

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

March 5, 2006

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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SPIRITUAL LIFE

LENT — A BAPTISMAL CALL

Lent is a time for us to assess our baptismal relationship with God. It is our time to face evil and choose to live in righteousness. By so doing, we—with Christ—proclaim by our lives that the “kingdom of God is at hand.” Living the paschal mystery calls us to die to the sin within us so that we can rise to the life given us in baptism.

The gospel today appears brief and simple, but the task it describes is neither. The conflict between Jesus and Satan is a titanic struggle between good and evil and lasted forty days. Our task of repenting is as intense a struggle and lasts a lifetime.

(Living Liturgy, First Sunday of Lent, 2006)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Melczek administered the Sacrament of Confirmation for the candidates of the Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community on March 4th at St. John. On the insert of today’s bulletin you will find a listing of the names of our Confirmandi. Please keep these young men and women in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith and witness to the Gift of the Holy Spirit

We also offer thanks to all who helped prepare our Confirmandi, especially the Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community Life Teen Members for presenting Spirit Day on February 26th, as well as parents, sponsors, catechists and our priests.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday, February 28th students from our Cluster Faith Formation Program and St. John School experienced God’s love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Their names are listed on the insert in today’s bulletin. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist.

RCIA

This afternoon, two young men who have been preparing for baptism will be presented to Bishop Melczek at the Rite of Election on Sunday afternoon at the Cathedral. Craig Mosoriak and Anthony Rodriguez have spent many months in prayer and preparation. Please continue to pray for Craig and Anthony as they move into the final stage of the RCIA process and prepare for baptism at the Easter Vigil on April 15th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/VESPERS

You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers at St. John the Baptist on Sunday, March 19th at 3:00 p.m. This North Lake Deanery event situated in Lent, offers everyone the opportunity to pray the Liturgy of the Hours as together we worship the real presence of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Baptisms will be celebrated in our Cluster parishes during the months of March and April. Please contact Diane Pupilava 473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com for more information or to register. The first preparation session will be held Tuesday, March 14th.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, March 6

7:00 am †Joseph Zavesky Off: Mary Pavlak

Tuesday, March 7, Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs

7:00 am †Mary Grenchik Off: Husband, George & Family

8:30 am †George & Johanna Mateja Off: Irene

Wednesday, March 8, John of God, religious

7:00 am †Ann S. Knazur Off: Mrs. Mary Blake

8:30 am †Elizabeth Volom Off: M/M J. Knepper

Thursday, March 9, Frances of Rome, religious

7:00 am †Steve Stofcik (Anniv.) Off: Wife, Mary & Son, Francis

Friday, March 10

7:00 am †Josephine DeHenes Off: Mary Bellile

8:30 am †Alma Koch Off: Garwacki Family

Saturday, March 11

7:00 am †Dorothy Mika Off: Pat Chilla

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday of Lent

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



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, Ben Sandrich, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Anne M. Curosh
Vivian Wajvoda

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, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.*

(If you would like to add a name to this prayer list, please contact the rectory.)

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$9,182.25
Loose.....	\$434.37
High School.....	\$28.50
Grade School.....	\$173.77
Total for the Week.....	\$9,818.89

AID TO THE CHURCH IN EASTERN EUROPE

The theme for the 2006 Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe—HOPE—tells a story of strength, vitality, and growth...a story of the determination of our Catholic family in the East. Proceeds from the collection go directly to support seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church restoration, and the spreading of the Gospel message through the mass media. Your support is greatly appreciated.

LENTEN EVENING SERIES

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 Catholic Catechism, if you have them. We meet 6:30-8:00 pm each Tuesday evening during Lent in the Sacred Heart Rose Room. Come be spiritually enriched. Questions, call 659-4138.

LENTEN LUNCH BUNCH

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. On March 28 and April 4 we'll view the Fr. John Corapi video on the Paschal Mystery followed by discussion. Bring your lunch and we'll provide beverages and spiritual nourishment. Questions? Call Margaret 659-4138.

HOLY NAME NEWS

St. John Holy Name Society monthly Mass and Communion will be March 12 at the 9 a.m. Mass. All men of the parish are welcome. A meeting will follow in the Founders room. Rolls and coffee will be served. Hope you can make it!

NORTHWEST INDIANA CATHOLIC

Subscribe to the *Northwest Indiana Catholic* newspaper for just \$23 for 46 issues! Submit a check or money order and drop in the parish collection basket at March Masses.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, March 12, 2006 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. New families interested in attending St. John School for the 2006-2007 school year should come to the Panel Room. In order to complete the application process, copies of the following information are necessary: birth and Baptismal certificates, immunization records, and most current report card and test scores. There is a \$50 registration fee per family that is deducted from the first tuition payment.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
WHITING DENTAL CENTER
KENNETH M. FRIED, DDS
1332 -119TH STREET WHITING 659-4900

MUSICAL NOTES

During the Lenten season the liturgical music is minimal. Thus, there will be no closing hymn at St. John's Sunday Masses during this season. This is done to accentuate the solemn, penitential tone of Lent. During Lent the Church mandates that we refrain from singing or speaking "Alleluia". When we do sing our *Alleluias* at Easter they will ring out with fervor. Likewise, all other music is toned down in order to help us feel the desert experience of Lent. In contrast, six weeks from now when we celebrate Resurrection glory on Easter Sunday and throughout the 50 days of Easter, our *glorias, alleluias*, and Resurrection anthems will ring out with renewed vibrance.

MORE MUSICAL NOTES

During the Lenten season, we ask every parishioner offer a "sacrifice of praise" by singing the Lenten hymns with renewed fervor. We sing the same musical pieces throughout Lent so the assembly can become familiar with the melodies and give active participation at the Eucharistic celebration. Everyone is asked to sing at least the refrain of the Communion Hymn while processing to receive. In doing so we support one another in faith. Renew your commitment to the Lord and to the spiritual well being of one another by prayerful participation at every Mass.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into action; our prayers and alms help people in need around the world. Last year the people of the Diocese of Gary responded by donating \$50,740. The Diocese was able to distribute over \$12,685 to local hunger centers and send \$38,055 to Catholic Relief Services to help the hungry throughout the world. In Mark's Gospel we read about Jesus being tempted by the devil for forty days. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things.



ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Madeline Jajchik, Promoter, & Group #12 host the monthly meeting, March 16th, Thursday, at 1:15 p.m. The afternoon starts with a Rosary & Benediction at Church followed by a card & bunco social in the Mural Room.

WHITING'S #1 CITIZEN

Parishioner Mary Skvara was recently named this year's recipient of the Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce Carl A. Binhammer award. This award honors those who give of themselves, their time, and talent to make our city the great place that it is. Congratulations, Mary! Long may you continue to serve as Whiting's Ambassador!

TWO OF OUR OWN

Elliot and Nathaniel Bibat, two up and coming actors and students at St. John the Baptist School, are part of the Genesis Guild's production of "Oliver." This family-friendly musical will take place on March 4 & 5, 10-12, and 17-19, at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Hammond. For information and reservations, please call 877-724-7715. Way to go, guys!!

VENTURE SCOUTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 12, 8 am-2 pm, at the American Legion Hall in Whiting. Tickets \$5 adult, \$3 children. Call JoAnn Palko 659-0977 or Annette Markovich 659-3238 for tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, March 11

Lectors: L. Gonzalez, J. Kozak
Euch Min: J&D Franko, D. McCampbell, M. Poppen,
G&C Rosen, C. Vrabel
Altar Servers: Johnathan Lovasko, Robert
Markovich, George Magurany

7:00 am, March 12

Lectors: G. Jancosek, L. Barron
Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, J&G Blackwell,
D. Cuculich, E. Matuska
Altar Servers: Samantha Barilla, Amanda Blackwell,
Rachel Boland

9:00 am, March 12

Lectors: F. Stofcik, F. Gazda
Euch Min: L. Wade, B. Delinck, I. Dominguez, Br. J.
Hall, A. Jurek, ML Tonkovich, E. Duray, F. Delinck
Altar Servers: Javier Mena, Michelle Mirza, David
Moats

11:00 am, March 12

Lectors: N. Gomez, S. Silva
Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, M. Knazur,
N. Mitchell, K. Saliga, K. Scalf, D. Shimala
Altar Servers: Joseph & Abby Bondi, Ryan Brown

5:30 pm, March 12

Altar Servers: Joshua & Jacob Pelletier, Stephanie
Perz

CARE CENTER

March 12: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska, L. Biel

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

March 6 & 7: Chelsae & Caleb Strabavy
March 8 & 9: Lenka Vojtila & Kaitlyn Syler
March 10 & 11: Jenna Wozniak & Jose Arteaga



PARISH CENSUS UPDATE

Our four cluster parishes are in need of updating their census information. On weekends in March, 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!

CRIME WATCH

Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting: Thursday, March 9, 6:30 p.m., Calumet College of St. Joseph, Rm. 200. Let's work together to keep our neighborhoods safe!

FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Did you know that the birth control pill can act to cause an abortion in any women in any cycle? Learn a natural, safe, effective, and morally acceptable method of family planning at a four-class series beginning March 11th at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Highland; and March 18th at St. Patrick Parish in Chesterton. For information or to register, call George & Rosanne Kouris 696-1308.

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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

Monday, MARCH 6 TRIP Orders Due

10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
 6:30 pm Faith Enrichment (SA)
 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, MARCH 7

12:00-1:00 pm Lenten Lunch Bunch (SH Rose Rm)
 6:30 pm School Advisory Board (SJ)
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (SH)
 6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion (SH)

TEENS ARE PEOPLE TOO

Returns to Camp Lawrence March 24-26. T.A.P.T. is a dynamic, life-changing spiritual retreat for high school teens sponsored by the Diocese of Gary Office for Youth. Cost is \$60 and includes housing, food, and t-shirt. Visit garytapt.com or contact Kevin Driscoll 219-769-9292 Ext. 229, e-mail kdriscol@dcdgary.org.

Wednesday, March 8

10:00 am FCSLA (SJ)
 1:00 pm Rosary Sodality (SH)
 6:00 pm FFP Classes Grades 1-5 (SH)
 7:00 pm Prayer Group
 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Thursday, March 9

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJ)
 6:30 pm Parent Formation 1st Communion (SJ)
 6:30 pm W/R Crime Watch, Rm. 200, Calumet College
 7:00 pm Eucharistic Ministers Training (SH)
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Training (SJ)

Friday, March 10

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 Baptist

Saturday, March 11

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9:00 am Holy Name Mass, Communion, & Meeting
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 9:00 am RCIA Penitential Rite (SJ)
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