

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



JANUARY 14, 2007  
 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
- Deacon Joseph Manchak
- Brother Terry Nufer, CPPS ..... In Residence

## Business Office

Florence Gazda, Louise Kaminsky

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  - RCIA.....473-7557
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  - Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283
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- Cafeteria.....659-3041
- 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.

## THE WEDDING FEAST AT CANA

The young musical student stood in the wings of the auditorium, clutching his violin beneath his arm as he waited his turn. All of the hours of practice, the lessons with some very patient teachers, had come down to this -- his first public recital. Still, though he felt ready, the flutter of his nerves began to increase. Could he do this? Should he? He took his place center stage, and pulling in a deep breath, caught sight of his mother. He played brilliantly.

Today's reading from the Gospel of John tells of Jesus' very first sign, or miracle. Though he had been preaching and had disciples, it wasn't until Mary urged him that he provided fine wine from water when a wedding party had run out. Wine was often used as a symbol of blessings from God. For Jesus to give them much more good wine than they needed reflected that he, too, would offer blessings to all who would follow him.

The miracle at Cana is actually the announcement of the hour of Jesus' glorification, when on the last day the faithful will gather and drink endlessly the wine of the new covenant at the feast in the Father's kingdom. Though he needed a bit of prompting from his mother, Jesus' decision to use the occasion of the wedding to replace water with wine was as carefully planned as every other sign, each with everlasting significance.

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## BAPTISM MINISTRY

During the past few weeks, parents and godparents have gathered in prayer and study to prepare for the baptism of their children. They have presented their children to the parish community of St. John the Baptist Church. They have promised to raise their children in the faith of the Catholic Church. Today at the 9:00 am Mass, we will celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Baptism with Marco Anthony DeCero and Domingo Hernandez III. As we, their family of faith, witness the Rites of Baptism and reaffirm our own faith, let us also promise to prayerfully support their parents and godparents.

*Heavenly Father, source of all blessings, Protector of children, look with favor on these children. Hold them gently in your hands. When they are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, bring them into the Church, there to share in your kingdom and with us to bless your name forever. we ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen*

Plan to join in the celebration of the final Rite of Baptism to welcome God's New Children at the 9 am Mass on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

## 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.

Please pray for these brave men and women who are serving in our armed services: 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 Pupilava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufefe, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, Nathan Wilson. To add a name to this list, please call the rectory.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 15

7:00 am †Susan Kenda Off: 1st Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch #81 (SJB)

8:00 am †Helen Chyla (SA)

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 am †William & Marie Regashus Off: Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Helen Dudzik (SA)

8:15 am †Agnes I. Sotak Off: Elizabeth Dedinsky (SJB)

Wednesday, January 17, Anthony, abbot

7:00 am †Frank & Mary Murzyn & Family Off: Lambert & Genevieve Novak (SJB)

8:00 am †Delphine Murzyn (SA)

8:15 am †Joseph Filipek Off: Wife Audrey (SJB)

Thursday, January 18

7:00 am †Vivian Wajvoda Off: M/M Raymond Sabol & Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Steve Pirosko (SA)

Friday, January 19

7:00 am †Andrew & Julia Kaminsky Off: Don & Louise (SJB)

8:00 am †Ann Bajda (SA)

8:15 am †John Bobos Off: Thersa & Family (SJB)

Saturday, January 20, Fabian, pope, martyr, Sebastian, martyr

7:00 am †Richard Samek Off: Helen & Children (SJB)

4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

5:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

Sunday, January 21, Third 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 (SJB)

10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)

10:45 am †Dugan & Capp Families (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.



*Rest in Peace*

James Zabrecky  
William F. Hashu

Christian one-liners:

"If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!"

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Weekly.....	\$9,655.00
Loose.....	\$467.98
High School.....	\$88.84
Grade School.....	\$185.92
Total for the Week.....	\$10,397.74
St. Vincent de Paul.....	\$1,941.00
St. John Poor Box.....	\$594.00
Total.....	\$2,535.00

**Special Mission**

Fourteen Missions will be held in our Diocese as we prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese on June 10th, 2007. "Called by the Spirit to Mission" will be the theme of the Missions hosted by St. John the Baptist on February 25, 26, 27, & 28, Sunday through Wednesday. It will be held each evening in church from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Fr. John Judie, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, returns to our Diocese to help parishioners in our North Lake Deanery reflect on our baptismal call to serve in the mission of Jesus Christ. Come and be spirit-filled!

**RESPECT LIFE PRAYER SERVICE**



The W/R Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to share in an evening of prayer, thanking God for our precious gift of life. This cluster event will be hosted at St. John the Baptist Church on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from all the W/R Catholic churches will proclaim the Sacred Scripture readings and shared reflections. Dr. Kenneth Flannagan, Director of Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services, is the guest speaker. Together, we pray that we may become a nation, which reverences life in all its forms. May our nation move from a culture of death to a culture of life. We hope that you will attend this candlelight service.

**LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS**

"Prayer on the Square" Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> around the old court house in Crown Point. Starting at 11:00 a.m., we will stand for one hour holding provided signs as we pray that all Life will be recognized as a sacred gift from God. "Oratory Contest" Is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup>. The topics must cover abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. The 1<sup>st</sup> place prize for junior & senior students is \$200 to the student and \$200 to the teacher/coach, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100 to the student. The winner of the National Contest receives \$1,000. A separate contest for freshmen and sophomores will be held in Lake County only, with an award of \$100 on the same subjects. For all details call 219-838-1138, or e-mail lakecortl@airbaud.net.

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING**

Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> starting with services at 1:00 pm in church; meeting follows in the Mural Room. Group 5 with Co-Promoters Carol & Marian Vargo host the social hour.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**  
**PETER D. ADAM, D.C. CHIROPRACTOR**  
221 S. Route 41, Suite B  
219-322-2205

**WINTER FESTIVAL 2007**



St. John the Baptist Catholic School is sponsoring its annual Winter Festival during the weekend of Feb. 16, 17, & 18. The theme for this annual fundraising event is, "Welcome to Pirates Paradise!" Plenty of food, fun, music, games, and entertainment is planned for this exciting weekend. For example on Saturday Feb. 17, there will be a Seniors Only Afternoon located in the Panel Room from 2-5:30 pm featuring the live music of the Merry Notes. Also on Saturday from 3:30-4:30 will be the Dave Dinaso Show with his Traveling World of Reptiles. The Game Room opens immediately after this show. There will be a student Talent Show on Sunday, Feb. 18 beginning at 3 pm. For additional information about festival weekend, please contact the school office, the rectory, or visit our parish website at [www.sjbcatholicparish.org](http://www.sjbcatholicparish.org).

**DR. SCOTT HAHN SERIES CONTINUES**

Come to the Sacred Heart "Rose Room" 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 is 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.

**DCCW MEETING**

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Gary diocese to the quarterly meeting at St. Mary's in Griffith, Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$4 per person. Questions? Call Margaret, 659-4138.

**LIFE TEEN**

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

- January 14, Sunday – 6:30** – Life Nite in the Pastoral Center *Financial Aid information night has been cancelled. Instead a spaghetti dinner will be held while planning for upcoming events, followed by Game Night.*
- Jan. 21, Sunday – 6:30** – Life Nite in the Pastoral Center
- Jan. 28, Sunday – 6:30** – Life Nite in the Pastoral Center
- Feb. 4, Sunday – 6:30** – SOUPER BOWL FOR CARING!

**SOUPER BOWL FOR CARING**

This year, LIFE TEEN is bringing the Souper Bowl to the Whiting-Robertsdale Community. Since 1990 youth across America have raised over \$32 million to help fight hunger and poverty through the Souper Bowl of Caring. On Sunday, February 4th, LIFE TEEN teens will be outside of the church doors collecting for a local charity. Collections can be anywhere from "loose change" in your pocket to \$1. The Souper Bowl vision is to transform Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. More information: [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) questions, call Candi Gard at 659-1663.

**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS**

Do you remember your Spirit Day? LIFE TEEN is inviting all high school teens and their friends to help out and participate in this year's Spirit Day, Sunday, March 4th. All planning meetings are after the 5:30 pm LIFE TEEN mass, on the 3rd floor of the pastoral center. LIFE TEEN would like all teens to come and help and share their experiences of their Spirit Day. There is something for everyone! For more information call Candi Gard at 659-1663.

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

### 4:30 pm, January 20

Lectors: Gonzales, McCampbell  
 Euch Min: J&D Franko, E. Igras, R. Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, J. Wozniak  
 Altar Servers: Anneliese Szutenbach, Catherine Yoder, Demetria Beaulieu

### 7:00 am, January 21

Lectors: Pesenko, Helen Marie  
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, C. Pesenko, M. Saliga, J&G Blackwell  
 Altar Servers: Brianna Gonzalez, Chris Grankowski, Rachel Grunhard

### 9:00 am, January 21

Lectors: Banik, Banik  
 Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, I. Dominguez, Br. J. Hall, ML Tonkovich, D. Weber  
 Altar Servers: Armando Hernandez, Alex Gonzalo Hernandez, Rachel Hurtig

### 11:00 am, January 21

Lectors: Bibat, Powell  
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, Erwin Roldan, S. Rosendo, J. Bondi, C. Vrabel, C. Lannon, E. Duray  
 Altar Servers: Alyce Jakubielski, Michael Jakubielski, Carissa Jones

### 5:30 pm, January 21

Altar Servers:

### CARE CENTER

January 21: 10:00 a.m. N. Gomez, J. Kaminsky

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### 7:00 a.m.

Jan. 15 & 16: Mark Feliciano & Justin Figueroa  
 Jan. 17 & 18: Matthew Filipek & Joshua Flores  
 Jan. 19 & 20: Andrew Franko & Andrea Fremouw

### CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

The 2006 Catholic Services Appeal campaign will officially end on January 31, 2007. Please mail your remaining pledge payments to be received no later than January 31. If you itemize your income taxes and require a receipt for your contribution to the CSA in 2006, contact the CSA Office at 219-769-9292 Ext. 268 or email jillyes@dcgary.org.

### DIOCESAN LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY

The Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program is a four year program that professionally prepares lay men and women as Ecclesial Ministers for specific roles of service and leadership in the Church. It is a prerequisite for the Deacon Program. A new class begins September of 2007. If you are interested in this ministry, please attend one of the two information nights, Tuesday, January 16, or Wednesday, January 17. Both sessions begin at 6:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 93rd and Broadway, Merrillville. For questions contact Anne Verbeke, Program Director, at 219-769-9292, Ext 280.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES DINNER DANCE

Plan to treat your Valentine to a delicious dinner and then dance the night away at Dynasty Banquets. Catholic Charities is holding a Valentine Dinner/Dance to benefit the St. Joseph Home for boys on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$60; call 219-663-8417.



### THANK YOU, WEBELOS!

St. John Cub Scout Pack 204, Den #9 Webelos I, has given a generous gift to help the poor in our community. This represents money that would have otherwise been spent on Christmas gifts for each other. Thank you, scouts!

### PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Look for the upcoming "Feature of the Month" by the Cluster Peace and Social Justice Commission, starting in January 2007. We will be highlighting various organizations in our local and extended community which serve those in need, to inform you about the various services and volunteer opportunities that are available.

### MANY THANKS

To the Family of John J. Palenik for their generous donation to the Church in his memory. Also to the Family & Friends of Joan Bruder, for their generous donation to the St. John School Endowment Fund.

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

What did John Paul II think about sex? Quite a lot! The Diocese of Gary proudly welcomes Christopher West as he presents an introduction to John Paul II's Theology of the Body, March 9 & 10, at Avalon Manor, Merrillville. The seminar is open to anyone 16 or over. Join Christopher West for a thought provoking presentation that will enrich your understanding of human sexuality and the spiritual power it contains — in the married, single, and consecrated life. Cost is \$30 before Feb. 25, \$35 after (student discount available.) Visit [www.cwestinindiana.com](http://www.cwestinindiana.com) or contact Rosanne at 219-696-1308.

### THE "BEGINNINGS" SUPPORT GROUPS

The Wounded Healers Grief Support Groups continue to meet on January 24 at St. James, 9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, Indiana. This second session discusses "How Grief Works." The group consists of volunteers who have suffered losses in their lives through death. If you would like to regain some control in your life, better understand the grief process and find some additional support, call 219-924-5577 for more information.

### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Whiting-Robertsdale Cluster  
First Quarter Report: Oct. 1—Dec. 31, 2006

Beginning Balance:	\$1,107.49
Income:	
Church collections, poor boxes	\$5,613.71
Private & group donations	<u>\$2,413.00</u>
Total:	\$8,026.71
Expenses:	
Client Aid	\$5,121.01
Dues/Contributions to Dist. Council	665.00
Operating Expenses: stamps, etc.	<u>39.00</u>
Total:	\$5,825.01
Ending Balance:	\$3,309.19

We helped 134 families with financial assistance: Rental assistance—52; utility assistance—65; food vouchers—12; medical/RX—2; clothes, misc.—3.

Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of this ministry! God bless you!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### 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)

### Monday, JANUARY 15 -No School

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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



### Tuesday, JANUARY 16

- 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Video Series, First Comes Love, Dr. Scott Hahn (SH Rose Room)
- 7:00 pm H.S.A. Meeting (SJB)
- 7:00 pm 3rd Baptismal Preparation (SJB)
- 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SH)

### Wednesday, JANUARY 17

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

### Thursday, JANUARY 18

- 1:00 pm St. John Rosary Society Benediction & Meeting
- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
- 7:00 pm Cluster Meeting
- 7:30 pm Winter Festival Meeting (SJB)

### Friday, JANUARY 19

### Saturday, JANUARY 20

### Sunday, JANUARY 21

- 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
- 9:00 am 3rd Rite of Baptism
- 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.

### BNI CANDLELIGHT BOWL

Adults are invited to a Bishop Noll Institute Candlelight Bowling party, Saturday, January 27. Bowling and dinner will cost \$30; dinner only, \$15. Please call Anna Howard (773) 731-5409 for information.