

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



April 23, 2006
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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Baptism.....473-7557
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Marjie Biel: marjbie1@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.

†DEACON DAVID HAJDUCH

This Easter Sunday was a homecoming for Deacon Dave. He visited his home town and parish to celebrate Holy Week Holy Liturgies. He stopped off at his home in Westfield and from here he journeyed to his heavenly home.

A deacon is ordained to serve the people of God. Deacon Dave lived well his commitment. Besides ministering at the altar for our liturgies at Saint John, Dave reached out to others in practical ways. His own cross of serious health problems instilled in him compassion and understanding. His presence was deeply appreciated by the sick. He frequently visited those in local hospitals and the homebound of our parish. His love for Norma and his family were instrumental in developing a deep respect for the dignity of all human life. This respect compelled him to become an active participant in the Right to Life movement in our area. The Missionaries of the Precious Blood were proud to claim him as a member of its Companion Program. He shared his good sense of humor during his frequent visits to the rectory breakfast table, providing lots of laughs, many a time at his own expense.

He was welcomed home by the Resurrected Lord whom he loved and served faithfully!

TRULY A HOLY WEEK

Praise God for the blessings He bestowed on us during the days of this holy week! How gratifying to experience the faith so many people gathered together to celebrate the mystery of Jesus' sufferings, death, and the fulfillment of His promise – His resurrection from the dead! The liturgies on Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday were so very special because the members of the cluster parishes came together as God's family. We were blessed by the prayerful presentation of the Way of the Cross by our Life Teens! They provided us with a deeply moving meditation on our Lord's suffering and death. We are grateful to the many involved in planning the liturgies, the many ministers, and all who took the time to come and praise and worship. A special thanks to Marty Dybel and those who helped decorate the church. The change in decorations for each of the days during Holy Week enhanced the prayerful mode which leads to the festive celebration of the resurrection! We are blessed!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Pope John Paul II has asked that the faithful participate in the Divine Mercy Prayers. You are invited to come to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church this Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. for the Divine Mercy Prayer Service. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers, and Benediction. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 24, Fidelis, priest martyr
7:00 am †John Nicksic Off: Wife, Lorraine

Tuesday, April 25, Mark, Evangelist
7:00 am Intention of Eugene & Dorothy Kasper,
50th Wedding Anniversary
8:30 am †Hicko & Walters Families Off: Irene
Walters

Wednesday, April 26
7:00 am †Gabriella Baran Off: Sons, Joe & Dave
8:30 am †Anthony & Margaret Matlon Off: Son, Rick

Thursday, April 27
7:00 am †Dawn C. Pramuk (Anniv.) Off: Joyce
Pramuk

Friday, April 28, Peter Chanel, priest, martyr,
Louis Mary de Montfort, priest
7:00 am †John S. Duray Off: Family
8:30 am †John & Emilia Krull Off: Family

Saturday, April 29, Catherine of Siena, virgin, dr.
7:00 am †Parents of Edward & Catherine Smutniak
(Wedding Anniversaries)
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 30, Third Sunday of Easter
7:00 am For Our Parish Family
9:00 am For Our Parish Family
11:00 am For Our Parish Family
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite



Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling,
Mary Berland, Susan Biel, Lucy
Campbell, Mary Danielson, John
Dubec, Magdalene Douchette, Sophie Foley, Patricia
Iwan, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph
Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich,
Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Ruth Magurany,
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.



Sophie C. Tkacz
Ann M. Strickland
Irene A. Wagner, Mother of
Darlene Beerling & Joyce Wagner
Deacon David Hajduch

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: Robert Bughman, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava 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.

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Easter Sunday.....	\$23,170.39
Loose.....	\$2,013.89
High School.....	\$70.50
Grade School.....	\$168.80
Total for the Week.....	\$25,423.58
Holy Thursday Collection for St. Vincent DePaul.....	\$687.00
Good Friday Inter-Faith Service for Whiting Food Pantry.....	\$1,208.90

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

This past week, Bishop Melczek's letter concerning the annual Catholic Services Appeal was mailed to the parishioners of the Diocese of Gary. The brochure that was included with the letter outlines the many services and ministries that are funded through your gift to the CSA. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to read the brochure and prayerfully reflect on how you can contribute to this year's CSA.

RCIA

We welcome with great joy those who through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. They are: Rachel Ramirez and Anthony Rodriguez from Sacred Heart and Sharyn Calinski, Sheila Calinski, Grace Cisneros, Mark Cisneros, Daniel Deel, Adam Madison, Amanda Maloney, Craig Mosoriak, Mark O'Hara and Brian Witak. Please keep these adults in your prayers as they continue to walk on their journey of faith.

Sincere thanks are extended to the members of the Cluster RCIA Team, Holly Boblink, Sister Viviana Custo, Father John Kalicky, Deacon Joseph Manchak, Diane Puplava, Hector Rosario and Father Gary Scherer for guiding their journey.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

On Easter Sunday, our community welcome the following newly baptized infants into God's family: Veronica Jude Rosario, from Sacred Heart and Ricardo Austin Alvarez, Meryck Robert Gonzalez and Hailey Ann Johns from St. John.

LIFE TEEN

The members of the Whiting-Robertsdale Community Life Teen presented a very moving performance of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. We are tremendously proud of our teens and young adults for their powerful and inspiring witness. Life Teen Masses are held at 5:30 pm each Sunday at St. John Church. All are welcome to attend Mass. Life Nights for our High School students will resume on April 30th immediately after Mass.

MARIAN THEATRE ROMANTIC COMEDY



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.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the Pirohi Ladies of St. John's! Their latest sale brought in \$2,806.00.

ST. JOHN/ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Is now offering a selection of beautiful spring decorations. Your order will be a touching remembrance to your loved ones, as well as enhancing the appearance of the cemetery. All proceeds from the sale of the decorations, which includes an assortment of floral arrangements and/or eternal solar lights, will be used to assist the Holy Innocents Emergency Shelter at the East Chicago's Carmelite Home for Girls. The Holy Innocents Shelter was established in 2000 and provides compassionate care for infants and toddlers who find themselves without parents and families. For additional information, call Mike Welsh 844-9475 or stop by the cemetery office to make your selection.

WINTER FESTIVAL 2006 NEWS AND UPDATE!

The entire 2006 Winter Festival Committee would like to once again say thank-you to everyone who participated and attended this year's festival. The support that was given to this fundraising event was outstanding! This type of support demonstrated how our parish and school community can work together towards a common goal, which is to continue to provide an excellent Catholic Education in support of our children.

Total income: \$116,811.54
Total expense: \$33,917.50
 Total profit: \$82,893.94!

ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!

RACE FOR EDUCATION

St. John school children are participating in a RACE FOR EDUCATION on Friday, April 28. 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. You can make a general donation to the school by indicating this at the bottom of the form. Thank you!

Wedding Banns

I James Holmes & Amy Moricz
 II Brian J. Johnson & Leslie Ann Dasgupta

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, April 29

Lectors: J. Wagner, A. Perz
 Euch Min: J&G Blackwell, MJ Kansky, L. Kilander,
 N. Mitchell, G&C Rosen, J. Wozniak, E. Duray
 Altar Servers: Demetria Beaulieu, Kyle Brown, Colin
 Chiluski

7:00 am, April 30

Lectors: R. Pesenko, Helen Marie
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek,
 D&R Barnes, L. Barron
 Altar Servers: Mikayla Dross, Manuel Estrada, Joshua
 Flores

9:00 am, April 30

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, E. Bojda
 Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, D. Weber, Br. J. Hall,
 M. Jakubielski, ML Tonkovich
 Altar Servers: Catherine Yoder, Hunter Banas, David
 Boland

11:00 am, April 30

Lectors: K. Lannon, D. Botich
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, J. Bondi, M. Poppen,
 Evelyn Roldan, K. Scalf
 Altar Servers: Maritza Castellano, Stephen Duha,
 John Duha

5:30 pm, April 30

Altar Servers: Nicholas & Zack Curosh, Drew Dybel

CARE CENTER

April 30: 10:00 a.m. L & C Remmers

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

April 24 & 25: Katherine Chiluski & Emily Curosh
 April 26 & 27: Daisy Cruz & Jakob Davis
 April 28 & 29: Samuel DeCero & Amanda Delinck

FIRST QUARTER REPORT

The St. Vincent DePaul Society, Whiting-Robertsdale Cluster
 First Quarter Report, January 1st through March 31, 2006.

Beginning Balance	\$3,803.97
Income	
Church collections, poor boxes	\$4,552.68
Private and group donations	665.00
	Total \$5,217.68
Expenses	
Client Aid	\$5,473.84
Dues/Contributions to District Council	665.00
Operating Expenses-stamps, etc.	128.57
	Total \$6,267.41

Ending Balancing \$2,754.24
 We helped 164 families with financial assistance.
 Rental assistance 44 Utility assistance 107
 Food Vouchers 3

The Migrant Workers Project provided personal care items, clothes and fans to men working at farms in our area. On Sunday, April 30th there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of this ministry! God bless you.

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, April 23

No FFP Classes

7:00 am—1:00 pm

Lions Pancake Breakfast in
St. John Panel Room

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

3:00 pm Divine Mercy (SJ)

3:00 pm Cathedral Arts Concert

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite



Monday, April 24, Final TRIP Order Due

7:00 pm Finance Council (SJ)

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, April 25

6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion
(SH) on the Paschal Mystery

6:30 pm Parent Formation 1st Communion (SJ)

Wednesday, April 26

6:00 pm FFP Classes, Grades 1-5 (SH)

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday, April 27

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJ)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJ)

Friday, April 28

9:00 am Race for Education

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30

8:30 am First Communion (SH)

9:00 am FFP Classes, Grades 6-8 (SH)

10:45 am First Communion (SH)

2:00 pm Potluck dinner IC (SH)

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

The annual Life Teen Flower Sale is under way. Please support this important fund raiser to enable our teens to continue to have a comprehensive youth ministry program.



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