

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

April 9, 2006

PALM SUNDAY



Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!”

- Mk 11:9-10

PASSION SUNDAY

Today we not only celebrate our redemption, we begin a week-long celebration of Jesus' love. This is not a week of sorrow but for gratitude, joy, and hope. At Jesus' death, the veil in the temple that separated the people from the holiest and most sacred portion of the temple was torn. Veils can still shroud our lives, blocking our access to the Father's throne. But Jesus wants to tear apart these veils during this Holy Week. He wants to remove the obstacles that still exist between us and His heavenly Father. The whole reason Jesus died was that we could gaze on His glory and be filled with His love. This week open your heart to Jesus. Be hopeful. Be humble. Be joyful! God can remove every veil that keeps you from being transformed into His image — and He can do it this week.

(The Word Among Us, Lenten Edition)

TRIDUUM MORNING PRAYER

Morning Prayer according to the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Whiting on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (April 13, 14, 15) at 7:00 a.m. in church. This sharing of sacred scripture and psalmody dates back to the early Church and is prayed throughout the Universal Church on a daily basis. You are invited to join in the solemnity of our high holy days by participating in the many prayer opportunities offered during the sacred Triduum.

THE EASTER VIGIL

As darkness falls on Holy Saturday evening, the church anxiously awaits the celebration of Jesus, our light. This year the W/R Catholic cluster of churches celebrate Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church with a bi-lingual liturgy.

Individuals who have been preparing for baptism and full initiation into the Catholic Church will gather outside with all the membership to witness the blessing of the new fire, symbolic of Christ our light. The Paschal Candle will be lit with the "new fire" and processed into the dark church, symbolic of the tomb, where everyone's candle will be lit from the "Light of Christ".

The entire Church rejoices in Jesus' victory over death. "Alleluia! He is risen!" The chanting of the Exultet, the ancient hymn which celebrates Jesus our light and our salvation, reminds all of God's magnificent plan of salvation. This liturgy, rich in symbolism, is the most important of the Church year. Old and New Testament readings remind us of our rich history. The Catechumens are then baptized and the candidates make their profession of faith.

Come witness this wonderful celebration of God's great love for mankind. You are invited to celebrate the Paschal mystery of Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, a celebration of eternal life offered to all, Saturday, April 15th at 8:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 119th St. and Lincoln Ave.

PACKAGING OF FOOD BASKETS

The packaging and delivery of food baskets takes place in church immediately after the 11:00 am Mass today, Palm Sunday. Volunteers are needed. All are welcome to help.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 10

7:00 am †Irene Sandrick Off: Husband, Ben

Tuesday, April 11

7:00 am †Rev. Gabriel Brenkus, C.P.P.S. (Anniv.)

8:30 am †Joseph R. Kruczek Off: Wife & Family

Wednesday, April 12

7:00 am †Henry H. Wintczak Off: Wife, Agnes & Family

8:30 am †Daniel DeLuna Off: Sharon Zvonar

Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday

7:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 14, Good Friday

7:00 am Morning Prayer

1:30 pm The Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday

7:00 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

7:00 am For Our Parish Family

9:00 am For Our Parish Family

11:00 am For Our Parish Family



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, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnecik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Mike Rapchak
Bernard R. Strbjak

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

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 Pulpava Jr., Eric Schaufele, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson. If you would like to add a name to this list, please contact the rectory.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

St. John the Baptist: Daily after 7 am Mass; Wed., April 12, 7-8:00 pm; Holy Saturday 10-11 am & 2-3:30 pm

Sacred Heart: Tuesday, April 11 & Wed., April 12, 3:00-4:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$8,752.00
Loose.....	\$433.90
High School.....	\$30.50
Grade School.....	\$121.05
Total for the Week.....	\$9,337.45

HOLY THURSDAY

The Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic community will celebrate the Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. This is a time of profound remembrance as we pray the sacred mysteries of our faith. Jesus ate a final meal with his disciples and commissioned them to "Do this in remembrance of me." Our priests will recommit themselves to serving faithfully as they wash the feet of church members and celebrate Eucharist. Young and old are invited to attend and then to spend time later in the evening praying and keeping watch. In the garden of Gethsemane the apostles all fell asleep. Let us keep watch and pray for the needs of our families, our community, and our world.

GOOD FRIDAY INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to join our Whiting/Robertsdale faith community for an hour of prayer from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14th at Immaculate Conception Church, White Oak Ave. The Community Choir will give a pre-service concert at 11:40 a.m. Sacred Scripture, prayerful song, and a message of God's abundant love will grace our Good Friday gathering. We ask that you mark your calendar now and plan to attend this annual event.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our High School Students will present the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7 pm in St. John Church. Please plan to attend this very prayerful and moving presentation.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

After months of prayer and study, our RCIA Elect and Candidates will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday. Please see the insert in today's bulletin and plan to join us on Holy Saturday in celebrating this joyous step in their journey of faith.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

The Third Rite of Baptism will be celebrated on Easter Sunday at the 11 am Mass. Please plan to attend and welcome God's New Children, Ricardo Austin Alvarez, Meryck Robert Gonzalez and Hailey Ann Johns. The next celebration of parish baptisms will take place during the month of June.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Do you want to deepen your relationship with your spouse and rediscover the joy in your married relationship? If so, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is for you. We are taking reservations for the Weekend of April 28-30 in Merrillville. If interested or for more information, call Mark or Mary at 219-838-3962, or visit www.wmmechicago-gary.org.

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PANEL ROOM BREAD SALE TODAY!

Homemade Panel Room Bread will be for sale in the school lobby on Sunday, April 9, from 9 am-noon. Cost is \$6 for a large loaf and \$4 for a small loaf. Come pick up a loaf of homemade bread to enjoy for Easter!

Pirohi also on sale 9 am-12:30 pm today!



LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Offers you an opportunity to show support for the pro-life cause. You are invited to have your name included in the annual banquet program booklet, for a donation of \$30 (Gold) \$20 (Silver), or \$10 (Bronze). Make your check payable to Lake County Right to Life, mail to P.O. Box 9103, Highland, IN 46322. Please print your name as you want it to appear in the banquet booklet. Banquet is Friday, April 28th. For information call 219-838-1138.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Pope John Paul II asked that the faithful participate in the Divine Mercy Novena by praying the Divine Mercy chaplet and prayers daily beginning on Good Friday and ending on the 1st Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. Copies of the prayers are available at the doors of the church. The Faith Enrichment Committee invites our Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. where we will celebrate with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers, and Benediction. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

MARIAN THEATRE GUILD



Will hold its spring romantic comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest" on the weekends of April 22, 23, 29, 30, Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Dinner theatre is available on Saturday performances.

The Box Office is open Monday-Friday, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Call 219-473-7555 for more information.

ANDREAN HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the Andrean High School students/parishioners who earned honor roll status for the Second Quarter of the 2005-2006 school year. A Honor Roll: Katrina Klochan; B Honor Roll: David Boland, Garret Goodwin, Nicole Massoels, Javier Mena, & Andres Ramirez.

CONGRATULATIONS

To George Rogers Clark senior Kyle Kruszynski, who received a \$500 All Sports Scholarship for football!

ROSARY SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 10, 1:00 p.m. in the Founders Room. All officers and Promoters are asked to attend.



Wedding Banns

I & II David M. Bukovac & Lauren M. Oppolo

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 Whiting 219-659-5800

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

1:30 pm, April 14, Good Friday

Lectors: M. Saliga, F. Gazda

8:00 pm, April 15, Easter Vigil

Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, J&D Franko, R&B Jerzyk,
E. Duray, M. Poppen

Altar Servers: Joshua & Jacob Pelletier

7:00 am, April 16

Lectors: T. Barilla, M. Saliga

Euch Min: T&S Adam, L. Barron, J&G Blackwell,
B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek

Altar Servers: Lenka Vojtila, Katherine Wheeler,
Jenna Wozniak

9:00 am, April 16

Lectors: A. Perz, R. Jakubielski

Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, L. Wade, B. Delinck, M.
Jakubielski, ML Tonkovich, E. Duray, F. Delinck

Altar Servers: David Moats

11:00 am, April 16

Lectors: D. Bondi, M. Bibat

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, J. Bondi, N. Mitchell,
Erwin Roldan, K. Saliga

Altar Servers: Demetria Beaulieu, Trinity Mitchell,
Jose Arteaga

CARE CENTER

April 16: 10:00 a.m. R. Mikola, J. Bobos

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

April 10 & 11: Natalie Serna, Tania Spezza

April 12: Katherine Staley, Kaitlyn Syler

CRIME WATCH

The Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting will be Thursday, April 13, at 6:30 pm, at Calumet College Room 200. Find out what is happening in your community and work to keep our neighborhoods safe! All are encouraged to attend.



GARAGE MAHAL

It's time for spring-cleaning and Garage Mahal! Our parish will be participating this year in the citywide Garage Mahal. It will be held on Saturday, May 20th in the parish garage. Donations will be needed and accepted at a later date. Stay tuned - details coming soon!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FAMILY SERVICE

Loving families are needed as Licensed Foster Parents. Yours may be the family to make a lasting difference in the life of a child. Catholic Charities will hold an information meeting at 6 pm, April 10, at their Hammond office, 6919 Indianapolis Blvd. Call Lisa or Joanne at 844-4883.

SUNNY RIDGE FAMILY CENTER

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

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Chair: Leo Barron, Damian Bondi, Debbie Franko,
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Girl ScoutsJeannine Dabertin

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Environment Martin Dybel
Eucharistic Ministers Eve Duray
Lectors Nancy Gomez
Liturgy CommitteeMargaret Saliga
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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, April 9, Palm Sunday

7:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon St. Casimir Pancake
Breakfast, raffle, & flower sale, 4329 Cameron
9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
9:00 am—12:30 pm Pirohi & Bread Sale, 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

Monday, April 10, TRIP Pick Up

1:00 pm Rosary Society Board Mtg. (SJ)
7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, April 11

6:00 pm SJ Adult Choir Practice
6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion (SH)
6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting (SJ)
7:00 pm 3rd Baptism Preparation (SJ)

Wednesday, April 12

1:00 pm Rosary Sodality (SH)
6:00 pm FFP Classes Grades 1-5 SH)
7:00-8:00 pm Confessions (SJ)
7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)
7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday, April 13, Holy Thursday

7:00 am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10:00 am Chrism Mass, Holy Angels Cathedral
6:30 pm W/R Crime Watch, Rm 200, Cal College
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (SJ) W/R Cluster
(Bi-lingual)
8:30 pm-10:00 pm Private adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament at all the Cluster Churches

Friday, April 14, Good Friday

7:00 am Morning Prayer (SJ)
12:00 Noon Interfaith Prayer Service, (IC Church)
1:30 pm The Lord's Passion (SJ)
7:00 pm "Teen Life" Stations of the Cross, (SJ)

Saturday, April 15, Holy Saturday

7:00 am Morning Prayer (SJ)
10:00 am-11:00 am Confessions (SJ)
1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets (SJ)
2:00-3:00 pm Confessions (SJ)
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass (Bi-lingual) (SJ)

Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday

No FFP Classes
11:00 am 3rd Rite of Baptism

ADDITIONAL PENANCE SERVICES Mon., April 10, 7 pm, St. Stanislaus; Harbor Parishes: Mon., April 10, 6:30 pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe ; Tues., April 11, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick; Wed., April 12, 6:30 pm, St. John Cantius