

*From the Pastor's Desk***A FATHER'S SEARCH**

Sunday's Gospel describes the home coming of the "Prodigal Son". The father is pictured waiting and longing for his son's return. Daily, the father goes to the side of the road, looks and waits. *"While he (the son) was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him."*

That's what God's forgiveness is. In his book entitled, "The Return of the Prodigal Son" Henri Nouwen describes forgiveness as *"God looking in the distance for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home."*

In his parables, Jesus puts the emphasis on God's initiative. God is the shepherd who goes looking for his lost sheep. God is the woman who lights a lamp, sweeps out the house, and searches everywhere for her lost coin until she finds it. God is the father who watches and waits for his children, runs out to meet them, embraces them, pleads with them, begs and urges them to come home.

God our father ignores his dignity by running toward us, pays no heed to apologies and promises of change, and brings us to the table richly prepared for us.

Come to the Cluster Penance Service Monday, March 29th, to St. John Church and allow God to embrace you with His gentle arms of loving forgiveness.

Father John

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*Worship and Spirituality***Monday, March 15, Lenten Weekday**

*Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54*

7:00 am †Dr. Thomas Barlo and Joseph & Elizabeth Barlo (SJB)  
 8:00 am †Rick Alspach, Jr. (SA)  
 7:00 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH—Spanish)

**Tuesday, March 16, Lenten Weekday**

*Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16*

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Funchik Families (SJ)  
 8:00 am †Brothers & Sisters of Swierc Family (SA)  
 8:30 am †David Field (SJB)

**Wednesday, March 17, St. Patrick, bishop**

*Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30*

7:00 am †John S. Markovich (SJB)  
 8:00 am †Frank Bajda (SA)  
 8:30 am †Ann Pauls (SJB)

**Thursday, March 18, St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor of the Church**

*Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47*

7:00 am †Charles Grunstein (SJB)  
 8:00 am †Clarissa Hoyda (SA)

**Friday, March 19, St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*2 SM 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a*

7:00 am †Pauline S. Molson (SJB)  
 8:00 am †Helen Swierc (SA)  
 8:30 am †Timothy A. Zubeck (SJB)

**Saturday, March 20, Lenten Weekday**

*Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53*

7:00 am †Marguerite Grothouse (SJB)  
 4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJ)

**Sunday March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

*Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45*

8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)  
 8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)  
 8:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (IC)  
 8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)  
 10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)  
 10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)  
 11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

**ONLINE DAILY LENTEN MEDITATIONS**

Online daily Lenten meditations are being offered by the Precious Blood Leadership Conference. Follow these simple instructions.

1. Type in [www.precious-blood.ca](http://www.precious-blood.ca)
2. At the bottom of the page "click here to enter the website".
3. Click on LENT in the banner on the left side of the page.
4. Click on the day on the calendar that you wish.
5. Scroll down to read the meditation.

## Stewardship

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,605.00
Sacred Heart .....	\$2,436.00
St. Adalbert.....	\$1,380.00
<b>St. John the Baptist</b>	
Weekly.....	\$10,215.39
High School.....	27.50
Grade School.....	116.96
Total for Week.....	\$10,359.85

## Peace and Social Justice

### “Joe’s Kitchen”

In January, the Whiting United Methodist Church launched a free monthly dinner for those families who utilize the W/R Food Pantry. The St. John the Baptist Pastoral Council is sponsoring this month’s dinner to be held on Saturday, March 27th, from 5-7:00 pm. If you would like to help serve, provide a homemade dessert, or cook, please call Rita at 659-2965.

Our collection for Haiti continues until March 21st. Thank you for your generosity!

The 40 Days for Life Campaign continues! It is reported that 199 babies (and parents) have been spared so far in this campaign which spans 167 cities and 4 countries.

“101 Reasons not to have an abortion” a free downloadable book you can read at [www.101girlsguide.com](http://www.101girlsguide.com). In it, you can find excellent facts and true stories. Check it out!

## Stewardship—A Way of Life

In today’s Gospel Luke illustrates Jesus’ particular concern for the lost and God’s love for the repentant sinner. In the story of the Prodigal Son the father welcomes the lost son and forgives him unconditionally, much to the anguish of his other son. Who in your life has injured you, angered you, or hurt you? Don’t wait for their change of heart. Change yours, and run out to meet them on the road to forgiveness.



### EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Please help feed those in need of our parish this upcoming Easter. Donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items, and toiletries can be dropped off in the back of St. John Church. Immediately after the 11:00 am Mass on Palm Sunday, March 28th, the Easter baskets will be packaged and delivered. Volunteers are needed! Please give of your time and gifts that God has given us!



### OPERATION RICE BOWL

The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. As we begin the second half of our journey with Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl, we remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving. Learn more at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

## Prayer Requests

**Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, all those who are in hospitals, adult foster care homes, those who are ill and those with ongoing health issues. Please remember those we have been asked to pray for:** Dave Adams, Mary Bayus, Lucille Braun, Doris Cinotto, Abigail Coates, Rebecca Coates, Marie Dado, Gloria Demeter, Norbert & Helen Duray, Lucille Federenko, Anthony Fercik, Margaret (Mitzi) Fischer, Ann Furiak, Ann Gulvas, Marianne Gurekovich, Marie (Mitzi) Holman, Len Hoyda, Eleanor Jakubielski, Gloria A. Kaminsky, Mary Kasprzak, Richard Kovach, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Lottie Kurek, Catherine Marnan, Janet Moran, Albert & Mary Odlivak, Ana Palomo, Jim & Joan Peters, Mary Petro, Alexis Puplava, Irene Radloff, Marcia Ross, Ed Roszkowski, Linda Sadler, Dave Sikes, Misty Sims, Olga Stiga, Michael Tomko, Mary Trelinski, Jack Vasilak, John & Marge Vrlik, Dorothy Yuhás, Marianne Zemen.

**Please continue to pray for all the service men and women who are currently serving in the military, especially:**



Sean Bowman, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Michael Clark, Austin Chiluski, Sean Coleman, Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Joseph Igras, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Keith Kennedy, Jeff Klobucar, Jeffery Koval, Mark Koval, Scott Krull, Walter Malenki, Benjamin Mann, Randall McAllister, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Morus, Nicholas Okamura, Mark Opachan, Michael Ortiz, Thomas Puplava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Elliott Schultz, Leticia Soto, Adam Starzyk, Alex Supergan, Jason Sutton, Samuel Valdyke, Carl Young.

### RITE OF ENROLLMENT FOR HOLY COMMUNION

On March 14th at the 11:00 Mass at St. John Church, the children of our cluster parishes who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion come before our community to express their desire to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. During the Rite of Enrollment, their parents will renew their promise to lead their children to Christ by providing a Catholic home for them. We, the community, will increase our efforts to know Christ better and to love Him more, so that these children can come to know and love Him though us.

### BAPTISM MINISTRY

The Second Rite of Baptism will be celebrated at the 11:00 am Mass at St. John Church on March 21st. Please pray for the parents who are requesting Baptism for their children Rylie Mabelann Hamlin, Athena Sparrow Melton-Coleman, William Michael Mitchell and Joshua Tokoly. The Third Rite of Baptism, the pouring of the waters of Baptism, will be celebrated on Easter Sunday, April 4th.

### RCIA

Our RCIA Elect come before the community of St. John the Baptist again today at the 4:30 pm Mass for the Second Scrutiny. Phillip Bannister, Domingo Cruz, Robin Reyes, Sherry Reyes and Vianey Luna will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday.

The RCIA Scrutinies are presented as a means to uncover what may cause the Elect to be unable to say “Yes” to Christ’s invitation to die to self in order to receive eternal life through the waters of Baptism. For the Scrutinies, the Gospels from Year A are used (The Woman at the Well, The Man Born Blind and the Raising of Lazarus). Please continue to pray for our Elect. The Elect learn to respond “Yes, I believe” from the Word of God and the faith example of the parish community.

## Parish Life

### ALL WOMEN OF THE CLUSTER PARISHES....

are invited to Father John's annual Question and Answer session on questions you may have about our Catholic faith, beliefs, rituals, history and the Whiting/Robertsdale Cluster at the Rosary Society's March 18th meeting. Come and pray at 1:00 pm in St. John's Church, then join us in the Mural Room for an informative afternoon. Questions should be submitted in writing by Monday, March 15th. Place them in an envelope addressed to Father John Q&A then drop them in the drop box located at the side door of the rectory. Hope to see you on Thursday, March 18th!

### DIVINE MERCY

By Baptism and Confirmation, you and I have been "sent" by Jesus to make the Father's mercy known, so that all may receive mercy. By receiving that mercy, all are called, in turn, to be merciful as the Father in heaven is merciful. Thus "Divine Mercy" begins to spread throughout the whole world like a fire. The Polish nun, St. Faustina, canonized by Pope John Paul II, encourages all people to seek mercy from the divine heart of Jesus, and share the good news of God's love and mercy with others. Jesus refuses no one.



### MUSICAL NOTES

The Catholic Community of Whiting/Robertsdale will celebrate the Triduum liturgies of Holy Thursday and The Easter Vigil at St. John Church. We will be using a bilingual Mass setting and hymns, which we will be practicing together with the combined choirs of our cluster. The community at large is invited to come and rehearse this new music on Sunday, March 21st from 1-3:00 pm at St. John Church. You are thanked in advance for your interest and participation.

### LUNCHEON AND A SHOW

The St. John the Baptist Rosary Society once again invites you to a chicken luncheon and a matinee performance of "The Odd Couple" on Sunday, April 18th. The cost is \$24 per person. Lunch is served promptly at 1:30 pm and the matinee performance starts at 3:00 pm. Deadline for paid reservations is Friday, April 9th. For more information contact Carol Vargo at 219-659-3014. Everyone is invited!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITING

The Knights of Columbus of Pope John XXIII Council No. 1696 will be hosting a membership recruitment drive the weekend of March 20-21 after all Masses. K of C members will be available to provide information and answer questions you may have. We urge you, men of our cluster parishes, 18 years of age and older to take a few moments of your time and use this opportunity to learn more about membership in the world's largest Catholic, Family, Fraternal Organization.

### HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR THE SPANISH PAGE?

If you have an article for the bulletin that needs to be translated into Spanish, please deliver it to Nora Perez at Sacred Heart Rectory or email her at shhministry@yahoo.com.



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### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Following is the schedule for Lenten Penance Services being held in our area. All services start at 7:00 pm.



Monday, March 22	St. Catherine of Siena
Tuesday, March 23	St. Casimir
Thursday, March 25	St. Joseph (Hammond)
Monday, March 29	St. John the Baptist
Monday, March 29	All Saints
Tuesday, March 30	St. Stanislaus (East Chicago)

### GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

The Girl Scout Sunday Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday, March 21st at 8:15 am. Please contact Laura Powell at 219-473-9931 by Sunday, March 14th if you will be attending with your Girl Scout and you would like her to receive a patch.



### H. S. A. CANDLELIGHT BOWL

St. John the Baptist Home/School Association presents the First Annual Candlelight Bowl on Saturday, April 17th at Olympia Lanes. Registration forms are located in the back and sides of church. This is a great opportunity to get together with friends and family for an adult night out "fundraising" for our school. For more information contact Margie Malkowski at mamalsx3@att.net (773-727-3596) or Sharon Markusic at troysharon13@sbcglobal.net (219-670-0320).

## PHYRE Ministry

### TAPT RETREAT

High School teens are invited to attend TAPT, a Diocesan Catholic weekend retreat, held March 19-21 at Camp Lawrence, north of Valparaiso. Retreat activities include: talks, discussions, prayer, recreation, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. TAPT is designed to bring teens into a more intimate encounter with the Incarnate Jesus Christ. Cost: \$65. Deadline: March 15. For complete details, visit garytapt.com, facebook.com/garytapt, or contact Kevin Driscoll at the Diocese of Gary office for Youth & Young Adults at 219-769-9292 x229.

### LENTEN TUESDAY SCRIPTURE SERIES



Fr. Jerry Schweitzer will teach on the *Letter to the Hebrews* on March 16 and 23. Everyone is welcome to the Sacred Heart Rose Room on these Lenten Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm.

The Book of Hebrews is one of the most challenging books of the New Testament. Its high theological thought is combined with its argumentative propositions on the very nature and insight into who Jesus Christ is.

Why not make plans to attend? Bring your Bible and a friend or two, and count on an inspiring presentation. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

### ST. ADALBERT ANNOUNCEMENT

The new St. Adalbert parish Lay Ministry for April, May & June is being planned. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server, please drop a note with your name and number in the collection basket or call Gina Cassoday at 659-8497 by March 14th. Current members requesting scheduling preference please contact Gina by March 14. A volunteer sign-up sheet for the Triduum and Easter Sunday is located in the sacristy and in the main vestibule for anyone wishing to participate. If you have questions, contact Gina Cassoday.

**RESPECT LIFE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join The Respect Life Ministry & The Shrine of Christ's Passion on a pilgrimage and experience the Passion of Christ while praying a "Pro-life" Stations of the Cross lead by Diocesan Pro-Life Director, Fr. Theodore Mens. This event will take place on Friday, March 26th at 7:00 pm at The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, IN.

If weather is inclement, the Stations will be said in St. John the Evangelist Church, 10701 Olcott Avenue in St. John, IN.

**RIGHT TO LIFE ORATORY CONTEST**

Lake County Right to Life is sponsoring its Annual Oratory Contest on Saturday, April 10th at 11:00 am at Hildebrandt Hall, 525 N. Lafayette St. (across from St. Mary's Church) in Griffith, IN.

For high school juniors and seniors, 5 to 7 minute speeches will be on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research. First prize is \$200 to the student and the coach. Second prize is \$100. First prize winner takes part in the State Contest in Indianapolis on May 1st.

A separate Oratory Contest for freshmen and sophomores, will also take place that day, on the same topics. One prize of \$100 will be awarded. For application and rules, call Lake County RTL office at 219-838-1138.

**"RED CARPET BOUTIQUE"**

The Marian Catholic High School Mothers Club is sponsoring a gently used prom/special occasion dress sale at their "Red Carpet Boutique" on Saturday, March 20 and 27 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. The sale is open to the public.

Donated prom dresses will range in prices from \$30 to \$125, some of which are valued up to \$450. Sizes 0-18 available. Cash or charges accepted — no personal checks.

Young women from area high schools are welcome to shop for everything they need for that special occasion. Questions? Call Kathy Zagotta 708-957-8511 or Sue Trump 708-957-4687.

**RETIRED? WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

Ignatian Volunteer Corps is accepting new members (age 50+) to work with the materially poor and marginalized in the greater Chicago area two days a week, and to reflect and pray on that experience in the Jesuit tradition, beginning September 2010. For further information contact George Sullivan, 773-975-6871 or [chicago@ivcusa.org](mailto:chicago@ivcusa.org).

**W-R CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
SUPER SUNDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!**

The Whiting-Robertsdale Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the 1st Annual Community Super Sunday Extravaganza on Sunday, March 21st, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Visit the various stores and shops in our community; support the vendors (arts, crafts, white elephant sales); and enjoy food, games and various activities for the family. Contact the Chamber office at (219) 659-0292 for further information.

**ST. JOHN CATERING & BANQUET FACILITIES**

~ Call Carol Vargo at (219)-659-3041 ~

For information on our wonderful  
menu & banquet facilities.

*Community Calendar***Sunday, March 14**

Food Pantry (SA)  
9:30-10:30 am Middle School Faith Formation Classes (SH)  
11:00 am 1st Communion Rite of Enrollment (SJB)  
11:00 am NO Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)  
12-2:30 pm PHYRE Ministry Teen Gathering (SJB)  
12-3:00 pm St. John School Open House (SJB)  
1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SA)

**Monday, March 15**

10:30 am Bible Study (SH)  
7:00 pm RCIA (SJB)  
7:00 pm Bi-Lingual Mass (SH)  
6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (SJB)  
6-8:00 pm PHYRE Ministry Stations Practice (SJB)

**Tuesday, March 16**

6-8:00 pm PHYRE Ministry Stations Practice (SJB)  
6:30-8:00 pm Faith Enrichment Lenten Series (SH)  
7:00 pm 2nd Baptism Preparation (SJB)  
6:30 pm H.S.A. Meet/Greet and Meeting (Panel Rm)

**Wednesday, March 17**

6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Levels 1-5 (SH)  
6-8:00 pm PHYRE Ministry Stations Practice (SJB)

**Thursday, March 18**

1:00 pm Rosary Society Benediction/Meeting (SJB)  
6:30 pm Bible Study (Spanish) (SH)  
6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)  
7:00 pm Cluster Meeting (SJB)  
7:30 pm Cluster Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

**Friday, March 19**

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross (IC)  
6:00 pm Holy Hour—Spanish (SH)  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross—Spanish (SH)  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SJB)  
Until March 21 PHYRE Ministry TAPT Retreat

**Saturday, March 20**

4:30 pm RCIA 3rd Scrutiny (SJB)

**Sunday, March 21**

Food Pantry (IC)  
8:15 am Girl Scout Mass (IC)  
9:30-11:30 am Middle School Faith Formation Extended Classes (SH)  
11:00 am 2nd Rite of Baptism (SJB)  
11:00 am NO Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)  
1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SA)  
1-3:00 pm Combined Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

**COME AND SEE WEEKEND**

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., will host a "Come and See Weekend" March 26-28. Young Catholic Women who are exploring a call to religious life are invited to attend the event at Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods.

"Faith without Action is Dead" is the theme for the weekend. Participants will have opportunities to explore religious life in the context of Jesus' mission, seek ways to deepen their Catholic faith, and share in prayer, personal reflection, fun and faith in action. There is no charge for the weekend. Housing and meals provided.

For more information contact Sister Bernice Kuper at 812-535-2895 or at [bkuper@spsmw.org](mailto:bkuper@spsmw.org). Or, contact Sister Jenny Howard at 800-860-1840, ext 2897, or at [jhoward@spsmw.org](mailto:jhoward@spsmw.org).

## ANUNCIOS DOMINICALES

### ¡Anuncios Para El Boletín!

Si usted desea clasificar un anuncio en el boletín (en español) pueden enviarlo vía e-mail a [shhministry@yahoo.com](mailto:shhministry@yahoo.com). ó también puede llamar al teléfono 659-0140. Estos anuncios deben de entregarse los Lunes **NO más** tarde de las 12:00 del día.



**Calendario de Cuaresma:** Sabemos que durante la Cuaresma es tiempo de ayuno, confesión, oración y ofrecer sacrificios. Es por eso que lo invitamos a seguir un calendario durante la Cuaresma y que a la vez este sea un sacrificio para usted. El Calendario consiste en lo siguiente: Todos los lunes durante la Cuaresma se va a celebrar Misa a las 7:00 p.m. (en español), los Jueves lo invitamos a un estudio bíblico con las lecturas y el evangelio de los Domingos, y los Viernes de 6:00 a 7:00 pm. tendremos una hora santa con la exposición del Santísimo y continuamos con el Vía Crucis.

**Mamás como Mentores:** El sábado 27 de Marzo, el Instituto de Bishop Noll tendrá las siguientes actividades: 10 a 11 a.m. Taller de Autoestima y de 11 a 2 p.m. Venta de Vestidos de Gala Pre-usados. Todos los fondos recaudados serán para las jovencitas de BNI que necesiten ayuda para asistir a su baile de gala escolar. Trae todos los vestidos de fiesta pre usados (Casi Nuevos y limpios) zapatillas elegantes de todas las tallas, accesorios, o donaciones monetarias a Debbie Bolaños 711 West Chicago Ave. East Chicago, IN. Pueden comunicarse con la Sra. Debbie a 219-805-4626 y Adeline Torres 219-397-2125.

### Paz y Justicia Social "Joe's Kitchen"

A partir del mes de Enero, la Iglesia Metodista de Whiting ofrece una cena gratis cada mes para familias que hacen uso del Gabinete de Comida de nuestra comunidad de Whiting. La Iglesia de San Juan Bautista será quien patrocine la próxima cena que será el día 27 de Marzo de 5 a 7 pm. Si a usted le gustaría ayudar de alguna manera, ya sea como sirviendo la cena, o haciendo algún tipo de postre puede comunicarse con la Sra. Rita al teléfono 659-2965. Recuerden que las donaciones para ayudar a Haití **continuarán hasta el día 21 de Marzo. Gracias por su generosidad! La Campaña de los 40 días por la Vida continua. Se nos ha reportado que 199 bebés y papás han sido salvados dentro de 167 ciudades y 4 Países.**

Las Iglesias Católicas de la Comunidad de Whiting celebrarán las liturgias del Triduo el Jueves Santo y Sábado de Gloria en la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista. La Misa será celebrada bilingüe y los coros de nuestra comunidad participarán juntos en estas celebraciones. Los invitamos a que asistan a las prácticas de los coros el Domingo 7 de Marzo de 1 a 3 pm., Jueves 11 de Marzo de 6:30 a 8:30 pm., y Domingo 21 de Marzo de 1 a 3 pm. Esperamos que al asistir a estas prácticas sea un gran beneficio para cada uno de nosotros.



### Confesiones

**Lunes 29 de Marzo habrá confesiones en la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista a las 7:00 pm. y el Miércoles 31 de Marzo tendremos confesiones en español en esta parroquia del Sagrado Corazón a las 8:00 pm.**

### Rito de Presentación De Primera Comunión

El 14 de Marzo los estudiantes que se están preparando para recibir su primera comunión serán presentados ante la comunidad en la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista en la Misa de 11 am. En esta presentación, los estudiantes expresaran su deseo de recibir a Jesús en la Eucaristía y los papás renovaran la promesa de continuar dirigiéndolos en su fe Católica. Nosotros, la comunidad, incrementaremos nuestros esfuerzos para conocer y amar mas a Jesús para que así estos niños (as) aprendan también a conocer y amar a Jesús mas atreves de nosotros.

### RICA

Nuestros candidatos electos serán presentados una vez más en la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista en la Misa de 4:30 pm. para un segundo escrutinio. Phillip Bannister, Domingo Cruz, Robin Reyes, Sherry Reyes and Vianey IUna recibirán sus Sacramentos de Iniciación el Sábado de Gloria. Phillip Bannister, Domingo Cruz, Robin Reyes, Sherry Reyes and Vianey Luna recibirán los Sacramentos de Iniciación en la Vigilia del Sábado de Gloria. Los electos de RICA son presentados para preguntarles que es la causa que les impide decir "Si" para recibir la vida eterna atreves del Bautismo. Para estos candidatos se leerán los Evangelios del Año A (la samaritana, el hombre ciego y la resurrección de Lázaro). Por favor sigan ofreciendo sus oraciones cada día para estos Candidatos para que su respuesta sea "Si, creo" en la Palabra de Dios y en el ejemplo de la comunidad Católica.

### Catecismo

Domingo 21 de Marzo los estudiantes de C1, C2, C3 tendrán clase extendida. La salida será a las 11:30 am.

### Servicio Especial de Oración

Se le invita a un servicio especial de oración el Viernes Santo 2 de Abril que será celebrado en la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista a las 12:00 p.m. Todas las parroquias de la Comunidad de Whiting-Robertsdale estarán unidas en este servicio de oración. Todos están cordialmente invitados a asistir. Donaciones monetarias serán aceptadas para ayudar al gabinete de comida de Whiting. A la 1:30 p.m. la comunidad Católica celebrara la solemnidad del Viernes Santo.