

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



April 16, 2006

EASTER SUNDAY

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

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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.

ALLELUIA ...PRAISE THE LORD!

The words of Psalm 135 had to have been on Jesus' lips more than once as he endured the insults, torture and death on the cross: "My people, what have I done to you? Or in what was have I offended you? Answer me."

What has Jesus done? Out of obedience to his Heavenly Father, he came to help us grasp the beautiful reality of the depth of God's love for us. He paid the ultimate price. He died to save us from our sins and He rose from the dead to restore within each of us the intimate gift of His divine life. Today He is still truly present in the Eucharist, in His Word and in each of us. That is what He has done and continues to do for us. Our response: "Alleluia...Praise God."

What have we done in return? We have reason to shout "Alleluia." This Easter we come before the Lord to recognize that we, the people of Whiting/Robertsdale Cluster are a community of one faith. We praise God for the many faithful who worship daily and weekly at Masses and other liturgical celebrations in our churches. We praise God for the progress we made in breaking down prejudices and experiencing reconciliation among ourselves and members of our parishes. We praise God for helping us to be more sensitive to the needs of one another and for our efforts made to meet those needs by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Praise God for all He has done for us and praise Him for the gifts He has bestowed on us as a Whiting/Robertsdale community of faith.

May the Risen Lord grant you a Blessed Easter.
"Alleluia!"

*From Frs. John, Gary, Stan, Deacon Joe,
and Staff of the Whiting Robertsdale Faith Community*

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Pope John Paul II asked that the faithful participate in the Divine Mercy Novena by praying the Divine Mercy chaplet and prayers daily beginning on Good Friday and ending on the 1st Sunday after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. Copies of the prayers are available at the doors of the church. The Faith Enrichment Committee invites our Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m. where we will celebrate with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers, and Benediction. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.

THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

The Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to the Sacred Heart Rose Room Tuesday evenings, April 18th and 25th at 6:30 pm to view Fr. John Corapi's video teaching on how the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus affect our lives. Discussion follows the presentation. Come celebrate the Easter Season with a fuller understanding of the Paschal Mystery. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 17

7:00 am †Paul & Susan Samek Off: Helen & Children

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 am †Betty Bridges Off: Early Morning Rosary Group

Wednesday, April 19

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Fusak, Srncik Families Off: Norma & Steve

Thursday, April 20

7:00 am †Vivian Wajvoda Off: M/M Raymond Sabol & Family

Friday, April 21

7:00 am †Anne Sunny Off: First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assoc. Branch #81

Saturday, April 22

7:00 am †Josephine Benko Off: Barbara Jean & Ron
2:00 pm David Bukovac & Lauren Oppolo Wedding
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, April 23, Second Sunday of Easter

7:00 am For Our Parish Family
9:00 am For Our Parish Family
11:00 am For Our Parish Family
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite



Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, John Dubec, Magdalene Douchette, Sophie Foley, Patrica Iwan, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Ann Mihalso, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Members of our parish community, family, or friends are serving in foreign lands. Please pray for these brave men and women: Robert Bughman, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., 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 list, please contact the rectory.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

JEFFERY A. STOLARZ, DDS

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly	\$10,333.31
Loose.....	\$629.67
High School.....	\$23.50
Grade School.....	\$116.59
Total for the Week.....	\$11,103.07
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$2,921.33

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

The 2006 Catholic Service Appeal will begin in all parishes of the diocese in two weeks, on April 29-30. The CSA provides an opportunity for all people in the Diocese of Gary to give witness to their faith and to affirm their unity as people of God by responding to one another's needs. The participation of all our parishioners is essential in order for our diocese to continue the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our parish benefits from the appeal.

This week you should receive a letter from Bishop Melczek sharing his message of Christian stewardship with you. The mailing will include a brochure giving information about the many ministries the appeal supports and how your gifts are used. Please take some time to read the information and prayerfully consider a gift to this year's CSA.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Many thanks to those who contributed towards Operation Rice Bowl this Lenten season. Let us continue to pray for all those who work for justice and who benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief Services. Learn how to stay connected with our global family by taking time to visit the Catholic Relief Services website at www.crs.org. Thank you for supporting the many programs that CRS offers.

MANY, MANY THANKS!!

A big "thank you" goes out to all of our parish family who helped make the food drive a huge success! Those in need greatly appreciated your giving. Also sincere thanks to all who generously contributed to the Migrant Workers Collection. God bless you all and have a happy Easter!

SCHOOL NEWS

TRIP SCHEDULE

4/24 (Last Order Date) 5/1 (Pick Up Date)
Final payment to school 5/8/06

RACE FOR EDUCATION

St. John school children are participating in a RACE FOR EDUCATION on Friday, April 28. Please support our "RACE." Obtain a pledge form in church at the end of each pew, the school office, the rectory, or on the parish website sjbcatholicparish.org. You can make a general donation to the school by indicating this at the bottom of the form. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!

Congratulations to the following Bishop Noll Institute students who have made the Third Marking Period honor roll! Magna Cum Laude: Krystle Howard, Heather Wanek, Nicole Gamboa, Consuelo Moreno, Jacob Pelletier, Lilliana Cruz; Summa Cum Laude: Terra Vianello, Jesus Hernandez, John Grogan, Christopher Menchaca, Patrick Nee, Joshua Pelletier, Steven Radloff; Cum Laude: Nicholas Fornaciari, Nicole Bobos, Jamie Jalouga, Ian Smith-Garcia, Ruth Barlo.

MARIAN THEATRE ROMANTIC COMEDY

Marian Theatre Guild will hold its spring romantic comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest" on the weekends of April 22, 23, 29, 30, Saturdays at 8:15 p.m., Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Dinner theatre is available on Saturday performances. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Call 219-473-7555 for more information.

DCCW MEETING

All women of the Gary Diocese are considered members and are encouraged to attend the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's quarterly meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 10 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul on 57th & Harrison, Merrillville. Lunch will be served.

LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Whiting Lions Club Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 23, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the St. John Panel Room. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Proceeds benefit many community service projects.

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Thursday, April 20th starting with services at 1:15 p.m. in Church with meeting to follow in the Mural Room. Group 13 with their Promoter Irene Majeta will host the social hours with cards and bunco.

GARAGE MAHAL

It's time for spring-cleaning and Garage Mahal! Our parish will be participating this year in the citywide Garage Mahal. It will be held on Saturday, May 20th in the parish garage. Donations will be needed and accepted at a later date. Details coming soon!

MOUNT CARMEL ALUMNI BANQUET

Mount Carmel High School Annual Alumni Banquet Friday, May 5th in the Mount Carmel Convocation Center, 6410 S. Dante, Chicago. Cocktails 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. The classes of 1956 and 1981 are the honored guests this year. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$55 at the door. Call Fr. Peter McGarry 773-359-0463 or at pmcgarry@mchs.org.



I Brian J. Johnson & Leslie Ann Dasgupta
III David M. Bukovac & Lauren M. Oppolo

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, April 22

Lectors: L. Gonzalez, J. Kozak

Euch Min: E. Igras, R&B Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk, MJ Kansky,
D. McCampbell, C. Vrabel

Altar Servers: Stephanie Perz, Taylor Pokraka, Steven
Radloff

7:00 am, April 23

Lectors: G. Jancosek, R. Matlon

Euch Min: T. Barilla, D&R Barnes, L. Kilander,
E. Matuska, C. Pesenko, M. Saliga

Altar Servers: Elliot Bibat, Brittany & Matthew
Bulatovich

9:00 am, April 23

Lectors: F. Powell, L. Barron

Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, I. Dominguez, R&J Zubeck,
A. Jurek

Altar Servers: Andres Ramirez, Brian Reeves, Greg
Sienkiewicz

11:00 am, April 23

Lectors: N. Gomez, S. Silva

Euch Min: M. Knazur, D. Cuculich, K. Scalf,
N. Mitchell, M&K Wagner, E. Duray, C. Lannon

Altar Servers: Jackie Camacho, Julio Casares IV,
Donnella Casillas

5:30 pm, April 23

Altar Servers: Anneliese Szutenbach, Emily & Hilary
Vargo

CARE CENTER

April 23: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska, L. Biel

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

April 17 & 18: Samantha Barilla & Amanda Blackwell

April 19 & 20: Rachel Boland & Ryan Brown

April 21 & 22: Joseph & Abby Bondi

CATHEDRAL ARTS ORGAN CONCERT



The Cathedral Arts Concert Series presents a Spring Organ Recital by Stephen J. Schnurr, Jr., on Sunday, April 23rd, at 3:00 p.m. at The Cathedral of the Holy Angeles, Seventh Avenue. & Tyler Street, Gary, Indiana. Works by J.S. Bach, Louis-

Nicolas Clerambault, Jean Langlais & Cesar Franck will be played. In celebration of the Holy Angels Parish Centennial, this program recreates the March 28, 1965, dedicatory recital of the Cathedral's Casavant organ. A free will offering will be accepted. For information call 219-882-6079 or 219-531-0922.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Do you want to deepen your relationship with your spouse and rediscover the joy in your married relationship? If so, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is for you. We are taking reservations for the Weekend of April 28-30 in Merrillville. If interested or for more information, call Mark or Mary at 219-838-3962, or visit 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 Education..... Diane Puplava
Elizabeth Ministry: Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman
Gymnasium..... Matthew 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 Director..... Rich Mlynarski
School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado
Cub Scouts.....Michael Maloney
Girl ScoutsJeannine Dabertin

PARISH LIFE

Holy Name Society Anthony Barilla
Homebound..... Deacon Joe Manchak
Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton
Marian Theatre Guild Martin Dybel
Pirohi Makers..... Geri Tumidalsky
Rosary Society.....Marsha Banik

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar MinistersFr. Gary Scherer
Care Center Coordinator.....Joseph Kruczek
Environment Martin Dybel
Eucharistic Ministers Eve Duray
Lectors Nancy Gomez
Liturgy CommitteeMargaret Saliga
Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin
Parish Music Director..... Geraldine Hildreth
Prayer Group.....Marilou Tonkovich
Sacristan Margaret Matuska

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food CollectionThomas Chocholek
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Diane Kaminsky

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 16, EASTER SUNDAY

No FFP Classes

11:00 am 3rd Rite of Baptism

Monday, April 17

SJS Easter Break –No School

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, April 18

SJS Easter Break –No School

6:30-8:00 pm Fr. Corapi Video & Discussion
(SH) on the Paschal Mystery

Wednesday, April 19

SJS Easter Break –No School

No FFP Classes

10:00 am DCCW Mtg., St. Peter & Paul

7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday, April 20

SJS Easter Break –No School

1:15 pm Rosary Society (SJ)



Friday, April 21

SJS Easter Break –No School

Saturday, April 22

Sunday, April 23

No FFP Classes

7:00 am—1:00 pm Lions Pancake Breakfast in
SJ Panel Room

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

3:00 pm Divine Mercy (SJ)

3:00 pm Cathedral Arts Concert

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

SLOVAK DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, June 4, the annual Slovak Day Celebration will take place at the Salvatorian Shrine, 5755 Pennsylvania Street, in Merrillville. It will begin with Mass at 10:30 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Dale Melczek, and other clergy of Slovak descent. Festivities of the day include ethnic foods, entertainment for all, exhibits, games, raffles, bake sale, and dancing from 3:00-6:00 p.m. to music provided by the Gene Mikrut Orchestra. For information call Betty & Carl Yurechko, 219-662-1218, or -887-0866.

