

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



SEPTEMBER 28, 2008
TWENTY-SIXTH 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
Deacon Kevin Scalf

Telephone (219)/Website Information

Parish Office.....659-0023
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Parish Fax.....473-7551
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Religious Formation:

Baptism, RCIA, Children's Faith Formation
Contact Mrs. Diane Puplava.....473-7557

School Office.....659-3042
Cafeteria.....659-3041
Gymnasium.....473-7556
Helping Hands Daycare.....473-7554

Youth Coordinator:

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

Marian Theatre Box Office.....473-7555

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 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 Puplava at 473-7557 for information.

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.

Parish Registration

Welcome to all. Register by calling the rectory.

Rectory Business Office Hours

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

Bulletin Deadline

Submit articles to the rectory by Monday 9 AM

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MISSIONARY HEARTS PARISH APPEAL

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood (C.P.P.S.) have served this parish since 1927.

If you are a member of St. John the Baptist, a Missionary of the Precious Blood has probably stood by your family in times of great joy, such as a wedding, baptism or First Communion; in times of great sorrow; and in all the ordinary times in between. We know that people have many fond memories of former pastors and associates who served here, all Missionaries, including Father John Kostik, C.P.P.S., Father John Lefko, C.P.P.S., Father Gabriel Brenkus, C.P.P.S., Father Edward Homco, C.P.P.S., and many others. The Missionaries of the Precious Blood are now in the midst of a comprehensive campaign in which they hope to raise \$7 million to continue their many ministries, support their retired members and ensure their future as a religious society. It is only the second campaign of the Society since they arrived in the U.S. in 1844. In two weeks, Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn, C.P.P.S., the director of their office of mission advancement, will be at all our weekend Masses to talk about the Missionaries and what they hope to accomplish with their fundraising campaign. We hope that you will welcome him and respond to what he has to say. Any gift you make to Missionary Hearts will count for twice as much, thanks to a challenge gift the Missionaries have already received.

Father John

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be Friday, October 3rd from 1:00 to 6:00 pm at St. John Church. The Litany and Rosary will be prayed at 5:25 pm and closing Benediction at 6:00.



COME PARTICIPATE IN THE "LIFE CHAIN"

The W/R Catholic cluster of churches has a designated area of the Life Chain. Please join us along the South side of Ridge Road at Manor Avenue from 2-3 pm today, Sunday, September 28, to pray silently and offer our presence as witness. Signs will be provided.

If you prefer to pray locally, please join the service at Immaculate Conception shrine on White Oak Ave. next to Church. In case of rain, it will be held inside the church.



Monday, September 29, Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels

7:00 am †Tomko/Yocz Families Off: Family (SJB)
8:00 am †Andrew Gima (SH)

Tuesday, September 30, Jerome, priest, doctor

7:00 am †Memory of Donald Tolin Off: Brothers & Sisters (SJB)
8:00 am †Helen Monczka (SH)
8:30 am †William Kussy Off Frank Zacny (SJB)

Wednesday, October 1, Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

7:00 am †William Trelinski Off: Wife & Family (SJB)
8:00 am †Tom McHale (SH)
8:30 am †Andrew & Sophie Hrapchak Off The Dick Molle Family (SJB)

Thursday, October 2, Guardian Angels

7:00 am †Stephen Nagy Off: Wife & Children (SJB)
8:00 am †John Singel, John Gaynor, Michael & Mary McCarthy (SH)

Friday, October 3

7:00 am †Annette Timko Off: Frank & Irene Dubec (SJB)
8:00 am †Hassen Gaynor & Knazur Families (SH)
8:30 am †Alice Mlynarski Off: Jenna & Mrs. Wozniak (SJB)

Saturday, October 4, Francis of Assisi, religious

7:00 am †Jim Zabrecky Off: Helen Samek (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Sunday, October 5, Twenty-seventh 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 St. Adalbert Rosary Society Corp. Communion, Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)



Gail Baczynski, Mary Badankovich, Lenny Barnaby, Mary Bayus, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Dorothy Chovan, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Ed Domasica, Magdalene Doucette, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Ann Gulvas, Loretta Jambik, Richard Gene and Richard Kenneth Kaminsky, Eugene M. Kasper, Joann Keepes, Richard Kovach, Margaret Kovacich, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Albert Odlivak, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Marcia Ross, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Mildred Saliga, John and Geraldine Sciacero, Martha Shimala, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, George Soltis, Angie Srencik, Mary Trelinski, Virginia Troksa, Agnes Vetroczyk, Mark Vine, Dorothy Zabrecky, Clara Zalapakus, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

Please note...there will be no Sunday 5:30 p.m. Young Adult Mass until further notice.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$8,258.00
Loose.....	425.39
High School.....	34.00
Grade School.....	147.50
Total for Week.....	\$8,864.89
488 Pledges to CSA.....	\$61,279.75
Parish Goal.....	\$61,703.00

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION



The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to participate in praying the rosary at the Immaculate Conception outdoor shrine located on White Oak Avenue next to Immaculate Conception Church, October 5th 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 this hour of prayer. Bring a chair if you wish and your rosary. In the event of inclement weather, we will pray inside Immaculate Conception Church.

LET'S VOTE RESPONSIBLY



The Faith Enrichment Committee together with the Peace and Justice Commission of the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Cluster have planned an evening to help all of us practice faithful citizenship. You are invited to come to the St. John Mural Room on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm to hear guest presenters, Joan Crist, PhD and Fr. James Dixon of the Heartland Center, conduct a forum on the topic of voting your conscience. Please bring family members and friends to this informal evening as together we prepare ourselves to take up our civic responsibility of voting on November 4. Questions? Call Margaret, 659-4138.

FLOOD RELIEF

Catholic Charities and our own Brownie Troop #10199 are aiding in flood relief donations for those affected by the recent flooding in Lake County. Especially needed are cleaning supplies, soap and personal supplies, underwear, socks, kitchen supplies, bedding, pillows, chairs, couches, paper goods, cooking utensils and microwave ovens. Also needed are canned goods, gift cards and cash.



Items may be dropped off at Sacred Heart Rectory porch, or at the Hammond Catholic Charities office, 6919 Indianapolis Blvd, Hammond, daily from 9-5.

Cash donations for flood victims may be made c/o Catholic Charities, 176 South West Street, Crown Point, IN 46307. Please designate contributions as "Flood Relief".



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please keep them in your prayers: Zach Arnold, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Austin Chiluski, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Walter Malenki, Benjamin Mann, Randall McAllister, Michael McCullough, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Graham Stone.

THE MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

September 29 & 30: Michael & Philip Jakubielski

October 1 & 2: Arlene & Kevin Gibbons

October 3 & 4: Elliot & Nathaniel Bibat

SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 pm, October 4, Saturday

Lectors: Krilich, Flores

Euch Min: J&D Franko, MJ Kansky, N Mitchell, C Vrabel, E Igras, K Scalf

Altar Servers: Martin Petruf, Katie & Sara Kruszynski

8:00 am October 5, Sunday

Lectors: Burosh, Helen Marie

Euch Min: J&L Spanier, R&J Zubeck, D Huizenga, ML Tonkovich

Altar Servers: David & Steven Matura, Elena Sobilo

11:00 am October 5, Sunday

Lectors: Silva, Gomez

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, D Shimala, M Kacak, V Kusnir, K Saliga, M Poppen (CR), E Duray (CR)

Altar Servers: Emily Curosh, Raymond Walsh, Brianna Scivinsky

CARE CENTER

10:00 am October 5: J Kruczek, R Lubek

ST. THERESA NOVENA CONTINUES

Please join us each evening at St. John's Church at 6:30 pm for the novena to St. Theresa. These days of prayer center on the Blessed Sacrament and will include reflective thoughts from the personal writings of St. Theresa of Lisieux. Pray at home if you're unable to attend. The final service on **Wed., Oct. 1st** will include a free will offering to benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Society, followed by a social in the St. John Panel Room. Everyone is welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL RCIA

We are in the beginning stages of forming a class for High School Students who have not yet been baptized or received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion. If you know of someone who might be interested in this class, please contact Mrs. Diane Pupilava at 219-473-7557.

We are also in need of one or two adults to serve as Catechists for this class. Training and curriculum will be provided. Contact Diane Pupilava if you are interested.

This class is scheduled to begin in October.

COME HEAR THIS STORY!

On October 12 from 4-6:00 pm, please join the Youth of the Whiting Cluster Parishes as we welcome Louisa Aminata, a young lady from Sierra Leone, West Africa. Her story is a very inspiring one—it includes the story of her faith journey which includes stories about Mother Theresa, the story of war and its aftermath, as well as her personal story as a refugee, and as the mother of 32 children at the age of 25. Taste of Africa Dinner as well as an American Dinner will be served. Free-will donations are requested. This inspiring talk will be presented in St. John's Panel Room. For registration (which is required) call 696-1308.



II Nick McNinch & Elizabeth Powell

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

The march to November 4th continues. Hear, Oh Catholics, and respond to the pastoral letter by the United States Catholic Bishops:

“Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship”

57. Building a world of respect for human life and dignity, where justice and peace prevail, requires more than just political commitment. Individuals, families, businesses, community organizations, and government all have a role to play. Participation in political life in light of fundamental moral principles is an essential duty for every Catholic and all people of good will.

60. The Church is principled but not ideological. We cannot compromise basic principles or moral teaching. We are committed to clarity about our moral teaching and to civility. In public life, it is important to practice the virtues of justice and charity that are at the core of our Tradition. We should work with others in a variety of ways to advance our moral principles.

61. In light of these principles and the blessings we share as part of a free and democratic nation, we bishops vigorously repeat our call for a renewed kind of politics:

- Focused more on moral principles than on the latest polls
- Focused more on the needs of the weak than on benefits for the strong
- Focused more on the pursuit participation reflects the social teaching of our Church and the best traditions of our nation

(Read the complete statement at www.faithfulcitizenship.org).

Submitted by: Marsha Banik

WELCOME BACK TEENS!

All teens from Confirmation through High School Seniors are welcome to join meeting in Benedict Hall on Sunday, October 5, immediately following the 11:00 am Mass. These bi-weekly gatherings will be approximately 2 hours in length. Time is spent in planning for upcoming events, faith sharing, food and free time, so come join us and bring a friend. Upcoming events:

Life Chain- October 5

Savior of the World Presentation -October 12

Haunted House Construction - Throughout October

Teen Mass - October 26th at 11:00

Spirit Day - November 9th

In addition, I am seeking all musically talented young people who would be interested in becoming a part of the Music Ministry that we are developing for Teen Masses. Come and share your gifts with everyone. We are also looking for teens who would like to participate in the Liturgical Roles of the Mass. If interested, join us on Sundays in Benedict Hall or call me, Jamie Sandona, YM Coordinator at 659-0023.

I am also creating a team of Adults to serve on the guidance team for the Youth / Teen Ministry! If you are interested in helping out, please call Jamie Sandona at 659-0023!



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School Cafeteria ManagerLiz Delgado
Cub Scouts..... Michael Maloney
Girl ScoutsJeannine Dabertin

PARISH LIFE

Holy Name Society Anthony Barilla
Homebound.....Deacon Joe Manchak
Marian Theatre Guild Martin Dybel
Pirohi Makers.....Gerri Tumidalsky
Rosary Society Marsha Banik

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers Fr. Gary Scherer, Deanne Shimala
Care Center Coordinator.....Joseph Kruczek
Environment Martin Dybel
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LectorsNancy Gomez
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Prayer GroupMarilou Tonkovich
SacristanMargaret Matuska
Youth Ministry Coordinator.....Jamie Sandona

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food CollectionThomas Chocholek
St. Vincent de Paul Society..... Susan Adam

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 28, Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Food Pantry (SH)
9:30-10:30 am Faith Formation (Gr.6-8) (SH)



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

All Parishes

6:30 pm St. Theresa Novena (SJB)

Monday, September 29

10:30 am Bible Study (SH)

6:30 pm St. Theresa Novena (SJB)

7:00 pm RCIA (SJB)

Tuesday, September 30

6:30 pm St. Theresa Novena (SJB)

Wednesday, October 1

6-7:30 pm Faith Formation (Gr. 1-5) (SH)

6:30 pm St. Theresa Novena Closing (SJB)

Thursday, October 2

1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJB)

4-5:00 pm Confessions (SJB)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

6:30 pm Confirmation Orientation (SJB)

7:00 pm St. Adalbert Pastoral Council (IC)

Friday, October 3, First Friday

1-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJB)

6:30 pm Sorrowful Mother Novena (SH)

Saturday, October 4

12:00 noon Pet Blessing (SJB)

Sunday, October 5, Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time—Respect Life Sunday

Food Pantry (SJB)

9:30 -10:30 am Faith Formation (Gr. 6-8) (SH)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)

12:00 noon Teens Gathering for Life Chain

2:00 pm Rosary—Outdoor Grotto (IC)

2-3:00 pm Life Chain (Ridge Rd. & Manor Ave.)

CAMPFIRE GIRLS CAR WASH

Please support the Whiting/Robertsdale Campfire Girls car wash to benefit local animal shelters & rescue groups on Saturday, October 4th at Owens-Ruzich Funeral Home, 816-119th Street, from 10 am—3:30 pm.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly food collection for the Whiting-Robertsdale Food Pantry. Please leave your donations in the Centennial Room in the back of Church. Thank you for your continued support.

MARIAN CATHOLIC HS OKTOBERFEST

Marian Catholic High School Band Parents' annual Oktoberfest Arts & Crafts Show will be held at Marian on Sunday, October 5th from 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call Lisa Collins 708-502-5472.