

*All Are Welcome . . .*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



APRIL 6, 2008  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## 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

Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky

## Telephone (219)/Website Information

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School Fax ..... 473-7553  
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Baptism ..... 473-7557  
RCIA ..... 473-7557  
Children's Faith Formation ..... 473-7557  
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Marjie Biel: [marjriebiel@yahoo.com](mailto: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: ..... 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
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 Monday 1:00 pm

## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL BEGINS TODAY

This year's theme is "Gifted by the Holy Spirit for Mission." The CSA reminds us that we are one with other parishes in our diocese as well as the Diocese itself. This is your opportunity to share your blessings with others by making a pledge to the CSA. Your gift is absolutely essential if we are to continue the programs and services of the church throughout the Diocese. More importantly, your gift is a tangible sign of your participation in the mission and ministry of the larger Church. Our parish goal this year is \$61,703.00 (up \$1,210.00 from last year). Last year, thanks to the generosity of many, we exceeded our goal by \$3,569.00 which amount was returned to the parish and put toward the NIPSCO bill. Once again please give prayerful thought to making a generous gift this year to the Catholic Services Appeal. Thank you!

Father John

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, has been saving lives and promoting human dignity around the world for more than 60 years. Its programs alleviate suffering, foster community development, and help build more just and peaceful societies in 98 countries on the basis of need, not race, creed, or nationality. Through education and advocacy programs here in the United States, CRS provides opportunities for Catholics in this country to live their faith as one human family with their brothers and sisters overseas by making financial contributions and by working to remove the root causes of poverty.

### THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who participated in the Good Friday Interfaith Prayer Service, hosted by the Hungarian Reformed Church, who are sincerely thanked for their wholehearted participation and generous monetary donation of \$820 to benefit our Whiting Food Pantry. May God, the giver of all good gifts, continue to bless our faith-filled community in abundance.



### Our Men and Women in the Service

Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Austin Chiluski, Justin Faulkner, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Walter Malenki, Randall McAllister, Michael McCullough, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Graham Stone, Aaron Suarez, Jason Verta, Nathan Wilson.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, April 7, John the Baptist de la Salle, priest

7:00 am †Miller, Furtak & Humenick Families  
Off: Mary & Bill (SJB)  
8:00 am †Karol Kovach (IC)

### Tuesday, April 8

7:00 am †Eveleen L. Derybowski Off: John & Marie Dubec (SJB)  
8:00 am †John Petro (IC)  
8:30 am †Michael Girman Jr. Off: Wife, Sophie & daughter Pat (SJB)

### Wednesday, April 9

7:00 am †Randy Vasilak Off: Parents, Jack & Elinor and Peg (SJB)  
8:00 am †Eunice Dafcik (IC)  
8:30 am †Mary Smith Off: Mr & Mrs P. Szczepkowski (SJB)

### Thursday, April 10

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Kusnir & Dolak Families (SJB)  
8:00 am †Health & blessing of Dorothy Paucak Family (IC)

### Friday, April 11, Stanislaus, Bishop, martyr

7:00 am †Denise Hruskocy Off: Margie Pilarcik Family (SJB)  
8:00 am †Bertha Strabavy (IC)  
8:30 am †George & Johanna Mateja Off: Irene (SJB)

### Saturday, April 12

7:00 am †Frank & Josephine Czechanski Off: Family (SJB)  
4:30 pm 50th Wedding Anniversary of Raymond & Dolores Barnes  
Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

### Sunday, April 13, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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)  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass  
Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)



Betty & Dave Adam, Mary Badankovich, Elizabeth Banik, Lenny Barnaby, Mary Bayus, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Mary Danielson, Eliza-

beth Dedinsky, Magdalene Doucette, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Richard Kenneth Kaminsky, Eugene M. Kasper, Joann Keepes, Joseph Knish, Richard Kovach, Margaret Kovocik, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Albert Odlivak, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Mildred Saliga, John and Geraldine Sciacero, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, George Soltis, Angie Srencik, Mary Trelinski, Virginia Troksa, Mark Vine, Irene Walters, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



II Joseph Andras & Angela Johnson  
I Courtenay Pramuk & Andrea Cherep

## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$7,900.00
Loose.....	365.52
High School.....	47.36
Grade School.....	177.76
Total for Week.....	\$8,490.64
Cluster Collection For St. Vincent DePaul.....	\$2,930.02

### HELP



Another large bill has come our way! The parish is charged for the subscriptions to the Diocesan newspaper, *Northwest Indiana Catholic*, that you receive weekly. The bill for the unpaid subscriptions is \$19,052.00. As of this date only \$6,139.00 has been collected. The annual subscription rate is \$23.00. Those receiving the *Northwest Indiana Catholic* who have not paid for their subscription, please do so and help defray this enormous expense to the parish. Thank you!

### CHARITY SOUP DINNER

Clark High School's National Honor Society invites everyone to their 7th Charity Soup Dinner. This event has raised over \$10,000 for the Whiting Food Pantry and the St. Joseph Soup Kitchen. Join us in Clark's cafeteria, 1921 Davis Ave. on Friday, April 11th from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets available at the Clark office (659-3522) or at the door. Prices are \$4 for children under 10 and \$7 for adults. Come and enjoy delicious soup and support our local community!

### SPECIAL THANKS

Many thanks to the family and friends of Mary Talabay for their donations to our School Endowment Fund in her memory. Thanks also to friends and family at Arcelor-Mittel, Burns Harbor, for their donation in memory of Amelia Adam.

### "LITTLE WOMEN" LUNCHEON AND MATINEE

The St. John the Baptist Rosary Society cordially invites you to a chicken luncheon and a matinee performance of the Marian Theater Guild production of "Little Women, The Musical" on Sunday, April 20th. The cost is \$23 per person. Deadline for paid reservations is Sunday, April 13th. For information contact Carol Vargo at 659-3041.



### GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!

Performance schedule for the Marian Theatre Guild production of "Little Women, The Musical" is:

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19 & 26 at 8:15 pm**

**SUNDAY, April 20 & 27 at 3:00 pm**

In addition to the luncheon matinee, there is a Dinner Show available on Saturday evenings April 19 & 26. For more information or reservations call the Box Office at (219) 473-7555.

Box Office opens on Monday, April 7  
Hours: 7:00-9:00 pm Monday through Friday.  
Tickets \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### 7:00 a.m.

**April 7 & 8:** Elena Sobilo, Madaline Corpus

**April 9 & 10:** Katie & Sara Kruszynski

**April 11 & 12:** Colton & Mason Lopez

### SUNDAY MASSES

#### 4:30 pm, April 12, Saturday

Lectors: Perz, Kozak

Euch Min: J&D Franko, N Mitchell, C Vrabel, J Wozniak,  
E Igras, MJ Kansky

Altar Servers: Alex & Annalisa Hernandez, Jazmin  
Encarnacion

#### 8:00 am, April 13, Sunday

Lectors: Jancosek, Powell

Euch Min: T&S Adam, B Chidalek, L Wade, A Jurek, M Saliga

Altar Servers: Alyce, Michael & Philip Jakubielski

#### 11:00 am April 13, Sunday

Lectors: Bibat, Gonzales

Euch Min: A Barlo (CR) M Kacak, G Kusnir, M Poppen,  
S Rosendo, K Saliga, E Duray (CR) C Lannon

Altar Servers: David & Steven Matura, Nicholas Sloan

#### 5:30 pm April 13, Sunday

Altar Servers: Jonathon, Emelie & Mollie Lovasko

### CARE CENTER

**10:00 am: April 13:** N Gomez, Barb Stanich,  
J Brezene, N Koselke

### THANKS FOR A JOB "WELD" DONE!

A big thank you to Vitas Kazragys for his good work welding the several metal chairs in our school cafeteria that were in need.



More thanks are due to Vitas for the wonderful photographs he took of RCIA at the Easter Vigil Service. His services to our parish are sincerely appreciated.



### RETIRED? EAGER TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK?

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 2008. For information contact George Sullivan at 773-975-6871 or [chicago@ivcusa.org](mailto:chicago@ivcusa.org).

### DCCW QUARTERLY MEETING

You are invite to the quarterly meeting of the Gary DCCW which will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at 10:00 am at St. John the Baptist Founders Room. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$4. To register call Margaret Saliga at 659-4138 by Friday, April 11th.

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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**Calumet Bakery**  
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## NATIONAL HEALTHCARE DECISIONS DAY

On April 16, Staff from the Hospice of the Calumet Area will be on hand to present scenarios to consider when completing an advance directive and will be available to complete your advance directive immediately following. Time/locations are: 11:00 am at St. Mary Medical Center 1500 S. Lake Park Ave. in Hobart, and 6:00 pm at Hartsfield Village at 10000 Columbia Avenue, Munster.

Although these presentations are free-of-charge, they request that you RSPV to 219-922-2732 for purpose of refreshments.

## CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES

You may now obtain a Choose Life plate directly through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). The BMV will collect their specialty plate fee, as well as the \$25 fee that goes to the Indiana Association of Pregnancy Centers. Funds raised by the sale of the Choose Life license plate go to support life-affirming pregnancy resource centers in Indiana.

## REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN

To acknowledge the lives of children who have died because of miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or an early childhood death, Elizabeth Ministry will sponsor an ecumenical prayer service near the Providence Section of the St. John-St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, 1547—167th Street in Hammond, on Sunday, April 27 at 2:00 pm. To participate in the Rose Remembrance Ceremony or for more information about the program, please call Jill at 844-9475, Sue at 838-5755 or Kathy at 924-9212.

## EVER THOUGHT ABOUT GOING TO GERMANY?

You can be a part of a pilgrimage in 2010 to the Passion Play in Oberammergau and take in the sights of Catholic Germany and the Alps as well. Because of the popularity of the Passion Play, reservations are required a couple years in advance. There are only 22 reservations left for this pilgrimage. For a brochure, or more information, please contact Fr. Mike Yadron at St. Thomas More Church in Munster at 219-836-8610.

## PRAYER FOR FREEDOM

Dear Lord,  
So many today misunderstand freedom believing that it is the ability to do whatever we want.  
Help us always to remember that freedom, true freedom,  
is being able to do what we ought to do.  
That freedom, true freedom,  
is not indulging our every want and whim,  
but instead is the ability to rise above any desires that are wrong, disordered, dangerous or excessive.  
Give us the grace always to remember that true freedom makes us the people you wish us to be,  
that true freedom brings us closer to you,  
and reshapes our world in the likeness of your kingdom.

Amen



## PARISH DIRECTORY

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Colleen Lannon, Robert Hildreth, Edward Igras, Rita Krilich, Marcia Krull, Nancy Mitchell, Gary Pieters, Mary Poppen, Martha Shimala, Chris Suarez, Minerva Wieczorek, Janel Zubeck

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Edward Bojda, Darlene Beerling, Dan Botich, Linda Gajewski, Louise Kaminsky, Don Kaminsky, Milan Kruszynski

### COMMISSIONS:

#### STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

Bulletin.....Carol Bender  
Buildings/Grounds Director.....Don Kaminsky  
Church/Rectory  
School Building Facilities .....Pat Shalack

#### EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education.....Diane Puplava  
Elizabeth Ministry.....Diane Puplava  
Gymnasium.....Matthew Saliga  
Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores  
Home/School Association .....  
Panel Room Manager .....Carol Vargo  
St. John School Advisory Board.....Chair: Monique Jakubielski, Deanne Shimala, Anna Howard, Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez, Scott Thrasher  
St. John School Principal .....Mark Topp  
School Office .....Melissa Shebish, Rebecca Flores  
School Band Director.....Rich 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 Gard  
Marian Theatre Guild .....Martin Dybel  
Pirohi Makers.....Gerri Tumidalsky  
Rosary Society .....Marsha Banik

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers.....Fr. Gary Scherer, Deanne Shimala  
Care Center Coordinator.....Joseph Kruczek  
Environment .....Martin Dybel  
Eucharistic Ministers .....Eve Duray  
Lectors .....Nancy Gomez  
Liturgy Committee .....Margaret Saliga  
Marriage Coordinators.....Anne Marie Gyure, Carole Mareta  
Parish Music Director .....Geraldine Hildreth  
Prayer Group .....Marilou Tonkovich  
Sacristan .....Margaret Matuska

#### PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food Collection .....Thomas Chocholek  
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Susan Adam

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 6

Food Pantry (SJB)  
9:30-10:30 am Religious Formation (SH)  
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)  
2:00 pm Workshop for Pastoral Council Candidates (SJB)  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass  
7:00 pm C.P.P.S. Companions (SJB)

## Monday, April 7

10:30 am Bible Study (SH)  
1:00 pm Rosary Board Meeting (SJB)  
7:00 pm RCIA (SJB)  
7:00 pm Faith Enrichment (SH)

## Tuesday, April 8

6:30 pm Adult Catechism (SH)

## Wednesday, April 9

6:00—7:30 pm Faith Formation (SH)  
7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

## Thursday, April 10

8:45 am Staff Meeting (SJB)  
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

## Friday, April 11

7:00—9:00 pm Symposium for Parish Leaders (OLC)

## Saturday, April 12

9:00 am Blue and Gold (SJB)  
9:00 am-12:30 pm Symposium for Parish Leaders (OLC)

## Sunday, April 13

Food Pantry (SA)  
9:30-10:30 am Religious Formation (SH)  
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass

## ST. JOHN CATERING & BANQUET FACILITIES

Are you considering having a party? Would you like us to cater it for you, or would you like to bring your own food and rent a room? Call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041 for information on our wonderful menu and banquet facilities.

## BE A HAMMOND VOLUNTEER!

City of Hammond is inviting you to become a "Hammond Volunteer"! For more information contact City of Hammond's Owana Miller, Community Development Director, at 219-853-6371 ext. 319.

### 3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER

