

*All Are Welcome . . .*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

OCTOBER 1, 2006

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Novena to St. Therese, the Little Flower

An invitation is extended to the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community to attend prayer services Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1, when St. John the Baptist Parish continues a public novena to St. Therese.

The novena will be held Saturday evening at 6:30 pm in church and will conclude Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 pm, the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux.

### EVENING THEMES

Day 8 - Saturday..... *TRUST AMID SUFFERING*

Day 9 - Sunday (2:00 pm).....*MY VOCATION IS LOVE*

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE PANEL ROOM FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE NOVENA ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST.

## WE ARE WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF A SAINT

Pope Benedict XVI will canonize Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence, in Rome on October 15, 2006. The Sisters of Providence taught at Sacred Heart School and St. John the Baptist School for many years. Please join us in our prayers for Blessed Mother Theodore and for all those who will be traveling to Rome for the celebration of her canonization. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 3, 2006, when Bishop Melczek will celebrate a special Mass commemorating Saint Mother Theodore's canonization at St. John Church at 11 am. Plans are being made to make this celebration a joyous and memorable event for our entire community.

### RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Today, Sunday, October 1st, is Respect Life Sunday. Lake County Right To Life will hold their annual Rose Sale after all Masses. A small donation of \$1 each is requested. This fundraiser helps LCRL cover the cost of their many projects.

### EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Friday, October 6th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration between the hours of 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church. Litany and Rosary are at 5:25 pm with Benediction following. Please sign up for an hour and share in the many graces given. Sign-up sheets are posted at each entrance of the Church. Our prayer intention for this month is to pray to be a peace-maker through the intercession of Mary and pray for peace among all religions, races, & nationalities.

### ATTENTION FALL SPORT ATHLETES

All athletes participating in Volleyball, Football, Soccer, and Cross Country are encouraged to attend the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday October 8th for a special "athletes" blessing. All athletes in attendance should wear their game jerseys. Athletes from all schools are more than welcome to attend.

### HAS YOUR PARISH INFORMATION CHANGED?

If you are new to the parish, coming from another parish, returning from a university, or reaching the age of 18, it is very important that you (re) register as a member of the parish. Those 18 years and older should register separate from their parents registration. Being registered and active in the parish is necessary if you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage or act as a sponsor for Baptisms or Confirmations. Please call the rectory at 659-0023.

### OUR MEN & 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 Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 2, Guardian Angeles

7:00 am †Rita Biesen (SJB)

8:00 am †Rose Perisho SA

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 am †JoAnn Boyle Off: John & Mary Boyle (SJB)

8:00 am †Catherine Muta (SA)

8:15 am †Dr. John Drac Off: Robert Tolley (SJB)

Wednesday, October 4, Francis of Assisi, religious

7:00 am †John & Theresa Sabol Off: Children (SJB)

8:00 am †Helen Chyla (SA)

8:15 am †Mary Pivovarnik Off: John & Mary Mateychuck (SJB)

10:00 am Therese Sotak Memorial Mass

Thursday, October 5

7:00 am †Ed Korem Off: K of C Wives Club (SJB)

8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley SA

Friday, October 6, Bruno, priest, Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin

7:00 am †James Christopher Hosbrog Off: Mary Mundo (SJB)

8:00 am †Johnny Swierc (SA)

8:15 am †Joseph Tomko Off: Wife & Daughters (SJB)

Saturday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

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

2:00 pm Mark Adam & Eileen Stahura Wedding (SJB)

4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, 50th Wedding Anniversary Paul & Jeanette Hajduch (SJB)

5:30 pm †Helen Sowinski (SH)

Sunday, October 8, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

8:00 am †Charlotte Kowal (SA)

8:15 am †Steve & Julia Kovacic (IC)

8:30 am Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Community, 25th Wedding Anniv. Leticia & Angel Martinez (SH)

9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, St. John Holy Name Society (SJB)

10:15 am †Blastick Family (SA)

10:45 am †Ed Perry (SH)

11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, Johanna Kapitan (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, Vera Leonard, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Frank Sandrick, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.



*Rest in Peace* Walter R. Jamrose  
Margaret M. Pupilava

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Weekly.....	\$9,785.00
Loose.....	\$446.30
High School.....	\$93.00
Grade School.....	\$267.48
Total for the Week.....	\$10,591.78

**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**

The Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community offers Faith Formation classes for students who attend public schools. Classes have begun. Grades 1 through 5 meet Wednesday evenings 6 to 7:30 pm. Middle School (Grades 6-8) meet Sunday mornings 9 to 10:30 am. This is the last week to register students. There is a \$10.00 late registration fee due in addition to the \$20.00 registration fee. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate must be presented at registration. Registration will be accepted in the Faith Formation Center office (Sacred Heart School), Wednesday between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. Questions? Contact Mrs. Diane Pupilava 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA is the process by which people become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. It is designed for adults desiring Baptism, as well as baptized Christians from other denominations seeking membership in the Catholic Church. RCIA is open to baptized Catholics seeking Confirmation or Holy Communion. The first stage is called the Period of Inquiry. This is a time for questions, finding out more about the Church and the life of faith. Weekly sessions are held Mondays from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. John Pastoral Center. They are a cooperative effort of Whiting-Robertsdale cluster parishes. To learn more please contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

**LIFE TEEN**

“Leading teens closer to Christ”

October is the month of the Rosary. Teens are needed to lead the Rosary during the month of October at 5:15 p.m. at St. John the Baptist. If you are interested, please contact Candi Stapleton at Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com or 659-1663. The Rosary will be said at 5:15 each Sunday during the month of October. All are welcome to attend.

**October 1, Sunday - 6:30** Life Nite in Pastoral Center.  
*Wheel of Fortune. Prizes will be awarded.*

**October 8, Sunday - 6:30** Life Nite in Pastoral Center.

**October 15, Sunday - 6:30** Life Nite in Pastoral Center.  
*The Davinci Code decoded.*

**October 22, Sunday - 6:30** Life Nite in Pastoral Center.

**October 29, Sunday - 6:30** Life Nite in Pastoral Center.

**WEDDING BANNS**

- I** Timothy Gard & Candice Stapleton
- II** Steve Grenchik & Sara Hossa
- III** Mark Adam & Eileen Stahura

**OCTOBER FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETING**

Join with representatives of all the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Churches on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm, in the Sacred Heart 'Rose Room' to discuss our Fall plans. Bring your suggestions for programs which would benefit our adult faith community. Everyone is welcome.

**OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

You are encouraged to pray the rosary during the month of October. At St. John parish a group prays the rosary at 6:25 am before the 7:00 am Mass. Another group stays to pray the rosary following that Mass.

St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church on Clark St. invites everyone to join them in praying the rosary at their outdoor shrine in the church yard Monday through Friday at 6:00 pm during the month of October.

The faithful will also gather at Immaculate Conception outdoor Grotto on White Oak Ave. on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm for rosary and benediction. Join the W/R faith community to pray for peace and respect for life. Benediction concludes this hour of prayer. Bring a chair and your rosary. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held inside the church. Remember, praying the rosary at home as a family or individually brings many blessings. As you plan your October calendar make time for Mary's prayer, the rosary. The rewards are out of this world!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**

Calumet College of St. Joseph will host Theology on Tap at 7:00 p.m. Thursdays in October at the Center Lounge, 1312 119th Street, Whiting. Theology on Tap is a series of gatherings that invite adults in their 20's & 30's (married and single) to enjoy presentations and join in lively discussion with speakers on a variety of faith-related topics. Refreshments will be served. Speakers and topics include:

October 5<sup>th</sup> "Social Morality" —Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

October 12<sup>th</sup> "Bettering Self through Dreams: Dream Analysis" —Fr. Robert Rorich, C.M.

October 19<sup>th</sup> "Islam and Christian Unity" —Dr. Joan Crist

October 26<sup>th</sup> "The Importance of Reconciliation"  
—Fr. Eduardo Malagon

For more information, call Brian Lowry, Director of Marketing & Student Activities at 219-473-4217 or e-mail him at blowry@ccsj.edu

**PET BLESSING**

All pets and their owners are invited to the Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon in front of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. This annual event coincides with the feast of St. Frances of Assisi who loved all of creation and promoted tender care of God's creatures. Certificates of blessing will be presented to all participants. Pets should be contained or on a leash. All are welcome.

**HOLY NAME NEWS**

The St. John Holy Name Society will hold its monthly Mass and Communion on October 8 at the 9 am Mass. All men of the parish are welcome. A meeting will follow in the Founder's Room. Rolls and coffee will be served. We will discuss our Spaghetti Dinner which will be held on October 14. Please come down. We need your help!

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**DAVID E. MEARS, ATTORNEY AT LAW**  
1442 -119th St. Whiting 659-0271  
3527 Ridge Rd., Highland 972-0990

**HANK YOU!**

We are most grateful to the Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branches 81 and 58 for their very generous donation of \$10,000. This money was given for use by our school's technology department. Our school is striving to keep its computer technology updated. Technology is an integral component of a first class education; however, it is very expensive to keep pace with the latest technology. Due to the successful fund raising efforts over the past year, the school has been in the position to purchase for our Computer Lab thirty computers along with the compatible software. Thanks to this recent donation, the school will be able to provide additional computers for use by the teachers in some of the classrooms. God bless the FCSLA for their generosity!

**ALSO MANY THANKS...**

To the family of Mildred R. Doerr for the generous donation to St. John the Baptist Church in her memory.

And to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Gr. 4 for their generous donation to the Church. May God bless you all!

**CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS**

Tom & Diane Puplava  
on their 34th Wedding Anniversary!

**ATTENTION LECTORS**

All current lectors of our W/R Catholic Community and anyone who may be interested in becoming a lector are invited to an evening for lectors and proclaimer of God's Word on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at St. John Church. Mr. Kristopher Seaman of the Gary Diocese Office of Worship will be the guest presenter. Please enter church through the parking lot south side of the church.

**CHILDRENS CHORUS**

Third Graders on up! There are a few openings in the chorus that sings with the Whiting/Robertsdale Festival Symphony in the Dec. 2 Christmas Concert. Auditions: Oct. 5, from 3-5 pm at St. John. Call Geri Hildreth at 473-2940 for information.

**BIBLE STUDY**

You are invited to Sacred Heart Church Rectory every Monday at 10:30 am for an informal gathering and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Gain new insights and share in your appreciation of God's Holy Word. Those who share realize the daily blessings received. Everyone is always welcome.

**ISLAM: A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE**

Come to an informative evening on Islam, Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Mural Room. Dr. Joan Crist, Ecumenical Director for the Diocese of Gary and Religious Studies Instructor at Calumet College, will present some fundamental aspects of Muslim history, belief and practice. Everyone is welcome.

**ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> starting with 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast. Reservation deadline is Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$8.50. Call Marsha Banik 659-8158 for reservations. Payment may be dropped off at the Rectory drop box or collection basket in an envelope marked "Rosary Breakfast." Cash or check made out to Rosary Society.

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**Pastoral Staff**

Rev. John Kalicky, CPPS Pastor  
Rev. Gary Scherer, CPPS Associate Pastor  
Deacon Joseph Manchak  
Brother Terry Nufer, CPPS In Residence

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Religious Formation.....473-7557

**Business Office Hours**

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Please submit bulletin articles by 1:00 PM Monday.

**LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS**

4:30 pm, October 7

Lectors: J. Wagner, L. Gonzales  
Euch Min: J&D Franko, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk,  
G&C Rosen  
Altar Servers: Joshua & Jacob Pelletier, Stephanie Perz

7:00 am, October 8

Lectors: G. Jancosek, D. Guiden  
Euch Min: T. Barilla, E. Matuska, L. Barron, T&S  
Adam, M. Saliga, L. Kilander  
Altar Servers: Rafael & Karina Rodriguez, Adam Rosado

9:00 am, October 8

Lectors: R. Mikola, E. Bojda  
Euch Min: D. Weber, F. Delinck, B. Delinck,  
M. Jakubielski, R&J Zubeck, L. Wade, E. Duray  
Altar Servers: Taylor Pokraka, Steven Radloff,  
Jessica Lopez

11:00 am, October 8

Lectors: M. Bibat, D. Bondi  
Euch Min: K. Saliga, J. Bondi, Evelyn Roldan, M&K  
Wagner, M. Poppen  
Altar Servers: Vincent Rossodivito, Kelly Rusnak,  
Brianna Scivinsky

5:30 pm, October 8

Altar Servers: Brian Reeves, Clarke Remmers, Greg Sienkiewicz


**CARE CENTER**

October 8: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska

October 2 & 3: Ashley Pokraka & Hunter Priesol  
October 4 & 5: Alec & Eric Rodriguez  
October 6 & 7: Anthony Rodriguez & Eric Roldan

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, OCTOBER 1, FOOD DRIVE**  
**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY — Rose Sale**  
 9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 6-8 (SH)  
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)  
 2:00 pm St. Therese Novena Closing followed by Social in the Panel Room (SJB)  
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)  
 7:00 pm CPPS Companions (SJB)

**Monday, OCTOBER 2, No School**   
 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)  
 6:30 pm Faith Enrichment (SH)  
 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)

**Tuesday, OCTOBER 3, No School**  
 1:00 pm St. Ann Society (IC)  
 7:00 pm Islam: A Catholic Perspective (SJB)  
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SH)

**Wednesday, OCTOBER 4**  
 6:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1-5 (SH)  
 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

**Thursday, OCTOBER 5**  
 4:00-5:00 pm Confessions (SJB)  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)  
 7:00 pm St. John Pastoral Council  
 3:00-5:00 pm Children's Chorus Auditions (SJB)

**Friday, OCTOBER 6**  
 Communion to Shut-ins  
 1:00 pm-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJB)

**Saturday, OCTOBER 7**  
 12:00 pm Pet Blessing (SJB)

**Sunday, OCTOBER 8**   
 9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 6-8 (SH)  
 9:00 am Holy Name (SJB)  
 11:00 am Athletes Blessing & Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)  
 2:00 pm Rosary Devotions (IC)  
 2:30 pm RCIA Church Tour  
 5:15 pm Rosary with Life Teens (SJB)  
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

**ST. JOHN SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The St. John Holy Name Society will hold a Spaghetti Dinner October 14, from 4—7 pm in the Panel Room. Tickets are \$6 for adults; children 6-12, \$4; under 6, free. All you can eat. Come on down for good food & fun!

**ST. JOHN CATERING/BANQUET FACILITIES**

Having a party? 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 Meetings and Facilities tab.