

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



August 7, 2005

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Religious Formation.....473-7557
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Baptism.....473-7557
RCIA.....473-7557
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Marjie Biel: marjbie1@yahoo.com or 973-1283
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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
Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass 7:00 AM
School Children's Mass8:30 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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

THE SAINTS ARE COMING!

The granite carved Statues of Saints Cyril and Methodius, will soon grace the entrance to our church. Vickor Bougaev, the sculptor, informs us that his work will be complete in approximately two weeks. This will be a dream come true for Fr. Kostik who from the beginning of the Church's construction designed the two pedestals for the patron saints of Slovakia. It was also a dream of Father Homco who hoped that some day the statues become a reality.

We are most grateful to The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branches 81, 58, 452 and 348 whose generous donation has made the dream a reality.

Although the statues will be in position soon, we are planning a formal blessing and dedication on Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m. The date is ideal. It falls within the Novena to St. Therese under whose successful patronage the present church was built.

Details for the celebration will be forthcoming. For now, we ask you to reserve September 25th. Services begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Melczek will do the honors of blessing the statues.

RCIA

An informal session for those who would like to learn more about the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be held on Monday, August 22nd at 7 pm in the Pastoral Center (3rd floor of the St. John School building). If you are considering becoming a Catholic....were baptized Catholic yet have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion....have not practiced your Catholic faith recently.....or just have questions about your faith...."Come and See" what the RCIA is. Contact Diane Puplava at 473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Come to Sacred Heart Church Rectory, 1731 LaPorte Ave., each Monday from 10:30 until 11:45 a.m. Bring your Bible, thoughts and questions, and increase your understanding of sacred scripture.



HOLY NAME NEWS

The St. John Holy Name Society will hold its Monthly Mass and Communion on August 14th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All men of the Parish are welcome. Meeting will follow in the Founders Room. Rolls and coffee will be served. We will talk about our Spaghetti Dinner. Try to come.

Mass Intentions

- Monday, August 8, Dominic, priest
7:00 am †John Gulvas Off: Wife, Ann
- Tuesday, August 9, Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr
7:00 am †Rev. John Kostik, C.P.P.S. (Anniv.)
- Wednesday, August 10, Lawrence, deacon, martyr
7:00 am †John & Anna Majcher Off: Daughter, Mary Lovasko & Family
- Thursday, August 11, Clare, virgin
7:00 am †Paul & Anna Janik Off: Daughter, Helen Barlo
- Friday, August 12
7:00 am †Leon Choltye Off: Sister, Florence Golding
- Saturday, August 13, Pontian and Hippolytus, martyrs
7:00 am †Kristine Kuric & Deceased Family Members
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family, 50th Wedding Anniversary James & Lois Bobos
- Sunday, August 14, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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



Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rita Biesen, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Joe Geffert, Paul E. Gerba, Florence Golding, Jerry Hajduch, Rev. Joseph Hajduch, C.P.P.S., Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Michael Kasarda, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Barbara Kotlowski, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, John Lofay, Joanne Meyers, Ann Mihalso, Sylvester Nemcek, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie & Joseph Srencik, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

Please Note: Individual names will be kept on the prayer list for one month. If the person you have placed on the list has a long term illness or needs to be on the list for a period of time longer than a month, please call the rectory 659-0023 and inform the secretary.



Pray for all the deceased members of our Parish

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Adults.....	\$10,682.24
Loose.....	\$581.41
High School.....	\$23.50
Grade School.....	\$63.25
Total for the Week.....	\$11,350.40

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Many thanks to the 496 families who have responded thus far. Prayerfully consider sharing. Your gift helps support those less fortunate. Please return pledge cards to the parish office, or place in the offertory basket at Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes for children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public schools are offered through the Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community Faith Formation Program. Parents of students who attended classes in our program last year are reminded that the deadline for preferred re-registration for the 2005-2006 school year ends on August 21st. Preferred registration guarantees that space is available for returning students. Placement in a class cannot be guaranteed once open registration begins. If you have not yet re-registered your child(ren) contact Mrs. Puplava at 473-7557 before August 21st.

Registration for students who are new to our Faith Formation Program will be conducted on Sunday, August 28th from 9 to 11 am and 2 to 3 pm in the Faith Formation Center (Sacred Heart School building). A copy of the student's baptismal certificate and a \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee must be presented at the time of registration. Please contact Mrs. Diane Puplava at 473-7557 for more information.

CRIME WATCH

The Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m., at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Room 200. Let's work together as one community to keep our neighborhoods safe! All are welcome!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS

Get away from the hustle and bustle and let God guide you in your marriage. The next weekends will be held September 16-18 (Merrillville, IN.) or November 4-6. For reservations or information, please consult our website at www.wmchicago-gary.org or call Mark & Mary at 800-553-3193

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

MARUSZCZAK APPLIANCE SALES & SERVICE
9450 CALUMET AVE., MUNSTER
219-836-1188

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOHN PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

There are several openings for students in St. John the Baptist Pre-School and Kindergarten this coming year. If you are interested please call the school office at 659-3042.



ALL INVITED

Back to School picnic. Meet and greet St. John's new principal, Mr. Feltz. Sunday, August 21st, Noon to 3:00 p.m. St. John Panel Room.
50/50 Raffle, Basket Raffle and Athletic Dept. Flea Market. \$2.00 Hot Dog Plate, \$3.00 Hamburger Plate \$4.00 for Chicken Sandwich Plate.

TRIP PROGRAM

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program is designed to help St. John School families earn money towards their family tuition bill. Parents register and purchase gift certificates to various businesses and a percent goes into your tuition account.

Example: Stracks give a 3% discount: buy \$200 and \$6 goes into your account. There are over 100 different vendors, Menards, Old Navy, etc.

There is a \$10 registration fee to cover NSF checks, supplies and shipping costs. Registration forms for 2005-2006 school year are available in the back of St. John Church.

Registration for this program ends on 9/1/05; there is NO SECOND REGISTRATION. The \$10 check should be made out to St. John TRIP; NO CASH please. Put in an envelope and mark St. John TRIP/ Attn: Laura, and place in the Sunday collection baskets at any Whiting/Robertsdale Mass. Registration forms are only available in the vestibule of St. John Church. Forms will be available at the beginning of school.

ST. JOHN BAND PICTURES

Pick up in the School Office weekly from 9 am-2 pm.

HELP WANTED

There is an opening for a custodial position at St. John School. If you are interested please call the Rectory Business Office at 659-0023 during business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

WEDDING BANNERS

II Salvatore Guzzo & Rachael Macko

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, August 13

Lectors: P. Banik, J. Wagner
 Euch Min: MJ Kansky, G&C Rosen, C. Vrabel,
 M&K Wagner, E. Duray
 Altar Servers: Anneliese Szutenbach, Emily & Hillary
 Vargo

7:00 am, August 14

Lectors: R. Matlon, M. Saliga
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek, D&R
 Barnes, E. Matuska, T. Adam
 Altar Servers: Aimee Perhach, Ashley Pokraka, Clarke
 Remmers

9:00 am, August 14

Lectors: E. Bojda, F. Powell
 Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, L. Barron, A. Jurek,
 L. Kilander, E. Igras
 Altar Servers: Catherine Yoder, Arthur Williamson,
 Hunter Banas

11:00 am, August 14

Lectors: R. Mikola, R. Jakubielski
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, M. Knazur, K. Saliga,
 J. Bondi, C. Lannon
 Altar Servers: Trinity Mitchell, Emerik & Anthony
 Quiroz

CARE CENTER

August 14: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska, L. Biel

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

August 8 & 9: David Matura & Korelle Melcarek
 August 10 & 11: Francisco & Sergio Oriá
 August 12 & 13: Elena Paloma & Krista Perez

WHITING PARK FESTIVAL CHORUS

It's not too late to join! Rehearsals for the Festival Chorus continue Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 1730 LaPorte Ave. Come on over!

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

Sunny Ridge Family Center invites you to attend a free Domestic & Inter-country Adoption Information Meeting Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Avenue. To register for this free meeting, call 219-836-2117 or visit www.sunnyridge.org.

WELCOME BACK

Army Sergeant Joseph D. Wright from a one year tour of Ramadi Iraq. Joseph graduated from St. John class of 1994 and BNI class of 1998. He is the son of Ed & Laura Maryianowski of Hammond & grandson & nephew of Barbara & Joe Kruczek.

For the summer the Parish Library is available by appointment only. Call Rita Krilich at 659-2965.

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..... Joseph Lazur

EDUCATION

Director of Religious EducationDiane Puplava
 Elizabeth Ministry .Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman
 GymnasiumMatthew Saliga
 Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores
 Home/School Association Chair.... Charles Remmers
 Panel Room Manager.....Carol Vargo
 School Band DirectorRich Mlynarski
 St. John School Advisory Board...Ch: Scott Thrasher,
 Anna Howard, Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez,
 Deanne Shimala, Monique Jakubielski
 St. John School: PrincipalThomas Feltz
 Secretary.....Marilyn Schaufele
 School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado

PARISH LIFE

Rosary Society.....Ann Klochan
 Cub Scouts.....Damian Bondi
 Girl Scouts..... Jeannine Dabertin
 Homebound.....Deacon Joe Manchak
 Holy Name SocietyAnthony Barilla
 Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton
 Marian Theatre Guild.....Martin Dybel
 Pirohi MakersGeri Tumidalsky

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers..... Fr. Gary Scherer
 Environment.....Martin Dybel
 Care Center Coordinator Joseph Kruczek
 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, August 7

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, August 8

10:30 am Bible Study, SH Rectory

Tuesday, August 9

Parish Library closed

7:00 pm 1st Baptism Preparation (SJ)

Wednesday, August 10

10:00 am Helping Hands Registration (SJ)

6:30 pm Festival Chorus practice (SH)

7:00 pm Helping Hands Registration (SJ)

7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)

Thursday, August 11

Parish Library Closed

6:00 pm Crime Watch, Rm. 200 Calumet College

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 14

9:00 am St. John Holy Name Sunday

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJ)

11:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism (SJ)

11:00 am Holy Name Corp. Communion (SA)

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE:

Catholic Charities Men's Golf Outing,
Wednesday, August 10th Briar Ridge
Country Club, Schererville. Tickets
\$175. Call Rita 663-8417, Ext. 325.



St. John Cantius Parish Annual Summerfest: Sunday,
August 14, on the parish grounds at 3916 Pulaski,
from 11 am to 6 pm. Bingo, crafts, raffles, bake
sale and delicious food! Call 398-1370.

St. Mary Parish, Griffith Western Days Festival
August 18-21st on the parish grounds at 525 N.
Broad St., Griffith. Rides for all ages, casino games,
entertainment nightly, bingo, car raffle and much
more. For more information, please call the rectory
office at 924-4163.

Parents...

*Vocations are God-inspired and home-made.
Might God be calling your child to serve as a
sister, brother, or priest?*