

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



September 11, 2005

TWENTY-FOURTH 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
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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
Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass 7:00 AM
School Children's Mass8:30 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

ST. THERESE NOVENA

The annual novena to St. Therese approaches. Novena prayers begin Sept. 23 and end on her feast day, October 1. Time is 6:30 pm each day except on Sunday, September 25. On that Sunday novena prayers will be at 2 pm in conjunction with the blessing and dedication of the Saints Cyril and Methodius statues. We have much to thank the Little Flower for including her part in making the statues a reality!



Today's special collection is for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Please be generous.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The St. John Holy Name Society will celebrate Mass and Communion today, Sept. 11, at 9 am Mass. All parish men are welcome. Meeting follows.

LIFETEEN CONCERT

Attention all teens of the Whiting-Robertsdale Community! Join us in celebrating our LIFETEEN Kickoff with a live concert by contemporary Christian recording artist, GREG WALTON. The free outdoor concert will be held tonight, Sunday, September 11, from 5:30 to 7 pm, on Lincoln Avenue in front of St. John Church. Bring your friends and join us for an exciting evening of music, food, and fun!

RCIA

If you are considering becoming a Catholic....were baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion.... have not practiced your Catholic faith recently....or just have questions about your faith you are invited to enter into the RCIA process. The RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and is designed to help adults learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions are held at St. John on Monday evenings, beginning on September 12th. Contact Diane Pupilava at 473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com to register or for more information.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC DAY

Pope John Paul II designated October 2004 through October 2005 as the Year of the Eucharist. On Saturday, September 24th at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels our diocese will celebrate this special year with a Eucharistic Day. Registration brochures are available in the vestibule of the church. The day will begin with a special Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Melczek at 9:00 a.m., followed by the keynote speakers listed in the registration brochure. Time will be provided for Eucharistic Adoration during the day. Lunch will be available for \$5.00, payable on that day. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this special day.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 12, Holy Name of Mary
7:00 am †Henry H. Wintczak Off: Wife, Agnes & Family

Tuesday, September 13, John Chrysostom, bp. dr.
7:00 am †Andrew Barlo & Parents Off: Wife, Helen
8:30 am †Michael Evano Off: St. John Rosary Society

Wednesday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 am †John & Emilia Krull Off: Family
8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Stella's Family

Thursday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 am †Steve Timko Off: Annette & Family

Friday, September 16, Cornelius, pope, and Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

7:00 am †Gilbert Miller Off: Family
8:30 am †Rudolph R. Perhach Off: Bob & Bernice Banas & Family

Saturday, September 17, Robert Bellarmine, bp, dr

7:00 am †Alma Koch Off: Garry & Donna Koch, Son
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, September 18, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am For Our Parish Family
9:00 am For Our Parish Family
11:00 am For Our Parish Family, 40th Wedding Anniversary Matt & Mary Kathleen Bukovac



Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rita Biesen, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Joe Geffert, Paul E. Gerba, Florence Golding, Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Michael Kasarda, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Barbara Kotlowski, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, John Lofay, Joanne Meyers, Ann Mihalso, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie & Joseph Srncik, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

Please Note: Individual names will be kept on the prayer list for one month. If the person you have placed on the list has a long term illness or needs to be on the list for a period of time longer than a month, please call the rectory



Albina A. Wells

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Adults.....	\$10,408.00
Loose.....	\$507.50
High School.....	\$29.50
Grade School.....	\$49.25
Total for the Week.....	\$10,994.25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes for children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public schools are offered through the Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community Faith Formation Program. Classes have begun. Some of our classes still have space available. Parents should contact Mrs. Puplava in the Faith Formation Office at 473-7557 for information.

LIFETEEN MASS

LifeTeen, a holistic youth ministry program, will begin next Sunday, September 18th. The LifeTeen Mass will be celebrated in St. John Church at 5:30 pm, followed by Life Nite (in the St. John School building). All are welcome at the LifeTeen Mass each Sunday at 5:30 pm. All high school students are invited to attend the Life Nite immediately after each Mass. For more information, please contact Youth Ministers, Marjie Biel at 219-973-1283 or Candi Stapleton at 219-659-1663.

FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETING

The Faith Enrichment Committee will meet on Monday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart 'Rose Room' to plan activities which will benefit our Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community during the 2005-06 year. You are invited to bring your ideas and suggestions meant to aid the spiritual growth of our Catholic Community. Everyone is welcome. Come on down!

SPIRITUALITY FOR TODAY

The Whiting Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee will offer a three week video/discussion series entitled: "Spirituality for Today". You are invited to the Sacred Heart "Rose Room", 1731 LaPorte Ave., Whiting, on Tuesdays, September 13th, 20th, and 27th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Call Margaret Saliga, 659-4138 with any questions.

ST. JOHN CANTIUS PARISH IN EAST CHICAGO Invites everyone to their Centennial Celebration on October 1. Mass at 4:00 p.m. will be celebrated by Bishop Dale Melczek. Following, there will be a Dinner/Dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, East Chicago. Tickets \$25 per person available at the parish office, 3903 Main St. East Chicago. Call 398-1370.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
SCANDALS HAIR SALON
1236-119th Street, Whiting
219-659-0029

SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD!

The St. John adult choir has begun practices in the church loft on Thursdays at 6 pm. No experience or music reading ability is required, just a pleasant voice and a willing heart! Even if you are not available every week, there are special Liturgies when extra voices would be welcome. Come on up and help us make a "heavenly sound." Call Geri for more information at 473-2940.



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The first meeting of the new Rosary Society season will take place on Thursday, September 15th in the Mural Room. Rosary and Benediction will take place in Church at 1:15 p.m. preceding the meeting. Rose Beaulieu, Promoter, Group 4 and her ladies will be serving as Hostess for the afternoon of cards, bunco and fellowship.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

If you are in your 20's or 30's you are invited to gather with others at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Room 200 each Thursday evening during October at 6:00 p.m. for an engaging presentation and discussion of topics which pertain to the Catholic faith and your lived experiences of daily life. Childcare will be available. Watch for future announcements of guest speakers and topics.



BENEDICT AVENUE PARKING

Per City Ordinance Number 7528 the NORTH side of Benedict Avenue has been designated a resident only parking area between the address of 1113 Benedict and 1135 Benedict. All persons living in this area were required to obtain resident only parking stickers. Churchgoers and those picking up school children please park on the SOUTH SIDE of Benedict Avenue. Thank you!!

FCSLA BRANCH #81MEMBERS

The Third Annual Dinner for the FCSLA Branch 81 members will be held October 16; social at 1:00 pm, with dinner at 1:30 pm, in the St. John Panel Room.

HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROS

The Executive Staff of St. Margaret Mercy Hospital would like to honor police officers, firefighters and law enforcement officers who have fallen in line of duty, as well as their families, with a Mass at 11:00 am at Saint Margaret Mercy in Hammond, Thursday, September 29th. A luncheon will be served following the Mass. To RSVP by September 26, call Tammy Reese at 219-933-2595.

WEDDING BANNES

I Matthew Popiela & Laura Beth Nelson

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, September 17

Lectors: A. Perz, J. Wagner

Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, C. Vrabel, MJ Kansky,
M. Poppen D&J Franko

Altar Servers: Annie Labus, Erin Lawson, Nickolas
Lerma

7:00 am, September 18

Lectors: G. Jancosek, Helen Marie

Euch Min: T. Adam, D&R Barnes, S. Adam,
C. Pesenko, M. Saliga, T. Barilla

Altar Servers: Alec, Eric & Rafael Rodriguez

9:00 am, September 18

Lectors: E. Bojda, R. Jakubielski

Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, M. Jakubielski, A. Jurek,
M.L. Tonkovich, L. Wade

Altar Servers: Alex Lewandowski, Johnathan
Lovasko, Robert Markovich

11:00 am, September 18

Lectors: N. Gomez, S. Silva

Euch Min: D. Shimala, E. Duray, M. Knazur,
S. Rosendo, K. Saliga, M&K Wagner, C. Lannon

Altar Servers: Eric Roldan, Adam Rosado, Vincent
Rossodivito

CARE CENTER

September 18: 10:00 a.m. Jim Bobos & Rich Mikola

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

September 12 & 13: Krista Perez & Aimee Perhach

September 14 & 15: Ashley Pokraka & Clarke
Remmers

September 16 & 17: Emerik & Anthony Quiorz

VOCATION RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Single women, discern if God is calling you to Religious Life. Learn about Religious Life with time to reflect and share with others who are also searching. Retreats are from Friday night to Sunday noon, September 23-25, October 14-16 and October 21-23, given by the Sisters of the Holy Cross at St. Mary's Notre Dame, Indiana. For information, e-mail marys-song1@aol.com or call (574)284-5998.

MIDWEST SLOVAK PASTORAL SEMINAR

Under the auspices of the Slovak Catholic Federation, will host its annual presentation on Sunday, October 2nd at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 West Marquette Road, Chicago, IL from 1-5 p.m. SLOVAK FAITH STORIES is the subject that will be presented. Sister John Vianney will welcome all visitors. The offering for the event (pre-registration) is \$12.00. On site will be \$20.00. For prepaid registration call John Jurcenko 773-763-0810 by Sept. 22nd. For more info call Geraldine Hletko 708-387-7812.

PARISH DIRECTORY

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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GymnasiumMatthew Saliga
Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores
Home/School Association Chair.... Charles Remmers
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School Band Director.....Rich Mlynarski
St. John School Advisory Board...Ch: Scott Thrasher,
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Deanne Shimala, Monique Jakubielski
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PARISH LIFE

Rosary Society.....Ann Klochan
Cub Scouts..... Michael Maloney
Girl Scouts..... Jeannine Dabertin
Homebound.....Deacon Joe Manchak
Holy Name Society.....Anthony Barilla
Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton
Marian Theatre Guild.....Martin Dybel
Pirohi MakersGeri Tumidalsky

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers..... Fr. Gary Scherer
Environment.....Martin Dybel
Care Center Coordinator Joseph Kruczek
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, September 11

9:00 am (SJ) Holy Name Corp. Communion
9:00 am FFP Parent/Student Orient. Gr. 6-8 (SH)
10:15 am (SA) Holy Name Mass & Corp. Communion
10:45 am Blessing for Faith Formation Students (SH)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJ)
11:00 am Mass for Fr. Joseph Hajduch, C.PP.S. (SJ)
5:30 pm Life Teen Concert (SJS)
7:00 pm C.PP.S. Companions (SJ Rectory)

Monday, September 12

10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
6:30 pm Faith Enrichment Meeting (SH Rose Rm)
7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)
7:00 pm Holy Name Meeting (IC)
TRIP Orders Due

Tuesday, September 13 — Parish Library closed

1:00-2:00 pm Spirituality for Today (SH Rose Rm)
7:00 pm Stewardship Commission (SJ)

Wednesday, September 14

6:00 pm FFP Classes Grade 1-5 (SH)

Thursday, September 15 — Parish Library Closed

7:00 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Cluster Meeting (SH)

Friday, September 16

Food Pantry (Whiting City Hall)

Saturday, September 17

9:00 am Cleaning of the Rectory (IC)
10:00 am-2:00 pm C.PP.S. Companions, Covenant
Renewal- Mural Room
10:00 am-3:30 pm Scout car wash, Owens F.H.

Sunday, September 18

9:00 am FFP Classes Grade 6-8 (SH)
11:00 am Catechetical Sunday (SJ)
3:00 pm Eucharist Holy Hour St. Casimir
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass

BSA Venture Crew #432 (scouts) will sponsor a car wash at Owens Funeral Home, 816-119th Street, from 10 am—3:30 pm, Saturday, Sept. 17. ALL proceeds will benefit charities helping Hurricane Katrina survivors. Wish to help? Call JoAnn Palko 659-0977!

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