

All Are Welcome . . .

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



MAY 7, 2006  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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

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

## Telephone (219)/Website Information

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Parish Fax.....473-7551  
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School Fax.....473-7553  
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Baptism.....473-7557  
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Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283  
Candi Stapleton: Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com  
or 659-1663  
Cafeteria.....659-3041  
Gymnasium.....473-7556  
Helping Hands.....473-7554  
Marian Theatre.....473-7555  
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..... 8:30 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.

### 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LOOK IN THE MIRROR

St. John reminds us of the great privilege to be called a child of God...for so indeed we are! He urges us not to let anyone or anything deface the image we bear. One day, all who call God "Father" will stand face to face in a world without fences or barriers. We will be surprised to see how much we look like one another and how much we resemble our Divine Father. As we look in the mirror and review our actions, are others able to recognize the image of Christ in us? One day, we will dwell together as one flock with one shepherd. Until that day, we must help each other to recognize the good shepherd as mirrored in our life. Together we follow Him who leads us on our journey of life.



### CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers! The children from our School and Faith

Formation Program are receiving their First Holy Communion during the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 6th, and the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, May 7th.

### CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Our parish goal for this year is \$59,493.00. The results from the first Sunday of the CSA appeal are: 111 families pledged \$13,964.25. Parish members who joined the "Bishop's Guild" donated an additional \$5,500.00 making the total of \$19,464.25 for this first week. For those who have not as yet made your pledge, envelopes are available in the church pews and at the rectory. Be sure to place your completed pledge envelope in the collection or in the rectory drop box at the side door. The Diocese depends heavily on the funds raised through the CSA to support the many works of the diocese. People throughout our diocese will benefit from its various ministries and services. Please be generous with your financial support. Thank you!

### PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Members of our parish community, family, or friends are serving in foreign lands. Please pray for these brave men and women: *Robert Bughman, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminisky, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., Eric Schaufele, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.*

## Mass Intentions

Monday, May 8

7:00 am †Deceased Members of: Kalicky-Gazda Families

Tuesday, May 9

7:00 am †George & Frances Adam Off: Daughter, Lorraine Nicksic

8:30 am †John Litavec Off: M/M Paul Boland

Wednesday, May 10, Blessed Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest

7:00 am †Gary Arehart Off: James & Suzanne Arehart

8:30 am †Deceased Members Adams, Spilly, Knazur Families Off: Joseph Knazur, Jr.

Thursday, May 11

7:00 am †Stephen & Rose Kajan Off: Steve Kein

Friday, May 12, Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs, Pancras, martyr

7:00 am †Elizabeth Yednak Off: Robert & Christine Vanek

8:30 am †John Simich Off: Evelyn Yosai, Sister, Andrew, John & Kathy Yosai

Saturday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 am †Anthony Priesol Off: Wife & Family

2:00 pm Amy Moricz & James Holmes Wedding

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family, 45th Wedding Anniversary Beverly & Bob Murzyn

Sunday, May 14, Fifth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

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 Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite



Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Mary Berland, Susan Biel, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, John Dubec, Magdalene Douchette, Sophie Foley, Patricia Iwan, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Anna Dubravitz  
Marie Saliga, Wife of Phillip

Quote for the day: "An apology is the best way to have the last word!"

## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$7,859.21
Loose.....	\$349.25
High School.....	\$36.00
Grade School.....	\$104.24
Total for the Week.....	\$8,348.70
St. Vincent DePaul.....	\$1,227.50

### May Month of The Blessed Mother



During the month of May you are encouraged to pray the rosary. St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 2011 Clark St., invites every-

one to gather at 6:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, at the outdoor shrine to pray the rosary together. At St. John Church the rosary is prayed both before and after the 7:00 a.m. daily Mass. Many families pray the rosary together remembering the saying: "the family that prays together stays together." Mary's prayer is a powerful one as we meditate upon the sacred scriptures brought to mind through the various mysteries of the rosary. May the rosary draw us ever closer to God's love inspiring us to reach out in love to others.

### INTERNATIONAL ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 525 Broad St., Griffith. The Rosary will be prayed in church for those unable to march. Call 836-8779.

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE

Will be at the home of Anne Singel, 1533 Cleveland, Whiting, May 6 through May 13. Come pray the rosary with us each day at 10 am, 1 pm, and 7 pm!

### ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to attend this Rosary Service, during which we will pray the Luminous Mysteries, for families whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child in miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS or other cause of infant or early childhood death. The Rosary will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Providence Statue at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 1547 - 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Hammond. In case of rain, we will meet in the cemetery chapel. Sponsored by Our Lady of Grace and St. Thomas More Elizabeth Ministries. For information call Sue Kresich 838-5755, Kathy Dominguez 924-9212 or St. Joseph's Cemetery 844-9475.

### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Whiting Knights of Columbus Council #1696 will be holding a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for kids under 12. Treat mom to breakfast! All are welcome!

## CRIME WATCH

Get an update on what's happening in your community. The Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting is Thursday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., Rm. 200 of Calumet College of St. Joseph. Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods safe! All are encouraged to attend.

## Wedding Banns

III James Holmes & Amy Moricz

## GARAGE MAHAL

We want your "Junk"! And, we want you to buy our "Junk"! St. John is an official participant in this year's citywide garage sale, The GARAGE MAHAL. Donations (sorry-no clothing) can be dropped off at Benedict Hall (in the church basement) on the following dates: May 9 & 10, 16 & 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. This sale will take place on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the rectory garage.

## CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES

The birth control pill can act to cause an abortion in any women in any cycle! Learn a safe, effective and morally acceptable method of family planning at the Natural Family Planning series beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Center, North Campus, Hammond. For registration call the Health Resource Center at 933-2100 or Larry or Sharon Peters at 924-3854.

## ROSARY SOCIETY SPRING BAKE SALE

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 12 Noon. Coffee and rolls will be served, and a raffle will be held. Members, please bring in baked goods for the sale by 10:00 a.m. To volunteer for the bake sale or if you have questions call Marsha Banik 659-8158 or e-mail hlukacek@hotmail.com.

## ST. JOHN/ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Offers a selection of beautiful spring decorations. All proceeds from the sale will be used to assist the Holy Innocents Emergency Shelter at the East Chicago's Carmelite Home for Girls, which provides compassionate care for infants and toddlers who find themselves without parents and families. Call Mike Welsh 844-9475 or stop by the cemetery office.

## FOOTPRINTS ON OUR HEARTS

Elizabeth Ministry of Saints Peter & Paul Church, 5885 Harrison, Merrillville, is sponsoring a memorial service for families whose lives have been touched by the loss of an infant. Join us in the day chapel, Thurs., May 11, at 7 pm. Call Sr. Karen at 980-3478.

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

STRACK & VAN TIL

1836 CALUMET AVENUE, WHITING  
659-2030

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, May 13

Lectors: J. Kozak, J. Wagner

Euch Min: C. Vrabel, L. Barron, J&D Franko, M. Krull,  
M. Poppen, D. McCampbell

Altar Servers: Kyle Kruszynski, Annie Labus, Erin  
Lawson

7:00 am, May 14

Lectors: G. Jancosek, M. Saliga

Euch Min: T&S Adam, D&R Barnes, B. Chidalek,  
E. Matuska, G. Jancosek

Altar Servers: Ashley Pokraka, Clarke Remmers, Eric  
Roldan

9:00 am, May 14

Lectors: R. Mikola, T. Barilla

Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, ML Tonkovich, B. Delinck,  
Br. J. Hall, A. Jurek, F. Delinck, E. Duray

Altar Servers: Nickolas Lerma, Alex Lewandowski,  
Johnathon Lovasko

11:00 am, May 14

Lectors: N. Gomez, S. Silva

Euch Min: M&K Wagner, J. Bondi, Evelyn Roldan,  
K. Saliga, D. Shimala

Altar Servers: Trinity Mitchell, Rafael & Karina  
Rodriguez

5:30 pm, May 14

Altar Servers: Robert Markovich, George Magurany,  
Javier Mena

### CARE CENTER

May 14: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

### WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

May 8 & 9: Colton Lopez & Emelie Lovasko

May 10 & 11: David Matura & Lauren Markovich

May 12 & 13: Elena Paloma & Aimee Perhach

### LIFE TEEN 2006 FLOWER SALE

Purchase beautiful spring flowers through Life Teen and enjoy the convenience of picking them up at the church May 20th! Vouchers available if you choose to pick out your own. Drop off completed order forms with payment after all masses this weekend in the collection basket, school lobby, or rectory. Order forms available at church entrances or parish website [www.sjbcatholicparish.org](http://www.sjbcatholicparish.org). Orders taken through May 14. Questions? Call Candi 659-1663.

### ST. MARGARET SPRING RETREAT

"A Journey with Mark: Exploring Our Earliest Gospel" with Fr. Jerry Schweitzer, Tues., May 23, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Registration begins 8:15 am with breakfast. Come to St. Margaret's North Campus, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Center, 5454 Hohman Avenue, Hammond. The day includes Mass, Continental breakfast, lunch & speaker. A donation of \$10 accepted at the door. Please bring your Bible. Must RSVP by May 12, to Laura 219-933-2055 or 708-891-9305 Ext. 32055.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Leo Barron, Damian Bondi, Debbie Franko,  
Anne Marie Gyure, Luz Gonzales, Robert Hildreth,  
Colleen Lannon, Nancy Mitchell, Mary Poppen,  
Martha Shimala, Dorris Weber, Janel Zubeck

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Edward Bojda, Darlene Beerling, Dan Botich,  
Linda Gajewski, Florence Gazda, Don Kaminsky,  
Milan Kruszynski

### COMMISSIONS:

#### STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

Bulletin.....Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky  
Buildings/Grounds Director..... Don Kaminsky  
Church/Rectory  
School Building Facilities.....Pat Shalack

### EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education..... Diane Puplava  
Elizabeth Ministry: Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman  
Gymnasium..... Matthew Saliga  
Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores  
Home/School Association Chair....Charles Remmers  
Panel Room Manager.....Carol Vargo  
St. John School Advisory Board.....Chair: Deanne  
Shimala, Anna Howard, Monique Jakubielski,  
Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez, Scott Thrasher  
St. John School Principal.....Thomas Feltz  
Secretary.....Marilyn Schaufele  
School Band Director..... Rich Mlynarski  
School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado  
Cub Scouts.....Michael Maloney  
Girl Scouts .....Jeannine Dabertin

### PARISH LIFE

Holy Name Society ..... Anthony Barilla  
Homebound..... Deacon Joe Manchak  
Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton  
Marian Theatre Guild ..... Martin Dybel  
Pirohi Makers..... Geri Tumidalsky  
Rosary Society.....Marsha Banik

### SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers ..... Fr. Gary Scherer  
Care Center Coordinator.....Joseph Kruczek  
Environment ..... Martin Dybel  
Eucharistic Ministers ..... Eve Duray  
Lectors ..... Nancy Gomez  
Liturgy Committee .....Margaret Saliga  
Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin  
Parish Music Director ..... Geraldine Hildreth  
Prayer Group.....Marilou Tonkovich  
Sacristan ..... Margaret Matuska

### PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food Collection .....Thomas Chocholek  
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Diane Kaminsky

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, May 7**

Food Drive (SJ)

9:00 am First Communion (SJ)

9:00 am FFP Classes, Grades 6-8 (SH)

11:00 am First Communion (SJ)

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

7:00 pm C.P.P.S. Companions

**Monday, May 8**

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

**Tuesday, May 9**

National Teacher Day!

**Wednesday, May 10**

1:15 pm Mary Day (SJ)

6:00 pm FFP Closing Mass (SH)

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Thursday, May 11**

11:30 am Early Dismissal SJS,

Faculty Meeting Follows

6:30 pm Crime Watch, Rm 200, Cal. College



First Communion

**Friday, May 12**

**Saturday, May 13**

Our Lady of Fatima



**Sunday, May 14, Mother's Day**

7:00 am-1:00 pm Mother's Day Breakfast

Whiting Knights of Columbus

8:15 am Mass & May Crowning (IC)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Last day to submit Flower Orders!!

### CALUMET COLLEGE WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Women's Guild is planning a Luncheon May 27<sup>th</sup> at Dynasty Banquet Hall. There will be social hour and vendors at 11:00 am with lunch at 1:00 pm. Entertainment, raffle and door prizes follow. The Guild provides financial support for the college's education, facilities and programs. Tickets are \$30; call 659-0913 or 659-2433 to reserve your spot now!

All crafters are invited to join the Saint Cas Fest 2006 on Saturday, August 26. For more information or an application, call Donna at 219-937-6380.