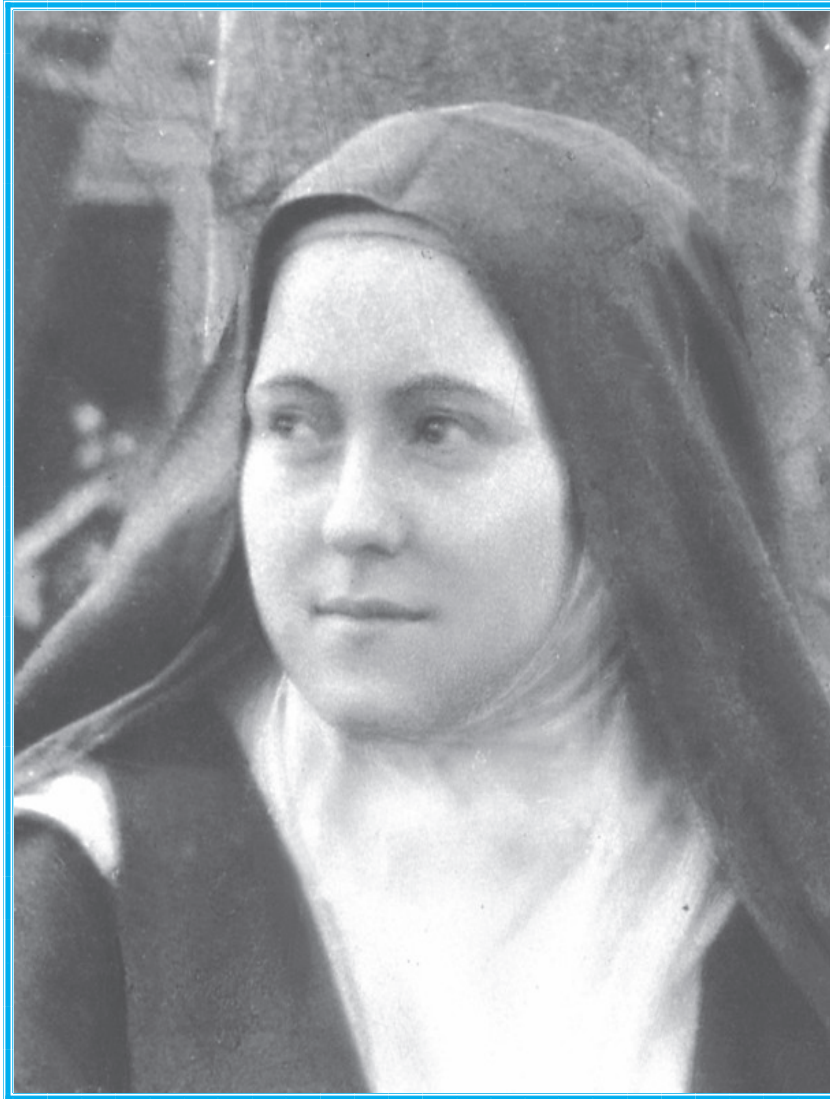


All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will celebrate its annual St. Theresa Novena at 6:30 pm each evening beginning on Wednesday, September 23rd, ending on Thursday, October 1st. These nine consecutive days of prayer center on the Blessed Sacrament and will include reflective thoughts from the personal writings of St. Therese of Lisieux. Everyone is most welcome!

1849 LINCOLN AVENUE • WHITING, INDIANA 46394

Catechetical Sunday

Today is Catechetical Sunday. This year, parishes in the United States focus on the theme "Catechesis and the Proclamation of the Word". Catechetical Sunday is set aside to recognize the men and women who serve as Catechists in our community. Our Catechists are teachers in our Catholic School and Faith Formation Program, our RCIA and Baptism Teams, the leaders of the Children's Liturgy of the Word program and the facilitators of our Adult Formation opportunities. On this day let us reflect upon the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Please pray for all who serve in the catechetical and educational ministry of the Catholic Church as they rededicate themselves to this mission in our community of faith.

Jesus, you told us that laborers for the vineyard would be few and that we should pray to the Lord of the Harvest in the hope that many might respond. You have answered our prayers by sending us catechists for your vineyard. Bless these men and women who have responded to your call to the ministry of catechesis. May they be filled with zeal for your Church, with care for those they catechize, and with love for your Word of Life. Let your Spirit come upon them so that your Word may echo through their teaching and through the witness of their lives. Through our catechists, may the members of our parish whom they teach be transformed into witnesses to your Word. And may these catechists receive the blessing your Son promised to all who labor in your vineyard. We pray to you, gracious Father, in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Word of Life, and in the unity of the Holy Spirit Who transforms us by that Word, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Father John

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"If one of you is ill, s/he should send for the elders of the Church and they must anoint him/her with oil in the name of the Lord and pray over him/her"
James 5:14

If you suffer with chronic illness, are anticipating major surgery, are physically challenged, sick, or facing the limitations of old age, you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the **Anointing of the Sick** on Sunday, September 27th at our cluster churches.

8:15 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
8:30 am Spanish Mass at Sacred Heart Church
10:15 am Mass at St. Adalbert's Church
10:45 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church
11:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Please sign the registration sheets at the church entrance OR call the St. John rectory (659-0023) or the Sacred Heart rectory (659-0733) during business hours to register for anointing at the parish where you wish to be anointed.



Monday, September 21, Matthew, apostle and evangelist

7:00 am †Elizabeth Sarudy, Grandmother Off: Kathleen Odar (SJB)
8:00 am †Ziggy Marakowski (SH)

Tuesday, September 22, Weekday, 25th Week

7:00 am †Cheryl Keeler Off: Ken Keeler (SJB)
8:00 am †David Field (SH)
8:30 am †Marguerite Gansinger Off: FCSLA Br. #81 (SJB)

Wednesday, September 23, Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

7:00 am †Margaret J. Myers Off: William Trovinger (SJB)
8:00 am †Mr. & Mrs. Aloysius Weigand (SH)
8:30 am †Ray, Jean & Steve Linko Off: Mr. and Mrs. J. Franko (SJB)

Thursday, September 24, Weekday, 25th Week

7:00 am †John J. Perhach Off: Nephews, Steve, Jim & Rick Chovanec (SJB)
8:00 am †Fred Madejewski (SH)

Friday, September 25, Weekday, 25th Week

7:00 am †Anna T. Latta Off: Pauline Oster (SJB)
8:00 am †John Singel (SH)
8:30 am †Joe & Millie Sinal Off: Sharon & Wm. Ksiazek (SJB)

Saturday, September 26, Cosmas & Saint Damian, martyrs

7:00 am †Agnes Vetroczyk Off: Tom Markovich (SJB)
2:00 pm Wedding of Meghan Ralich & Robert Jackson (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
8:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (IC)
8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)



David Adams, Sr., Gail Baczynski, Mary Badankovich, Lenny Barnaby, May Bayus, James Bobos, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Dorothy Chovan, Darryl Coppage, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, George Dombrowski, Magdalene Doucette, John T. Drac, Sophie Foley, Ann Furiak, Ann Gulvas, Betty Hanchar, Marie (Mitzi) Holman, Loretta Jambik, Ann Marie Kaminsky, Gloria A. Kaminsky, Eugene M. Kasper, Mary Kasprzak, Richard Kovach, Jerry Kozak, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Mary Ann and Albert Oddivak, Ana Palomo, Caitlan Pawlowski, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Marcia Ross, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Linda Sadler, Mildred Saliga, Rev. Gary Scherer, C.PP.S., John and Geraldine Sciacero, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Misty Sims, Joseph Snarich, George Soltis, Angie Srncik, Mary Trellinski, Virginia Troksa, Marion Vargas, Margaret Vrliek, Dorothy Yuhas, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,064.00
Loose.....	370.76
High School.....	24.90
Grade School.....	273.85
Total for Week.....	\$9,733.51
Mission Sunday Cluster Collection.....	\$4,326.50

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE

	GIFTS	PLEGDED	PAID
This week	2	\$250	\$250
To date (9/14)	322	\$50,487.00	\$47,585.00

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2009 Catholic Services Appeal. If our goal of \$71,035 is not met, the difference must be made up using our regular donation money that aids in funding our parish ministries and the day to day operations of the church and school. Please prayerfully consider helping our parish reach its goal.

ST. THERESA NOVENA

St. John the Baptist will celebrate its annual St. Theresa Novena at 6:30 pm each evening beginning on Wednesday, September 23rd and ending on Thursday, October 1st. The 2009 First Communicants will lead the opening procession, and members of the 4th grade class will bring up the petition box in procession each evening. The nine consecutive days of prayer will center on the Blessed Sacrament and will include reflective thoughts from the personal writings of St. Theresa of Lisieux. You are invited to spend a spirit-filled 35 minutes in prayer. Come each evening, or pray at home if you are unable to attend. The final service on October 1st will include a free will offering to benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul Society and will be followed by a social in the Panel Room. Everyone is welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Faith Formation/Religious Education classes for students in Grades 1 through 8 in public schools have begun. **STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE THEY CAN BEGIN TO ATTEND CLASS.** Contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or Nora Perez at 219-659-0140 if you have not yet registered your child(ren).



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please continue to pray for: Zach Arnold, Sean Bowman, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Michael Clark, Austin Chiluski, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Joseph Igras, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Jeffery Koval, Mark Koval, Walter Malenki, Benjamin Mann, Randall McAllister, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mor-dus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Leticia Soto, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 pm September 26, Saturday

Lectors: Hernandez, Flores
 Euch Min: R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, E Igras, N Mitchell,
 Deacon Vince, C Vrabel

8:00 am September 27, Sunday

Lectors: Burosh, Helen Marie
 Euch Min: T Barilla, ML Tonkovich, D Huizenga, J&L Spanier,
 R&J Zubeck, J Staley

11:00 am September 27, Sunday

Lectors: Silva, Gomez
 Euch Min: L Botich, F Delinck, B Delinck, C Lannon,
 J Lockridge, M Maloney, S Rosendo, M Poppen (CR),
 E Duray (CR)

CARE CENTER

10:00 am September 27, Sunday: J Kaminsky, D Huizenga

Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers: Please be sure to arrange for a replacement if you cannot be present at your appointed time.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA (Rite of Initiation of Adults) is the process by which people become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA is designed for adults desiring Baptism as well as for baptized Christians from other denominations who are seeking membership in the Catholic Church. The RCIA process is also open to baptized Catholics who would like to complete their initiation as members of the Church and are seeking Confirmation and or Holy Communion.

The first stage of the RCIA process is called the *Period of Inquiry*. This is a time for questions, finding out more about the Church and the life of faith. Inquiry sessions have begun and meet every Monday. No prior registration is necessary, so if you would like to join us we will meet at the front (Lincoln Avenue) doors of St. John School at 7 pm each week. We extend a sincere invitation to "Come and See" about the teaching and faith of the Catholic Church. These sessions are a cooperative effort of the Whiting-Robertsdale cluster parishes. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA, please contact Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com.

ST. JOHN SPAGHETTI DINNER

The St. John the Baptist Annual Spaghetti Dinner will be on Saturday, October 10th from 4:00 pm until 7:00 in the Panel Room. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Carry outs will be available. Contact Carol Vargo at 659-3041 for additional information. Everyone is welcome and hope to see you there!



III Robert Jackson & Meghan Ralich
II Jeremy Kupsco & Monica Szatkowski
I Chris Ondas & Michelle Biel

St. John School—

Through the Years Dinner Dance

The September 26th Dinner-Dance sponsored by Forever Blue & Gold has been cancelled due to low ticket sales. Those who purchased tickets will be receiving refunds by mail.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Plan Ahead! October 4th is Respect Life Sunday! Plan to come and join us at the corner of Ridge Road and Manor Avenue (by Applebee's) to pray and witness on the LIFE CHAIN on Ridge Road from 2-3:00 pm.

40 Days for Life starts on September 23rd. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/lakecounty for specifics about the campaign, or call Lake County Right to Life at 838-1138. To sign up to pray with others from the cluster at Planned Parenthood in Merrillville, call Rita at 659-2965.

PET BLESSING

The Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic community invites pets and their owners to the annual Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 3rd at 12:00 noon in front of St. John's Church. This annual event coincides with the October 4th feast of St. Frances of Assisi who loved all of creation and promoted tender care of God's creatures. Certificates of blessing will be presented to all participants. Pets should be contained or on a leash. All are welcome.

COMMUNITY ROSARY & BENEDICTION

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to participate in praying the rosary at the Immaculate Conception Church's outdoor shrine located on White Oak Avenue next to IC Church on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 pm. Join with the faith community as we pray for peace and respect for life during October, the Month of the Rosary. Benediction will conclude the hour of prayer. Bring a chair and your rosary. In case of inclement weather, we will pray inside Immaculate Conception Church.

TATIANA IN CONCERT AT ST. JOHN

On Sunday, October 11th at 4:00 pm, St. John Church will host a concert by the international singer "Tatiana" who has been touring the USA with her performance of "I Do Believe". Over the past 9 years she has given over 700 performances of her musical message of hope, trust and love of God. People of all ages have been moved by the gifted young woman's profound, spirit-filled message. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this faith-filled concert to see and hear Tatiana in person. There is no admission charge. A free will collection will be taken. Refreshments and Tatiana's CDs and DVDs will be available after her performance. This is a concert you won't want to miss.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the family of Robert Shebish for their generous donation to the St. John Church Improvement Fund in his memory.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK **LIBERTY SAVINGS**

1900 Indianapolis Blvd. — 219-659-6700

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastoral Staff

Rev. John Kalicky, CPPS.....Pastor
Rev. Gary Scherer, CPPS.....Associate Pastor
Rev. Leon Flaherty, CPPS.....Senior Associate

Parish Office.....659-0023
Parish website:.....sjbcatholicparish.org
Parish Fax.....473-7551
Parish E-mail.....churchparishoffice@yahoo.com

Religious Formation473-7557

Includes Baptism, RCIA, Children's Faith Formation

School Office.....659-3042

School Fax.....473-7553

Youth Minister

Ms. Jamie Sandona.....659-0023

Panel Room Banquet Facilities.....659-3041

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses.....8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM

Daily Mass.....7:00 AM

School Children's Mass.....8:30 AM on Tues., Wed., Fri.

NAZARETH HOME FUNDRAISER

Nazareth Home, a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, is a foster care facility caring for compromised infants and children. On October 15th they will hold their Annual Gala at the Hammond Federal Court House. This fundraiser is what makes it possible for them to continue their ministries. A festive evening of fine food, desserts, and auctions will support this much needed organization. For information call Kristen at 219-947-8542 or visit their website at www.nazarethhome.com.



THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONARIES

On behalf of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood working in Guatemala, Peru, Columbia and Chile, we would like to extend our most sincere appreciation for your generous response to last week's second collection. We promise that we will be good stewards of the gifts that you have given us and your gracious participation in the missionary work of the Church will be a blessing to your brothers and sisters. We also want to give you my own heartfelt thanks for the warm welcome that we received. May the blessings of God continue to be upon each of you!

Fr. Robert Conway C.P.P.S.

Br. Jerry Schwieterman C.P.P.S.

Fr. Bill Nordenbrock, C.P.P.S.

REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN MEMORIAL

Everyone is invited to remember and acknowledge the lives of children who have died because of miscarriage, stillbirth or early childhood death. A remembering the Children Rosary Prayer Service will take place on Saturday, October 10th at Providence Section of the St. John-St. Joseph Diocesan Cemetery at 10:00 am. For more information on how to include a child's name in the program call Sue Kresich (838-5755); Lisa Anderson (558-2187) or Jill McNamara (730-9199).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20

- Food Pantry (IC)
- 9:30-10:30 Middle School Faith Formation (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 1:00 pm IC Card & Bunco Party (SH)
- 2:00-6:00 pm Catechist Retreat (Marina)

Monday, September 21

- 10:30 am Bible Study (SH)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB)

Tuesday, September 22

- 6:30 pm Confirmation Candidate/Parent Orient. (SJB)

Wednesday, September 23

- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena begins (SJB)
- 6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Levels 1-5 (SH)

Thursday, September 24

- 7:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (SJB)
- 7:30 pm SJ Pastoral Council (SJB)

Friday, September 25

- 5:30-6:15 pm Market Day Pick-up (SJS)

Saturday, September 26

- 9-12:00 noon H.S.A. Car Wash (SJB Parking lot)
- 9-3:00 pm Sacred Heart Garage and Bake Sale (SH)

Sunday, September 27

- Food Pantry (SH)
- Anointing of the Sick:**
- 8:15 am IC**
- 8:30 & 10:45 SH**
- 10:15 am SA**
- 11:00 am SJB**
- 9:30-11:30 Middle School Faith Formation Extended Class (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 10:30 am-6:00 pm PHYRE Ministry Spirit Day (SJB)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Rachel's Vineyard is a weekend retreat for healing after abortion. This retreat, held on October 9th through October 11th, will help those who struggle with grief, guilt and pain. Come and experience the mercy, forgiveness and healing love of God in the company of others who understand these feelings. For more information, call 219-558-0625 or visit www.rachelsvineayrd.org. (Confidentiality strictly observed.)

GARAGE & BAKE SALE

Sacred Heart Church will host a "Garage & Bake Sale" on Saturday, September 26th from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Anyone interested in renting space, please call Ginny at 659-5654. Donations accepted. Items must be clean and sized. Deadline for donations is Monday, September 21st.