

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



JANUARY 21, 2007
THIRD 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.

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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 Mass8:15 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 28 – February 2

“Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education”

The *GOOD NEWS* is that for over 100 years St. John School has guided children along the path of faith and knowledge. This is a wonderful spiritual legacy. A legacy whose heart is fashioned by the dedication and integrity of our teachers, staff, administrators, board members and everyone else involved in running Saint John School. A legacy with a heart that is healthy and strong because of the commitment of our parents, guardians and volunteers who give selflessly of their time and talents to help make our school excellent. At Saint John’s school you find our students who, day by day, are learning and growing in the Lord and gaining a faith filled education. *THIS IS VERY GOOD NEWS!*

As we celebrate this week, please pray that our legacy is a gift that keeps on giving.

Fr. John



BAPTISM MINISTRY

Today we welcome God’s New Children, Marco Anthony DeCero and Domingo Hernandez III. Through the waters of Baptism they have received new life in Christ and have become the newest members of our family of faith. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

The next parish celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will begin in March. Please contact Diane at 473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com for information or to register.

MICHAEL DABERTIN MEMORIAL FUND

Thank you to the Rita Dabertin family for once again making a donation to the Michael Dabertin Memorial Fund. This fund, established in 1994, assists student parishioners and their families with the cost of tuition at St. John School.



Our Men and Women in the Service

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 Puplava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, Jason Verta, Nathan Wilson. To add a name to this list, please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 22, Day of penance and prayer for violations of human life due to acts of abortion
7:00 am †Mary A. Stofcik Off: Children (SJB)
8:00 am †Donald Kovach (IC)

Tuesday, January 23
7:00 am †Rose Leslie Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
8:00 am †Tony Kubon (25th Anniversary) (IC)
8:15 am †Charlene O’Donnell Off: St. John School, Students, Faculty & Staff (SJB)

Wednesday, January 24, Francis de Sales, bishop, dr.
7:00 am †Rajendra Singh Chawla Off: The Tsikurios-Elliott Family (SJB)
8:00 am †Jane B. Pasko (IC)
8:15 am †Paula Dybel Zabrecky & Andrew Dybel Off: Mary Therese Dybel (SJB)

Thursday, January 25, Conversion of St. Paul, apostle
7:00 am †Annette Timko Off: Grandchildren (SJB)
8:00 am †William Puplava (IC)

Friday, January 26, Timothy and Titus, bishops
7:00 am Good Health of Genevieve J. Novak Off: Husband Lambert (SJB)
8:00 am †Walter Prucy (IC)
8:15 am †Deceased Members of Murzyn & Fech Families (SJB)

Saturday, January 27, Angela Merici, virgin
7:00 am Special Intention George & Margaret Stiscak, 50th Wedding Anniversary: Off Koselke Family (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm †Joe Filipek (SH)

Sunday, January 28, Fourth 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 †William D. Obermiller, Sr. (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, 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 Srencik, Wa-seem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Catherine Ver-ville, Mark Vine, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

Christian One-Liners:

The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,709.50
Loose.....	\$425.26
High School.....	\$73.25
Grade School.....	\$178.90
Total for the Week.....	\$10,386.91

SPECIAL DIOCESAN 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 Mission 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 be spirit-filled!

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

Share an evening of prayer, thanking God for our precious gift of life. The W/R Cluster event will be hosted at St. John the Baptist Church on Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 pm. Representatives from area Catholic churches will proclaim Sacred Scripture readings and shared reflections. Dr. Kenneth Flannagan, Director of Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services, is the guest speaker. Together we pray 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 you will attend this candlelight service.



CLUSTER PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE INVITES YOU ONCE AGAIN



Come help us in our work to feed the hungry! We need 15 people to help sort and package donated food at the Food Bank of NWI in Gary on Saturday, February 10th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. If you are interested, please call Chris Suarez 659-0197 or Rita Krilich 659-2965.

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

- Jan. 21, Sunday – 6:30** – Life Nite in Pastoral Center
- Jan. 28, Sunday – 6:30** – Life Nite in Pastoral Center
- Feb. 4, Sunday – 6:30** – SOUPER BOWL FOR CARING!

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.



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WINTER FESTIVAL 2007

Open a treasure chest of fun at St. John the Baptist Catholic School's annual Winter Festival the weekend of Feb. 16, 17, & 18. The theme is "Welcome to Pirates Paradise!" Plenty of food, fun, music, games, and entertainment is planned for this exciting weekend.

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 pm 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.

In the Panel Room on Sunday, February 18, beginning at 11 am, come and partake of the famous St. John Fried Chicken Dinner! Two dinner seatings will be held, the first at 11 am, the second seating at 1:30 pm. Tickets are available at the rectory. Cost for tickets is \$10 each, child or adult. Your preferred seating time must be designated at time of purchase.

Want to take a chance? Raffle tickets are also available at a cost of \$10 each, or 6 tickets for \$50! If you haven't received yours in the mail, tickets can be obtained at the rectory during regular business hours of 9 am—4 pm.

For additional information about festival weekend, contact the school office, the rectory, or visit our parish website www.sjbcatholicparish.org. See you there, mate!

OUR SINCEREST THANKS

To the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association
Branches #58 & #81
for their generous gift of \$10,000
to St. John Church.

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 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 27

Lectors: Kozak, Wagner
Euch Min: J&D Franko, D. McCampbell, N. Mitchell,
C. Vrabel, R. Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk
Altar Servers:

7:00 am, January 28

Lectors: Matlon, Guiden
Euch Min: T. Barilla, D. Cuculich, L. Kilander, E. Matuska,
C. Pesenko, M. Saliga, L. Barron
Altar Servers:

9:00 am, January 28

Lectors: Jakubielski, Stofcik
Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, Br. J. Hall, A. Jurek, M. Jakubielski,
D. Weber
Altar Servers:

11:00 am, January 28

Lectors: Silva, Gomez
Euch Min: C. Lannon, M. Poppen, Evelyn Roldan, K. Saliga,
M&K Wagner, E. Duray, MJ Kansky
Altar Servers:

5:30 pm, January 28

Altar Servers:

CARE CENTER

January 28: 10:00 a.m. L&C Remmers

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

Jan. 22 & 23:

Jan. 24 & 25:

Jan. 26 & 27:

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Young adult Catholics, 20's & 30's, married & single, make plans to attend the God is Love retreat for young adults, February 16-17 at Lindenwood Retreat Center In Donaldson, Indiana. This retreat will give young adults an opportunity to explore how to embrace the many ways God has given us the gifts of LOVE! There will be time for prayer, reflection, discussion, mass, and getting to know one another! Cost is \$50. For information and to register, visit godisloveretreat.com or call 219-9292 Ext. 229.

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 or contact Rosanne at 219-696-1308.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DINNER DANCE

Enjoy a Saturday evening at Dynasty Banquets while providing help and creating hope for residents at the St. Joseph Home for Boys. Catholic Charities' Valentine Benefit Dinner Dance will take place on February 10th at 7:00 pm. To make a reservation call 219-663-8417. Tickets are \$60.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, Jan. 21 with Mass at 9:00 am. The week will feature many GOOD NEWS events: Monday in our Community - collecting new or slightly used children's books for the women' shelters; collect snack food items for the local soup kitchen. Tuesday in our Nation - by sending posters and banners to the President and Congress to encourage continued support of Catholic schools; Wednesday in our students - by joining with Bishop Melczek at Mass at Bishop Noll; Thursday in our vocations - praying, touring the church, and collecting monies for Missionaries of the Precious Blood and Sisters of Providence; Friday in our Faculty and Staff with a special luncheon.



RELEVANT RADIO

Relevant Radio supports the work of the Diocese of Gary and is listener supported. People are testifying to the fact that they've returned to the sacraments, families have been strengthened, and individuals are sharing their spiritual awakening with family, friends, and co-workers. Let Catholic radio help you bridge the gap between life in the world and the life that God wants for every person. This thoroughly Catholic programming airs 24/7. Help keep Relevant Radio 1270 and 820 strong and on the air. You may pledge support for Relevant Radio with your contributions by calling toll free 1-877-291-0123 or by going online to Relevantradio.com.

LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE EVENTS

"Oratory Contest" Is scheduled for February 10th. The topics must cover abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cell research. The 1st place prize for junior & senior students is \$200 to the student and \$200 to the teacher/coach, 2nd 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.



THE RIGHT TO LIFE

When she was 17, her mom told her the abortion would only hurt for a little while... Forty years, 2 sons and 3 grandkids later, it still hurts. Most abortions are unwanted; 64% involve coercion. Maxine was 17 when her mother demanded the abortion and ordered her to keep their secret. The doctor said it was just a blob of tissue. Decades later the pain is still there. Millions of women like Maxine suffer silently for years after an unwanted abortion. Their forbidden grief often surfaces later in the form of clinical depression, anxiety, eating disorders, or substance abuse. Fortunately, women like Maxine are finding help through compassionate counselors who understand post-abortion issues. Learn more at www.UnChoice.info.

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 understand the grief process and find some additional support, call 219-924-5577 for more information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)

Monday, JANUARY 22

- 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
- 2:45 pm Faculty Meeting
- 7:00 pm Respect Life Prayer Service (SJB)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)

Tuesday, JANUARY 23

- 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Video Series, First Comes Love (SH Rose Room)



Wednesday, JANUARY 24

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

Thursday, JANUARY 25

- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
New members welcome!
- 7:30 pm Winter Festival Meeting (SJB)

Friday, JANUARY 26

Saturday, JANUARY 27

Sunday, JANUARY 28

- 8:00 am-Noon St. Casimir "All You Can Eat"
Pancake Breakfast, School Gym
- 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
- 9:00 am Opening of Catholic Schools Week
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

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.

St. Casimir Parish Las Vegas Nite/Silent Auction/Dinner & Raffle, Saturday, February 3, from 6 pm-Midnight. Call 219-931-2589 for advance tickets!

ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

All interested students and their families are invited Wednesday, February 7th from 5:30—7:30 pm, to tour the school and meet faculty at 5959 Broadway, Merrillville. Call Dawn Wojkovich 219-887-5281 X226 for information.