

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

March 12, 2006 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear St John the Baptist Catholic Parish Family,

The Festival Chairpersons would like to thank everyone that contributed to the success of Winter Festival 2006. To those of you from our parish community that volunteered as committee chairpersons, you have our sincere gratitude. The success of the festival would not have been possible without the help of the following people:

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Mike Maloney and Cub Scouts - Coat Room
Caroline and Milan Kruszynski, Adam Kazragys and Chuck Kosalko - Talent Show
Anthony Barilla and the Holy Name Society - Bingo Room
Marsha Banik and the Rosary Society - Bake Sale and Ticket Sales
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Carol Vargo and Julio Casares - Panel Room Kitchen
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Leo Barron and the Pastoral Council - Finances
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Carol Jacobson and Ralph Leyba - Decorations
Rich Mlynarski - Merry Notes
Ben Likens and Adam Kazragys - Saucy Jack Band
Joe Amendola, Bill Galgan, Rich Boyle, Sean Gibbons, Mike Palomo - Last Minute Grill

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SPIRITUAL LIFE

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT THE CROSS

Who would want to embrace a cross? Or, even more scandalous, what kind of God gives an only Son over to death out of love for others? By human standards, we have no response to such extraordinary love. We normally think of love in terms of strong feelings and affection. Today's readings show us that there is also a deeper measure of love: the willingness to sacrifice for another even what we hold most dear. God willing offered His Son so that we might have life! Death leads to life! This is the heart of the paschal mystery.

(Living Liturgy, Second Sunday of Lent, 2006)

RCIA

Today we celebrate a special Penitential Rite at the 9 am Mass at St. John. We welcome among us the adults who are preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation or Eucharist for the first time. This Penitential Rite is celebrated at this time in the Candidates' preparation, the period of purification and enlightenment, because this is the time that they are approaching the maturity of faith and understanding that is necessary for fuller life in the community.

This Penitential Rite will have different meanings for the different participants: the Candidates, their Sponsors, and all who witness the Rite. All of us in our own ways are going to hear the reassuring message of God's presence. As Jesus spent time in intense prayer during the Gospel proclaimed today, we, too will be called to intense prayer that will remove the barriers that keep us from experiencing God's Kingdom. Please keep these Candidates in your prayers: Sharyn Calinski, Sheila Calinski, Grace Cisneros, Mark Cisneros, Daniel Deel, Adam Madison, Amanda Maloney, Mark O'Hara, Rachel Ramirez, Joel Torres and Brian Witek.

RITE OF ENROLLMENT FIRST COMMUNION

Today at the 11 am Mass we welcome the children who are beginning their preparation for the sacrament of Holy Communion. Let us support these children and their parents through our prayer and witness to the power of the Body and Blood of Christ in our own lives.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/VESPERS

You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers at St. John the Baptist next 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 Tuesday, March 14th.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 13

7:00 am †Joseph Tomko Off: Sister, Helen Cross

Tuesday, March 14

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Funchik Family
Off: Mary Ann

8:30 am †Patricia M. Grenchik Off: Ed & Lynn Barlo
Family

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 am †Georgene Smaluk Off: Family of Neil Harte

8:30 am †Michael V. Algozine Off: K of C
Monsignor Connelly Council #1700

Thursday, March 16

7:00 am †Margaret Veslocki Off: Tim & Pam Veslocki

Friday, March 17, Patrick, bishop

7:00 am †Rich Geffert & Bill Duran, Army Friends
Off: Pearlie Duran, Wife & Friend

8:30 am †Mary (Smutniak) Piskac Off: Anna &
Monica Javorka

Saturday, March 18, Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Dr.

7:00 am †Jim Justak Off: Barbara, Brett & Scott

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, March 19, Third 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



PRAY FOR...

Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Magdalene Douchette, Sophie Foley, Patrica 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 Sronic, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Betty Bridges (mother of Br. Gabriel Bridges C.P.P.S.), Elizabeth J. Posavec, Theresa D. Sabol, Benedict E. Sandrick, William Trebs (brother of Joseph & Matilda Trebs and Alice Nemcek), Andrew J. Ziak

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 Gormley, Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Eric Schaufele, John Starzyk, Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.*

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$9,726.00
Loose.....	\$949.87
High School.....	\$20.50
Grade School.....	\$109.47
Total for the Week.....	\$10,805.84

SOMETHING TO PONDER...

The February Nipsco charges are \$19,524.00.

JOURNEYING WITH CHIRST

The children in our School and Faith Formation Program are "Journeying with Christ" during Lent. As a part of their observance they and their families have created Family Lenten Crosses. These crosses are on display at the foot of the cross on the Benedict Avenue side of the church. If your family would like to create a Family Lenten Cross you may pick up a pattern near the display and return it to the display area when you have completed it.

LENTEN EVENING SERIES

Grow in your understanding of the Catholic Faith via the Fr. John Corapi video/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

Join the Lunch Bunch at the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Tuesdays during Lent, 12 noon-1pm. This year's topic is Pope John Paul II. The documentary video "*Witness to Hope*" will provide a springboard into discussion on Tuesdays, March 14, and 21. On March 28 and April 4 we'll view the Fr. John Corapi video on the Paschal Mystery. Bring your lunch and we'll provide beverages and spiritual nourishment. Questions? Call Margaret 659-4138.

MUSICAL NOTES

During the Lenten season the liturgical music is minimal. Thus, there is no closing hymn at St. John's Sunday Masses during this season. This accentuates 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 to help us feel the desert experience of Lent. In contrast, when we celebrate Resurrection glory on Easter Sunday, our *glorias, alleluias*, and Resurrection anthems will ring out with renewed vibrance!

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 in Church followed by a card & bunco social in the Mural Room.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
GUSTO'S PIZZA
1932 CALUMET AVENUE
659-6500

ST. JOHN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, today, 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.

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

As we continue our Lenten journey let us remember in prayer that human beings are not only sacred, but also social. How we participate in our family and community, from our daily actions to our policy decisions, affects each and every person. May our fasting keep us mindful of the families and communities that are hungry. May our almsgiving assist those in need.

LIFE TEEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The members of Life Teen are organizing a presentation of the Stations of the Cross which will be offered on Good Friday at 7 pm. At least 25 teens are needed. All 8th Graders and High School youth are encouraged to participate and should join us this Sunday (March 12th) after the 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass for the first planning session. The session will be held in the St. John Pastoral Center (3rd floor of the school building).



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.

PIROHI'S

St. John Pirohi Makers are having a final sale. Mark your calendars for Palm Sunday, April 9th from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the school lobby.

RIGHT TO LIFE

The Lake County Right to Life Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church, 500 Northgate Drive, Dyer, on Friday, April 28. Auction begins at 5:30 pm, with dinner and program at 6:45 pm. The featured speaker is Mark Morris. Tickets are \$25, students \$20. We are trying to get a table of parishioners. Call Margaret at 659-4138 if interested in attending.

ST. FRANCIS DESALES HIGH SCHOOL

Spring placement exam for eighth grade students interested in attending in 2006-7 will be Saturday, March 25, beginning at 8 am. Cost is \$25. For information call 773-731-7272, ext. 239.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, March 18

Lectors: P. Banik, M. Banik

Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, R&B Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk,
MJ Kansky, C. Vrable

Altar Servers: Taylor Pokraka, Steven Radloff,
Andres Ramirez

7:00 am, March 19

Lectors: T. Barilla, R. Matlon

Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek,
L. Kilander, C. Pesenko, M. Saliga

Altar Servers: Katherine Chiluski, Emily Curosh,
Jakob Davis

9:00 am, March 19

Lectors: A. Perz, R. Jakubielski

Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, L. Barron, M. Jakubielski,
D. Weber, L. Wade

Altar Servers: Brian Reeves, Greg Sienkiewicz,
Anneliese Szutenbach

11:00 am, March 19

Lectors: K. Lannon, D. Botich

Euch Min: D. Shimala, D. Cuculich, Erwin Roldan,
M&K Wagner, J. Wozniak, E. Duray, C. Lannon

Altar Servers: Maritza Castellano, Samuel DeCero,
Amanda Delinck

5:30 pm, March 19

Altar Servers: Emily & Hilary Vargo, Catherine Yoder

CARE CENTER

March 19: 10:00 a.m. R. Mikola, J. Bobos

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

March 13 & 14: Elliot Bibat & Jackie Camacho

March 15 & 16: Brittany & Matthew Bulatovich

March 17 & 18: Julio Casares IV & Donnella Casillas

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE

During March you will be asked at all Masses in the cluster parishes to fill out a simple census form. Your cooperation is deeply appreciated, as this information will help update our church records and hopefully make our ministry more efficient. Thank you!

IN THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD

The Diocesan Office of Priestly Life & Ministry and the Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry sponsor a presentation by Dr. Edward Hahnenberg on the document "Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord," a guide for the development of Lay Ecclesial Ministry in the United States. The program is at Our Lady of Consolation, Tues., March 21, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. It is open to anyone interested in Lay Ecclesial Ministry and the role of the laity in the Church. Contact Anne Verbeke 219-769-9292 Ext. 280, or averbeke@degary.org.

FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Learn a natural, safe, effective, and morally acceptable method of family planning at a four-class series beginning March 18th at St. Patrick Parish in Chesterton. For information call George & Rosanne Kouris 696-1308.

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DEAR PEOPLE OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Thank you very much for your warm reception and attentive ear during my visit to your parish. I was very happy to see you, to celebrate the Eucharist with you, and to share with you my passion for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I am very grateful to Fr. Kalicky, Fr. Gary, and Deacon Joe for their hospitality.

As I mentioned in my homily, encouraging men and women to respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life is our responsibility. Sowing the seed is my privilege. However, please take time to nurture the seed through prayer, conversation, and gentle suggestions. If you need help encouraging Church vocations, or if you feel that God is calling you to serve the Church in the priesthood or religious life, please call me at 219-769-9292. I look forward to my next visit to your parish. Please be confident of my continued prayers for you. In the same manner, I request your prayers for me and for the men and women whom God is calling to the priesthood and religious life.

Yours in the Lord Jesus,
Rev. Kevin Huber, Vocation Director

MIGRANT WORKERS PROJECT

The St. Vincent DePaul Society is once again sponsoring a collection of toiletries and cleaning supplies for the migrant workers who will be laboring on Lake County farms throughout the summer. We would appreciate donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, bars of soap, razors, shaving cream, lotion, combs, packs of Kleenex, band-aids as well as detergent, dish soap and paper towels. Please place donated goods in the box in the vestibule of the church marked Migrant Workers' Project. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please place donation in an envelope marked St. Vincent DePaul Migrant Workers' Project and drop in the collection. Your generosity the past two years for this project has been greatly appreciated.

We will be collecting supplies through Palm Sunday, April 9th. The Hispanic Ministry in East Chicago will prepare packages to distribute to the migrant workers. If anyone has any working unused fans, the workers can put them to good use. Please call either the St. Vincent DePaul number at 659-1073 or Diane Kaminsky at 659-8746 to make arrangements to have the fans picked up.

If you are interested in learning about the St. Vincent DePaul Society, please join us at our meetings held at the Sacred Heart Rectory at 7 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. For assistance, please call 659-1073. *We help, we care, we serve.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12

- 8:00 am—2:00 pm Venture Scouts Pancake Breakfast, American Legion Hall, Whiting
- 9:00 am Holy Name Mass, Communion, & Meeting
- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am RCIA Penitential Rite (SJ)
- 11:00 am 1st Communion Enrollment (SJ)
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Adalbert Church
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Monday, MARCH 13

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

Tuesday, MARCH 14, TRIP Pick Up

- 12:00-1:00 pm Lenten Lunch Bunch (SH Rose Rm)
- 6:30 pm Liturgy Meeting (SJ)
- 6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion (SH)
- 7:00 pm 1st Baptism Prep (SJ)

Wednesday, March 15

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

Thursday, March 16

- 1:15 pm Rosary Society (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council Training (SJ)

Friday, March 17

- 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 18

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am RCIA 1st Scrutiny (SJ)
- 11:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism (SJ)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Adalbert Church
- 3:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour (SJ)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

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 \$60 includes housing, food, and t-shirt. Visit garytapt.com or contact Kevin Driscoll 219-769-9292 Ext. 229, e-mail kdriscol@dcgary.org.

There are many books and pamphlets in the Pamphlet Rack in the vestibule! Please stop by and select items to help you in your Lenten Journey.