

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



APRIL 30, 2006
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
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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.

**A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE?
A NEED FOR YOUR IDEAS**

Our Parish Council members invite you to a presentation on the Diocesan Program entitled: "Future Full of Hope," on Sunday afternoon, April 30, at 1:00 p.m. in the Mural Room. We are looking to parishioners for ideas, suggestions, and plans to help shape the future directions for our parish and the Diocese for the next three to five years. What should we do to enhance the life of our parish? Our Education and Formation processes? Our liturgies? What more can we do as a parish and as a Diocese regarding Peace and Social Justice? How can we become better stewards of God's gifts? Specially prepared programs are available in church next to the bulletins. Take a copy home. If you cannot join us this Sunday, your written responses are most welcome. Your input is most important for the future work of our Parish Council and the Diocese. Thank you!

Fr. John



Children from our School and Faith Formation Program will receive their First Holy Communion during the 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 6th, and the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, May 7th. Please keep these children in your prayers.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

Today, the annual Catholic Services Appeal begins for 2006. Funds raised through this appeal are used to support the work of the diocese through its many ministries and services. Parishioners throughout our diocese will unite in faith to share a portion of their blessings with the local and universal Church. This year our parish hopes to exceed its goal of \$59,493.00. Remember, every dollar collected above the goal is returned to the parish to help finance programs, renovations, or ministries here at St. John Parish.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration on Friday, May 5th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. Litany, Rosary and Benediction are included at 5:25 p.m. Pray that the Great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy will intercede for the people of God to grow in appreciation and respect for the dignity of human life in all its stages.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Will benefit the work of our Whiting St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you to everyone who accepts the challenge of this corporal work of mercy.

Monday, May 1, Joseph the Worker
7:00 am †Joseph Geffert Off: St. John Rosary Society

Tuesday, May 2, Athanasius, bishop, doctor
7:00 am †Elizabeth Posavec Off: John & Bernice Victor, Brother
8:30 am †Anna M. Frenchik Off: Ernie, Kay & Marc Kiekenapp

Wednesday, May 3, Philip and James, apostles
7:00 am †John Bobos Off: Wife, Theresa & Family
8:30 am †Richard C. Fortunak, Sr. Off: Lofay Family

Thursday, May 4
7:00 am †Joanne M. Kiester Off: Family

Friday, May 5
7:00 am †Andrew Dybel Off: Wife & Family
8:30 am †Mihalov & Markovich Families Off: Daughter, Helen

Saturday, May 6
7:00 am †Deceased Members of Matalik & Emolovich Families Off: Ed & Adeline
2:00 pm Brian Johnson & Leslie Dasgupta Wedding
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family, Jack & Lucy Biel, 40th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday, May 7, Fourth 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



Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Mary Berland, 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, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnck, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Helen Bronowicki, Aunt of Nicholas Jones

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.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,431.97
Loose.....	\$414.80
High School.....	\$36.50
Grade School.....	\$99.55
Total for the Week.....	\$9,982.82

FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETING

You are invited to the Sacred Heart Rose Room on Monday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly Faith Enrichment Committee meeting. Come with your suggestions for future programs which may benefit our faith community. Everyone is always welcome. Questions, call Margaret 659-4138.

During the month of May you are encouraged to pray the rosary. St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 2011 Clark St., invites everyone to gather at 6:00 p.

**May
Month of
The Blessed
Mother**



m. daily, Monday through Friday, at the outdoor shrine to pray the rosary together. At St. John Church the rosary is prayed both before and after the 7:00 a.m. daily Mass. Many families pray the rosary together remembering the saying: "the family that prays together stays together." Mary's prayer is a powerful one as we meditate upon the sacred scriptures brought to mind through the various mysteries of the rosary. May the rosary draw us ever closer to God's love inspiring us to reach out in love to others.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, May 7th, 2:00 p.m., at St. Mary Church, 525 Broad St., Griffith. The Rosary will be prayed in church for those unable to march. Call 836-8779.

Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue will be at the home of Anne Singel, 1533 Cleveland, Whiting, May 6 through May 13. Come pray the rosary with us each day at 10 am, 1 pm, and 7 pm!

ROSARY PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to attend this Rosary Service, during which we will pray the Luminous Mysteries, for families whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child in miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS or other cause of infant or early childhood death. The Rosary will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7th at the Providence Statue at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 1547 - 167th Street, Hammond. In case of rain, we will meet in the cemetery chapel. Sponsored by Our Lady of Grace and St. Thomas More Elizabeth Ministries. For Information call Sue Kresich 838-5755, Kathy Dominguez 924-9212 or St. Joseph's Cemetery 844-9475.

MARIAN THEATRE ROMANTIC COMEDY



Last chance to see the Marian Theatre Guild's performance of the spring romantic comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest" is this weekend, April 29 and 30; Saturday at 8:15 p.m., Sunday at 3:00 p.m. Call 219-473-7555 for more information. Don't miss this wonderful show!

ST. JOHN/ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CEMETERY

Is now offering a selection of beautiful spring decorations. Your order will be a touching remembrance to your loved ones, as well as enhancing the appearance of the cemetery. All proceeds from the sale of the decorations, which includes an assortment of floral arrangements and/or eternal solar lights, will be used to assist the Holy Innocents Emergency Shelter at the East Chicago's Carmelite Home for Girls. The Holy Innocents Shelter was established in 2000 and provides compassionate care for infants and toddlers who find themselves without parents and families. For additional information, call Mike Welsh 844-9475 or stop by the cemetery office to make your selection.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

The St. John Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory dining room. Anyone wishing to help with the planning of future liturgies is invited to attend. We welcome your suggestions.

Wedding Banns

II James Holmes & Amy Moricz
III Brian J. Johnson & Leslie Ann Dasgupta

THANK YOU

We are grateful to an anonymous donor for the gift of \$250.00 for the Church. Also, thank you to the anonymous donors for their gift in Memory of Deacon Dave Hajduch.

FOOTPRINTS ON OUR HEARTS A MEMORIAL SERVICE

The parish Elizabeth Ministry of Saints Peter & Paul church, 5885 Harrison St., Merrillville, In. is sponsoring a memorial service for any families whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child in miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS or other causes of infant death. Please join us in the day chapel on Thursday, May 11th at 7 p.m. For information call sister Karen 980-3478.

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LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, May 6

Lectors: M. Banik, P. Banik

Euch Min: G&C Rosen, J. Wozniak, M. Knazur,
D. McCampbell, N. Mitchell, D. Cuculich

Altar Servers: Adam Flores, Joseph Franko, Julian
Gonzalez

7:00 am, May 7

Lectors: R. Matlon, D. Guiden

Euch Min: L. Kilander, T. Barilla, T&S Adam,
G. Jancosek, M. Saliga, E. Matuska

Altar Servers: Brian & Nicholas Lawson, Justin Lerma

9:00 am, May 7

Lectors: L. Barron, R. Jakubielski

Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, Br. J. Hall, B. Delinck, E. Igras,
M. Jakubielski, E. Duray, F. Delinck

Altar Servers: Garret Goodwin, Jessica Hatczel,
Krystle Howard

11:00 am, May 7

Lectors: D. Bondi, M. Bibat

Euch Min: MJ Kansky, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk,
C. Lannon, Erwin Roldan

Altar Servers: Christine & Adam Lewandowski,
Jessica Lopez

5:30 pm, May 7

Altar Servers: Joseph Igras, Alison Kouris, Jason
Kresich

CARE CENTER

May 7: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska, J. Kaminsky

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

May 1 & 2: Andrew Franko & Bianca Gonzalez

May 3 & 4: Rachel Grunhard & Rachel Hurtig

May 5 & 6: Alyce Jakubielski & Katelyn Kruszynski



LIFE TEEN 2006 FLOWER SALE

The Life Teen Flower Sale is now under-way. Purchase your beautiful spring flowers through Life Teen and enjoy the convenience of picking them up at the church May 20th! Vouchers are also available if you choose to pick out your own flowers.

Please drop off your completed order forms with payment after all masses this weekend in the collection basket, school lobby, or at the rectory. If you need an order form, they are available at all church entrances or at our parish website, www.sjbcatholicparish.org. Orders will be taken through May 14. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Candi at 659-1663. She'll help you out!!

SAINT CAS FEST 2006

All crafters are invited to join the Saint Cas Fest 2006 on Saturday, August 26. For more information or an application, please call Donna at 219-937-6380.

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 30

- 8:30 am First Communion (SH)
- 9:00 am FFP Classes, Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 10:45 am First Communion (SH)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Monday, May 1, TRIP Pick Up

- 6:30 pm Faith Enrichment
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)



Feast of St. Joseph

Tuesday, May 2

- 6:30 pm School Advisory Board (SJ)
- 7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul (SH)

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

- 4:00-5:00 pm Confessions
- 7:00 pm Faith Formation Board Meeting
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SA)

Friday, May 5

- 8:30 am Communion to Shut-ins
- 1:00-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJ)

Saturday, May 6

- Food Drive (SJ)
- 4:30 pm 1st Communion (SJ)

Sunday, May 7

- Food Drive (SJ)
- 9:00 am First Communion (SJ)
- 9:00 am FFP Classes, Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am First Communion (SJ)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite
- 7:00 pm C.P.P.S. Companions

CALUMET COLLEGE WOMEN'S GUILD LUNCHEON
 The Women's Guild of Calumet College of St. Joseph is planning a Luncheon May 27th at Dynasty Banquet Hall. A social hour and vendors will be from 11:00 a. m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. with entertainment, raffle and door prizes to follow. The Guild provides financial support for the college's education, facilities and programs. Tickets are \$30, call 659-0913 or 659-2433.