

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

December 25, 2005

CHRISTMAS

Nativity of the Lord

January 1, 2006

Octave of Christmas

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God



PRINCE *of*  
PEACE

## Mass Intentions

### OUR CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Blessed Christmas to each and everyone! Fathers Stanley Dominik, Gary Scherer, John Kalicky and members of the staff pray that you may experience more than ever Christ's beautiful gifts of Peace, Joy and Love!

Our special prayer this Christmas is that God bless our Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Faith Community with His continued guidance and direction.

Historically, as Catholics in our area, we are not accustomed to include more than our own parish in our vision of ministry. However, at this time in the history of God's people in Northern Indiana we are now called to do so.

So we ask you to join us in prayer. As disciples and as stewards of God's gifts, may we recognize and rejoice in the unity to which our Catholic Community is called. We are sisters and brothers in Christ and sons and daughters of God our Father.

Priests and Staff members

### NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE for MASSES:

Saturday, New Year's Eve: 4:30 pm  
Sunday, New Years Day: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,  
& 11:00 am

### HOUSE BLESSING KITS

The feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated Sunday, January 8, 2006. As in past years, House Blessing Kits will be given to each family after the weekend Masses to carry on the custom of blessing our homes in the new year. Within the kit you will find the House Blessing Prayer, instructions for blessing your home, holy water, and chalk. We continue the ancient custom inspired by the visit of the Three Kings. May our homes be places of welcome for all who enter them, and may the peace of Christ be shared by all who dwell therein.



Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Mary Danielson, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Barbara Kotlowski, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, Ann Michalso, Jay Sheets, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnck, Mary Talabay, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Mary J. Meier & Helen Randle

Monday, December 26, Stephen, first martyr  
7:00 am †Dybel, Staucet, Brenkus Families Off: Martin Dybel

Tuesday, December 27, John, apostle, evangelist  
7:00 am †Pauline A. Molson Off: Gregory Pinarski

Wednesday, December 28, Holy Innocents  
7:00 am †Frank Strezo Off: St. John Rosary Society

Thursday, December 29, Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr  
7:00 am †Dale Keith Off: Friends

Friday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
7:00 am †Joseph J. Jurek, Sr. (Anniv.) Off Family

Saturday, December 31  
7:00 am †Rusina & Stack Families Off: Val Stack & Family  
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
7:00 am For Our Parish Family  
9:00 am For Our Parish Family  
11:00 am For Our Parish Family

Monday, January 2, Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen bishops, doctors  
7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society

Tuesday, January 3, Most Holy Name of Jesus  
7:00 am St. John the Baptist Parish Family Off: Community of St. Theresa of Avila

Wednesday, January 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious  
7:00 am †Emma (Moldovan) Kostolnik Off: Brother, Nick Moldovan  
8:30 am †Antoinette Pavlik Off: Joan Kearney

Thursday, January 5, John Neumann, bishop  
7:00 am †Margaret Bleskan Off: Monica Mores

Friday, January 6, Bl. Andre Bessette, religious  
7:00 am †Jerry Ban Off: Jerry Bobos  
8:30 am Special Intention of Dick & Janice Molle, 53rd Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, January 7, Raymond of Penafort, priest  
7:00 am †Deceased Members of Homco Family & Monica Homco Off: Parents  
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, January 8, Epiphany of the Lord  
7:00 am For Our Parish Family  
9:00 am For Our Parish Family, St. John Holy Name Society  
11:00 am For Our Parish Family  
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass for Youth of Whiting-Robertsdale Cluster

## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Adults.....	\$10,188.13
Loose.....	\$545.50
High School.....	\$27.00
Grade School.....	\$117.62
Total for the Week.....	\$10,878.25

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The CSA Drive for 2005 is entering its final week. We ask that parishioners with pledge balances please mail your check to the Diocese before December 31st. Thank you!

DEAR FRIENDS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH  
"Thank you for your prayers for the successful back surgery I had November 28<sup>th</sup>. Recovery is moving along smoothly and I am back to full time work already. You are all in my prayers. May you all enjoy the special blessings of the Christmas season, and may 2006 be a peaceful and loving year for you all." Father Leon Flaherty, C.P.P.S.

### MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

At the November Cluster Meeting, church representatives agreed to share the responsibility of feeding the hungry through the monthly food drive. This project assists in the distribution of food through the Whiting/Robertsdale Food Pantry, held at Whiting City Hall the first and third Fridays of each month. Each cluster church has been asked to accept the responsibility of donating food on one Sunday of the month: First Sunday will be St. John; Second Sunday, St. Adalbert; Third Sunday, Immaculate Conception; and Fourth Sunday, Sacred Heart. When there is a Fifth Sunday, as in January, each church is asked to take a second collection to benefit the work of our Whiting St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you to all who accept the challenge of this corporal work of mercy! (Mt 25:31-45)

### FIRST RECONCILIATION FORMATION SESSION

A Formation Session for the parents of children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held Thursday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Panel Room.

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Middle School classes resume Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes for Grades 1 through 5 will resume on Wed., January 4<sup>th</sup>. All outstanding tuition accounts must be paid by Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### ADOPT-A-BABY ADVENT OUTREACH

Thanks to your generosity, many young children and their families now have basic supplies and much needed clothing. We collect gently used baby furniture and clothing (up to size 4T) throughout the year. Please leave donations in the school lobby during between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm on school days.

### BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next parish celebrations of Infant Baptism will take place in January. Contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com for information or to register.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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### LUNCHEON HONORING PARISH VOLUNTEERS

The volunteer luncheon is an expression of appreciation to all those who volunteered their time and talent during the past year. The four parishes of St. Adalbert, Sacred Heart, Immaculate Conception and St. John join together to invite volunteers from its parishes to attend a "Thank You" luncheon. As a volunteer, you and your guest are invited to the luncheon on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm in the St. John Panel Room. RESERVATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. Call the Panel Room (650-3041) or St. John Rectory (659-0023). Deadline is Monday, January 9, 2006. Much planning (seating, amount of food needed, etc.) goes into this event, so your cooperation is vital. Please call in your name and that of your guest before the deadline date. Also mention the parish to which you belong. Understandable, only those with reservations will be served. We look forward to a joyous celebration of our common discipleship and stewardship!

### ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

The American Red Cross has scheduled its annual blood drive at St. John the Baptist on Saturday, January 14, from 9 am—1 pm. Registration begins in the Panel Room promptly at 8:45 am. Interested donors can contact Mary Poppen at 659-8440 to reserve a specific time slot.

### BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Bible Study at Sacred Heart rectory on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The 10:30 a.m. study group will resume on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Consider beginning the New Year with study of the sacred scriptures on Monday mornings in the new year.

### SINCERE THANKS!

We are truly grateful to The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branches 81 & 58, for their very generous donation of \$10,000 to the Church. May God bless you, ladies, and your work.

### FAITH ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

Will hold its monthly meeting Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Sacred Heart "Rose Room". This will be a Christmas Celebration of the past year's blessings.

WINTER FESTIVAL MEETING: Mark your calendars to attend the next Festival Meeting, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### 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: Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormlely, Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., and Aaron Suarez.

### TWELFTH NIGHT CEREMONY

The City of Whiting hosts the Twelfth Night Celebration, Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the lot adjacent to Whiting Park & 117<sup>th</sup> Streets. The ceremony is the traditional closing of the Christmas Season with the burning of Christmas trees. The public is invited to the bonfire, caroling, and free refreshments. Whiting Residents please put your trees in the alley and the Street Dept. will take them to the bonfire site. Neighboring residents may take their trees to the designated area anytime prior to the ceremony. For information: Whiting Park Dept. 219-659-0860.

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, December 31

Lectors: P. Banik, M. Banik  
 Euch Min: L Blackwell, MJ Kansky, M. Knazur,  
 D. McCampbell, G&C Rosen, E. Igras  
 Altar Servers: Alison Kouris, Jason Kresich, Kyle  
 Kruszynski

7:00 am, January 1

Lectors: L. Barron, G. Jancosek  
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, E. Matuska, C. Pesenko,  
 M. Saliga, T. Barilla  
 Altar Servers: Amanda Delinck, Mikayla Dross, Joshua  
 Flores

9:00 am, January 1

Lectors: F. Gazda, F. Stofcik  
 Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, ML Tonkovich, F. Delinck,  
 D. Weber, L. Wade, B. Delinck, E. Duray  
 Altar Servers: Demetria Beaulieu, Annie Labus, Erin  
 Lawson

11:00 am, January 1

Lectors: K. Lannon, D. Botich  
 Euch Min: D. Cuculich, M&K Wagner, N. Mitchell,  
 Erwin Roldan, S. Rosendo  
 Altar Servers: Trinity Mitchell, Rachel Grunhard,  
 Rachel Hurtig

4:30 pm, January 7

Lectors: A. Perz, L. Gonzalez  
 Euch Min: J&G Blackwell, J&D Franko, G&C Rosen,  
 J. Wozniak  
 Altar Servers: Nickolas Lerma, Alex Lewandowski,  
 Johnathan Lovasko

7:00 am, January 8

Lectors: R. Pesenko, Helen Marie  
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, L. Kilander, C. Pesenko,  
 D. Cuculich, M. Saliga  
 Altar Servers: David Matura, Elena Paloma, Aimee Perhach

9:00 am, January 8

Lectors: E. Bojda, F. Powell  
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, I. Dominguez, Br. J. Hall,  
 B. Delinck, L. Wade, F. Delinck, E. Duray  
 Altar Servers: Nicole Massoels, Jarier Mena, Michelle Mirza

11:00 am, January 8

Lectors: S. Silva, N. Gomez  
 Euch Min: J. Bondi, M&K Wagner, B. Jerzyk, Evelyn Roldan,  
 K. Saliga  
 Altar Servers: Ashley Pokraka, Clarke Remmers, Rafael  
 Rodriguez  
5:30 pm, January 8  
 Altar Servers: David Moats, Joshua & Jacob Pelletier

### CARE CENTER

January 1: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska, L. Biel  
 January 8: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek, L&C Remmers

### WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am  
 December 26 & 27: Julio Casares IV & Donnella Casillas  
 December 28 & 29: Carlo Casas Jr. & Carla Casas  
 December 30 & 31: Katherine Chiluski & Emily Curosh

January 2 & 3: Daisy Cruz, Alyce Jakubielski  
 January 4 & 5: Katelyn Kruszynski & Christine  
 Lewandowski  
 January 6 & 7: Jessica Lopez & Emelie Lovasko

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
 CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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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 Mass..... 8:30 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.

### 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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 Baptism..... 473-7557  
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 Panel Room..... 659-3041

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 25 — Nativity of the Lord  
HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Monday, December 26  
St. John School -No Classes  
No Bible Study

Tuesday, December 27  
St. John School -No Classes

Wednesday, December 28  
St. John School -No Classes  
No FFP Classes  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)

Thursday, December 29  
St. John School -No Classes

Friday, December 30  
St. John School -No Classes

Saturday, December 31, New Year's Eve

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day —  
Mary, Mother of God  
No FFP Classes  
Food Drive (SJ)

Monday, January 2  
St. John School -No Classes  
No Bible Study  
7:00 pm RCIA



Tuesday, January 3

St. John School -No Classes

7:00 pm 1st Baptism Preparation (SJ)  
7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (SH)

Wednesday, January 4

6:00 pm FFP Classes Grades 1-5 (SH)  
7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)  
7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Thursday, January 5

4:00-5:00 pm Confessions (SJ)  
6:30 pm Parent Formation/Reconciliation Prep (SJ)  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SA)

Friday, January 6

8:30 am Communion to Shut-ins  
1:00 pm -6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJ)

Saturday, January 7

Sunday, January 8 — Feast of the Epiphany

9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)  
9:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism (SJ)  
11:00 am Rite of Enrollment Reconciliation (SJ)  
7:00 pm CPPS Companions

