

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

December 3, 2006

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saint Mother Theodore Guerin

Canonized on October 15, 2006

Mass of Thanksgiving, December 3, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.



ADVENT

Waiting and Hoping

Thanksgiving evening -- one minute until midnight. People waiting in line patiently, some of them camped out for hours. Tension and excitement mounts as people readied their wallets and credit cards, anxiously anticipating the twelfth chime of the clock. Similar scenes took place at many stores this year. Some of them, however, catered to late sleepers -- their doors didn't open till 5:00 a. m.!

We are a hurry up and wait people. We hurry up and wait to be first in line. We hurry up and wait for buses and airplanes, friends and doctors. What keeps us waiting is the hope that something positive may happen, like buying a rare gift or getting that special bargain!

Advent is a time for waiting and hoping. With Jeremiah (First Reading), Paul (Second Reading), and Luke (Gospel) we wait the comings of Jesus.

During the Advent season we tend to think primarily about the first coming of Christ at his birth. But there are other comings of Christ: the risen Lord at Easter, in the Eucharist, in our everyday lives, at the moment of death and at the end of human history (the second coming).

Advent is a time of waiting and hoping.

A waiting worth the wait,

*a hoping worth the hope for Jesus does come
and touches our lives with His merciful love and care.*

ST. MOTHER THEODORE PRAY FOR US

We welcome all who join us today to give thanks to God for the powerful example of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin's life. As we continue to pray through her intercession, we are sure to grow because of her strong witness of faith.

We also extend a very warm welcome to Bishop Melczek and the Sisters of Providence who have journeyed to celebrate with us today. May they convey our deep appreciation to all members of the Sisters of Providence for their many years of dedication to our community.

2007 MASS BOOK

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

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

The conflicts in our world continue and members of our parish community, family, or friends are serving in foreign lands. Please pray for these brave men and women: 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. If you would like to add a name to this prayer list, please call the parish office or place the name in the Sunday collection basket.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4

7:00 am †Alice Urbanski, Off: Thomas & Ann Gregorovich (SJB)

8:00 am †Charlotte Koval (SA)

Tuesday, December 5, John of Damascus, priest, religious, doctor

7:00 am †Charles R. Hoover, Off: Mother, Dorothy (SJB)

8:00 am †Delphine Murzyn (SA)

8:15 am †John & Bob Gulvas, Off: Ann Gulvas (SJB)

Wednesday, December 6, Nicholas, bishop

7:00 am †Mary Pupilava Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)

8:00 am †Joseph Filipek (SA)

8:15 am †Sylvester Nemcek, Off: Rick & Karen Massoels (SJB)

Thursday, December 7, Ambrose, bishop, doctor

7:00 am †Mary A. Stofcik, Off: Anna Stofcik & Mary Stofcik (SJB)

8:00 am †Rose Perisho (SA)

7:00 pm †Robert Pitlow, Off: M/M Steve Jajchik (SJB)

Friday, December 8, Holyday

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

7:00 am †Rose Leslie, Off: Barbara, Charlotte & Jim (SJB)

8:00 am †Agnes Sotak (IC)

8:15 am Ladies Penna Slovak Catholic Union—Br. #79 (SJB)

7:00 pm †Anne Brtko—Anniversary (SH Bilingual)

Saturday, December 9, Juan Diego, hermit

7:00 am †Rosemary Bobos, Off: Family & Friends (SJB)

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

5:30 pm †Rose Leslie (SH)

Sunday, December 10 — Second Sunday of Advent

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

8:00 am †Ann & Frank Antonovich (SA)

8:15 am †Mary Humenik (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 †Helen Chyla (SA)

10:45 am †Mrs. Sophie Gresko (SH)

11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (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, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Helen E. Hanchar

Paul H. Lukacsek

Frank J. B. Sandrick

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

November 19

Weekly.....	\$8,543.00
Loose.....	\$339.61
High School.....	\$117.25
Grade School.....	\$213.13
Total for the Week.....	\$9,212.99

November 27

Weekly.....	\$9,528.10
Loose.....	\$500.40
High School.....	\$99.76
Grade School.....	\$223.23
Total for the Week.....	\$10,351.49
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$2,539.55



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Cluster of Parishes celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Sacred Heart Parish, 1731 LaPorte Avenue, Whiting. 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 December 10th, 8:30 am Mass will feature the parish's Aztec Dancers. Prayers with our worshipping community honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe follow Mass. There will be a Dec. 11, 6:30 pm Holy Hour with Benediction, celebrating with Our Lady. And on Dec. 12th, a 6:30 pm Mass of the Roses will take place with singing by the Spanish Choir, followed with Mariachi De Colores and a social. All are cordially welcome to attend!

ST. CASIMIR POLISH MASS

On Friday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation, a Mass in Polish will be celebrated at St. Casimir Church, Hammond, at 10:00 am. All are cordially invited to participate.

WHITING KNIGHTS WANT YOU!

The men of the Knights of Columbus, Whiting Council, have begun their annual membership drive and wish to invite all men of the parish to join them. They will be distributing information after all Masses this weekend. If you are inactive, need to transfer, or wish to become a new member in this worthwhile Catholic family-oriented organization, please contact Grand Knight Jonathan McNinch at 219-659-1168 or see a Knight at the church door.



FOREVER BLUE AND GOLD

~SAINT JOHN FAMILY~

Forever Blue and Gold~Saint John Family is the newly formed alumni association for graduates of Saint John School. We hope that all graduates of St. John School will join us in our goal of preserving our great memories and heritage, and support the institution that made us who we are! For more information about our organization, check the St. John Parish website at www.sjbcatholicparish.org. If we have your contact information, we will be able to keep you updated on coming events and plans. E-mail us at foreverblueandgold@sjbcatholicparish.org.

FCSLA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The FCSLA Jr. Branch #58 will be hosting a Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 11 am in the St. John Panel Room. This is for members of Branch #58 only; one adult per family please. RSVP by Monday, December 4th to Margaret 659-2109, or Florence 659-0913.



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.

FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETING

You are invited to the Monday, December 4, 6:30 pm, Faith Enrichment Committee meeting at the Sacred Heart Rose Room. We will be discussing plans for the new year and the Lenten season. Representatives from all our Whiting Catholic churches gather monthly to share ideas for programs which enrich the faith lives of those in our Catholic community. Bring your concerns and your suggestions. You are always welcome!



St. John's famous Pirohi will be on sale Sunday, December 17, from 9 am-12 Noon in the Panel Room lobby.

Price is \$7/dozen: apricot, cheese, potato, plum, and kraut. Noodles available while they last at \$2/bag.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A very sincere Thank You to all who participated in the beautiful Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service hosted by St. Mary's Church. The combined voices of participants from all our W/R churches offered inspiring praise to Almighty God. A generous free-will collection yielded \$841.25 for the Whiting Food Pantry. Everyone benefited from this annual Thanksgiving gathering.

FCSLA BR.#81 MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assn. Branch #81 will be hosting its annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 13, at the St. John Founders Room for members only. The meeting will begin at 10 am with lunch to follow at Noon. Please bring non-perishable goods to donate to the food pantry.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

The next Cluster Peace and Social Justice meeting will be held on Sat., Dec. 9, at 9:30 am in the Founders Room. Let's start planning for the new year! All are welcome.

A GENTLE REMINDER

If you have not fulfilled your CSA pledge for 2006, there is still time! Please have all pledges submitted before the end of December. Thank you!



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IN SCHOOL BAND
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Sunday — December 10 — 7:00 pm
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!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The December 24 (Christmas Eve) and December 31 (New Years Eve) bulletins will be one combined issue for those two Sundays. Please submit bulletin articles that you wish to have published in that edition by Friday, December 15.

OPLATKY

Next Sunday, December 10, Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) will be available in the school lobby after Sunday Masses. Cost is \$2.00 for a package of four.

LIFE TEEN

“Leading teens closer to Christ”

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

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.

THANK YOU

Family & Friends of Susan Kenda for their donations to the St. John School Endowment Fund;

St. John Holy Name Society for their check in the amount of \$500 in support of C.P.P.S. Chilean Seminarians;

Family & Friends of Anemarie Zurbriggen for their gift of \$685 to the School Endowment Fund!

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

You are invited to the Catholic Community Penance Service hosted by St. John Church on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 pm. The proclamation of Sacred Scripture, Advent reflection, and songs will help you to prepare a sincere confession. Treat yourself to some quiet time and an opportunity for a heart-to-heart with your loving Savior, Jesus. Confessions will be offered in English, Spanish, and Polish. You will have the option of going face to face or behind the screen.

CAROLING AT THE CRIB

The W/R Faith Enrichment Committee invites all to come to the Christmas Crib at the corner of Lincoln Ave. and 119th Street on Saturday, December 16, at 5:30 pm, following St. John's 4:30 pm liturgy. Come for an Advent celebration of song, fellowship, and hospitality as we light the Christmas Crib. Bring your voice, a musical instrument if you'd like, family members and friends to make a joyful noise in praise of God, our Savior. Song sheets provided; refreshments in the Panel Room following. Everyone is welcome.



LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

December 7, Holyday Vigil

Feast of Immaculate Conception

Lectors:

Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, M Poppen, B Delinck, C Vrabel,
ML Tonkovich, F Delinck, E Duray

Altar Servers: Aimee Perhach, Ashley Pokraka, Rafael Rodriguez

4:30 pm, December 9

Lectors: Gonzales & McCampbell

Euch Min: J&D Franko, R Jerzyk, B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk,
G&C Rosen

Altar Servers: Catherine Yoder, Nicholas Curosh, Adam Flores

7:00 am, December 10

Lectors: Jancosek & Saliga

Euch Min: T&S Adam, J&G Blackwell, D Cuculich,
G Jancosek, L Kilander

Altar Servers: Amanda Delinck, Joshua Flores, Rachel Grunhard

9:00 am, December 10

Lectors: Mikola & Jakubielski

Euch Min: I Dominguez, B Delinck, Br. J Hall, A Jurek, M
Jakubielski, D McCampbell, F Delinck, E Duray

Altar Servers: Samuel DeCero, Manuel Estrada, Andrew Franko

11:00 am, December 10

Lectors: Silva & Gomez

Euch Min: J Bondi, N Mitchell, M Poppen, Erwin Roldan, S
Rosendo, K Saliga

Altar Servers: Rachel Hurtig, Katelyn Kruszynski, David Matura

CARE CENTER

December 10, 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

Dec. 4 & 5: Dionna & Donnella Casillas

Dec. 6 & 7: Katherine Chiluski & Emily Curosh

Dec. 8 & 9: Kailyn Czubak & Abby Dybel

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

The following is a list of Northlake Deanery area **Advent Penance Services**. All services begin at **7 pm**.

Please take time for Our Lord.

Dec. 11, Monday—St. Joseph, Hammond (with All Saints)

Dec. 12, Tuesday—St. John Bosco

Dec. 13, Wed.—Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Dec. 14, Thursday—Whiting Parishes at St. John the Baptist

Dec. 18, Monday—St. Catherine of Siena

Dec. 20, Wednesday—St. Casimir

Dec. 21, Thursday—St. Stanislaus, East Chicago

GRAVESIDE DECORATIONS

A beautiful selection of Christmas wreaths, solar angels and solar candles are available for grave decoration at the St. John-St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery! **All purchases assist the Carmelite Sisters in their daily needs for infants placed in the Holy Innocents Emergency Shelter.** Please call Mike Welsh at 844-9475, or stop by the cemetery office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, DECEMBER 3 — First Sunday of Advent
 Food Collection SJB
 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)

Monday, DECEMBER 4
 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
 6:30 pm Faith Enrichment (SH)
 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)



Tuesday, DECEMBER 5
 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
 7:00 pm Baptismal Preparation (SJB)
 7:00 pm St. Vincent De Paul (SH)

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

Thursday, DECEMBER 7
 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
 7:30 pm Festival Planning Mtg., All welcome! (SJB)

Friday, DECEMBER 8 — Holy Day of Obligation
 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, DECEMBER 9
 9:00 am Breakfast in Bethlehem (SJB)

Sunday, DECEMBER 10 — Second Sunday of Advent
 7:00 pm St. John School Band Concert
 8:00 am—1:00 pm St. John HSA Breakfast with Santa
 9:00 am Holy Name Society Mass & Meeting (SJB)
 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
 1:00 pm Rosary Society Gathering (SJB)
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite
 7:00 pm St. John School Band Concert

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE:

Marian Catholic High School Open House, Sunday, Dec. 3,
 from 11 am—2 pm, 700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights.

All ladies are invited to a Marian Catholic High School
 "Silver Tea" honoring Dominican Sisters, Tuesday, Dec. 5,
 at 7 pm. Call 708-755-6579 for information.

"Sounds of the Season", Sunday, December 10, 3:30 pm,
 St. Andrew the Apostle Church, 768 Lincoln Ave., Calumet
 City, The Palos Symphony Orchestra, Free-will offering.

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 lovely ceramic sculpture, or purchase one of our Slovak cookbooks
 for \$7. Also available are VHS tapes of our church history.