

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Congratulations Graduating Class of 2006! St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Kacey Nicole Amendola
Alexander Richard Barrett
Safire Irene Berkley
Rachel Boland
Nichole Bradich
Ryan Joseph Brown
Brittany Bulatovich
Jacqueline A. Camacho
Amanda L. Cote'
Angelo Christopher DiCera
Kayla Christine Dietz
Kenneth Robert Dugan
Sabrina Esparza
Dennis R. Flores
Luke John Fornaciari
Kathleen Elizabeth Franciski
William A. Galgan
Carolina Ariel Garcia
Michael Adam Gazler
Crystal Godinez
Joseph Grogan
Lauren J. Kieltyka
Christine Marie Lewandowski
Jessica Melissa Lopez

Andrew Lowe
Michael D. Maloney III
Alexis A. Marin
Joseph Stephen Murzyn
Eryn D. Murzyn
Margaret Mary Musillami
Christine Ann Novak
Bianca Cyra Oria
Michael Alexander Palomo
Ashlee Rene Prusinski
Robert Phillip Razo II
Clarke Edward Remmers
Amanda Elizabeth Rosado
Christopher E. Slater, Jr.
Marcos Soto
Tania Spezza
Katherine R. Staley
Chelsae Alyse Strabavy
Heather Lynn Stupeck
Daniel J. Szutenbach
Sarah Marie Wheeler
Jacob Robert Wright
Mallory A. Wisotsky

PENTECOST – TRUST HIM

St. Paul was not present at Pentecost but he was keenly aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Despite his early persecution of Christians, he had encountered the risen Jesus, experienced His forgiveness, and been led by the Holy Spirit in his missionary journeys, strengthened as he endured suffering and persecution. Therefore, he speaks with eloquence because he experienced the Holy Spirit. This Holy Spirit is present in the church and present in each of us.

Come Holy Spirit! In our world of war's insecurity and senseless killings, growing tension among races, unstable markets, and mistrust of neighbors, we need the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. Today, we turn to our Heavenly Father with renewed trust in His providential care and concern. As His sons and daughters we pray, "Strengthen us with your Holy Spirit, fill us with your wisdom, and guide us with your light."

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 26th 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 more information.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

As of May 28, only 299 of 1100 families have given to the CSA. The total amount pledged is \$42,387.00. Our parish goal for this year is \$59,493.00. For those who have not yet made pledges, envelopes are available at the rectory. Please place your completed pledge envelope in the collection basket, or rectory drop box—side door. 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.)



Listing includes Masses for St. Adalbert, Immaculate Conception, Sacred Heart, and St. John the Baptist parishes.

Monday, June 5, Boniface, bishop, martyr
 7:00 am †Joseph & Mary Kissel Off: Margaret (SJB)
 8:00 am †John Petro (IC)
 7:00 pm Graduation, St. John (SJB)

Tuesday, June 6, Norbert, bishop
 7:00 am †Michael Girman Off: Daughter, Pat (SJB)
 8:00 am †Alma Koch (1st Anniversary) (IC)
 8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of Furiak Family
 Off: Donnie & Family (SJB)

Wednesday, June 7
 7:00 am †Deceased Members of Kulas Family Off: John (SJB)
 8:00 am †Robert J. Gacsko (IC)
 8:30 am †Del Bondi Off: Wife & Children (SJB)

Thursday, June 8
 7:00 am †Joseph & Tillie Spilly Off: Sons (SJB)
 8:00 am †Helen Miklos (IC)

Friday, June 9, Ephrem, deacon, doctor
 7:00 am †Deceased Members of: Potasnik, Zehme, Molson Families (SJB)
 8:00 am †Sister M. Mildred (IC)

Saturday, June 10
 7:00 am †Anne Csigas Off: Daughter, Karen (SJB)
 2:00 pm James Valentovich, Jr. & Krystal Markovich Wedding (SJB)
 4:30 pm For Our Parish Family, 50th Wedding Anniversary Joe & Grace Mihalov (SJB)
 5:30 pm †Robert Gacsko (SH)

Sunday, June 11, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
 7:00 am For Our Parish Family (SJB)
 8:00 am †Pat Nelson & James DeCarlo (SA)
 8:15 am †Alfred Coppolillo (IC)
 8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
 9:00 am For Our Parish Family, St. John Holy Name Society (SJB)
 10:15 am †Rose Perisho (SA)
 10:45 am †Richard Rocky (SH)
 11:00 am For Our Parish Family, 60th Wedding Anniversary Joe & Florence Gresko (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, David Luttrell, Dixie Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

 *Rest in Peace* Millie Ruzbasan

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$8,276.45
Loose.....	\$353.03
High School.....	\$58.50
Grade School.....	\$151.52
Total for the Week.....	\$8,839.50
Haiti collection.....	\$2,192.00

SPECIAL FATHER’S DAY COLLECTION

As Father’s Day approaches, take time to remember when your father was there to take care of you. Catholic Charities helps individuals and families in need of emotional and material assistance. Your donation is used for the continuation of programs that provide help and create hope for these members of our community. Please be generous in this time of increased need for services and declining resources.

CHILDREN’S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

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 Pupilava, 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 Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com for more information.

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Sacred Heart Church invites you to join in celebrating The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 23rd. The bilingual celebration will begin with Mass at 8:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayer groups are welcome. In closing we will have a bilingual Mass at 7:00 p.m. ending with a short play about the life and devotion of St. Margaret Mary to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A social hour will follow. All are invited. For further information call 659-1319.

LIFE TEEN NEWS

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

A Teen Choir is being formed to sing at the Life Teen Masses. All teens are invited to come and sing at the 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass. No registration or auditions are required. Rehearsal will start June 4th at 4:30 p.m. in St. John Church. Call Laura Powell at 473-9931 for more information.

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

Wedding Banns

- I Matthew Stasik & Angela Mattozzi
- II Matthew Maicher & Nely Cervantes
- III James Valentovich, Jr. & Krystal Markovich

FOREVER BLUE & GOLD

~ST. JOHN FAMILY~

If you said that the eighth grade student production, Done In Oil, was presented as part of the festivities to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of St. John Parish in 1972, you would be absolutely correct! Now for “bonus points”, what teacher directed the show? If you guessed James Crinion, you’re a winner!

IT’S PICNIC TIME!

The W/R Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to the Whiting/Robertsdale Annual Interfaith Potluck Picnic at Whiting Park Pavilion, Sunday, June 25. As in the past, parking will be free to participants; just mention that you’re attending the Interfaith Picnic. We will begin with a brief prayer service at 1:00 p.m. led by our area pastors and followed by an afternoon of “feasting” and friendship. Please mark your calendar now and make plans to participate. Bring food to share and your own beverage. Paper plates, cups and flatware will be provided. Come with friends and family for a fun filled, delicious afternoon.



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 19th. Registration forms are in 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 Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or at dpupilava@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 659-3041 or the rectory for ticket information.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATERING/BANQUET FACILITIES**

Are you having a wedding, graduation party, birthday party, family reunion, class reunion, bridal shower or quinceanera? Would you like us to cook for you? Or would you like to bring your own food and rent a room? Call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041 or go to www.sjbcatholicparish.org and click on the Meetings and Facilities tab for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Richard & Geraldine Tumidalsky
on 50 years of marriage June 9!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit all articles by 1:00 p.m. on Monday. Those received after the deadline will be published in next week’s edition.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
BIRTH CHOICE**

2450 -169th Street, Hammond
Pregnant? Need Help? Call 219-554-1774

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, June 10

Lectors: A. Perz, L. Gonzales

Euch Min: D. McCampbell, N. Mitchell, M. Poppen,
L. Barron, D&L Blackwell, M. Knazur

Altar Servers: Jessica Hatzcel, Adam Flores, Andres
Ramirez

7:00 am, June 11

Lectors: D. Guiden, R. Matlon

Euch Min: T&S Adam, D&R Barnes, B. Chidalek,
E. Matuska, L. Kilander

Altar Servers: Lenka Vojtila, Katherine Wheeler,
Jenna Wozniak

9:00 am, June 11

Lectors: T. Barilla, R. Mikola

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, Br. J. Hall, S&E
Bakajza, E. Igras, E. Duray, MJ Kansky

Altar Servers: David Moats, Joshua & Jacob Pelletier

11:00 am, June 11

Lectors: K. Lannon, D. Botich

Euch Min: J. Bondi, C. Lannon, Erwin Roldan, M&K
Wagner, K. Saliga

Altar Servers: George Magurany, Trinity Mitchell,
Jose Arteaga

5:30 pm, June 11

Altar Servers: Joseph Igras, Alison Kouris, Garret
Goodwin

CARE CENTER

June 11: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

June 5 & 6: Natalie Serna & Tania Spezza

June 7 & 8: Katherine Staley & Kaitlyn Syler

June 9 & 10: Chelsae & Caleb Strabavy

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.

St. John the Baptist

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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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATE AWARDS

In addition to their years at St. John being filled with studies, for many years student after school activities included: band, student council, track, basketball, volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, Science Olympiad, math competitions, spelling bees, peer mediation, Chess Club, and Yearbook staff. At Mass they were cantors, lectors, choir members and servers. The parish extends congratulations to the following students, and wishes the entire class much success and God's blessings in their endeavors as they enter high school.

On Tuesday, May 30, an Awards Ceremony was held for the eighth graders of our school, who will be graduating on June 5. Students received the following awards. Good job, students!

American Legion Award: Jessica Lopez & Clarke Remmers; National Geographic Society Geography Bee: Clarke Remmers; Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics Award: Michael Maloney & Crystal Godinez; Knights of Columbus Unity Council Scholarship, Jackie Camacho; Mount Carmel Scholarship, Michael Maloney; Holy Name Society Award: Christine Lewandowski & Tania Spezza; President's Award for Outstanding Educational Excellence: Ryan Brown, Jacqueline Camacho, Kayla Dietz, Crystal Godinez, Lauren Kieltyka, Jessica Lopez, Michael Maloney, Alexis Marin, Joseph Murzyn, Michael Palomo, Clarke Remmers, Tania Spezza, Katherine Staley, Mallory Wisotsky; President's Award for Educational Achievement: Christine Lewandowski, Margaret Musillami, Jacob Wright; Anthony Shriner Award to Bishop Noll High School, Christine Novak; J. J. Stanish Award to Bishop Noll High School, Kathleen Franciski.

Congratulations also to the many students who were on the first ever State Tournament Team for Science Olympiad in our middle school!

WRONG NUMBER?



Tuesday's storm did more damage than knocking out our lights for three hours. Our phone system suffered a direct hit, destroying it completely. We had to order a new system which will cost \$19,363.69. Looking at our weekly collections, it will take almost three weekly collections to pay for it!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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)

Monday, June 5

7:00 pm Graduation, St. John

Tuesday, June 6

6:30 pm School Advisory Board (SJ)

7:00 pm 1st Baptism Preparation (SJ)

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (SH)

Wednesday, June 7

7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday, JUNE 8

6:30 pm W/R Crime Watch, Rm 200, Cal. College

Friday, JUNE 9

Saturday, JUNE 10

12:00 Noon Quinceanera

Evelyn & Bianey Garcia



Sunday, JUNE 11

9:00 am 1st Rite of Baptism (SJB)

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

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA COUNTRY CARNIVAL

June 8-11: Live music nightly, games, rides, food, raffle.

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, June 13th, 6:30 pm.-8:30 p.m. Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Ave., Munster. Children all over the world are in need of a loving family. For more info. call Sunny Ridge Family Center 630-668-5117 Ext. 228, website, www.sunnyridge.org.

CRIME WATCH

Whiting/Robertsdale Crime Watch meeting, Thursday, June 8, 6:30 p.m., at Calumet College of St. Joseph, Rm. 200.

NATIONAL CANCER SURVIVORS DAY

Sunday, June 4th is National Cancer Survivors Day. 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.

K OF C WIVES CLUB INSTALLATION DINNER

June 13, K of C Hall. Cost \$5; reservations due June 5. Send to Dorothy Kovacik, 2750 White Oak Ave., Whiting.