

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

February 12, 2006

SIXTH 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

Florence Gazda, Louise Kaminsky

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Baptism.....473-7557
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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;
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.

PARISH LIFE



IT'S A JUNGLE IN HERE!

This year's Winter Festival looks to be even more exciting than ever before! Come join us beginning Friday evening at 6 pm for a home-made Mexican dinner, pizza, dessert & coffee. Visit the Beer Garden or the Silent Auction, have fun at the tip booths, game room or video game competition. There will also be an arts & crafts booth, a bake sale, disc jockey, and our very own "Lawrence (Kaminsky) Welk". Learn line-dancing, have your face painted, or get a girls make-over. On Saturday, seniors may order a Slovak Style Dinner while listening to The Merry Notes perform. For the adventurous, a live reptile show opens at 2 pm! Saucy Jack performs from 6:30-8 pm. Sunday our famous Chicken Dinner will be served. The Talent Show begins at 3 pm, with an American Style Dinner offered during the evening. Finally, the Raffle will be held at the end of the night at 9 pm. Bring family, friends, and neighbors for great food, and a fun time in the "jungle."

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements of Church contributions for 2005 may be requested by calling the Rectory 659-0023 during office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Now is the perfect time to renew or begin a subscription to the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. The subscription price is \$23 for 46 issues, (ONLY 50¢ an issue!) which includes the annual Diocesan Telephone Directory. In addition to award-winning coverage about local people of faith and events at your parish and in our diocese, you will receive national and international news on the Catholic Church told from a Catholic perspective. Among our special sections, you will find topics related to seniors, young adults, children, marriage and health, as well as advertisers you can trust. Keep in touch with your Catholic faith by submitting a check or money order for \$23 and dropping it in your parish collection basket at any of the Masses during the months of February and March.

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS ANNUAL APPEAL

You are invited to contribute to the 2006 Slovak Catholic Federation SS. Cyril & Methodius Annual Appeal the weekend of February 26th. Funds from this collection will aid the priest-graduate students studying at the Pontifical College of SS. Cyril & Methodius in Rome, Italy. A percentage of the monies collected also goes to those religious congregations in Slovakia represented in the Conference of Slovak Religious, namely: Vincentian Sisters, Dominican Sisters, School Sisters of Saint Francis, Daughters of St. Francis, Sisters of the Order of St. Basil, and the Franciscan Fathers. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Slovak Federation Appeal." You may put it in the collection or in the Rectory drop box. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 13

7:00 am †Dawn C. Pramuk Off: Joyce Pramuk

Tuesday, February 14, Cyril, monk & Methodius,
bishop

7:00 am †Fred A. Kraly Off: M/M Michael Mrzlock

8:30 am †Dr. Edward Kosior Off: Mary Ann Taylor

Wednesday, February 15

7:00 am Intention of Edward & Catherine Smutniak,
48th Wedding Anniversary

8:30 am †Anne R. Palenik Off: Family & Friends

Thursday, February 16

7:00 am †Joseph Srnecik Off: St. John Rosary Society

Friday, February 17, Seven Servite Founders

7:00 am †Thomas E. O'Drobinak Off: Barbara
Coates & Family

8:30 am †Anne H. Goldhagen Off: The Goldhagen
Family

Saturday, February 18

7:00 am †Rich & Joe Geffert Off: Sister, Dolores

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, February 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary
Time

7:00 am For Our Parish Family

9:00 am For Our Parish Family

11:00 am For Our Parish Family

5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass for Youth of Whiting/
Robertsdale Cluster



PRAY FOR...

Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Magdalene Douchette, Sophie Foley, Patricia Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Ann Mihalso, Jay Sheets, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnecik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Mary Ann F. Kasperan

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., Eric Schaufele, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

Pirohi will be sold on Sunday February 26 from
9 AM to 12:30 PM in the Panel Room lobby.
Noodles available while they last!

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$9,446.40
Loose.....	\$418.60
High School.....	\$37.50
Grade School.....	\$131.34
Total for the Week.....	\$10,033.84

PASTORAL COUNCIL SELECTIONS

The selection process to replace the six members of the Pastoral Council, whose term expires the end of March, begins in February. If you would like more information explaining what the council does, the qualifications for membership, and nomination, please call the Rectory during business hours. Do consider nominating yourself or another parish member for these important parish positions.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next series of parish baptisms will begin with the first preparation session on Tuesday, March 13 (note the corrected date!). Please contact Diane Pupilava (219-473-7557) or dpupilava@hotmail.com for more information or to register.

RESPECT LIFE

You are invited to a series of three talks on the end of life decisions, feeding tubes and living wills. The three speakers will be Gilbert Meilaender, a member of the President's Council on Bioethics, Gene Diamond, CEO of Sisters of St. Francis Health Care Services and Attorney Tom Gryzbeck, President of St. Margaret Mercy Health Care Centers. The three consecutive talks will take place on Sunday February 12, 19 and 26 at St. Paul Church, 1855 Harrison Blvd. Valparaiso from 1:00-3:00 p.m. A light luncheon will take place preceding the talks at 1:00 p.m. For reservations, please call Mary Mauer 219-464-4831 or go online at CatholicRespectLife.org.

FEBRUARY FAITH FACTS

You are invited to the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Tuesdays during February from 1:00-2:30 p.m. to learn and share about the Catechism and our Catholic Faith. If you have a personal Bible and the Catholic Catechism, bring them. Bring a friend! Grow in your understanding of our faith. Refreshments served. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

LITURGY MEETING

St. John Liturgy Committee will meet at the Rectory dining room at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, February 14th to discuss our Lenten calendar and programs. Everyone is welcome. Come be an active part of the planning.

SINCERE THANKS

To the family of Emma Kostolnik for their very generous donation to St. John School, and to the family of Edward Korosi for their very generous donation to the St. John School Endowment Fund in his memory.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
THE DOOR STORE
235 RIDGE ROAD, MUNSTER
219-836-8202

MARIAN THEATRE GUILD AUDITIONS

Auditions for the spring production of Oscar Wilde's, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST will be February 12, 13, 14, from 7-9:00 pm, in the Marian Memorial Auditorium, 119th & Lincoln Ave., Whiting. The cast consists of five men and four women of varying ages. Be prepared to audition with an English accent. Production dates are April 22, 23, 29 & 30th. For information call Marty Dybel 219-659-2782.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

Elizabeth Ministry of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church is sponsoring a Memorial Mass for families whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child in miscarriage, still-birth, or other cause of infant or early childhood death. Please join us at 3025 Highway Ave., Highland, on Tuesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m. You may bring a photo or an item to be displayed near the altar during the Mass in remembrance of your loved one. For info call Sue Kresich 838-5755 or Kathy Dominguez at 924-9212.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applications forms for the 2006-2007 school year are now available in the school office. Catholic students, members of St. John Parish who attend any diocesan school, grades 1-12, may apply. Kindergarten and pre-school students are not eligible. A \$19 nonrefundable processing fee must accompany the application. The filing deadline is March 3, 2006. This is the date completed applications must be returned to the pastor. This deadline will be strictly enforced. Parents will be notified of the results in writing by May 31, 2006.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following students who made the Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter 2005-2006 School year! Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School: A Honor Roll--Anneliese Szutenbach. Andrean High School: A Honor Roll--Katrina Klochian, B Honor Roll--David Boland, Garret Goodwin, Javier Mena, Nicole Massoels & Andres Ramirez.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Just a reminder that the February meeting will be next week, Thursday, February 23rd due to the Winter Festival 2006 events. See you next week.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young adult Catholics, 20's & 30's, married & single are invited to join Bishop Melczek for a "Fireside Chat" Friday, February 24th, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at T.J. Maloney's Irish Pub & Restaurant, Merrillville. Young adults will be encouraged to share their thoughts, ideas, and opinions on young adult issues with their Church's shepherd. Nestled in a cozy pub alongside a fire, we'll engage in a healthy dialogue about the Church...and the roles young adults will play in her future. Admission is free. Space is limited. Please RSVP attendance on or before February 17th to Kevin Driscoll 219-769-9292 Ext. 229, or email kdriscoll@dcgary.org For information visit www.garyontap.com.

A QUIZ

Do you remember what you gave your spouse last Valentine's Day? Why not do something special and give each other the gift of a cherished relationship? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you do just that! Weekends are February 17-19, April 28-30 (Merrillville) June 2-4 or August 4-6. For info or reservations contact Mark & Mary 800-553-3193, www.wmmechicago-gary.org.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, February 18

Lectors: M. Banik, P. Banik
Euch Min: E. Igras, D&L Blackwell, J&D Franko,
MJ Kansky, D. McCampbell
Altar Servers: Anneliese Szutenbach, Greg
Sienkiewicz, Demetria Beaulieu

7:00 am, February 19

Lectors: L. Barron, D. Guiden
Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek,
L. Kilander, M. Saliga, T. Barilla
Altar Servers: Katelyn Kruszynski, Brian & Nicholas
Lawson

9:00 am, February 19

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, A. Perz
Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, D. Weber, M. Jakubielski,
A. Jurek, K. Scalf
Altar Servers: David Boland, Catherine Yoder, Hunter
Banas

11:00 am, February 19

Lectors: D. Bondi, R. Mikola
Euch Min: J. Bondi, C. Lannon, M. Poppen, Erwin
Roldan, C. Vrabel, J. Wozniak, D. Shimala, E. Duray
Altar Servers: Justin Lerma, Christine & Adam
Lewandowski

5:30 pm, February 19

Altar Servers: Emily & Hilary Vargo, Kyle Brown

CARE CENTER

February 19: 10:00 a.m. N. Gomez, J. Kaminsky

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

February 13 & 14: Joshua Flores & Andrew Franko
February 15 & 16: Bianca Gonzalez & Rachel
Grunhard
February 17 & 18: Rachel Hurtig & Alyce Jakubielski

WHITING ROBERTSDALE FOOD PANTRY

The first month of the New Year and we are ecstatic over the generous donations from each of the churches in the cluster. Thanks to all parishioners for their donations to the food pantry. As stewards in our church the Catholic community has rallied around an idea that makes sense for those in need. What I have found (after marrying a nice Irish girl) is that Whiting belongs to all of us. There is no one ethnic or religious background that needs help. There is a need, and it cuts across all ages and background from the widows to the young families beset with physical and fiscal problems. Your donations help sustain the families who need our care. It is through your continued support that we can provide nourishment and assistance to the less fortunate members of our community during their time of need. Hopefully some of the patrons will be able to move on with their lives and achieve independence from the food pantry as many have done through the years. Thanks for making my job easier and most fulfilling. May the Lord reward all your parishioners seventy times seven.

Chuck Kosalko
Coordinator Whiting Food Pantry

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 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
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 DirectorRich 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 MakersGeri 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, February 12

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Monday, February 13, TRIP PICK UP

- 10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Festival Meeting (SJ)

Tuesday, February 14

- 1:00-2:30 pm Video series Catechism & our Catholic Faith (SH Rose Room)
- 6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting (SJ)

Wednesday, February 15

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



Only 6 days until It's a Jungle in Here!!

Thursday, February 16

- 6:00 pm Cluster Committee (SH)

Friday, February 17, Winter Festival!

TRIP ORDERS DUE

- 6:00-10:00 pm Festival Opening Night

Saturday, February 18, Winter Festival!

- 2:00 pm-5:00 pm Festival -Seniors Only
- 2:00-3:15 pm Traveling World of Live Reptiles \$3
- 3:30 pm Game Room in Gym open to Public
- 5:00-10:00 pm Festival Open to Public
- 6:30-8:00 pm Saucy Jack (Mr. Likens Band) in Auditorium

Sunday, February 19, Winter Festival!

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 11:00-9:00 pm Parish Festival
- 3:00 pm Talent Show in Auditorium
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return raffle tickets for the Winter Festival in the collection basket or rectory drop box. Extra tickets available during Rectory business hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.