

Warm Welcome...

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



NOVEMBER 26, 2006
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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

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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 KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

Reflections by Michael D. Guinan, O.F.M.

As the very name Christian implies, we who follow Jesus are to share in his work of preaching and working for God's kingdom. In Baptism and Confirmation we too have been anointed with oil and brought under his kingship. Our lives should manifest our concern for God's kingdom.

Working for peace and justice marks Jesus' kingship. In the same way, we, as his followers, should be concerned for these also, both within the Christian community itself and within the world as a whole.

We pray so often (and so easily?) in the Lord's Prayer, "thy kingdom come." But if God's kingdom comes, another kingdom will have to go, and it does not go easily. Service of God's kingdom is not easy.

We prepare for the fuller coming of Jesus as Christ/Messiah every year during Advent. Almost all of the seasonal Scripture readings reflect this theme and challenge us to become more "Christ-like" in our lives, and that means more like Jesus, the King.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

The Third Rite of Baptism, the Pouring of the Waters of Baptism, will be celebrated at the 11 am Mass today. We welcome the newest members of our family of faith: Faith Ann Dilbeck, Emily Elizabeth Greer, Millicent Clare Jasek, Jenna Brooke Mercer, Kyle Carter Mercer, and Ryan Nicholas Veloz.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Come and visit Our Lord Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 1, at St. John the Baptist Church from 1 pm to 6 pm. Litany and Rosary at 5:25 pm, with Benediction following. For those who are able to stay an hour, there are sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin boards at each entrance of the church. Our prayer intention for this month is to spiritually prepare to remember and celebrate Christ's birth as the true meaning of Christmas.



Our Men and Women in the 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, November 27

7:00 am †Therese Menezes Off: Husband & Children (SJB)
8:00 am †Hassen & Gaynor Families (SH)

Tuesday, November 28

7:00 am †Margaret M. Pupilava Off: Catherine & Jim Verville (SJB)
8:00 am †Joseph F. Hruskocy (SH)
8:15 am †Margaret Sandrick Off: Husband, Edward (SJB)

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 am †Joseph & Lydia Chilla Off: Daughter, Clara (SJB)
8:00 am †Singel & Kirby Families (SH)
8:15 am †Andrea Buell Off: Husband, Ray & Family (SJB)

Thursday, November 30 — Andrew, the apostle

7:00 am Special Intention of Tom R. Ryan, 95th Birthday Off: Nancy & Jim Lyons (SJB)
8:00 am †Florence Kovacic (SH)

Friday, December 1

7:00 am †Georgene Smaluk Off: Husband, Alex & Sons (SJB)
8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley (SH)
8:15 am †Anne Mehok & Irene Molson (SJB)

Saturday, December 2

7:00 am †Anna Svabik Off: Daughter, Diane (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm †John Gyurscan (SH)

Sunday, December 3 — First Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
8:00 am †Esther Kieltyka (SA)
8:15 am †Alfred Coppolillo, Anniversary (IC)
8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
9:00 am No Mass (SJB)
10:15 am †Julia Gacek (SA)
10:45 am No Mass (SH)
11:00 am In Thanksgiving — Canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guerin (SJB)
5:30 pm No Mass (SJB)

Pray For Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Kristine Brown, Joan Bruder, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, 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, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Ruth Rapchak, Frank Sandrick, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Wa-seem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.

Rest in Peace Susan D. Kenda

2007 MASS BOOK

The 2007 Mass Book is now available in the Rectory Office. Masses will be limited to two per family.

**CELEBRATING THE
CANONIZATION OF
ST. MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN**

On Sunday, December 3, Bishop Dale Melczek will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonization of St. Mother Theodore Guerin, foundress of the Sisters of Providence, at 11 am, here at St. John.

St. Mother Theodore was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 15th, becoming the eighth American saint and the first saint from the State of Indiana. Thousands of lives in the Diocese of Gary have been touched by St. Mother Theodore and her Sisters of Providence.

The December 3rd celebration is being hosted by Forever Blue and Gold, the alumni association of St. John the Baptist School. Following the Liturgy, a reception and open house will be held in St. John School. In addition to tours of the school and convent, memorabilia from St. John School and the Sisters of Providence will be on display. A presentation on the life of Mother Theodore and her canonization will also be shown. Several Sisters of Providence will be attending the celebration.

All are invited to join in this joyful celebration! It will offer those taught by the Sisters of Providence, alumni of St. Mary of the Woods College and graduates of St. John the Baptist School a wonderful way to reconnect with their past.



ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to an Advent morning of spiritual renewal on the topic "Keeping Christ in Christmas," Saturday, December 2, from 9 am until 12 noon, at the Sacred Heart 'Rose Room,' 1731 LaPorte Avenue. Rev. Leo Gajardo of St. Casimir Church, Hammond, will be the guest speaker. The morning will provide a brief space of time to listen and reflect as we prepare for our blessed Savior's birthday. Coffee, cake, and conversation will enhance our gathering. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will benefit the Whiting St. Vincent DePaul Society. Questions, call Margaret at 659-4138.

BABY DRIVE COLLECTION

St. John's annual Advent "Adopt A Baby" Drive will begin soon. We will be accepting donations of clean, gently-used baby clothing, furniture, car seats, or purchased toiletry items. Items can be dropped off in the school lobby.

FANNIE MAY CANDY DISTRIBUTION

All Fannie May candy orders will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, December 2nd, in the St. John Mural Room from 10 am until 12 Noon. Many thanks to all those who supported this school fundraiser! For questions, please call Annette Markovich at 659-3238.

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

November 26, Sunday – 6:30 Life Teen Council Meeting 4:30. Open Gym – 6:30!

December 3, Sunday – No 5:30 Mass or Life Nite.

5:30 P.M. Mass is cancelled on this day. All are encouraged to attend the mass at 11:00 a.m. honoring Saint Mother Theodore Guerin. The mass will be presided over by the Bishop. Wear your Life Teen T-Shirts to mass to show Life Teen presence. If you need a T-shirt call Candi at 659-1663.

December 10, Sunday – 6:30 Life Nite in the Pastoral Center To be Determined.

December 17, Sunday – 6:30 Life Nite in the Pastoral Center Reach out to those around you!

December 24, Sunday – No 5:30 Life Teen Mass and No Life Nite due to the Christmas celebrations.

ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sunday December 10th at 1:00 pm in the Mural Room, cost is \$15.00. Reservations are a must! Deadline—Monday December 4th. Call Dorothy Grabovac 659-2653, or Dorothy Kasper 659-5674. Members, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Whiting Food Pantry.

NUT ROLL, BREAD & NOODLE SALE

Today! Sunday, November 26th

8:00 am—Noon in the Panel Room Lobby.

St. John Panel Room Nut Rolls for \$7,

Noodles for \$3, Bread for \$6

Get them while supplies last!!



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Many thanks to all those who donated food items for this project. Because of your generosity we were able to help local families have a happier Thanksgiving!

DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN SCHOOL

We are still in need of Virtus trained adults to sit and answer the front door of school. This is an important position which we use for the protection of our children. If you can give us an hour or two during school hours, please call Mrs. Schaufele at 219-659-3042. This is an excellent way for a retired adult or grandparent to help out at school!

ATTENTION PARISH BAKERS!

Parish bakers are asked to contribute their favorite homemade cake, pastry, cookies or sweet treat for the Sweet Table at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Reception on Sunday, December 3rd. Please bring your baked item to the Panel Room on Saturday between Noon and 4 pm, or on Sunday morning no later than 9 am. Thank you in advance for helping make this an historical day as the St. John Parish Family and the entire Diocese of Gary celebrate St. Mother Theodore's canonization.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

RICHWAY GYROS

1714 Calumet Avenue, Whiting

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Dine In — Carry Out



**ST. JOHN SCHOOL BAND
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**
Sunday -- December 10th
7:00 p.m.
Marian Theater Auditorium
Join us as we ring in the Christmas Season
with joyful music!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 10th the H.S.A. will host its annual all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Cost will be \$5.00 adults and \$3.00 for children under 10 years old. Join us for a fun filled morning before or after Mass!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Tom R. Ryan on his 95th Birthday!

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Cluster of Parishes celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Sacred Heart Parish, 1731 LaPorte Avenue, Whiting. December 3rd, 8:30 am Mass begins the celebration, with the blessing of candles and prayers following Mass. We encourage families to pray together in their homes throughout the Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe. On December 8th, a 7:00 pm bilingual Mass will be held in honor of the Immaculate Conception., followed by a drama depicting the apparitions of Our Lady to Juan Diego. The Dec. 10th 8:30 am Mass will feature our Aztec Dancers. Prayers with our worshipping community honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe follow Mass. All cluster parishioners are cordially invited to participate in these celebrations!



During the winter and early spring, 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 all of the Missions. St. John the Baptist will host a Mission 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. Are we willing to commit our gifts to Christ's mission? What keeps us from being committed to our parish and His mission? What do we need to let go of in order to serve in the building of God's Kingdom? God continues to wait for each of us to share our gifts in building His Kingdom. This Mission will help us move forward to say "yes" to God.

FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 pm. The Festival is scheduled February 16, 17, & 18. Please mark your calendars, as this fundraising event is critical to the financial success of our school. Festival chairpersons are again asking for help in reducing its operating costs. Please consider sponsoring an event or volunteering to help work. Contact the school or rectory office, or visit the parish website if for information on how to help.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, December 2

Lectors: F. Stofcik, R. Mikola
Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, D. Cuculich, E. Igras, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk
Altar Servers: Demetria Beaulieu, Ryan Brown, Jackie Camacho

7:00 am, December 3

Lectors: R. Pesenko, Helen Marie L.
Euch Min: T. Barilla, L. Barron, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek. E. Matuska, C. Pensenko, M. Saliga
Altar Servers: Jose Areteaga, Abby & Joey Bondi

No 9:00 am Mass : Please come to special celebration of 11 am Mass with Bishop Melczek!

11:00 am, December 3

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers, please dispense with regular schedule for this Mass. Thank you!

CARE CENTER

December 3: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

Nov. 27 & 28: Caleb Strabavy, Kaitlyn Syler
Nov. 29 & 30: Jenna Wozniak, Katherine Wheeler
Dec. 1 & 2: Elliot & Nathaniel Bibat

**WHITING ORCHESTRA & CHORUS
HOLIDAY CONCERT**



The Whiting Park Festival Orchestra and Chorus will present its Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 2, at 7:30 pm in the Marian Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce Office or at the door the night of the concert. Dinner-Concert is available for an additional \$20. Reservations a must for dinner/concert tickets!

BISHOP NOLL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following parishioners and former St. John students who have achieved honor roll status for the first marking period. Magna Cum Laude: Jacqueline Camacho, Julie Fornaciari, Jesus Hernandez, Alison Kouris, Alexis Marin, Christopher Menchaca, Jacob Pelletier, and Joshua Pelletier. Summa Cum Laude: Nicole Bobos, Nicole Gamboa, Consuelo Moreno, Patrick Nee, Steven Radloff, and Heather Wanek. Cum Laude: Kacey Amendola, Andrew Dybel, Krystle Howard, Christine Krilich, Nickolas Lerma, Christine Novak, Michael Palomo, and Terra Vianello.

BNI HOLIDAY BAZAAR

The Bishop Noll Parents' Club will sponsor a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 2, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come to Bishop Noll Institute, 1519 Hoffman Street in Hammond, for food, door prizes, crafts, vendors and a raffle. Admission is \$1.00. All proceeds benefit Bishop Noll students.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, NOVEMBER 26

No Faith Formation Classes today
RCIA Call to Conversion (Cathedral)
8:00 am—12 Noon Nut Roll, Bread & Noodle Sale—
(SJB) Panel Room
4:30 pm Life Teen Council Meeting
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB)
6:30 pm Life Teen Open Gym (SJB)

Monday, NOVEMBER 27

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

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 28

1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Video Series, First Comes
Love, Dr. Scott Hahn (SH Rose Room)
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
7:00 pm Baptismal Preparation (SJB)
7:00 pm Home & School Assn. Mtg. (SJB)

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 29

6:00 pm Faith Formation Classes, Grades 1-5
7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg. (SJB)

Thursday, NOVEMBER 30

4:00 pm– 5:00 pm Confessions (SJB)
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

Friday, DECEMBER 1

1:00 pm—6 pm Eucharistic Devotions

Saturday, DECEMBER 2 — Food Drive

9:00 am -12 Noon Advent Reflection, Rose Room (SH)
4:30 pm RCIA Rite of Welcoming (SJB)
7:30 pm Whiting Festival Orchestra/Chorus
Holiday Concert (SJB)

Sunday, DECEMBER 3 — Food Drive

No Life Teen Mass or Life Nite
9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
11:00 am Bishop's Mass & Reception
In Thanksgiving — Canonization of
St. Mother Theodore Guerin (SJB)

The DVD Moj Kostol (My Church) is now on sale; cost is \$29.95 + \$3.00 standard shipping & handling per disk. Email or call: (323)204-2156 hesperusfilms@sbcglobal.net. This special DVD can also be purchased by stopping by the Whiting Chamber of Commerce.

ST. JOHN CATERING/BANQUET FACILITIES

Are you having a Christmas party, wedding, or bridal shower? Would you like us to cook for you, or would you like to bring your own food and rent a room? Call Carol Vargo 219-659-3041 or go to www.sjbcatholicparish.org and click on Meetings and Facilities for more information.