

STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

St. Paul reminds us in today's second reading that Christ died "so that those who live might live no longer for themselves." As good stewards, we recognize that what we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus.

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 Saint John the Baptist. They have promised to raise their children 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 the parents and godparents, and publicly professed our own faith.

Today, Sunday, June 25th at the 9 am Mass, these children 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 these children and their families. We ask you to keep these children in your prayers: Isabelle Veronica Campbell, Nathan Allan Lundin, and Alec Anthony Padilla.

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, there to share in your kingdom and with us to bless your name forever. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

ANOTHER MAJOR PROJECT UNDERWAY!

Currently on the list of church repair is the walkway ("catwalk") that runs the length and breath of the church attic. This walkway enables maintenance people to do necessary repairs and to change lights. The present "catwalk" is the original one dating back to the time the church was built. Dry-rot has caused the present wood structure to become a safety hazard. Pangere Company has begun work in the church attic to construct the much needed new walkway. The company is using the south side of the church building as their staging area. Please use caution when walking in that area. Back when the painting of the church was complete, we began plans to replace the catwalk. In anticipation of the expense, we have been doing our best to put monies aside in our budget. The cost of the project is \$138,276.00. A very expensive project, one that will not be seen by many people, but one much needed for the safety of all.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING



Listing includes Masses for St. Adalbert, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. John the Baptist parishes.

Monday, June 26

7:00 am †Norman Foley Off: Wife, Sophie (SJB)

8:00 am †Steve, Mary & Peter Fercik (IC)

Tuesday, June 27, Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor

7:00 am †Nick & Julia Toth Off: Daughter (SJB)

8:00 am †Sister M. Mildred (IC)

Wednesday, June 28, Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

7:00 am Special Intention John & Marie Dubec (SJB)

8:00 am †Helen Rueth (IC)

Thursday, June 29, Peter and Paul, apostles

7:00 am †Mary M. Churosh-Biel Off: Tom & Allison Bercik (SJB)

8:00 am †Robert Gacsko (IC)

Friday, June 30, First Martyrs of the Roman Church

7:00 am †Sylvester Nemcek Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)

8:00 am Health & Blessings Kenny Petkunas (IC)

Saturday, July 1, Blessed Junipero Serra, priest

7:00 am †Rev. John Lefko, C.P.P.S. (Anniversary) (SJB)

2:00 pm Joseph Vogel & Therese Beaulieu Wedding (SJB)

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family (SJB)

5:30 pm †Dugan & Capp Families (SH)

Sunday, July 2, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Chris Dostatni (SA)

8:15 am Living & Deceased Member of Holy Name Society (IC)

8:30 am †Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

9:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

10:15 am †Martin Marek (SA)

10:45 am †Msgr. F. Raymond Fowerbaugh (Anniv.) (SH)

11:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

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

Pray For

Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rosemary Bobos, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Sophie Foley, Patrica Iwan, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Dixie Luttrell, 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 Mary A. (Petri) Stofcik
Norbert P. Grenchik

Christian One Liners...

When you get to your wit's end,
you'll find God lives there!

STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$7,819.62
Loose.....	\$392.00
High School.....	\$44.00
Grade School.....	\$72.75
Total for the Week.....	\$8,328.37

**CSA FACTS AND FIGURES
As of June 12**

2006-2007 CSA Goal: \$59,493.00
 Parish families: 1100
 Families who pledged: 325
 Percent of families who pledged: 29.5%
 Amount pledged: \$46,522.00
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 78%
 Average Pledge amount: \$143.15
 Payments on pledge to date: \$27,992.00
 Percent of Goal: 47%
 Families who have not pledged: 775
 Amount needed to meet goal: 12,971.00
 Percent of Goal to attain: 22%
 Average pledge from the 775 families needed to attain goal: \$16.74 per family

LIFE TEEN NEWS

A Teen Choir is being formed to sing at the Life Teen Masses. All teens are invited to come to rehearsals each Sunday at St. John Church at 4:30 pm. No registration or auditions are required. Call Laura Powell at 473-9931 for more information.

A training session for high school students who are willing to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the Life Teen Masses will be held today, Sunday, June 25th at 4:30 pm in Church. Please call Mrs. Puplava at 473-7557 if you have any questions.



TODAY IS PICNIC TIME!

Come and join us at the Whiting/Robertsdale Interfaith Potluck Picnic at Whiting Park Pavilion, today, Sunday, June 25. Parking is free to participants. Just mention that you're attending the Interfaith Picnic.

We will begin with a brief prayer service at 1:00 p.m. led by our area pastors, followed by an afternoon of "feasting" and friendship. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Paper plates, cups and flatware will be provided. Come with friends and family for a fun filled, delicious afternoon.

Wedding Banns

III Joseph Vogel & Therese Beaulieu

COME AND SEE

If you have never been baptized, been baptized in another denomination or have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion, we invite you to Come and See what the RCIA is. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and is a process designed to help adults learn about the Catholic faith. Come and See Monday, June 26th at 7 pm at St. John to learn about the RCIA process. Please pass this information along if you know of someone who might be interested. Contact Diane Puplava 219-473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com for information.

FUTURE CONSTRUCTION

In the near future repairs will be made to the sidewalk in front of the stairs on the South parking lot entrance of church. The entrance will be closed for about 5 days. Watch the bulletin for exact dates when this work will take place.

FOREVER BLUE & GOLD

~ST. JOHN FAMILY~

Blue & Gold Forever trivia answer: We asked what the original mascot name was for St. John the Baptist teams before it became the Trojans. Give up? The team mascot was the Blue Jays! For a pictorial added bonus, visit sjbcatholicparish.org and click on the link for the answer to the June 11th trivia question.

THANK YOU ST. JOHN ROSARY SOCIETY

For their very generous donation of \$1,000 to the Church!

Thought For the Day...

If God had a refrigerator,
 your picture would be on it.
 If God had a wallet, your photo would be in it.
 God sends you flowers every spring,
 a sunrise every morning.
 Face it, friend, He is crazy about you!
 God didn't promise days without pain,
 Laughter without sorrow, sun without rain,
 but God did promise strength for the day,
 Comfort for the tears, and light for the way.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

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, Nathan Wilson.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Hammond-Whiting Care Center
 1000 -114th Street
 219-659-2770

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, July 1

Lectors: L. Gonzales, J. Wagner
 Euch Min: G&C Rosen, M. Knazur, M. Poppen,
 N. Mitchell, J&D Franko
 Altar Servers: Adam Flores, Joseph Franko, Julian
 Gonzalez

7:00 am, July 2

Lectors: R. Matlon, D. Guiden
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, D. Cuculich,
 B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek, L. Kilander
 Altar Servers: Brian & Nicholas Lawson, Justin Lerma

9:00 am, July 2

Lectors: E. Bojda, F. Powell
 Euch Min: I. Dominguez, R&J Zubeck, M. Jakubielski,
 ML Tonkovich, L. Wade
 Altar Servers: Garret Goodwin, Jessica Hatczel,
 Krystle Howard

11:00 am, July 2

Lectors: D. Botich, K. Lannon
 Euch Min: J. Bondi, E. Igras, M&K Wagner, Evelyn
 Roldan, K. Saliga
 Altar Servers: Christine & Adam Lewandowski,
 Jessica Lopez

5:30 pm, July 2

Altar Servers: Joseph Igras, Alison Kouris, Jason
 Kresich

CARE CENTER

July 2: 10:00 a.m. L&C Remmers

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

June 26 & 27: Andrew Franko & Bianca Gonzalez
 June 28 & 29: Rachel Grunhard & Rachel Hurtig
 June 30 & July 1: Alyce Jakubielski & Katelyn
 Kruszynski

CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

The School City of Whiting is sponsoring a Summer Child Nutrition program offered to the Whiting Community. All children from the ages of 18 months to 18 years of age can eat lunch at no cost. The Whiting food service department will be serving lunch Monday through Friday from June 12 through August 18. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. daily. Call 473-0961 for information.

YOU ARE INVITED...

Prayer, service, fun, and community living are the main ingredients for Jesus in July, a six-day live-in experience for young Catholic women between the ages of 18-35 who are curious about the lifestyle of Catholic sisters. Come July 5-10, 2006, for a peek at the varied and rich lifestyle of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield, Illinois. Jesus in July is free for participants. Registration by June 28 required. Contact Sister Lori 217-787-0481, SLoriK@spdom.org.

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Food Collection.....Thomas Chocholek
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, JUNE 25

9:00 am 3rd Rite of Baptism (SJB)
 1:00 pm Interfaith Picnic (Whiting Park)
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJ)

Monday, June 26

10:30 am Bible Study at (SH) rectory
 7:00 pm Finance Council (SJ)
 7:00 pm RCIA Inquiry Session (SJB Pastoral Center)

Tuesday, June 27

Wednesday, June 28

7:00 pm Prayer Group
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)

Thursday, JUNE 29

Friday, JUNE 30

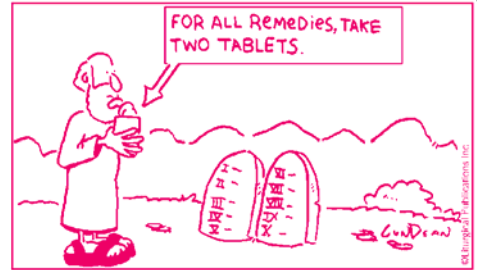
Saturday, JULY 1 -Food Drive SJB
 Feast of the Precious Blood



Sunday, JULY 2 -Food Drive SJB

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJ)
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJ)
 7:00 pm C.P.P.S. Companions (SJ)

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
 Please submit all articles by 1:00 p.m. Monday for the following Sunday edition.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATERING/BANQUET FACILITIES

Are you having a wedding, graduation party, birthday party, family reunion, class reunion, bridal shower or quinceanera? Would you like us to cook for you? Or would you like to bring your own food and rent a room? Call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041 or go to www.sjbcatholicparish.org and click on the Meetings and Facilities tab for more information.