

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

February 26, 2006

EIGHTH 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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Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@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;
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.



Ash Wednesday

Around mid-second century when an annual celebration of Christ's death and resurrection was introduced, there was only a solemn forty-hour fast which was directed entirely to participating in the paschal sacraments. As time went on, the period of fasting before the celebration of the Easter mysteries was extended. First, in the fourth century to a forty-day period. However, fasting was never permitted on Sunday, the day when Jesus' resurrection was celebrated, even during Lent. By the sixth century the value of fasting as an ascetic practice became important, and by around the eighth century Lent was extended to begin on Wednesday before the First Sunday of Lent so that there would be forty fast days. Ashes had long been a sign of penance and sacrifice. Hence, the origin of Ash Wednesday.

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE

Our four cluster parishes are in need of updating their census information. On the weekend of March 4 & 5, you will be asked at Masses in all the churches to fill out a simple census form. Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated, as the information will help update our records and hopefully make our ministry more efficient. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

On Friday, March 3rd, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at St. John the Baptist Church from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Benediction follows. Our monthly prayer intention is for a fruitful Lenten season, recognizing in His suffering the great love Jesus has for us. We are looking for parishioners to keep vigil during one of the hours of adoration. Sign-up sheets are posted at the entrances of the Church. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

MORNING OF REFLECTION

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Morning of Reflection on Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Rose Room, 1731 LaPorte Ave., Whiting. This year's guest presenter is Mr. Kevin Scalf, a Missionary of the Precious Blood seminarian, who will launch us into the Lenten journey of prayer, penance, and almsgiving. For more information call Margaret 659-4138.

LENTEN EVENING SERIES

The Faith Enrichment Committee offers an opportunity to grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith via the Fr. John Corapi video and discussion series: The Teaching of Jesus Christ. Bring your Bible and your Catholic Catechism, if you have them. We will meet 6:30-8:00 pm each Tuesday evening during Lent in the Sacred Heart Rose Room. Come and be spiritually enriched. Questions, call 659-4138.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 27

7:00 am †Emma Kostolnik Off: Steve & Marge Puplava

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 am †Anthony & Margaret Matlon Off: Son, Rick

8:30 am †Andrea Buell Off: Husband, Ray & Family

Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday

7:00 am †Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society

8:30 am †Carl Biesen

7:00 pm †Rev. Joseph Hajduch, C.PP.S. Off: Florence Gazda & Family

Thursday, March 2

7:00 am †Mary Ann Kasperan Off: Michael Hajduch Family

Friday, March 3, Katharine Drexel, virgin

7:00 am †Steve Timko Off: Annette & Family

8:30 am †Deceased Members of Linko & Franko Families Off: Joe & Debbie Franko

Saturday, March 4, Casimir

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Dubec & Pardek Families

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 5, First Sunday of Lent

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



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, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.



H. Orville Kevvil

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Bethany Retreat House, East Chicago, seeks to hire a bookkeeper/receptionist to work Saturdays for 4 to 6 hours. Computerized bookkeeping experience required. E-mail resume and letter of interest to bethanyrh@sbcglobal.net, Sr. Joyce Diltz, PHJC, Director.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$7,852.50
Loose.....	\$416.80
High School.....	\$28.50
Grade School.....	\$137.95
Total for the Week.....	\$8,435.75

BAPTISM MINISTRY

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

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. Kaminisky, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Consider nominating yourself or another parish member for these important parish positions. If you would like more information explaining what the council does, the qualifications for membership, and nomination, please call the Rectory during business hours.

LENTEN LUNCH BUNCH

The Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to learn with the Lunch Bunch at the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Tuesdays during Lent, 12:00-1:00 p.m. This year's topic is Pope John Paul II. The documentary video "Witness to Hope" will provide a springboard into discussion on Tuesdays, March 7, 14, and 21. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide beverages and spiritual nourishment. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Subscribe to the Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper. Cost is just \$23 for 46 issues. Please submit a check or money order and drop it in the parish collection basket at Masses during March.

THANK YOU

To the anonymous donor for a gift of \$500.00 for the School Endowment Fund.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
BANK ONE IS NOW CHASE
1449—119TH STREET WHITING
219-659-7720

Pirohi sold today!
Sunday February 26
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Panel
Room lobby.
Noodles available
while they last!



TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applications forms for the 2006-2007 school year are 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 non-refundable 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 strictly enforced. Parents will be notified of results by May 31.

MANY THANKS! MUCHAS GRACIAS!

A sincere thank you to all who worked and participated in the parish Winter Festival! If you weren't there, you missed much fun, friendship, great food, and witness of true stewardship. God bless all of you for all your efforts!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to the following winners of our Winter Festival Raffle, and a very big THANK YOU to all who so graciously purchased tickets.



- 1st Prize \$5,000.00 Scott Hansen
- 2nd Prize \$2,500.00 Dave Bobos
- 3rd Prize \$1,000.00 Tony Shimala
- 4th Prize \$ 750.00 Steve & Madeline Jajchik
- 5th Prize \$ 500.00 Manuel Acevedo
- 6th Prize \$ 250.00 Kata Bes
- 7th Prize \$ 250.00 Leo Barron
- 8th Prize \$ 250.00 Julie Geffert
- 9th Prize \$ 100.00 Joseph Villegas
- 10th Prize \$ 100.00 Claudia Janek
- 11th Prize \$ 100.00 Mary Therese Dybel
- 12th Prize \$ 100.00 Katie Bullaro
- 13th Prize \$ 100.00 Adolph Biel

Top 3 winner ticket sellers list @\$50 each:

1. Rick Matlon
2. Maryann Bodnar
3. Tony Shimala

TAKE PRO-LIFE ACTION!

Two pro-life bills are now moving to the Indiana Senate: HB 1172 requires informed consent be delivered in writing, that women seeking abortions are informed about fetal pain, and are informed human life begins at fertilization. HB 1080 requires Indiana abortion clinics to meet basic requirements for physical building in which they operate. Please call your local State Senator immediately urging support for these bills! Dist. 1 Senator Frank Mrvan (317) 232-9461; or for all State Senators (800)382-9467.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

7:00 pm, March 1 –Ash Wednesday

Lectors: E. Bojda, J. Wagner

Euch Min: I. Dominguez, B. Delinck, D. Weber,
M. Poppen, D&L Blackwell, E. Duray, F. Delinck
Altar Servers:

4:30 pm, March 4

Lectors: M. Banik, P. Banik

Euch Min: L. Kilander, M. Krull, D. McCampbell,
E. Igras, G&C Rosen, C. Vrabel
Altar Servers: Jason Kresich, Krystle Howard, Alison
Kouris

7:00 am, March 5

Lectors: D. Guiden, R. Matlon

Euch Min: T&S Adam, L. Barron, B. Chidalek,
G. Jancosek, C. Pesenko, M. Saliga
Altar Servers: Alec & Eric Rodriguez

9:00 am, March 5

Lectors: A. Perz, T. Barilla

Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, R&J Zubeck, F. Delinck,
B. Delinck, ML Tonkovich, E. Duray
Altar Servers: Joseph Igras, Annie Labus, Kyle
Kruszynski

11:00 am, March 5

Lectors: R. Mikola, D. Bondi

Euch Min: J. Bondi, R&B Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk, MJ Kansky,
Evelyn Roldan
Altar Servers: Kelly Rusnak, Katherine Staley, Kaitlyn
Syler

5:30 pm, March 5

Altar Servers: Erin Lawson, Nickolas Lerma, Alex
Lewandowski

CARE CENTER

March 5: 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

February 27 & 28: Eric Roldan & Adam Rosado

March 1 & 2: Vincent Rossodivito & Brianna
Scisoinsky

March 3 & 4: Natalie Serna & Tania Spezza

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, February 23rd starting with services at 1:15 p.m. in Church with meeting to follow in the Mural Room. Group 11 with their Promoter, Ann Klochman will host the social hour with cards and bunco.

REJUVENATE YOUR RELATIONSHIP!

Now that the Valentine roses have wilted and the candy is gone, why not give your spouse a present which can last a lifetime? Put the warmth back into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Next Weekend dates are: April 28-30, June 2-4, or August 4-6. Call Mark & Mary at 800-553-3193 or www.wmchicago-gary.org.

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
HomeboundDeacon 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 26

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 1:00 pm Confirmation Spirit Day (SJ)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Monday, February 27, TRIP PICK UP

- 10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
- 7:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Finance Council (SJ)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, February 28

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

Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday

- 6:00 pm FFP Classes Grades 1-5 (SH)
- 6:00 pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church
- 7:00 pm Mass at St. John Church
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)



Thursday, March 2

- 4:00-5:00 pm Confessions (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJ)

Friday, March 3

- 8:30 am Communion to Shut-ins
- 1:00-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJ)
- 2:30 pm Stations of the Cross IC Church
- 6:00 pm Stations/Mass (bi-lingual) Sacred Heart
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. John Church

Saturday, March 4

- Food Drive (SJ)
- 9:00-12:00 pm Lenten Reflection (SH)
- 4:30 p.m. Confirmation (SJ)

Sunday, March 5

- Food Drive (SJ)
- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am RCIA Rite of Sending (SJ)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. Adalbert Church
- 2:00 pm RCIA Rite of Election (Cathedral)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite
- 7:00 pm CPPS Companions

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.