



**WE ARE GRATEFUL**

A Parish Christmas celebration happens only when people willingly and unselfishly share their time and talent and treasure.

Thank you Lord, and bless...

...Those who planned the liturgies and who enhanced the prayerfulness of our liturgical celebrations: the adult and children's choirs; the servers, lectors, ushers and sacristans.

...Marty Dybel and those who assisted him with the beautiful church decorations.

...Those who awakened the Christmas spirit with their inspiring programs: The children's four week Advent Program, Pre-schoolers "Breakfast in Bethlehem" complete with Marys, Josephs and lots of angels, shepherds, animals; the spirited school band concert.

...Carolers who spread joy throughout the neighborhood and helped the needy with their donated monies.

... The generous financial supporters of the parish; especially those who gave "extra" in the Christmas collection.

...Remember the soul of Paul Gerba. Monies left to the church in his will made it possible to purchase the new figurines for the church's crib set.

...And last but not least, thank you to those who showered the priests with expressions of love and generosity.

**APPRECIATION BRUNCH  
HONORING PARISH VOLUNTEERS**

Our Appreciation Brunch is an expression of thanks to all those who volunteered their time and talent during the past year. The four parishes of St. Adalbert, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception and St. John invite all adult volunteers from its parishes to attend. As a volunteer, you and your adult guest are invited to the St. John Panel Room on Sunday, January 14, at 12:30 pm. **RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.** Call the Panel Room (659-3041), St. John Rectory (659-0023), or the Sacred Heart Rectory (659-0733) by Monday, January 8th! Much planning (seating, amount of food needed, etc.) goes into this event, so your cooperation is vital. Please call in your name and that of your guest before the deadline. Also mention the parish to which you belong. As is understandable, only those with reservations will be served. We look forward to a joyous celebration of our common discipleship and stewardship!

**HOUSE BLESSING KITS**

Bless your home in the new year! House Blessing kits will be available Sunday, January 7. Holy water, chalk, directions and an appropriate prayer are included in the kits which will be given to parishioners after all the Masses.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, January 8, Baptism of the Lord  
7:00 am †Annette Timko Off: Whiting C.P.P.S.  
Companions (SJB)  
8:00 am †Florence Kovacic (SH)

Tuesday, January 9  
7:00 am †Mary Ann Kasperan Off: Ray & Carol Scotese  
Family (SJB)  
8:00 am †Helen Kozlowski (SH)  
8:15 am †Dr. Joseph Ritzi Off: Fran, Cyndy, Kevin & Joni  
(SJB)

Wednesday, January 10  
7:00 am †Paul & Ann Kozak Off: Children &  
Grandchildren (SJB)  
8:00 am †Kenneth & Constance Dugan (SH)  
8:15 am Special Intention of Dick & Janice Molle, 54th  
Wedding Anniversary (SJB)

Thursday, January 11  
7:00 am †Monica Homco Off: Parents (SJB)  
8:00 am †Rose Perisho (SH)

Friday, January 12  
7:00 am †Rosemary Bobos Off: Tim & Janice Moser (SJB)  
8:00 am †John, Allen & Dorothy Doran (SH)  
8:15 am †Theresa Sabol Off: M/M Tony Dominiak (SJB)

Saturday, January 13, Hilary, bishop, doctor  
7:00 am †Loddy Lissy Off: Honey & Family (SJB))  
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)  
5:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

Sunday, January 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)  
8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)  
8:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (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 Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)  
10:45 am †Betty Talabay (SH)  
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB)

**Pray For** Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Cindy Dreesen, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Marie Emro, Sophie Foley, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Edward S. Marcisz, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Catherine Verville, Mark Vine, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



WINTER FESTIVAL 2007

Welcome to Pirates Paradise!

The 2007 Winter Festival has been scheduled for the weekend of February 16, 17, & 18. The theme for this annual school fundraising event is Welcome to Pirates Paradise! Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this fun-filled weekend. This fundraising event is critical to the financial success of our school, and the festival chairpersons are again asking for help in reducing the operating costs of the festival. Please consider helping our school by sponsoring such events as the Slovak Dinner, Sunday Panel Room Chicken Dinner, Sunday Night Last Minute Grill, DJ Room, Game Room prizes, donations for the Silent Auction, and just volunteering to help work for this very important fundraising event. Contact the school office, rectory office, or visit the parish website if you need additional information on how to contact the festival chairpersons. The next festival meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, at 7:30 pm in the Panel Room. Everyone is welcome to attend!

ALL MEN OF THE PARISH WELCOME!

St. John Holy Name Society will hold its monthly Mass and Communion today, Sunday, Jan. 14 at the 9:00 am Mass. All men of the parish age 18 and older are welcome! A short meeting follows in the Founders Room. Rolls and coffee are served.

RECONCILIATION FORMATION

A Formation Session for parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will be Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 pm at St. John.

DR. SCOTT HAHN SERIES CONTINUES

Come to the Sacred Heart "Rose Room" on Tuesdays in January for part III of the video series, First Comes Love, with a discussion of our Catholic faith to follow. The same program will be offered at 1 pm and again at 6:30 pm. Choose the time that suits you best. Coffee, cake, and conversation enhance each 60 minute session. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"  
 January 7, Sunday - 6:30 - Life Nite in Pastoral Center!  
 January 14, Sunday - 6:30 - Life Nite in the Pastoral Center  
 Financial Aid information night for parents and high school teens. Sign up today! Contact Candi Stapleton-Gard @ 659-1663 or Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com

SACRIFICIAL GIVING 12/24/06	
Weekly.....	\$11,371.00
Loose.....	\$623.25
High School.....	\$28.50
Grade School.....	\$194.22
Total for the Week.....	\$12,216.97
SACRIFICIAL GIVING 12/31/06	
Weekly.....	\$12,459.40
Loose.....	\$693.11
High School.....	\$34.50
Grade School.....	\$182.45
Total for the Week.....	\$13,369.46
CHRISTMAS.....	\$35,273.75

SALUTE TO THE PIROHI MAKERS

Gerri Tumidalsky assumed leadership of St. John Pirohi Makers in 1997. Under the guidance and direction of Dolores Toth, Gerri learned all the ins and outs of pirohi making. Gerri and Dolores worked together for at least 5 years. The group worked well together spending hours in creating what is considered the best pirohi in the area and beyond! Helen Barlo worked as the main noodle maker. She even made them at home when the dough was available. As a result of their recent sales, a donation of \$5,562.00 was given to the parish.

A special thanks to the following volunteers:

Gerri Tumidalsky, Angie Kurella, Laura Holman, Dorothy Hoover, Ann Jurek, Marge Uhrin, Adeline Matalik, Maggie Dooley, Gloria Kaminsky, Ann Bakondi, Helen Holicky, Zita Tanski, MaryAnn Hajduch, Josie Bolek Jeanette Hajduch, Margaret Abildua, Rose Lubek, Millie Becich, Marge Lucas, Helen Murzyn, Pat Zygowicz, Mary Koselke, Edward Matalik. Remember in prayer two of the members who recently died: Dolores Toth and Lillian Kandalec.

After almost 10 years of dedicated hard work, Gerri is stepping down as the leader. She deserves our sincere gratitude for all the time and effort she has given to make this project so successful. Thank you, Gerri!

We now are searching for Gerri's replacement, someone who will assume the responsibility to continue this wonderful tradition and worthy fund raiser. If you are interested and want to learn more about the position, please contact Gerri Tumidalsky or call the rectory. We want to continue producing the best piroh in the land! Please call. Thank you -Fr. John

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK  
 THE DOOR STORE  
 235 RIDGE ROAD, MUNSTER (219-836-8202)

## PARISH DIRECTORY

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Colleen Lannon, Robert Hildreth, Edward Igras, Rita Krilich, Marcia Krull, Nancy Mitchell, Gary Pieters, Mary Poppen, Martha Shimala, Chris Suarez, Minerva Wieczorek, Janel Zubeck

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Edward Bojda, Darlene Beerling, Dan Botich, Linda Gajewski, Florence Gazda, Don Kaminsky, Milan Kruszynski

### COMMISSIONS:

#### STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

Bulletin.....Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky  
 Buildings/Grounds Director..... Don Kaminsky  
 Church/Rectory  
 School Building Facilities.....Pat Shalack

### EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education.....Diane Puplava  
 Elizabeth Ministry: Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman  
 Gymnasium..... Matthew Saliga  
 Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores  
 Home/School Association Chair....Charles Remmers  
 Panel Room Manager.....Carol Vargo  
 St. John School Advisory Board.....Chair: Deanne Shimala, Anna Howard, Monique Jakubielski,  
 Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez, Scott Thrasher  
 St. John School Principal.....Thomas Feltz  
 Secretary.....Marilyn Schaufele  
 School Band Director..... Rich Mlynarski  
 School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado  
 Cub Scouts.....Michael Maloney  
 Girl Scouts .....Jeannine Dabertin

### PARISH LIFE

Holy Name Society..... Anthony Barilla  
 Homebound..... Deacon Joe Manchak  
 Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton  
 Marian Theatre Guild.....Martin Dybel  
 Pirohi Makers..... Geri Tumidalsky  
 Rosary Society.....Marsha Banik

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

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

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

### 4:30 pm, January 13

Lectors: Gonzales, McCampbell  
 Euch Min: G&C Rosen, J&D Franko, M. Krull, D. Cuculich, D. McCampbell  
 Altar Servers: Steven Radloff, Greg Sienkiewicz, Chalsae Strabavy

### 7:00 am, January 14

Lectors: Pesenko, Helen Marie  
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, L. Barron, L. Kilander, E. Matuska, M. Saliga, J&G Blackwell  
 Altar Servers: Kaelyn Czaubak, Tommy Dabertin, Samuel DeCero

### 9:00 am, January 14

Lectors: Banik, Banik  
 Euch Min: E. Igras, F. Delinck, M. Jakubielski, M. Poppen, L. Wade, D. Weber, E. Duray, B. Delinck  
 Altar Servers: Amanda Delinck, Mikayla Dross, Abby Dybel

### 11:00 am, January 14

Lectors: Bibat, Powell  
 Euch Min: J. Bondi, M. Knazur, N. Mitchell, Evelyn Roldan, K. Saliga, C. Lannon  
 Altar Servers: Anthony Esparza, Manuel & Alyssa Estrada

### 5:30 pm, January 14

Altar Servers:

### CARE CENTER

January 14: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### 7:00 a.m.

Jan. 8 & 9: Joey & Abby Bondi  
 Jan. 10 & 11: Donella & Dionna Casillas  
 Jan. 12 & 13: Katherine Chiliski & Emily Curosh



### Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for these brave men and women: Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Justin Faulkner, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, Nathan Wilson.

### BLOOD DRIVE

There is still time to sign up for the diocesan-wide blood drive. Our parish will join neighboring parishes at St. John the Baptist, on Saturday, January 13, from 9 am to 1 pm. Please consider donating. Call 1-800-448-3543 Red Cross.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, JANUARY 7 — Epiphany

- FOOD DRIVE (SJB)
- 9:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism
- 9:00 am Faith Formation classes Grades 6-8
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)
- 7:00 pm CPPS Companions

Monday, JANUARY 8

- 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
- 6:30 pm Faith Enrichment
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)
- 7:00 pm Holy Name Meeting (IC)
- 7:00 pm Liturgy Meeting (SH)

Tuesday, JANUARY 9

- 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Video Series, First Comes Love, Dr. Scott Hahn (SH Rose Room)
- 7:00 pm School Board (SJB)
- 7:00 pm 2nd Baptismal Preparation (SJB)

Wednesday, JANUARY 10

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

Thursday, JANUARY 11

- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
- 6:30 pm Reconciliation Formation (SJB)
- 7:30 pm Winter Festival Meeting (SJB)

Friday, JANUARY 12

Saturday, JANUARY 13

- 10:00 am Couple/Couple Marriage Prep. (SJB)
- 9:00 am -1:00 pm Blood Drive (Panel Room)

Sunday, JANUARY 14

- 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
- 9:00 am 2nd Rite of Baptism
- 9:00 am Holy Name (SJB)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 12:30 pm Appreciation Brunch
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

### 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](http://www.sjbcatholicparish.org) and click on the Meetings and Facilities tab for more information.