

**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
- 8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart; anointing in Spanish
- 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.

ST. THERESA NOVENA

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will host its annual St. Theresa Novena at 6:30 p.m. on each weeknight and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, September 24th and October 1st, beginning Saturday, September 23rd through Sunday, October 1st. The nine consecutive days of prayer will center on the Blessed Sacrament and will include reflective thoughts from the personal writings of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. You are invited to spend a spirit-filled 35 minutes in prayer. Come each evening/Sunday afternoons, or pray at home if you're unable to attend. The final service on Sunday afternoon, October 1st will be followed by a social in the St. John Panel Room. Everyone is most welcome!

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
SPECIAL COLLECTION**



The Diocese of Gary is committed to helping strengthen our communities. One aspect of this work is our relationship with Northwest Indiana Habitat for Humanity. With their generous contributions of time and money, people from throughout the diocese have constructed several new homes in the region. Bishop Melczek has authorized an annual collection to fund the Diocese/Habitat partnership in anticipation of our next build. The special collection will be on September 23 & 24th. Please be generous.

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 Pupilava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, September 18
7:00 am †Alan D. Kaiser Off: James P. Wilfinger (SJB)
8:00 am †Helen Miklos (IC)
- Tuesday, September 19, Januarius, bishop, martyr
7:00 am †Helen Pavliscak Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
8:00 am †Rudy Kapitan (IC)
8:15 am †Margaret T. Franich Off: Joe & Kathy Stennis(SJB)
- Wednesday, September 20, Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions, martyrs
7:00 am †Dorothy Mika Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
8:00 am †Edward Korosi (IC)
8:15 am †Mary M. Schultz Off: Mary Therese Dybel & Martin Dybel (SJB)
- Thursday, September 21, Matthew, apostle, evangelist
7:00 am †Josephine DeHenes Off: Fred & Judy Nelson(SJB)
8:00 am †Julia Chekan (IC)
- Friday, September 22
7:00 am †John Banas Off: Mary Phillips SJB)
8:00 am †Henry J. Blake, Betlejiski, Grych & Weldon Families (IC)
8:15 am Alice Petkus Off: Ann & Norman Slack (SJB)
- Saturday, September 23, Pio of Pietrelcina, priest
7:00 am †Joseph Srencik, Sr. Off: Wife, Angie & Family(SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm †Anna Wagner (SH)
- Sunday, September 24, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
8:15 am †Edward A. Grabovac, Anointing of Sick (IC)
8:30 am Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community, (SH)
9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, Anointing of the Sick (SJB)
10:15 am †Eleanor Gmerek by St. Al's Altar & Rosary (SA)
10:45 am †Michael McCarthy (SH)
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, Living & Deceased Members of Catholic Order of Foresters St. Benedict Court #1325 (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, Nick Miner, 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 Ernest W. Kiekenapp

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,533.59
Loose.....	\$385.00
High School.....	\$137.75
Grade School.....	\$311.39
Total for the Week.....	\$10,367.73

Parishioners please use your monthly envelopes for your contributions. It helps very much in our book-keeping process. New parishioners, please bear with us, as it takes approximately a month for you to receive personally printed envelopes for our parish. Again, thank you all for your support!

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.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES AND REGISTRATION

The Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community offers Faith Formation (Religious Education classes) for students who attend public schools. Classes for children in Grades 1 through 5 began on September 13th. Classes for students in Middle School (Grades 6-8) begin at 9 am TODAY.

If you have not yet registered your child(ren) for classes please do so this week. There is a \$10.00 late registration fee that is due in addition to the \$20.00 registration fee. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate must be presented at the time of registration.

Registration will be accepted in the office of the Faith Formation Center (Sacred Heart School) today (Sunday, September 17th) from 10:00 am until 11:00 am or on Wednesday, September 20th between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

Wedding Banns

- I Mark Adam & Eileen Stahura
- II Michael Zarowny & Carrie Gerber

ST. THERESE ~ AN EXTRAORDINARY SOUL
In conjunction with the September Novena to St. Therese, the St. John Pastoral Council invites you to a screening of "Therese, An Ordinary Girl, An Extraordinary Soul", a gripping and moving film that tells the memorable life story of the Little Flower. The screening will immediately follow our novena service on Monday, September 25th. All are welcome to the Mural Room for refreshments and to view this wonderful movie about Therese and her "Little Way".

LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday, October 1st, Lake County Right to Life is sponsoring a "Life Chain." The Chain will begin at Wicker Park (Indianapolis Blvd. & Ridge Rd) and head west along Ridge Road into Lansing, Illinois. Please come join us! We will stand for life for one hour holding provided signs, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and pray that life will be recognized as sacred, and the first inalienable right of each individual.

NOVENA TO OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER

This special Novena continues at Sacred Heart Church. Come Friday at 6 pm and every Friday until Oct. 20. Church doors open at 5:30 pm.

SUPPORT OUR TEENS

You are invited to celebrate with the Teens at their Life Teen Anniversary Mass and Picnic today at St. John the Baptist. Come to mass at 5:30 pm and then relax after with a LIVE band and BBQ in the church parking lot at 6:30. All are welcome!!!

LIFE TEEN

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!!!**
September 24 — Sunday 4:30 and 6:30 High School student training to become Eucharistic Ministers at 4:30 at St. John. Life Nite starts at 6:30 in the Pastoral Center.

GOD "REIGNED" DOWN BLESSINGS

In spite of the inclement weather and the decision to move the 9-11 Memorial Service from Whiting Park to St. John Church, the attendance and participation at Monday's Prayer Service was amazing. The 9-11 Committee thanks all who planned the event and all who so reverently participated. Close to 1,000 people gathered to honor the memory of the thousands who tragically lost their lives on 9-11-01 and to honor our active military personnel and police and fire fighters who daily pledge their lives for our safety and well being. May our memories of 9-11 serve as a reminder of just how precious every person is. May we never take one another for granted!

GOD BLESS AMERICA! GOD BLESS OUR COMMUNITY!

SEPTEMBER TUESDAYS

Come to the Sacred Heart 'Rose Room' from 6:30-7:30 pm, Tuesdays, September 19, & 26. The Dr. Schott Hahn video series, "First Comes Love", will be viewed and discussed as participants endeavor to grow in a personal relationship with God. Questions call Margaret 659-4138.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
CONCEPTS HAIR DESIGN
1747 Calumet Avenue, Whiting
219-659-4356

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, September 23

Lectors: Gonzales, Kozak

Euch Min: L. Barron, J&D Franko, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, D. Cuculich

Altar Servers: Nicholas Curosh, Colin Chiluski, Brittany Bulatovich

7:00 am, September 24

Lectors: Pesenko, Helen Marie

Euch Min: T. Barilla, E. Matuska, G. Jancosek, B. Chidalek, M. Saliga, T&S Adam

Altar Servers: Andrew Franko, Bianca Gonzalez, Rachel Grunhard

9:00 am, September 24

Lectors: Stofcik, Powell

Euch Min: I. Dominguez, M. Jakubielski, R&J Zubeck, L. Wade, D. Weber

Altar Servers: Jessica Hatczel, Krystle Howard, Joseph Igras

11:00 am, September 24

Lectors: Silva, Gomez

Euch Min: K. Saliga, J. Bondi, Erwin Roldan, M&K Wagner, C. Lannon, M. Poppen, E. Duray

Altar Servers: Rachel Hurtig, Alyce Jakubielski, Katelyn Kruszynski

5:30 pm, September 24

Altar Servers: Alison Kouris, Jason Kresich, Annie Labus

Sept. 18-19: 7:00 am, Mon/Tues:

Samuel DeCero, Amanda Delinck

Sept. 20-21: 7:00 am, Wed/Thurs:

Mikayla Dross, John Duha

Sept. 22-23: 7:00 am, Fri/Sat:

Manuel Estrada, Joshua Flores

CARE CENTER

September 24: 10:00 a.m. L&C Remmers

CANONIZATION OF

BLESSED MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods are extending an invitation to join with them in spirit for the canonization of the Congregation's foundress, Blessed Mother Theodore Guerin. The sisters will attend the ceremony October 15th at the Vatican and carry with them a registry of names for anyone wanting to be included. This book will become an historic document that will be returned to Saint Mary-of-the-Woods for archival preservation. Anyone wishing to be included in this registry should visit the Congregation's Web site at www.spsmw.org and complete a form available there. Those without access to a computer should call the Office of Congregational Advancement at 812-535-3131, Ext. 2800.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER

To help us make our printing deadline, please submit all bulletin articles by 1:00 pm on Monday. Thank you!

PLEASE GIVE US A HAND

Volunteers are needed for the following events. If you would like to help, please call Laura Powell, 473-9931.

Anointing of the Sick offered in all the cluster churches Sunday, September 24. Volunteers are needed as greeters. St. Therese Novena Reception in the Panel room at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, October 1, from 1:30 to 3:30. Volunteers needed to serve and aid in cleanup.

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

“Reach Out”

Put your love for Christ into action! Do you want to be involved with defending and promoting the dignity of each human person through works of peace and social justice? Do you have a great idea for a social service project? Whether you are a thinker or a doer, an organizer or a helper, we can use you! Come to our meeting on Monday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Founders Room at St. John School. All are welcome.

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 are returned to St. John!

WHITING FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to the Cluster Churches for your support of our Food Pantry. The cadre of volunteers have remarked on how fortunate we are this year. We have not had to reduce the amount of food we are giving out. We give out the food on the 1st & 3rd Fridays of the month. Your prayers and stewardship keeps our patrons going. Thank you for making their lives more manageable.

Chuck Kosalko

Coordinator Whiting Food Pantry

ST. JOHN FISH FRY

There will be a Fish Fry on Saturday, September 30th in the St. John Panel Room from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lake Perch Dinners will be available for \$9 each. Also, Panel Room Bread at \$6 a loaf, Nut Rolls for \$7 each and Noodles for \$3 will be on hand for those interested. Any questions call Carol Vargo at 659-3041.



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. If you're interested but unable to make it this Thursday, leave Geri Hildreth a message on her voice mail at the rectory phone number.

DIOCESAN CEMETERY

Parishioners have until Saturday, October 14th to take advantage of the special discounted prices on the new purchase of graves and mausoleums at the St. John/St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. To schedule your appointment or for more information call the cemetery at 844-9475. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 am until noon.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 17

- 9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & BBQ (SJB)

Monday, SEPTEMBER 18

- 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 19

- 6:30 pm Video series "First Comes Love" (SH)
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Orientation (SJB)
- 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SH)

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 20

- 6:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1-5 (SH)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 21

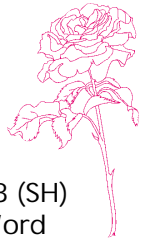
- 1:15 pm Rosary Society Benediction & Mtg (SJB)
- 2:45 pm School Faculty Meeting (SJB)
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
- 7:00 pm Cluster Meeting



Friday, SEPTEMBER 22

Saturday, SEPTEMBER 23

- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)



Sunday, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 12:00 pm Potluck Dinner (IC)
- 2:00 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

OTHER EVENTS:

A fundraiser will be held at the Highland Grove Shopping Center, 10135 Indianapolis Blvd., (U.S. 41) in Highland, Indiana, on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 11 am to 2 pm. All proceeds will benefit 15 month old Dylan Tyler Jeskey who has been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. Everyone is invited to come and view the famous Oscar Mayer Weinermobile and have a few hours of fun. Please keep Dylan and his family in your prayers.

Campfire Girls of Whiting/Robertsdale will sponsor a car wash at Owens Funeral Home, Saturday, September 23rd from 9 am—3 pm. Proceeds benefit local animal shelters/rescue groups. Call 659-0977 for information.