

*All Are Welcome . . .*

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



MAY 28, 2006  
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

## 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

Florence Gazda, Louise Kaminsky

## Telephone (219)/Website Information

Parish Office.....659-0023  
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School Office.....659-3042  
School Fax.....473-7553  
Religious Formation.....473-7557  
St. John Program:  
Baptism.....473-7557  
RCIA.....473-7557  
Children's Faith Formation.....219-765-9916  
Life Teen Coordinators:  
Marjie Biel: marjbie1@yahoo.com or 973-1283  
Candi Stapleton: Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com  
or 659-1663  
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.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE



### EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

On the First Friday of the month, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at St. John the Baptist Church from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Benediction follows.

Come to adore our Lord Jesus and pray to grow in a greater appreciation of the love given to us through His Sacred Heart and to share His love with others. Sign-up sheets for times are available at each entrance of the Church.

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The St. John/St. Joseph Diocesan Cemetery's Annual Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 29, at 10:30 am. Mass will be celebrated next to the cemetery office. Join us as we honor the memory of our loved ones who have faithfully served our nation.

### BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next series of parish baptisms will be celebrated during the month of June. To register or to receive more information please contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or at dpupilava@hotmail.com.

### COME AND SEE

If you have never been baptized, been baptized in another denomination or have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion, we invite you to Come and See what the RCIA is. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and is a process designed to help adults learn about the Catholic faith. We will have a Come and See session on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. John to share details about the RCIA process. Please pass this information along if you know of someone who might be interested. Contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com for information.

### CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

As of May 21, only 284 of 1100 families have given to the CSA. The total amount pledged is \$41,205.00. Our parish goal for this year is \$59,493.00. For those who have not yet made pledges, envelopes are available in the church pews and at the rectory. Please place your completed pledge envelope in the collection basket, or rectory drop box—side door. The Diocese depends heavily on funds raised through CSA to support its many ministries and services from which people throughout our diocese and parish benefit. Please be generous. Remember any amount received over our goal is returned to our parish. Thank you!

### 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. (Please call the rectory at 659-0023 to add a name.)



Please note this listing now includes Masses for St. Adalbert, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. John the Baptist parishes.

Monday, May 29, Memorial Day

7:00 am †Georgene Smaluk Off: Husband Alex & Sons (SJB)

8:00 am †Rose Perisho (SA)

10:30 am Memorial Day Mass, St. John-St. Joseph Cemetery

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 am †Linda Shimala Talaby Off: Mother, Martha (SJB)

8:00 am †Joseph & Catherine Bakos (SA)

8:30 am †Ray & Carol Walters Off: Robert Walters (SJB)

Wednesday, May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society (SJB)

8:00 am †Robert J. Gacsko (SA)

8:30 am †John & Theresa Sabol Off: Children (SJB)

Thursday, June 1, Justin, martyr

7:00 am †Phyllis McCampbell Off: Ralph & Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Edward M. Poropat (SA)

Friday, June 2, Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs

7:00 am †Robert J. Gulvas Off: Michael Nagy, Sr. Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley (SA)

8:30 am †Arnold Mashura Off: Louis Mashura, Brother (SJB)

Saturday, June 3, Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs

7:00 am †Jerry Germick Off: Don & Barb Poppen (SJB)

2:00 pm Brian Witak & Sheila Calinski Wedding

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family (SJB)

5:30 pm †Knazur Family (SH)

Sunday, June 4, Pentecost Sunday

7:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Sophie Odinsonoff (SA)

8:15 am †Andrew & Mary Hudacek (IC)

8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

9:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

10:15 am †Irene Flisiak (SA)

10:45 am †Helen Monczka (Anniversary) (SH)

11:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)

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

## Pray For

Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rosemary Bobos, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Sophie Foley, Patrica Iwan, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Dixie Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$7,909.08
Loose.....	\$554.45
High School.....	\$26.00
Grade School.....	\$130.00
Total for the Week.....	\$8,619.53

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our Faith Formation Program for children in our community has ended for this school year. It was a very successful and productive year! We thank the parents for their commitment to the religious education and formation of their children. We also thank the children for their enthusiasm for learning more about their faith!

At this time we are still accepting re-registration for students who attended Faith Formation Classes this past year. Parents should complete the re-registration form that they received and mail it with the required registration fee to Diane Puplava, 1844 Lincoln Ave., Whiting IN 46394. (write registration fee checks to St. John Church)

Open registration for new students will take place in early August. Please watch the bulletin for details. Contact Diane Puplava at 219-473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com for more information.



### FATHERS DAY CHICKEN DINNER

The St. John Panel Room is sponsoring a Father's Day Chicken Dinner on Sunday, June 18. The price is \$12 for adults and \$9 for children 10 years and under. Serving is at 12:30 pm. No carryouts will be available. Contact Carol Vargo at 659-3041 or the rectory for ticket information.

### THANK YOU

With gratitude we thank an Anonymous donor for the gift of \$1000 to the School Endowment Fund.

### LIFE TEEN NEWS

The members of Life Teen would like to thank all who supported us through our annual flower sale. We sold \$2979.00 in flowers and vouchers and realized a profit of \$698.00. If you missed our sale, you may still purchase vouchers for \$11.00 each by calling Candi Stapleton at 659-1663. Vouchers may be redeemed at Zandstra's Greenhouse in Highland until June 25<sup>th</sup>. The profit from our flower sale helps us minister to the teens in our community.

All High School Students (including 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates) are invited to join us on our trip to Great America on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information and permission slips may be picked up after the 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass on Sunday.

We invite everyone to join us for the Life Teen Mass each Sunday at 5:30 pm. We'd love to see you there!

### *Wedding Banns*

- I Matthew Maicher & Nely Cervantes
- II James Valentovich, Jr. & Krystal Markovich
- III Brian Witak & Shelia Calinski

## SCHOOL NEWS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that we will present Vacation Bible School for children ages 4 to 8 of our community during the week of June 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms will be inserted in next week's bulletin. We are still in need of a few adults to help out either in classrooms or with crafts or snack. Please contact Diane Puplava at 219-473-7557 or at dpuplava@hotmail.com for more information.

### FOREVER BLUE & GOLD

#### ~ST. JOHN FAMILY~

Trivia question: The Sisters of Providence served St. John School for 75 years. How many sisters actually taught at St. John?

Answer: The good Sisters of Providence taught at St. John School from 1913 until 1987. During that time period, 271 dedicated nuns served as teachers and principals of St. John School. Which Sister was your favorite?

Today's SJS question: Many wonderful plays and productions have been presented by the children of St. John School. What did the student production, "Done In Oil," commemorate?

## PARISH LIFE

### NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> marks National Cancer Survivors Day, an annual worldwide Celebration of Life held in hundreds of communities throughout the United States and other countries. As part of our local celebration, St. John church will join others in ringing our tower bells at 3:00 pm, demonstrating community support for survivors and the professionals who help them overcome cancer.



### THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

This Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and civic participation. There are four categories: Children (14 and younger); Young Adults (15-25); Adults (26 and up); Families and groups (two or more people). Each category has three levels of Award based on the hours of service completed within a 12-month period.

Immaculate Conception Parish is sponsoring this program. They are registered as a Certifying Organization. It is through them that service hours will be confirmed. Everyone in the Whiting/Robertsdale Cluster is invited to participate. More explicit details about this wonderful program can be found in a flier located next to the bulletins at the back of the church. For additional questions, to submit your volunteer's hours, or to nominate someone for the Award, contact Lori Zemen, 659-8516 or email her at zlaz04@yahoo.com. The deadline to qualify for 2005 calendar year's award is July 10, 2006.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK  
COLUMBIA LOCK & KEY  
6560 COLUMBIA AVE. HAMMOND  
931-2614

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, June 3

Lectors: J. Wagner, J. Kozak

Euch Min: G&C Rosen, J&D Franko, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk

Altar Servers: Annie Labus, Erin Lawson, Demetria Beaulieu

7:00 am, June 4

Lectors: Helen Marie, R. Pesenko

Euch Min: T. Barilla, L. Barron, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek, D. Cuculich, E. Matuska, L. Kilander

Altar Servers: Alec, Eric & Anthony Rodriguez

9:00 am, June 4

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, E. Remmers

Euch Min: Br. J. Hall, I. Dominguez, M. Jakubielski, L. Wade, D. Weber, A. Jurek, E. Duray, M. Poppen

Altar Servers: Alex Lewandowski, Johnathon Lovasko, Nickolas Lerma

11:00 am, June 4

Lectors: P. Banik, M. Banik

Euch Min: M&K Wagner, M. Knazur, Evelyn Roldan, K. Saliga, MJ Kansky

Altar Servers: Vincent Rossodivito, Kelly Rusnak, Brianna Scivinsky

5:30 pm, June 4

Altar Servers: Robert Markovich, Javier Mena, Michelle Mirza

### CARE CENTER

June 4: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska

### WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

May 29 & 30: Ashley Pokraka & Clarke Remmers

May 31 & June 1: Rafael & Karina Rodriguez

June 2 & 3: Eric Roldan & Adam Rosado

### GARAGE MAHAL THANKS

One person's junk is truly one person's treasure! This was so evident during our Garage Mahal Sale held on May 20 in the parish garage. The efforts of many people helped us earn \$2,134.25 from this sale! These monies will be used for the school's technology fund. We would like to thank everyone who donated their "treasures." Also thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to sort, price, move, and sell our junk, especially: Pat Likens, Maria Ihnat, Vicky and Jay Lockridge, Lorie Matulewicz, Diana Benjamin, Mary Anne Lewandowski, Rebecca Rivich, Jim Strabavy, the 7th Grade boys, Mary Kish, and members of the Thrasher and Lovasko families. Without their help, this sale would not have been possible. Start saving your treasures for next year!

### K OF C WIVES CLUB

Installation Dinner will be June 13 at the K of C Hall. The cost is \$5.00 and reservation deadline is June 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, \$15.00 for the "No-Bake Bake Sale" is due now. Send dinner reservation and "No-Bake Bake Sale" money to Dorothy Kovacik, 2750 White Oak Avenue, Whiting, IN 46394.

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

### PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food Collection .....Thomas Chocholek  
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Diane Kaminsky

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 28 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJ)

### Monday, May 29, MEMORIAL DAY

No Bible Study  
10:30 am Memorial Day Mass, St. John/St. Joseph  
Cemetery

### Tuesday, May 30

### Wednesday, May 31

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)  
7:00 pm Prayer Group

### Thursday, JUNE 1

4:00-5:00 pm Confessions  
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SA)

### Friday, JUNE 2

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

### Saturday, JUNE 3 — Food Drive (SJ)

10:00 am—2:00 pm Girl Scout Car Wash (SJ)  
8:30 am Hammond Dog Walk

### Sunday, JUNE 4, PENTECOST

Food Drive (SJ)  
10:30 am—6:00 pm Slovak Day Celebration at  
Salvatorian Shrine, Merrillville  
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJ)

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Hunter Banas who is graduating from Mount Carmel High School on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Hunter is one of our Altar Servers and has been since he was in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We thank him for his years of dedication and wish him well as he heads off to college.

### ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE WINNERS

Many thanks to all those who supported the Bake Sale and Raffle! Congratulations to the winners of the raffle: First Prize: Dorothy Kasper; Second Prize: Barbara Poppen; Third Prize: Betty Delinck; Fourth Prize: Honey Lissy.

### CELEBRATE LIFE!

St. Catherine Hospital is hosting a "Cancer Survivors' Day" Celebration on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m. It will be held in the Professional Office Building Conference room. Please call 836-3477 to register. RSVP by Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

