

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



MAY 14, 2006
FIFTH 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
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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.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Lord, when life gets hectic, please remind me that You called me to this vocation of motherhood and will give me the grace to do it well. Lord, when things get out of control, please remind me that You are ultimately in control of every circumstance which comes my way, and that I should turn everything over to You. Lord, when I lose my patience, remind me that my beautiful family is Your gift to help sanctify me, and that the ultimate goal is not found in the minute details of everyday living, but in eternity with You. Amen.

A MOTHER'S BLESSING!

Blessed is the Mother
Who lets the Lord be her guiding hand,
Whose faith brings her family courage,
Whose wisdom comes from God,
And whose children still stand and honor her!
*God bless all mothers today and everyday!
The Priests, Deacon, and Staff*

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Whiting Knights of Columbus Council #1696 will be holding a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 14th from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for kids under 12. Treat mom to breakfast! All are welcome!

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Our parish goal for this year is \$59,493.00. The results from the first Sunday of the CSA appeal are: 111 families pledged \$13,964.25. Parish members who joined the "Bishop's Guild" donated an additional \$5,500.00 making the total of \$19,464.25 for this first week. For those who have not yet made pledges, envelopes are available in the church pews and at the rectory. Please place your completed pledge envelope in the collection, or rectory drop box—side door. The Diocese depends heavily on funds raised through CSA to support its many ministries and services from which people throughout our diocese benefit. Please be generous with your financial support. Thank you!

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 Puplava Jr., Eric Schaufele, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.* (Please call the rectory at 659-0023 to add a name.)



Please note this listing now includes Masses for Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. John the Baptist parishes.

Monday, May 15, Isidore the Farmer

7:00 am †Paul & Theresia Palko Off: Ann Palko (SJB)

8:00 am †John M. Sobek (IC)

Tuesday, May 16

7:00 am †In Memory of Steve J. Slacanin (SJB)

Wednesday, May 17

7:00 am †Duke Uhrin Off: Wife, Marge & Family (SJB)

Thursday, May 18, John I, pope, martyr

7:00 am †Andrea M. Buell Off: M/M Tom Raycroft (SJB)

Friday, May 19

7:00 am †Anthony Svabik Off: Daughter, Diane (SJB)

8:00 am †Rudy Kapitan (IC)

8:30 am †Eleanore Kauchak Off: Jim O'Drobinak (SJB)

Saturday, May 20, Bernardine of Siena, priest

7:00 am †Rev. Benedict Rajcany (Anniversary) (SJB)

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family (SJB)

5:30 pm †Joe & Betty Reagan (SH)

Sunday, May 21, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

8:00 am Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)

8:15 am Living & Deceased Members of St. Ann's Sodality (IC)

8:30 am †Jose Aguirre (SH)

9:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

10:15 am †Stanley Roszkowski (SA)

10:45 am †Margaret Latta (SH)

11:00 am For Our Parish Family; Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Order of Foresters St. Benedict Court #1325 (SJB)

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

Pray For

Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rosemary Bobos, 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, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Mary Berland

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$10,014.79
Loose.....	\$1,154.10
High School.....	\$21.50
Grade School.....	\$145.49
Total for the Week.....	\$11,335.88

Good News Department: For April, our NIPSCO bill was only \$4,596.18.

Bad News Department: *Northwest Indiana Catholic* billing is \$19,448.00. Of this amount, \$12,995.00 is outstanding from our parishioners. It is not too late to send in your subscription fee of \$23.00 for the only Catholic weekly newspaper in the area!!



PRAY THE ROSARY

During the month of May, St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 2011 Clark St., invites everyone to gather at 6:00 pm daily, Monday through Friday, at the outdoor shrine to pray the rosary together. At St. John Church the rosary is prayed both before and after the 7:00 am daily Mass. Many families pray the rosary together remembering that "the family that prays together stays together." Mary's prayer is a powerful one. May it draw us ever closer to God's love inspiring us to reach out to others.

PRAYER TO MARY FOR PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

O Mother, Awaken among the young generation a willingness to serve God alone. Implore for us numerous vocations for the priesthood and the religious life. O Mother, confirm the faith of all our lay brothers and sisters so that, in every area of social, professional, cultural and political life, they may work according to the truth and law which your Son has proclaimed to Humanity in order to lead all to eternal salvation and, at the same time, to make life on earth more human and more worthy of us all.

LIFE TEEN FLOWER PICKUP

Thank you to all who have ordered flowers through LifeTeen. Please don't forget to pick up your flowers at the church garage on Saturday, 10 am-Noon, May 20th! Questions? Call Candi at 659-1663.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, May 18th starting with services at 1:15 pm in church with meeting to follow in the Mural Room. Group 5 with their Co-Promoters, Carol Vargo & Marian Vargo will host the social hour.

Wedding Banns

I Brian Witak & Shelia Calinski

CONGRATULATIONS ST. JOHN STUDENTS

On Saturday, May 6, 2006, 15 students from St. John the Baptist School attended the School City of Hammond Elementary School Science Olympiad competition. The Team was coached by Mrs. Lynn Barlo a second grade teacher from St. John, and Mrs. Lorie Zeman, a parent volunteer. The team finished in First Place with every member receiving a medal. This was St. John's fifth year to compete in the annual event, which was sponsored by the School City of Hammond.

Gold Medal winners were: Jessica Zemen & Alyssa Estrada for Circuit Wizardy. Jessica Zeman & Joey Chatel for the computer event. Paige Guiden & Joey Zemen for Feathered Frenzy. Mary Gundich & Erica Wiczorek for Metric Measurement. Luke Matulewicz & Joey Chatel for Mouse Trap. Joey Zemen & Xavier Estrada for Mystery Powder. Paige Guiden for Propeller Propulsion. Nick Thrasher & Paige Guiden for Water Rockets.

Silver Medal winners were: Xavier Estrada & Luke Matulewicz for Balloon Racer, Mary Gundich & Sara Kruszynski for Orienteering. Jessica Zemen & Jacob Brooks for Pond Study. Elliot Bibat & Joey Chatel for Starry Starry Night.

Bronze Medal winners for Pentathlon were: Sara Kruszynski, Mollie Lovasko, Brad Hurtig, Alyssa Estrada, and Jacob Brooks.

St. John School would like to thank all the parent volunteers for their time and effort in helping to coach this year's event. We would also like to thank Mr. Lovasko for the donation of the team shirts. The first place trophy was presented to Mr. Feltz, Father John and Father Gary by the team during Monday morning announcements in school.

PARVULI DEI AWARD

Our heartiest congratulations are extended to the following St. John School Boy Scouts who received their religious medal for Parvuli Dei at the Blue & Gold Mass on May 13: Joseph Zemen, Ryan Lynch, Bradley Hurtig, William Maloney, Emmanuel Roldan.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

It only takes one life to make a difference...and blessed be the person who will live it.

Amanda Bradley

The TRIP committee would like to thank Mrs. Andrea Matura and Mrs. Christine Filipek for their excellent job in running the program this year. Their stewardship of this program has helped many children of St. John School receive a quality education, while helping families cut education costs. *God blesses those who give of themselves. May he reward you for being so kind.*

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

DAVE'S AUTO BODY
10657 Buffalo Ave. Chicago
773-375-3666

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, May 20

Lectors: L. Gonzalez, F. Stofcik

Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk,
D. Cuculich, L. Barron

Altar Servers: Michelle Mirza, David Moats,
Stephanie Perz

7:00 am, May 21

Lectors: R. Pesenko, Helen Marie

Euch Min: L. Kilander, T. Barilla, G. Jancosek,
M. Saliga, T&S Adam, E. Matuska

Altar Servers: Kelly Rusnak, Chelsae & Caleb
Strabavy

9:00 am, May 21

Lectors: E. Bojda, R. Jakubielski

Euch Min: C. Vrabel, MJ Kansky, I. Dominguez,
M. Jakubielski, D. McCampbell, L. Wade

Altar Servers: Joshua & Jacob Pelletier, Taylor
Pokraka

11:00 am, May 21

Lectors: D. Botich, K. Lannon

Euch Min: D. Shimala, M. Knazur, E. Igras, N. Mitchell
Erwin Roldan, K. Saliga, F. Delinck, E. Duray

Altar Servers: Alec, Eric & Anthony Rodriguez

5:30 pm, May 21

Altar Servers: Steven Radloff, Andres Ramirez, Brian
Reeves

CARE CENTER

May 21: 10:00 a.m. J. Bobos, R. Mikola

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

May 15 & 16: Adam Rosado & Vincent Rossodivito

May 17 & 18: Brianna Scivinsky & Natalie Serna

May 19 & 20: Tania Spezza & Katherine Staley

ROSARY SOCIETY SPRING BAKE SALE

Sunday, May 21st beginning after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 12 Noon. Coffee and rolls will be served, and a raffle will be held. Members, please bring in baked goods for the sale by 10:00 a.m. To volunteer for the bake sale or if you have questions call Marsha Banik 659-8158 or e-mail hlukacek@hotmail.com.

GARAGE MAHAL

Donations (no clothing) can be dropped off at Benedict Hall (church basement): May 16 & 17 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This sale will be Saturday, May 20th from 9:00 am—4:00 pm in the rectory garage.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

Couples who practice natural family planning follow the teachings of the Church and have a method that is safe, effective, and low-cost. Attend a short course and learn the Sympto-Thermal Method. The course begins on May 16th at St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Center, North Campus, Hammond. Call 933-2100.

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, May 14, Mother's Day

7:00 am-1:00 pm Mother's Day Breakfast
Whiting Knights of Columbus

8:15 am Mass & May Crowning (IC)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Last day to submit Flower Orders!!

Monday, May 15

C.P.P.S. Assembly

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)



Tuesday, May 16

No 8:30 am Mass (SJ) C.P.P.S. Assembly

Wednesday, May 17

No 8:30 am Mass (SJ) C.P.P.S. Assembly

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (IC)

7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday, May 18

C.P.P.S. Assembly

1:15 pm Rosary Society (SJ)

7:00 pm Cluster Committee (SJ)

Friday, May 19

Saturday, May 20

9:00 am — 4:00 pm Garage Mahal SJ Rectory

10:00 — Noon Flower Pick up, SJB Parking Lot

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am-12:00 pm Rosary Society Bake Sale

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

SLOVAK DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, June 4, the annual Slovak Day Celebration will take place at the Salvatorian Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania Street, in Merrillville. It will begin with Mass at 10:30 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Dale Melczek, and other clergy of Slovak descent. Festivities of the day include ethnic foods, entertainment for all, exhibits, games, raffles, bake sale, and dancing from 3:00-6:00 p.m. to music provided by the Gene Mikrut Orchestra. For information call Betty & Carl Yurechko, 219-662-1218, or -887-0866.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The St. John/St. Joseph Diocesan Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be Monday, May 29, at 10:30 am. Mass will be celebrated next to the cemetery office. Join us as we honor the memory of our loved ones who have faithfully served our nation. Information call: 844-9475.