

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

AUGUST 27, 2006
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

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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 8:15 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.



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Come and visit Our Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 1st at St. John the Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Litany and Rosary at 5:25 p.m. with Benediction following. For those who are able to stay for an hour, there are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin boards at each entrance of the Church. Our prayer intention for this month is to pray for *peace* and *reconciliation* through the triumph of the Holy Cross.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Today's second collection is for the Bishop's Hurricane Recovery in New Orleans and Biloxi.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

The Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community offers Faith Formation (Religious Education classes) for students who attend public schools. Children in Grades 1 through 5 attend classes on Wednesday evenings (beginning on September 13th). Children in Grades 6-8 attend classes on Sunday mornings (beginning on September 17th). In order for us to make plans and order supplies for the coming year, we ask that parents register their children before the classes begin.

This weekend, registration forms will be available in all of our community's Catholic Churches. Parents of all returning students (who have not yet re-registered) and parents of students who are new to our program should pick up a registration form after Mass this week, complete the information and return it to the Faith Formation Office according to the directions included with the form.

Please share this information with everyone you know who has children attending our public schools. Hopefully, by working together we can reach out to all of the children in our community and help them deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith and grow in their love of the Lord. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Diane Puplava at 219-473-7557 or dpuplava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

FOOD DRIVE



St. John the Baptist food drive is the weekend of September 2nd & 3rd. Place your donated food items in the Centennial Room in the back of Church. The Whiting/Robertsdale Food Pantry has been very grateful for your generous donations.

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Please pray for these brave men and women who are in the service: Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson. *Please call the rectory to add a name.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28, Augustine, bishop, doctor

7:00 am †Sylvester Nemcek Off: Wife & Family (SJB)
8:00 am †Rudolph Kapitan (IC)

Tuesday, August 29, Martyrdom of John the Baptist

7:00 am †Elizabeth Posavec Off: John & Bernice Victor (Brother) (SJB)
8:00 am †Pauline Kotul (IC)
8:15 am †Nicholas C. Gansinger Off: M/M Steven Jajchik (SJB)

Wednesday, August 30

7:00 am †Ann Rusina Off: Augustine Novotny (SJB)
8:00 am †Agnes Sotak (IC)
8:15 am †Albin Ambrose Off: Greg & Mary Ann Grudzian (SJB)

Thursday, August 31

7:00 am †Sarah Hojnacki Off: Irene Nadolski (SJB)
8:00 am †Bernard Striabiak (IC)

Friday, September 1

7:00 am †Frank Stofcik Off: Wife, Anna (SJB)
8:00 am †Irene Wagner (IC)
8:15 am †Carmella Marie Spiccia Off: Nancy Federenko (SJB)

Saturday, September 2

7:00 am †John & Margaret Duray Off: Mrs. Ann Kaminsky (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm †Richard Quattrin (SH)

Sunday, September 3 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
8:00 am †Harry & Paul Scivinsky (SA)
8:15 am †Richard E. Hart (IC)
8:30 am Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
10:15 am †Walter Flisiak (SA)
10:45 am †Eli Smoltz (SH)
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB) & Life Nite (SJB)

Pray For

Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Joan Bruder, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Marie Emro, Sophie Foley, Florence Gazda, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnck, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.



Rest in Peace Mary T. Adam, Louis C. Pivovarnik, Therese Sotak

Things To Ponder: *"Never pray to win, but to do your best — for God has no favorites."*

Dorothy J. Walker

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SCHOOL NEWS

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,936.00
Loose.....	\$506.17
High School.....	\$58.00
Grade School.....	\$110.04
Total for the Week.....	\$10,610.21
Feast of the Assumption.....	\$2,880.77

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Many thanks to all who are contributing. It is still not too late to submit your CSA pledge. Remember, all funds received over our parish goal will be returned to St. John. Your support is appreciated!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA (Rite of Initiation of Adults) is the process by which people become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA is designed for adults desiring Baptism as well as for baptized Christians from other denominations who are seeking membership in the Catholic Church. The RCIA process is also open to baptized Catholics who would like to complete their initiation as members of the Church and are seeking Confirmation and or Holy Communion.

The first stage of the RCIA process is called the *Period of Inquiry*. This is a time for questions, finding out more about the Church and the life of faith. Our weekly sessions will begin on Monday, September 18th at 7 pm in the St. John Pastoral Center. These sessions are a cooperative effort of the Whiting-Robertsdale cluster parishes.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA, please contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Did you know the birth control pill can act to cause an abortion in any woman in any cycle? You can learn a natural, safe, effective and morally acceptable method of family planning. The Natural Family Planning series begins September 5th at St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Center, South Campus in Dyer. For more information or to register, call 933-2100, Health Resource Center.

THANK YOU

To the family of Frances (Gen) Kulas, and son Michael for their donation to the St. John School Endowment Fund in her memory.

FCSL BRANCH #81 ANNUAL DINNER

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch #81, will host its Annual Dinner on Sunday, September 24. All members are invited to the St. John Panel Room. Social begins at 1 pm, dinner at 1:30 pm. Please RSVP by September 14, to Gerri 659-0090 or Ann 659-0949. There is no charge for members.

Wedding Banns

I Bruce Pufahl & Dana Surufka

School Dates to remember:

- Aug. 28, 8 am: First Day of School for Kindergarten — This will be a full day of school!
- Aug. 28, 7 pm: Middle School Parent Mtg
- Aug. 29, 7 pm: Intermediate Grades Parent Mtg.



ADULT CHOIR

Would you like to join your voice with others in praise of the Almighty? Help add beauty and solemnity to our Liturgies? Adult choir rehearsals for the season will be starting up this Thursday, August 31st, and every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the choir loft. Sometimes we might break a bit earlier or later. At our first rehearsal we'll do a little socializing and noshing as well as singing and praying, so why not come check us out? If you're not available all the time, come anyway. If you're interested but unable to make it this Thursday, or find all those stairs a little daunting, leave Geri Hildreth a message on her voice mail at the rectory#, and we'll see what we can work out!

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"
Mark your calendars!

August 27 Sunday, 6:30	Bagg-o Tournament!
September 3 Sunday, 6:30	Open Gym in St. John's School Gymnasium.
September 10 Sunday, 6:30	Picnic Planning Meeting in the Pastoral Center.
September 17 Sunday 5:30	Life Teen Anniversary Mass and Picnic. Come to mass and then relax after with a LIVE band and BBQ in the church parking lot. All are welcome!!!

Thanks to all who attended the concert by Narrow Way. We had a blast! Watch the bulletin for more concerts coming your way!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Bishop Noll Institute and St. John the Baptist Parish are happy to announce the 2006 graduates of Bishop Noll. They are Ruth Barlo, Cum Laude, four year Honor Student and a member of the Top Ten; Carlos Campos, three year Honor Student; Lilliana Cruz, Cum Laude and two year Honor Student; Victoria Kraus, one year Honor Student and recipient of several scholarships; and Kate Regnier.

Bethany Retreat House in East Chicago offers an ongoing Ministry Reflection Group for those engaged in positions of professional ministry. Participants meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month. See www.bethanyretreathouse.org or call Sr. Joyce Diltz at 219-398-5047 for more information.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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1-800-729-6686

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, September 2

Lectors: J. Kozak, A. Perz
Euch Min: D. Cuculich, J&D Franko, M. Krull, G&C
Rosen, E. Igras
Altar Servers: Garret Goodwin, Jessica Hatzel,
Krystle Howard

7:00 am, September 3

Lectors: M. Banik, P. Banik
Euch Min: T. Adam, L. Barron, L. Kilander, M. Saliga,
T. Barilla, B. Chidalek
Altar Servers: Brian & Nicholas Lawson, Adam
Lewandowski

9:00 am, September 3

Lectors: F. Stofcik, R. Jakubielski
Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, I. Dominguez, Br. J. Hall,
M. Jakubielski, G. Jancosek
Altar Servers: Joseph Igras, Alison Kouris, Jason
Kresich

11:00 am, September 3

Lectors: M. Bibat, D. Bondi
Euch Min: J. Bondi, MJ Kansky, M. Knazur, Evelyn
Roldan, M&K Wagner
Altar Servers: Colton Lopez, Emelie Lovasko, George
Magurany

5:30 pm, September 3

Altar Servers: Annie Labus, Erin Lawson, Nickolas
Lerma

CARE CENTER

September 3: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

Aug. 28 & 29: Bianca Gonzalez & Rachel Grunhard
Aug. 30 & 31: Rachel Hurtig & Alyce Jakubielski
Sept. 1 & 2: Katelyn Kruszynski & Justin Lerma

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Catholic Cemeteries are not just a mere resting-place for the dead, they are an important part of our faith. They are a tangible witness to our belief that life is everlasting and hope is eternal. Secure your final resting-place next to your family and near those who share your Catholic faith. The staff at St. John/St. Joseph Diocesan Cemetery is available to explain the advantages and options for advance burial planning. For more information call 844-9475; office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, and Saturday from 8:00 am until Noon.

INFORMATION PLEASE...

Do you have any information on the building of the grotto in St. John the Baptist Church? It is known that help from the Holy Name Society was obtained in 1964 for its construction. Would anyone know if the craftsmen who built it are still in the area? If you have any information, please contact Linda Gacsko at (323) 204-2156. Thank you!

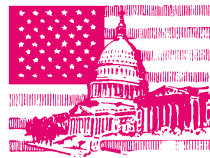
WHITING/ROBERTSDALE

CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE



The W/R Community, including the many churches, the combined Festival and Community Choirs, Mayor Joseph Stahura, the Whiting Fire and Police Departments, the American Legion Post 80 and the VFW Post 2724, will gather for a candlelight prayer service at the Whiting Park Pavilion on **Monday, September 11, 2006 at 6:45 p.m.** We will remember the victims of the attack on America five years ago and pray for their families, our nation and our world.

On the first anniversary 1,000 people gathered in our Whiting Pavilion. On this fifth anniversary we are hoping for a similar response. Once again BP Amoco Business Dept. will fund the twin tower searchlights, a reminder of the World Trade Center. Everyone is encouraged to participate. You may wish to bring a jar candle, to be lit by our area teens, and a chair/blanket to sit upon. In the case of severely inclement weather, we will gather at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 1849 Lincoln Ave., Whiting.



Once again on September 11 our area churches and those wishing to participate **will ring their bells at 8:45 a.m., 9:03 a.m., 9:43 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. in remembrance** of the times of the attacks. At noon the bells will ring in remembrance of all lost to acts of terrorism. Our area churches have been asked to stay open during the day for those who wish to come and pray for peace and for all who give their lives in the service of others to assure our safety and our freedom.

THE POWER OF STEWARDSHIP

On Saturday, September 16th, Paul Wilkes, a national author and leader in stewardship, will conduct a workshop on "The Power of Stewardship." Focusing on the U.S. Bishop's Pastoral on Stewardship and the Diocesan process, "Future Full of Hope", participants will reflect on the Stewardship atmosphere in their parishes, and discover ways to create a new spirit among their parishioners. Wilkes' presentation will include moving from **membership to discipleship** and from **maintenance to mission**, in order to see Catholic stewardship as a lifestyle choice.

The workshop will conclude with the parishes having an action plan and a new commitment to stewardship! It would be helpful for those attending to have read the Bishop's pastoral on stewardship. The workshop is from 9:00-3:00 p.m. on the 16th of September at Our Lady of Consolation Parish on Taft Street in Merrillville. Lunch will be provided for a fee of \$5.00. **It must be reserved & payable that day.** All registrations are due by September 12th. For more information call the St. John the Baptist Rectory 659-0023.

Church Bulletin Humor or, mistakes hopefully never made by our editors...

"A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, AUGUST 27

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
11:00 am-1:30 pm St. Adalbert Spaghetti Dinner
5:15 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

Monday, AUGUST 28

8:00 am First Day of Kindergarten (SJB)
10:30 am Bible Study at (SH) rectory
7:00 pm Middle School Parents Meeting (SJB)

Tuesday, AUGUST 29

7:00 pm Intermediate Grades Parent Mtg. (SJB)

Wednesday, AUGUST 30

7:00 pm Grades 2 & 3 Parent Meeting (SJS)
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)
7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

Thursday, AUGUST 31

4:00-5:00 pm Confessions (SJB)
6:00 pm Adult Choir practice (SJB)
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJB)

Friday, SEPTEMBER 1

Communion to Shut-ins

1:00 pm -6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (SJB)

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 2, FOOD DRIVE (SJB)

2:00 pm Jacqueline Castro Quinceanera

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 3, FOOD DRIVE (SJB)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
5:15 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

ANNUNCIATA GETAWAY FEST

Sept. 1, 6 pm--11:30 pm; Sept. 2, 11:30 am —11:30 pm.
Local ethnic food, music, games, entertainment, and raffle. All events are on school grounds or in the Parish Hall, located at 11200 S. Avenue G, Chicago.

GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES

If you have experienced the death of a close family member or friend, or a loss due to suicide, come and join The "Beginnings" Groups at St. James Church on the corner of Kennedy & 45th Street on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the following dates: Aug. 30, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25 and Nov. 8. Our Annual Holiday Help Program will be Nov. 12. Call Burns-Kish 219-924-5577.

ST. JOHN CATERING/BANQUET FACILITIES

Are you having a wedding, graduation party, 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.