

All Are Welcome . . .

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



MAY 21, 2006  
SIXTH 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

## Telephone (219)/Website Information

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School Fax.....473-7553  
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St. John Program:  
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  
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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

### CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Our parish goal for this year is \$59,493.00. 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 basket, 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 and parish benefit. Please be generous with your financial support. Thank you!

### BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next series of parish baptisms will be celebrated during the month of June. To register or to receive more information, please contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or at dpupilava@hotmail.com.

### 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. For more information call 844-9475.

### ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE TODAY

Sunday beginning after 7:00 a.m. Mass until 12 Noon in the Mural Room. Coffee and rolls will be served and a raffle held. Come join us for coffee and fellowship!



### FOREVER BLUE & GOLD

~ST. JOHN FAMILY~

Today's parish bulletin contains a very special insert for all graduates of St. John the Baptist School. A team of St. John graduates are in the process of developing an organization that will connect and serve their families. If you know a St. John graduate, please pass this insert on to them.

Trivia question: *The Sisters of Providence served St. John School for 75 years. How many sisters actually taught at St. John?*

Find the answer in next week's bulletin!

### 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.* (Please call the rectory at 659-0023 to add a name.)



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

Monday, May 22, Rita of Cascia, relig.  
7:00 am †Deacon David Hajduch Off: C.P.P.S. Companions (SJB)  
8:00 am †Helen Wozniczka (SH)

Tuesday, May 23  
7:00 am †Rose Sefchik Off: Kathi & Ron Bondi (SJB)  
8:00 am †Edward M. Poropat (SH)  
8:30 am †Don Korem & Barbara Koch Off: Lucille (SJB)

Wednesday, May 24  
7:00 am †Mike Rapchak Off: Sister, Ruth (SJB)  
8:00 am †Charles Pullen (SH)  
8:30 am †John G. Berna Off: Mary Vanek (SJB)

Thursday, May 25, Bede/Gregory VII/ Mary Magdalene de Pazzi  
7:00 am †Deceased of Hashu & Lubeck Families Off: Bill & Tom (SJB)  
8:00 am †Helen Kiraly (SH)

Friday, May 26, Philip Neri, priest  
7:00 am †Gilbert Miller Off: Family (SJB)  
8:00 am †Paul Sinal (SH)  
8:30 am †Joseph, Ann & Joe Skertich Off: Rosalie (SJB)

Saturday, May 27, Augustine of Canterbury, bp  
7:00 am †Steve Benko Off: Barbara Jean & Ron (SJB)  
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family (SJB)  
5:30 pm †John & Allen Doran (SH)

Sunday, May 28, Ascension of the Lord  
7:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)  
8:00 am †John Swierc (SA)  
8:15 am Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society (IC)  
8:30 am Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)  
9:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)  
10:15 am †William Kacak (SA)  
10:45 am †Tom McHale (Anniversary) (SH)  
11:00 am For Our Parish Family (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, 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, 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.



*Rest in Peace* Cecilia E. Kapitan, Ann Dvorscak, Mary M. Mahmet

## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$8,948.66
Loose.....	\$470.92
High School.....	\$28.00
Grade School.....	\$110.29
Total for the Week.....	\$9,557.87

### NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Our parish cost to provide this wonderful newspaper is \$19,448.00. Of that 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

Throughout 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. Know the power of prayer.

### WOMENS DAY OF REFLECTION

The Daughters of Isabella & The Gary Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will hold a Day of Reflection for all women of the Gary Diocese on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Our Lady of Consolation, 8303 Taft, Merrillville. The theme will be "Catholic Women United in Prayer for Vocations." Please submit a \$12 check or money order payable to Gary DCCW. Send it along with name, address and phone number of people who are attending to Jo Schweitzer, 4390 West 161<sup>st</sup> Ave., Lowell, IN 46356. Please mail before June 15 if at all possible. The day will start with registration at 9:00 a.m., Mass at 11:00 a.m. with Frs. Roy Beeching and Kevin Huber, and conclude with Benediction at 1:30 p.m. For more information call Helen at 219-924-5783.

### JUST BECAUSE

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary." The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little child said, "Verge." Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?" The child said, "Well, you know they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

### SLOVAK DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 4, at the Salvatorian Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania Street, in Merrillville. Mass at 10:30 am.

### Wedding Banns

I James Valentovich, Jr. & Krystal Markovich  
II Brian Witak & Shelia Calinski

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We would like to present Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 to 8 of our community during the week of June 19th. We are still in need of a few adults to help out either in classrooms or as craft or snack coordinators. Please contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or at dpupilava@hotmail.com.

### HURRICANE RECOVERY PROJECT

The Gary Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is fundraising to help Our Lady of Mercy School in Beaumont, Texas, to purchase math curriculum textbooks for their September semester. Hurricane Rita ravaged their school. Half the students live below government low-income level. The Beaumont/Port Arthur area has the highest unemployment rate in the state. Help is asked of organizations or individuals to give whatever they can. Please make any checks or money orders payable to Gary DCCW and mail to: Jo Schweitzer, 4390 West 161<sup>st</sup> Ave., Lowell, IN 46356. The total amount raised will be sent to the National Council of Catholic Women for presentation to the school. Information: call Helen 219-924-5783.

### CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

In recognition of parishioners' support for the "Blood of the Martyrs" blood drive during January 2003 through January 2006, the African American Ministry and Catholic Charities presented a Certificate of Appreciation to St. John the Baptist Parish. Many thanks for all who participated in these drives.

*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
*Strength to Love, 1963*

### HAMMOND DOG WALK

On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. hundreds of dogs of all sizes will bring their owners to downtown Hammond to participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hammond Dog Walk. This popular event will start at the green space (formerly Goldblatt's Dept. Store) at the corner of Hohman & Sibley Street. During the Walk, all will stop in front of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for a blessing. Tickets for this dog lover's utopia are \$10 for each dog. Half of this fee will be donated to Hammond, Calumet City and Lake County Sheriff K-9 units. Tickets can be purchased before the walk in the Neighborhoods, Inc. office 6340 Kennedy Avenue, Hammond. For information or to volunteer, call Sandy Wojtaszek 219-844-1876 or visit the website [www.neighborhoodsinc.com](http://www.neighborhoodsinc.com) under programs/Events/Dog Walk for an online registration form.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK  
SUNRISE RESTAURANT

1342 - 119TH STREET, WHITING  
219-659-1390

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, May 27

Lectors: R. Mikola, F. Gazda

Euch Min: L. Barron, D. McCampbell, N. Mitchell, J&D Franko, MJ Kansky, Beth Jerzyk

Altar Servers:

7:00 am, May 28

Lectors: M. Saliga, G. Jancosek

Euch Min: T&S Adam, D&R Barnes, B. Chidalek, E. Matuska, G. Jancosek

Altar Servers:

9:00 am, May 28

Lectors: E. Bojda, A. Perz

Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, S&E Bakajza, Br. J. Hall, ML Tonkovich

Altar Servers:

11:00 am, May 28

Lectors: M. Bibat, D. Bondi

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, J. Bondi, E. Igras, C. Lannon, C. Vrabel, M. Poppen, E. Duray

Altar Servers:

5:30 pm, May 28

Altar Servers:

### CARE CENTER

May 28: 10:00 a.m. L&C Remmers

### WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

May 22 & 23:

May 24 & 25:

May 26 & 27:

## SAINT CAS FEST 2006



All crafters are invited to participate in the Saint Cas Fest 2006. It will take place on Saturday, August 26. For more information or an application, please call Donna at 219-937-6380.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Martha Shimala's granddaughter, Jenna Wishnew, of Allen, Texas, will be awarded the Doctorate of Medicine on June 3rd in Galveston, Texas. She will specialize in surgery.

## ST. JOHN CHURCH WEBSITE

Have you visited our website lately? Click on [sjbcatholicparish.org](http://sjbcatholicparish.org) for a wonderful history of our parish and school. Did you also know that you could establish a Memoriam for a loved one on our St. John Parish website? These Memoriam placements are a wonderful way to remember and tell stories of parishioners who have been an important part of our parish family and community. Visit [sjbcatholicparish.org](http://sjbcatholicparish.org) to see the Memoriam placements. If you're thinking about establishing a Memoriam for a loved one, go to the Memoriam section of the site for details.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

## PARISH DIRECTORY

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Collen Lannon, Robert Hildreth, Edward Igras, Rita Krilich, Marcia Krull, Nancy Mitchell, Gary Pieters, Mary Poppen, Martha Shimala, Chris Suarez, Minerva Wieczorek, 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, May 21

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

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Monday, May 22

7:00 pm Finance Council (No Meeting on 5/29)

Tuesday, May 23

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday, May 25

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJ)

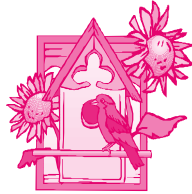
Friday, May 26

Saturday, May 27

Sunday, May 28 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

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



### BLOOD DRIVE

St. Stanislaus Parish in East Chicago, In with the Heartland Center will be having a Blood Drive on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in our Social Hall. Please consider donating blood if you are able. For information call 219-398-2341.

### CAR WASH

Girl Scout Troop 111 will be holding a car wash from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. John's Church Parking lot. They will also be selling hotdogs and pop for a dollar.



Have lunch and get your car cleaned at the same time. Please come and support our scouts!

### INSTALLATION DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Wives Club Installation Dinner will be June 13 at the K of C Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm, dinner served at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$5.00 and the reservation deadline is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, \$15.00 for the "No-Bake Bake Sale" is due now. Please send dinner reservation and/or "No-Bake Bake Sale" money to Dorothy Kovacik, 2750 White Oak Avenue, Whiting, IN 46394.