

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 3, 2006
TWENTY-SECOND 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.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. John Kalicky, CPPS Pastor
Rev. Gary Scherer, CPPS Associate Pastor
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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..... 8:15 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.



**PRAYER FOR
POLICE, FIRE, AND EMERGENCY
PERSONNEL**

Heavenly Father, Protector of your people, bless all the men and women who serve and safeguard our city. In this time of increasing dangers and difficulties, instill within them the special virtues of fortitude, patience, and dedicated service.

We thank you, Almighty God, by whom all courage is sustained, for the contributions, which these men and women have made so fearlessly and ever so faithfully. Protect them, we pray, against dangers, which ever lie in wait for those who think of their dedication before themselves.

Shield them from bodily harm. Fill them with the high-mindedness they need when they are neglected or abused. Keep in their minds the example that their sense of duty, their reliability, and their ready sacrifices offer to our city and our nation.

Bless them all. Bless their families and their associates, and bless forever those who have given their lives to protect us all. Amen

(Taken from Terence Cardinal Cooke, *Prayers for Today*.)

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

A Protecting God's Children Awareness Session will be held at St. John School on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 pm. All parents and interested adults are encouraged to attend this session to learn how to protect our children from sexual abuse. Any adult who plans to work with children in any Catholic parish or school must attend a session. Contact Diane Puplava, 473-7557 to register.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"If one of you is ill, s/he should send for the elders of the Church and they must anoint him/her with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him/her." James 5:14

If you suffer with chronic illness, are anticipating major surgery, are physically challenged, sick, or are facing the limitations of old age, you are invited to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday, September 24th at our cluster churches:

- 8:15 a.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
- 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
- 10:15 a.m. St. Adalbert's Church
- 10:45 a.m. Sacred Heart Church

Please call the St. John rectory 659-0023, or the Sacred Heart rectory 659-0733 during business hours to register for anointing at the parish where you wish to be anointed.

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, September 4, Labor Day
7:00 am †John & Ann Yacko Off: Mary Ann Warner (SJB)
8:00 am †Susan Odlivak (SH)

Tuesday, September 5
7:00 am †Michael Evano Off: Son, Mike, Debbie & Erika Evano (SJB)
8:00 am †Edward M. Poropat (SH)
8:15 am †Andrew Matalik (Ann) Off: Rose, Children & Grandchildren (SJB)

Wednesday, September 6
7:00 am †Deceased Members of Fusak, Srencik Families Off: Steve & Norma (SJB)
8:00 am †Charles Pullen (SH)
8:15 am †Henry H. Wintczak Off: M/M Andrew Dybel (SJB)

Thursday, September 7
7:00 am †Adeline Dubich Off: George & Wanda Dubich (SJB)
8:00 am †Ed Perry (SH)

Friday, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley (SH)
8:15 am †Robert B. Becich Off: Loving Family (SJB)

Saturday, September 9, Peter Claver, priest
7:00 am †Mary Ann Kasperan Off: Husband Don & Family (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm †Virginia Geleta (SH)

Sunday, September 10 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
8:00 am †Helen Chyla (SA)
8:15 am †Louis Kovach (IC)
8:30 am Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, St. John Holy Name Society (SJB)
10:15 am †Wanda Gaylor (SA)
10:45 am †John Gaynor (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, Frank Sandrick, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C. PP.S.

Rest in Peace Rachel J. Carlotta

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$11,003.00
Loose.....	\$374.58
High School.....	\$63.24
Grade School.....	\$152.00
Total for the Week.....	\$11,592.82
Bishop's Hurricane Recovery Collection....	\$1,552.62

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA is the process by which people become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is designed for adults desiring Baptism as well as baptized Christians from other denominations seeking membership in the Catholic Church. The RCIA is also open to baptized Catholics seeking Confirmation or Holy Communion. The first stage of RCIA is called the *Period of Inquiry*. This is a time for finding out more about the Church and the life of faith. Our weekly sessions will begin Monday, September 18th at 7 pm in the St. John Pastoral Center. They are a cooperative effort of the Whiting-Robertsdale cluster parishes. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA, contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

The Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community offers Faith Formation (Religious Education classes) for students attending public schools. Children in Grades 1-5 attend classes Wednesday evenings beginning September 13. Children in Grades 6-8 attend classes Sunday mornings beginning September 17. Parents please register your children before classes begin.

Registration forms are available in our community's Catholic Churches. Parents of returning students and of students new to our program should complete the registration form and return it to the Faith Formation Office following the directions on the form.

Please share this information with those attending our public schools. Hopefully, together we can reach out to all 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 questions contact Mrs. Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

DEDICATION CEREMONY

Everyone is invited to attend the unveiling and dedication ceremonies for the *Patrons of Our Protectors Monuments*, dedicated to local firefighters and law enforcement officers, on Sunday, September 10th at the St. John/St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Hammond. The program is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. The Most Reverend Bishop Dale J. Melczek will officiate at the dedication. Other participants include St. John the Baptist Choir. For more information call cemetery office 219-844-9475.

Wedding Banns

II Bruce Pufahl & Dana Surufka

SEPTEMBER TUESDAYS

For your personal faith enrichment you are invited to come to the Sacred Heart 'Rose Room' from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, September 5, 12, 19, & 26. The Dr. Schott Hahn video series, "First Comes Love", will be viewed and discussed as participants endeavor to grow in a personal and loving relationship with God and others. Any questions call Margaret 659-4138.

NOVENA TO OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER

The Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community is having a Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother at Sacred Heart Church. It continues this Friday at 6 pm, and every Friday until October 20. A booklet for the Novena will be passed out when you enter church having the verbiage for each of the seven stations plus the music. Church doors open at 5:30 pm. (Booklets donated by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Sandrick.)

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 have started and continue every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the choir loft. Sometimes we might break a bit earlier or later. 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

September 3 — Sunday, 6:30 Open Gym in St. John's Gym has been cancelled due to maintenance. Join us instead for DDR – Dance Dance Revolution in the Pastoral Center.

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 in the church parking lot with a BBQ and *Manos de Heaven*, a local dance/cover band. **All TEENS are welcome!!!**

Donations Needed for Life Teen Anniversary Picnic — Life Teen's one year anniversary is upon us and we are giving thanks for a successful first year by holding a picnic after the Life Teen Mass on September 17th that all are welcome to attend. Life Teen is in need of donations of chips, water and canned pop for this event. contact Candi Stapleton at 659-1663.

Please give us a hand as VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED for the following events:

- Anointing of the Sick offered in all the cluster churches on Sunday, September 24. Volunteers needed to assist as greeters.

- St. Therese Novena Reception in the Panel Room at St. John on Sunday, October 1, from 1:30 to 3:30. Volunteers are needed to assist in serving cookies, coffee/punch and cleanup.

- Pet Blessing at St. John on Saturday, October 7, at 11:45 a.m. Volunteers are needed to greet people and hand out song sheets and certificates.

Please call Laura Powell, 473-9931 to offer your assistance.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, September 9

Lectors: J. Wagner, R. Mikola
Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, M. Poppen, C. Vrabel
Altar Servers: Alex & Christine Lewandowski, Johnathon Lovasko

7:00 am, September 10

Lectors: G. Jancosek, D. Guiden
Euch Min: T. Barilla, B. Chidalek, L. Kilander, E. Matuska, M. Saliga, T&S Adam
Altar Servers: Alec, Eric & Anthony Rodriguez

9:00 am, September 10

Lectors: E. Bojda, F. Powell
Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, E. Igras, Br. J. Hall, A. Jurek, B. Delinck, E. Duray, F. Delinck
Altar Servers: David Moats, Javier Mena, Michelle Mirza

11:00 am, September 10

Lectors: S. Silva, N. Gomez
Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, C. Lannon, N. Mitchell, Erwin Roldan, K. Saliga
Altar Servers: Trinity Mitchell, Rafael & Karina Rodriguez

5:30 pm, September 10

Altar Servers: Robert Markovich, Joshua & Jacob Pelletier

CARE CENTER

September 10: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

Sept. 4 & 5: David Matura & Lauren Markovich
Sept. 5 & 6: Elena Paloma & Aimee Perhach
Sept. 7 & 8: Ashley & Hunter Priesol

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.

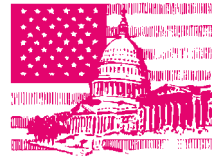
The workshop will conclude with the parishes having an action plan and a new commitment to stewardship! It would be helpful for those attending to have read the Bishop's pastoral on stewardship. The workshop is from 9:00-3:00 p.m. on the 16th of September at Our Lady of Consolation Parish on Taft Street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

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.

ROSARY SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

The Rosary Society Board of Officers will meet Monday, September 11th at 1:15 p.m. in the Founders Room. All officers and Promoters are asked to attend. Looking forward to seeing all members new and old at the first meeting of the New Year on Thursday, September 21st. Same place, same time, more information next week.

MIDWEST SLOVAK PASTORAL SEMINAR

Will host its annual presentation Sunday, October 1 at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 West Marquette, Chicago, from 1-5 p.m. Pre-registration \$12, on site \$20. Call John Jurcenko 773-763-0810 by Sept. 20th.

FCSL BRANCH #81

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association will host its Annual Dinner on Sunday, September 24, in St. John Panel Room. RSVP by September 14, to Gerri 659-0090 or Ann 659-0949. There is no charge for Branch #81 members.

ST. CATHERINE HOSPITAL DAY OF RETREAT
Friday, September 22, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm for Church Ministers in the area and anyone that might find this a chance for spiritual growth. Topic is *Ministry of the Heart*. \$8.00 donation for continental breakfast, lunch, and donation for presenter. For information and to RSVP call 392-7185 by Monday September 18th.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 3, FOOD DRIVE (SJB)

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

Monday, SEPTEMBER 4, LABOR DAY

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 5

- 1:00 pm St. Ann Society (IC)
- 6:30 pm Video series "First Comes Love" (SH)
- 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SH)

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 6

- Start of Pre-School
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 7

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJB)
- 6:00 pm Adult Choir practice (SJB)

Friday, SEPTEMBER 8

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 9

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 10

- 11:30 am—6:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish Festival
- 9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am St. John Holy Name (SJB)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 2:00 pm Dedication of Memorial to Police & Firefighters (St. John/St. Joseph Cemetery)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)
- 7:00 pm CPPS Companions (SJB)

SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL

Visit Sacred Heart at LaPorte Ave., Whiting, Sunday, Sept. 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for bingo, cakewalk, children's games and more. Football games will be televised in the Beer Garden. Featured food items are polish sausage, hot dogs, corn beef, grilled burgers and our homemade chili. \$5 raffle tickets will be available for the top prize of \$1,200. Hope to see you there.

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.