRY

During the past few weeks, parents and godparents have gathered in prayer and study to prepare for the baptism of their children. They have presented their children to the parish community of St. John the Baptist. They have promised to raise them in the faith of the Catholic Church.

We, as their family of faith, have witnessed the celebration of the first two Rites of Baptism. We have signed these children with the cross of Christ, promised to prayerfully support their parents and godparents, and publicly professed our own faith.

On Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, Ricardo Austin Alvarez, Meryck Robert Gonzalez and Hailey Ann Johns will receive new life in Christ through the waters of baptism and be anointed with the Oil of Chrism. You are invited to join with our entire parish to celebrate with them and their families. During the days before this very blessed event, we ask you to keep them in your prayers.

*Heavenly Father, source of all blessings, Protector of children, look with favor on these children. Hold them gently in your hands. When they are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, bring them into the Church, here to share in your kingdom and with us to bless your name forever. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.*

Amen

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

## Mass Intentions

Monday, April 3

7:00 am †Edward J. Korosi Off: Kitty Paunicka

Tuesday, April 4, Isidore, bishop, doctor

7:00 am †Randy Vasilak Off: Parents, Jack & Elinor & Peg

8:30 am †Deceased Members of Mateja Family Off: Irene

Wednesday, April 5, Vincent Ferrer, priest

7:00 am †Patrick Pitlik Off: Wife, Judy & Family

8:30 am †Sylvester Nemcek Off: Zita Tanski

Thursday, April 6

7:00 am †Helen Cuculich Off: St. John Rosary Society

Friday, April 7, John Baptist de la Salle, priest

7:00 am †Deceased Furtak, Miller & Humenick Families Off: Bill & Mary

8:30 am †Margaret Sandrick Off: Ruth Kraly

Saturday, April 8

7:00 am †Henry Lovasko Off: Wife, Mary & Family

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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, 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 Sotak, Angie Srnck, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Ann (Seman) Lello  
Joseph T. Smolen  
Paul J. Drach

### 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 Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., Eric Schaufele, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, Nathan Wilson.*

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** All articles for the April 16<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday Bulletin, must be submitted by 1 pm, Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

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## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly .....	\$9,290.50
Loose.....	\$518.06
High School.....	\$26.50
Grade School.....	\$131.05
Total for the Week.....	\$9,966.11

During Lent you are invited to:

### 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.

### EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

On Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at St. John the Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. At 5:25 p.m. the litany and rosary are prayed and Benediction follows. Our monthly prayer intention is for the grace to continue your Lenten practices, so we may celebrate Easter with joy. Sign-up sheets are posted at each entrance of the Church. Come join us for an hour.

**JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH** at the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Tuesdays during Lent, 12 noon-1 pm. Call Margaret at 659-4138 with questions.

**GROW IN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH** Bring your Bible and Catechism to the Sacred Heart Rose Room, Tuesday evenings during Lent from 6:30-8:00 pm. Call 659-4138 with 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, April 3, 7 pm, St. Casimir  
Tuesday, April 4, 7 pm, All Saints & 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) Harbor Parishes:  
Monday, April 10, 6:30 pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick  
Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 pm, St. John Cantius

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Members of Life Teen present the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7 pm at St. John Church. All teens are invited to join in this presentation. Its not too late to join us. The next practice is Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> immediately after the 5:30 Life Teen Mass at St. John Church. Call Candi 659-1663 or Diane 473-7557 for more information, or just come to our practice Sunday evening.

## EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Help the needy of our parish this 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 takes place in church immediately after the 11:00 am Mass on Palm Sunday. Volunteers are needed. All are welcome to come and help.

## MIGRANT WORKERS PROJECT

St. Vincent DePaul Society is sponsoring a collection for those who labor on Lake County farms throughout the summer. 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 are needed. Place in the box in the vestibule of the church marked Migrant Workers Project. If you prefer making a monetary donation, label and drop in the Sunday collection basket. Supplies collected thru April 9.

## RACE FOR EDUCATION

St. John school children are participating in a RACE FOR EDUCATION on Friday, April 28. Students will 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. Funding is raised by asking sponsors to give a tax-deductible gift based upon the laps completed. Last year our children raised \$30,000 which was used to continue providing a quality Catholic education. *Please support our "RACE."* Obtain a pledge form in church at the end of each pew, the school office, the rectory, or on the parish website [sjbcatholicparish.org](http://sjbcatholicparish.org). You can also make a general donation to the school by indicating this at the bottom of the form. Thank you for your support!

## GRC HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students/parishioners who have achieved the Scholar/Honor Roll at Clark Middle/High School for the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester 2005-2006: Scholar Roll 3.7 and above: Kevin Cornelius, Nicholas Curosh, Zachary Curosh, Amelia Dunn, Robert Dvorscak, Justin Homan, Lauren Kaminsky, Marisa Markovich, Robert Markovich, Colleen Petrunich, Emily Vargo, Hilary Vargo, Jennifer Wagner, Stephen Wagner. Honor Roll 3.0 to 3.69: Daniel Ader, Rachel Brooks, Jessica Hatzcel, Matthew Fuery, Sarah Hilderbranski, Alyssa Homan, Joseph Igras, Jason Kresich, Kyle Kruszynski.

## FAITH ENRICHMENT

Participate in the Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee as we work together to plan educational programs to benefit our faith community. Bring suggestions to the Sacred Heart Rose Room, Monday, April 3, 6:30 pm.

## SJS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

Congratulations to Mrs. Taycee Chiluski and the St. John the Baptist Science Olympiad team for their fine showing at the contest this weekend in Lafayette, Indiana. The team did not medal in any events, but they had many sixth place finishes. Mrs. Chiluski said it best, "The exposure was well worth the trip. It was a great foundation from which to build upon."

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

BECKMAN, KELLY & SMITH  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW, 5920 Hohman Ave.  
219-933-6200

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

### 4:30 pm, April 8

Lectors: M. Banik, P. Banik  
 Euch Min: J&D Franko, M. Krull, D. McCampbell,  
 J. Wozniak, G&C Rosen  
 Altar Servers: Annie Labus, Erin Lawson, Robert  
 Markovich

### 7:00 am, April 9

Lectors: G. Jancosek, L. Barron  
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, J&G Blackwell,  
 E. Matuska, M. Saliga  
 Altar Servers: Alec, Eric & Anthony Rodriguez

### 9:00 am, April 9

Lectors: F. Gazda, F. Powell  
 Euch Min: F. Delinck, L. Wade, D. Weber,  
 R&J Zubeck, M. Poppen, E. Duray, B. Delinck  
 Altar Servers: Alex Lewandowski, Johnathon  
 Lovasko, Nickolas Lerma

### 11:00 am, April 9

Lectors: D. Botich, K. Lannon  
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, D. Cuculich,  
 M. Knazur, N. Mitchell, K. Saliga, D. Shimala  
 Altar Servers: Vincent Rossodivito, Kelly Rusnak,  
 Brianna Scivinsky

### 5:30 pm, April 9

Altar Servers: George Magurany, Javier Mena,  
 Michelle Mirza

### CARE CENTER

April 9: 10:00 a.m. N. Gomez, J. Kaminsky

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### 7:00 am

April 3 & 4: Ashley Pokraka & Clarke Remmers  
 April 5 & 6: Rafael & Karina Rodriguez  
 April 7 & 8: Eric Roldan & Adam Rosado

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Your sacrifices help Catholic Relief Services support projects in over 40 countries including agricultural development, education, and water/sanitation development; 25% of all funds remain in our Diocese to help local communities. Please place your Lenten monetary offerings in an envelope labeled with your name and "Operation Rice Bowl" in the Palm Sunday collection basket. Thank you!

### WHITING/ROBERTSDALE CHOIR PRACTICE

Combined choirs of Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community, (and anyone else who likes to sing!) rehearse for Holy Thursday Mass and the Easter Vigil on Sun., April 2, from 2:00—4:00 pm at St. John. If you would like to sing but are unable to climb stairs to the loft, don't fret!—some will be singing from downstairs. If you are unable to attend, speak to YOUR choir director to express your interest.

### GOOD FRIDAY INTERFAITH CHOIR

Choir rehearsal for the Good Friday Community Interfaith Prayer Service will be at Immaculate Conception (choir loft), Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. You are sure to be enriched by participating!

## 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 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, 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  
 2:00—4:00 W/R Combined Choir practice SJ loft  
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite  
 7:00 pm CPPS Companions

### Monday, April 3, TRIP Orders Due

6:30 pm Faith Enrichment (SH)  
 6:30 pm Interfaith Choir practice IC  
 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

### Tuesday, April 4

12:00-1:00 pm Lenten Lunch Bunch (SH Rose Rm)  
 6:00 pm SJ Adult Choir Practice  
 6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion (SH)  
 7:00 pm School Advisory Board (SJ)  
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (SH)

### Wednesday, April 5

11:00 am FCCLA (SJ)  
 6:00 pm FFP Classes Grades 1-5 (SH)  
 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Group

### Thursday, April 6

6:00 pm SJ Adult Choir practice  
 7:00 pm Cluster Penance Service (IC)

### Friday, April 7

8:30 am Communion to shut-ins  
 1:00-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJ)  
 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross, IC Church  
 6:00 pm Stations/Mass (bi-lingual), Sacred Heart  
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. John Baptist

### Saturday, April 8

### Sunday, April 9, Palm Sunday

9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)  
 9:00 am—12:30 pm Pirohi sale in SJ school lobby  
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Adalbert Church  
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

**CONGRATULATIONS Eugene & Dorothy Kasper**  
 on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Members of Daughters of Isabella Past Circle #81 who will be joining Twin City Circle, a meeting will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Olcott Ave., East Chicago, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Future meetings will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at the aforementioned time and place.



### PIROHI FOR SALE

Palm Sunday, April 9 from 9 am - 12:30 pm  
 in the school lobby!