

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



August 28, 2005

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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Parish Fax.....473-7551
Parish E-mail.....churchparishoffice@yahoo.com
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School Fax.....473-7553
School website:
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St. John Program:
Baptism.....473-7557
RCIA.....473-7557
Sacred Heart Program.....659-1088
Life Teen Coordinators:
Marjie Biel: 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..... 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass 7:00 AM
School Children's Mass8:30 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

FR. JOSEPH HAJDUCH

The Funeral Mass for Father Joseph Hajduch was celebrated at St. Charles, Carthagen, Ohio, on Wednesday, August 24. A memorial Mass for Father Joe will be celebrated here at St. Johns, the date and time to be determined. May he rest in Peace!



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew's words from today's gospel present the challenge of being a follower of Jesus and the responsibility we all have to put the poor first, forgiving debts, and seeking to include all in our economic life. What cost have you experienced in following Jesus' footsteps?

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Congratulations and God's blessings to our newest members: Amber Threse Allen, Anjelica Faith Vasquez and Azalea Rose Vasquez, who through the waters of Baptism have received New Life in Christ! Let us continue to keep them and their families in our prayers.

Through the waters of Baptism Jeremy Patrick Boyer has received new life in Christ. Please keep him and his parents, Mark & Nanette Boyer in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes for children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public schools are offered through the Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community Faith Formation Program. Please share the following information with your friends and neighbors who have children in public schools.

Registration for students who are new to our Faith Formation Program will be conducted on Sunday, August 28th from 9 to 11 am and 2 to 3 pm in the Faith Formation Center (Sacred Heart School building). A copy of the student's baptismal certificate and a \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee must be presented at the time of registration.

Re-registration for students who attended classes in our program who have not been re-registered for the 2005-2006 school year will also be accepted on August 28th.

Students who are registered after September 2nd must pay a \$10.00 late fee.

Registration for Faith Formation Classes will be accepted until classes are filled or until October 5th.

Please contact Mrs. Diane Puplava at 473-7557 if you need more information.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 29, Martyrdom of John the Baptist

7:00 am †Dorothy Priesol Justak Off: Mother, Theresa

Tuesday, August 30

7:00 am †Michael & Anna Matuska Off: Family

8:30 am †Rose Sefchik Off: Irene Altenbach

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Molson, Potasnik & Zehme Families Off: Bette

8:30 am †Paul & Mildred Monastyrski Off: Son, David & Gail

Thursday, September 1

7:00 am †Frank Stofcik Off: Wife, Ann

Friday, September 2

7:00 am †Robert B. Becich (Anniv.) Off: Mother & Dad, Sister Cathy, Brothers, Michael & Tim

8:30 am †John G Berna Off: Joseph & Frances Vanek

Saturday, September 3, Gregory the Great, pope, doctor

7:00 am †Andrew P. Greskovich Off: Wife, Clara

2:00 pm Mark Koval & Jennifer Franciski Wedding

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, September 4, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am For Our Parish Family

9:00 am For Our Parish Family

11:00 am For Our Parish Family



Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rita Biesen, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Joe Geffert, Paul E. Gerba, Florence Golding, Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Michael Kasarda, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Barbara Koltowski, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, John Lofay, Joanne Meyers, Ann Michalso, Sylvester Nemcek, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie & Joseph Srncik, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

Please Note: Individual names will be kept on the prayer list for one month. If the person you have placed on the list has a long term illness or needs to be on the list for a period of time longer than a month, please call the rectory 659-0023 and inform the secretary.



Rev. Joseph Hajduch, C.P.P.S

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ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

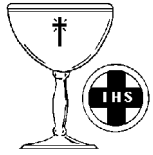
SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Adults.....	\$9,631.49
Loose.....	\$355.51
High School.....	\$43.50
Grade School.....	\$100.94
Total for the Week.....	\$10,131.44

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Many thanks to the 501 families who have responded thus far. Prayerfully consider sharing. Your gift helps support those less fortunate. Please return pledge cards to the parish office, or place in the offertory basket at Mass.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC DAY



Pope John Paul II designated October 2004 through October 2005 as the Year of the Eucharist. On Saturday, September 24th at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels our diocese will celebrate this special year with a Eucharistic Day. Registration brochures are available in the vestibule of the church. The day will begin with a special Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Melczek at 9:00 a.m., followed by the keynote speakers listed in the registration brochure. Time will be provided for Eucharistic Adoration during the day. Lunch will be available for \$5.00, payable on that day. All Parishioners are encouraged to attend this special day.

PARISH LIFE

✓ Check This Out...

LIFETEEN NEWS

Attention all Teens of the Whiting-Robertsdale Community! Join us in celebrating our LIFETEEN Kickoff with a live concert by accomplished Catholic Christian artist, GREG WALTON!! The free concert will take place on Sunday, September 11, at 5:30 p.m., on Lincoln Avenue. So bring your friends and join us for an exciting evening of music, food, and fun!! See you there!

FIRST LIFETEEN MASS

The first LifeTeen Mass will be on Sunday, September 18, at 5:30 p.m., at St. John the Baptist Church. Mark your calendars and join other teens in celebrating our first Mass! If you are interested in helping out with music for the Mass, or serving as a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, or altar server, please contact Marjie ASAP at 219-973-1283. Please continue to pray for the teens of our cluster community and for the success of LifeTeen!

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BENEDICT AVENUE PARKING

Per City Ordinance Number 7528 the NORTH side of Benedict Avenue has been designated a resident only parking area between the address of 1113 Benedict and 1135 Benedict. All person living in this area and desiring to park their cars on Benedict Avenue, NORTH SIDE between the above addresses were required to obtain resident only parking stickers.

Hopefully consideration will be made so that Churchgoers will have a place to park on the SOUTH SIDE of Benedict Avenue.

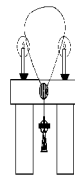
ADVERTISING FOR OUR BULLETIN

In a few weeks, Nick Derkacz, our sales representative from Liturgical Publications will be working on selling new advertising for our bulletin for the year. Please consider advertising in our bulletin since the revenue from the ads is what makes our bulletin possible. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling, or the battered women's shelter, etc. Please give these ideas some thought. WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you are interested or know of someone who may be, or want more information, please call Nick directly at 1-800-950-9952 Ext. 2436.

Our Advertisers
 provide fast and
 friendly service.
 Call them first!

CONGRATULATIONS

To the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association 2005-2006 Scholarship Winners: Branch 81, College freshman, Susan Igras, who received a \$1,250 scholarship to the International Academy of Design and Technology; and Jr. Branch 348, Elliot Bibat, Elementary Grade 5, who received a \$500 scholarship to St. John the Baptist School.



ALTAR AND
 ROSARY
 SOCIETY

ST. JOHN ROSARY SOCIETY

Will have a Board meeting Monday, August 29th at 1:15 p.m. in the Founder's Room. All Officers and Promoters are kindly asked to attend this meeting to discuss our plans for the new Rosary season. The first Rosary Society meeting will take place on Thursday, September 15th at 1:15 p.m.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Saint Casimir Church in Hammond is looking for crafters for their Octoberfest on Saturday, October 8th. For more information call 219-937-6380.

WEDDING BANNERS

II Timothy Gazda & Deanna Gaut
 III Mark Koval & Jennifer Franciski

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, September 3

Lectors: A. Perz, J. Kozak

Euch Min: M. Poppen, M&K Wagner, M. Krull,
G&C Rosen, M. Knazur

Altar Servers: Jessica Hatzcel, Julian Gonzalez,
Garret Goodwin

7:00 am, September 4

Lectors: L. Barron, Helen Marie

Euch Min: T. Adam, D&R Barnes, G. Jancosek,
L. Kilander, E. Matuska, M. Saliga

Altar Servers: Dolores Duran, Matthew Filipek,
Joshua Flores

9:00 am, September 4

Lectors: N. Gomez, S. Silva

Euch Min: I. Dominguez, D. Weber, R&J Zubeck,
L. Wade, F. Delinck, B. Delinck, E. Duray

Altar Servers: Robert Frayer, Justin & Alyssa Homan

11:00 am, September 4

Lectors: K. Lannon, D. Botich

Euch Min: J. Bondi, C. Lannon, MJ Kansky, K. Saliga,
S. Rosendo, C. Vrabel

Altar Servers: Katlyn Forrestal, Rachel Grunhard,
Ashley Haltek

CARE CENTER

September 4: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

August 29 & 30: Katherine Chiluski & Emily Curosh

August 31 & Sept. 1: Donnella Casillas & Daisy Cruz

September 2 & 3: Amanda Delinck & Mikayla Dross

"DO NOT CONFORM YOURSELVES TO THIS AGE..."

Take a break from the hectic pace of modern life and "be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God" as today's second reading urges. Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The last Weekends in 2005 will be held September 16-18 (Merrillville IN) or November 4-6. For reservations/information consult www.wmchicago-gary.org or call 800-553-3193.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Did you know that the birth control pill can act to cause an abortion in any women in any cycle? You can learn a natural, safe, effective and morally acceptable method of family planning. Natural Family Planning series begins September 6th at St. Margaret Mercy Healthcare Center, South Campus in Dyer. For more information or to register, call 933-2100 Health Resource Center. Spanish speaking classes are offered beginning August 28th at St Joseph Parish in LaPorte. Contact Rosanne Kouris 219-696-1308.

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..... Joseph Lazur

EDUCATION

Director of Religious EducationDiane Puplava
Elizabeth Ministry .Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman
GymnasiumMatthew Saliga
Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores
Home/School Association Chair.... Charles Remmers
Panel Room Manager.....Carol Vargo
School Band Director Rich Mlynarski
St. John School Advisory Board...Ch: Scott Thrasher,
Anna Howard, Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez,
Deanne Shimala, Monique Jakubielski
St. John School: PrincipalThomas Feltz
Secretary.....Marilyn Schaufele
School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado

PARISH LIFE

Rosary Society..... Ann Klochan
Cub ScoutsDamian Bondi
Girl Scouts..... Jeannine Dabertin
HomeboundDeacon Joe Manchak
Holy Name SocietyAnthony Barilla
Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton
Marian Theatre Guild.....Martin Dybel
Pirohi MakersGeri Tumidalsky

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers..... Fr. Gary Scherer
Environment.....Martin Dybel
Care Center Coordinator Joseph Kruczek
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, August 28

- 11:00 am 3rd Rite of Baptism (SJ)
- 12:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner St. Adalbert
- 9:00-11:00 am and 2:00-3:00 pm Faith Formation Program Registration (SH)

Monday, August 29

- 10:30 am Bible Study, SH Rectory
- 7:00 pm Middle School Parent Meeting (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (SJ)

Tuesday, August 30

- Parish Library closed
- 7:00 pm 4th & 5th Parent Meeting (SJ)

Wednesday, August 31

- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Sacred Heart Pastoral Council

Thursday, September 1

Parish Library Closed

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

Sunday, September 4



POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST ANNUAL BAZAAR

The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ will hold their annual bazaar to help support its various ministries on Sunday, September 11, from 10 am-4 pm, at their Ministry Center in Donaldson, Indiana, 7 miles west of Plymouth, then 2 miles south on Union Road. Come and have a great time knowing that at the same time you are helping those in need at home and throughout the world.

K OF C WOMEN'S CLUB BUNCO PARTY

K of C Women's Club Council #1700 are holding their annual card/bunco party on Wednesday, October 12th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the KC Hall in East Chicago. Tickets are \$5.00. Call Amanda or Wilma Kasper at 219-923-9136 and Joan Hladek at 219-670-8330.

FCSLA BRANCH #81MEMBERS

SAVE THIS DATE: October 16, 2005 for the FCSLA Branch 81 members. Our third annual dinner will be held in the St. John Panel Room. Social will begin at 1:00 p.m. with dinner at 1:30 p.m.