

All Are Welcome ...

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Novena to St. Therese, the Little Flower

An invitation is extended to the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community to set aside nine days beginning Saturday, September 23, through Sunday, October 1, when St. John the Baptist Parish will host a public novena to St. Therese of Lisieux. The novena will be held each evening at 6:30 pm in church (2:00 pm on Sundays) and will conclude on Sunday, October 1, at 2:00 pm, the Feast Day of St. Therese.

EVENING THEMES

- Day 1 - Saturday.....*CENTER ME, LORD*
- Day 2 - Sunday (2:00 pm).....*I LOVE YOU, JESUS*
- Day 3 - Monday.....*JESUS, LIFT ME*
- Day 4 - Tuesday.....*EVERYTHING IS GRACE*
- Day 5 - Wednesday.....*GOD'S CYCLE OF LOVE*
- Day 6 - Thursday.....*PURIFY ME, LORD*
- Day 7 - Friday.....*THE LITTLE DETAILS*
- Day 8 - Saturday..... *TRUST AMID SUFFERING*
- Day 9 - Sunday (2:00 pm).....*MY VOCATION IS LOVE*

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE PANEL ROOM FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE NOVENA ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST



SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This weekend at the morning liturgies of all our W/R cluster churches, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated bringing God's healing to the sick of our Catholic Community.

"Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up."

(From the Rite of the Anointing of the Sick)

Please remember our sick and our homebound in your daily prayers.

Life is fragile, handle with prayer.

HISTORY OF ST. THERESE NOVENA

This special devotion to St. Therese, "The Little Flower" began in St. John parish in the late 1920's. Our country was in the midst of a depression and families were going through difficult times. Plans for a new church building had been drawn up and construction had begun, but the parish didn't waiver in the face of the depression. They continued with their plans despite the problems they knew they would face.

Beginning in 1927, Fr. Kostik had recommended that the entire parish pray through the intercession of St. Therese. Through many personal sacrifices and the prayers of St. John's parish family, the present church building was completed. Fr. Kostik credited the success of the construction of St. John church to St. Therese under whose protection the endeavor had been placed. After completion of the church, the novena was continued as a way of thanking St. Therese who promised to spend her eternity praying on behalf of our world.

The St. John Pastoral Council invites you to a screening of ***"Therese, An Ordinary Girl, An Extraordinary Soul"***, a gripping and moving film that tells the memorable life story of the Little Flower. The screening immediately follows our service on Monday, September 25th. Come to the Mural Room for refreshments and to view this wonderful movie about Therese and her "Little Way".

TODAYS SPECIAL COLLECTION

With Northwest Indiana Habitat for Humanity's generous contributions of time and money, people from throughout the diocese have constructed several new homes. Bishop Melczek has authorized this collection to fund the Diocese/Habitat partnership in anticipation of the next build.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for these brave men and women who are in the service: Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pulpava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 25

7:00 am †Helen Novak Off: Frank Kocsis (SJB)

8:00 am No Mass (SH)

Tuesday, September 26, Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

7:00 am †Steve J. Vrlík Off: M/M Ed Zambo (SJB)

8:00 am No Mass (SH)

8:15 am †Eileen Tomko Off: John Tomko Family (SJB)

Wednesday, September 27, Vincent de Paul, priest

7:00 am †Therese C. Menezes Off: Crowel Agency (SJB)

8:00 am No Mass (SH)

8:15 am †Deceased of Hashu & Lubeck Families Off: Bill & Tom (SJB)

Thursday, September 28, Wenceslaus, martyr,

Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs

7:00 am †Tomko/Yocz Families Off: Family (SJB)

8:00 am No Mass (SH)

Friday, September 29, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

7:00 am †Ann Strickland Off: Agnes Kiekenapp (SJB)

8:00 am †Dvorschak, Hanish & Zubeck Families (SH)

8:15 am †Andrew & Sophie Hrapchak Off: Dick & Janice Molle (SJB)

4:00 pm Michael Zarowny & Carrie Gerber Wedding

Saturday, September 30, Jerome, priest, doctor

7:00 am †Mary A. (Petrie) Stofcik Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)

10:00 am Lorriane Shimala Memorial Mass

2:30 pm Amy Zubeck & Philip Holst Wedding (SH)

4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

5:30 pm †Rose Leslie (SH)

Sunday, October 1, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)

8:15 am †Mary Holicky (IC)

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

9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

10:15 am †Rizalina Salcedo (Anniv) Off: Rose Salcedo (SA)

10:45 am †Deceased Sokol Members Wreath #81 (SH)

11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 81 (SJB)

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

Pray For

Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Joan Bruder, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Marie Emro, Sophie Foley, Florence Gazda, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Vera Leonard, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Frank Sandrick, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnecik, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Anna L. Adams
Thomas Pavlik

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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| Weekly..... | \$9,424.00 |
| Loose..... | \$515.82 |
| High School..... | \$85.81 |
| Grade School..... | \$244.28 |
| Total for the Week..... | \$10,269.91 |

INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PRAYER AND FASTING

The Cluster Peace & Social Justice Commission invites you to participate in the 14th International Week of Prayer & Fasting, October 1-10. The intentions this year are for the Conversion of Nations and an End to Abortion. Things you can do include: giving up dessert for a day, fasting from the TV for an hour; giving up meat for a day; offering up your favorite fast food and having a simple meal at home; offering up video games or computer time one day; practicing patience with a trying co-worker or family member; praying the rosary; reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet; spending time in Eucharistic Adoration or in quiet prayer in front of the tabernacle on First Friday; reading Holy Scripture... Think of the power of prayer offered around the world for these intentions! Every little bit helps! Obtain more information at 1-888-478-PRAY, or www.internationalweekofprayerandfasting.org.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

The Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community offers Faith Formation (Religious Education classes) for students who attend public schools. Classes have begun. Classes for children in Grades 1 through 5 meet on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 pm. Classes for students in Middle School (Grades 6-8) meet on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:30 am.

Registrations will be taken if there is still space available. There is a \$10.00 late registration fee that is due in addition to the \$20.00 registration fee. A copy of the child's baptismal certificate must be presented at the time of registration.

Registration will be accepted in the office of the Faith Formation Center (Sacred Heart School) on Wednesday between 6:30 and 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

LIFE CHAIN

On Sunday, October 1st, Lake County Right to Life is sponsoring a "Life Chain." The Chain will begin at Wicker Park (Indianapolis Blvd. & Ridge Rd.) and head west along Ridge Road into Lansing, Illinois. Please come join us! We will stand for life for one hour holding provided signs, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and pray that life will be recognized as sacred and the first inalienable right of each individual.

Wedding Banns

- I Steve Grenchik & Sara Hossa
- II Mark Adam & Eileen Stahura
- III Michael Zarowny & Carrie Gerber

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. Our weekly sessions are held on Mondays, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. John Pastoral Center. These sessions are a cooperative effort of the Whiting-Robertsdale cluster parishes.

If you are interested in learning more, contact Diane Pupilava 219-473-7557 or dpupilava@sjbcatholicparish.org.

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

September 24, Sunday - 4:30 and 6:30 High School student training to become Eucharistic Ministers at 4:30 pm at St. John. Life Nite starts at 6:30 pm in the Pastoral Center.

October 1, Sunday - 6:30 pm Life Nite in the Pastoral Center

MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION

St. John the Baptist food drive is the weekend of September 30th & October 1st. Please place your donated food items in the Centennial Room in the back of Church. The Whiting/Robertsdale Food Pantry has been very grateful for your generous donations!

ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 15th starting with the 9:00 a.m. Mass followed by breakfast in the Mural Room. Reservations MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE; no money will be collected at the door. Deadline is Monday, October 9th. Cost is \$8.50. Call Marsha Banik at 659-8158 for reservations. Payment may be dropped off at the Rectory drop box or collection basket in an envelope marked "Rosary Breakfast." Cash accepted or check made out to Rosary Society.

ST. JOHN FISH FRY

There will be a Fish Fry on Saturday, September 30th in the St. John Panel Room from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lake Perch Dinners will be available for \$9 each. Also, Panel Room Bread at \$6 a loaf, Nut Rolls for \$7 each and Noodles for \$3 will be on hand for those interested. Any questions call Carol Vargo at 659-3041.

LIFE TEEN ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to all who helped make the LIFE TEEN Anniversary Mass and Picnic a success. Huge thanks to all who made donations of time, food, and money for the picnic. Thank you as well to Manos de Heaven for donating their talent. It has been an inspiring year for LIFE TEEN as the Teens in the Whiting/Robertsdale Community are a vibrant group living their faith each day. Thank you for supporting it in its success!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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C PERSPECTIVE

The Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to an informative evening on Islam, Tuesday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Mural Room on the lower level of the school. Dr. Joan Crist, Ecumenical Director for the Diocese of Gary and Religious Studies Instructor at Calumet College of St. Joseph, will present some fundamental aspects of Muslim history, belief and practice. She will also give a review of what is taught by the Second Vatican Council in *Nostra Aetate* (the Declaration on the relationship of the Church with non-Christian religions). Discussion of the directions taken by Catholic-Muslim dialogues at various levels, Vatican and local, will round out what promises to be a very informative evening. Refreshments will follow as we take time for conversation on this very timely subject. Everyone is welcome.



CATHOLIC RADIO

Dial 1270 or 820 on your A.M. radio and be spiritually uplifted by "Relevant Radio". People are testifying to the fact that they've returned to the sacraments, families have been strengthened, and individuals are sharing their spiritual awakening with family, friends, and co-workers. Let Catholic radio help you bridge the gap between life in the world and the life that God wants for every person. This thoroughly Catholic programming airs 24/7. Tune in and be renewed!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

If you are in your 20's or 30's, you are invited to gather with others at The Center Lounge, 1312—119th St., Whiting, each Thursday evening during October for an engaging presentation and discussion of topics which pertain to the Catholic faith and your experiences of daily life. Watch for announcements of guest speakers, times, and topics.

PET BLESSING

The Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community invites pets and their owners to the Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 7th at 12:00 noon in front of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. This annual event coincides with the feast of St. Francis 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.



FALL RETREAT DAY

St. Margaret Mercy, Dyer Campus, will be holding a Fall Retreat on Wednesday, October 4th. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Roy Beeching on Prayer in Our Daily Life. A \$7.00 donation is requested; continental breakfast & lunch provided. Call Sister Aloysius by Monday October 2, at 219-932-2300, Ext 34275.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

A ten-week support group is being offered at three locations in the Gary diocese this October. The program is open to any divorced individual or person going through a painful divorce. Call for further information: Holy Angels, Gary - Deacon Bob Angelich 662-2946; St. Mary, Crown Point - Cliff Chase 663-8472 or Sue Heaton 688-9419; St. Paul, Valparaiso - Peg Murphy 464-2452 or Mary Kane Mauer 464-4831.

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Business Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit bulletin articles by 1:00 PM Monday.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, September 30

Lectors: M. Banik, P. Banik
 Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, MJ Kansky, N. Mitchell,
 E. Igras, M&K Wagner
 Altar Servers: Erin Lawson, Nickolas Lerma,
 Johnathon Lovasko

7:00 am, October 1

Lectors: R. Matlon, L. Barron
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek,
 L. Kilander, M. Saliga, T. Barilla
 Altar Servers: George Magurany, David Matura,
 Trinity Mitchell

9:00 am, October 1

Lectors: A. Perz, R. Jakubielski
 Euch Min: C. Vrabel, F. Delinck, B. Delinck, Br. J.
 Hall, A. Jurek, ML Tonkovich, D. Weber, E. Duray
 Altar Servers: Alex & Christine Lewandowski, Javier
 Mena

11:00 am, October 1

Lectors: K. Lannon, D. Botich
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, S. Rosendo,
 D. Cuculich, C. Lannon, D. Shimala
 Altar Servers: Lauren Markovich, Elena Paloma,
 Aimee Perhach

5:30 pm, October 1

Altar Servers: Robert Markovich, Michelle Mirza,
 David Moats

CARE CENTER

October 1: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

Sept. 25 & 26: Brian Lawson & Nicholas Lawson
 Sept. 27 & 28: Justin Lerma & Adam Lewandowski
 Sept. 29 & 30: Colton Lopez & Emelie Lovasko

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 24

- 9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 12:00 pm Potluck Dinner (IC)
- 2:00 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

Monday, SEPTEMBER 25

- 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena; film & refreshments follow in Mural Room (SJB)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 26

- 6:30 am Video series "First Comes Love" (SH)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 27

- 6:00 pm Faith Formation Grades 1-5 (SH)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

Thursday, SEPTEMBER 28

- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)
- 7:00 pm St. John Pastoral Council

Friday, SEPTEMBER 29

- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)



Saturday, SEPTEMBER 30, FOOD

DRIVE

- 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Fish Fry in St. John Panel Room
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJB)

Sunday, OCTOBER 1, FOOD DRIVE

- 9:00 am Faith Formation Grades 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 2:00 pm St. Therese Novena Closing followed by Social in the Panel Room (SJB)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

NOVENA TO OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER continues at Sacred Heart Church each Friday at 6 pm until Oct. 20.

SPAGHETTI DINNER—Saturday, Oct. 14, 4 - 7 pm, in the St. John Panel Room, sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Come and have an evening of good food and fun!

MEALS ON WHEELS—Needs delivery volunteers during lunch hours in Whiting area. Volunteer once or twice a month for 1 1/2 hours each. We also serve meals temporarily to those after a hospital stay. Call 219-756-FOOD.