

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



JANUARY 28, 2007  
FOURTH 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

## Telephone (219)/Website Information

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  - 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;
- Sunday Lifeteen Mass 5:30 PM
- Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM
- Daily Mass.....7:00 AM
- School Children's Mass .....8:15 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.



## “STAY WITH US, LORD!”

(Pope John Paul II)

The other evening while watching what seemed to be commercials interrupted occasionally by world news, someone remarked that in America, the amount of hours people spend weekly before the television set averages out to about 20 hours per man, women and child! Per week, that is! With what is happening in our world: the war in Iraq and the constant threat of terrorism, with the church dealing with scandals, with our Whiting/Robertsdale area contaminated with drugs, murders, and other abuses, there is a crying need for the witness of strong Catholics, wise Catholics, Catholics who are not swayed by public opinion or afraid to stand up for the truth.

Where can one find this kind of strength and wisdom, this patience and conviction and this loyal love of God? It is found in the One who said: “Have courage, I have overcome the world.” He is present with us openly in the Eucharist!

We express our belief in Christ’s presence by doing on our part what He does on His part --- He comes to us in the Eucharist. So we must go to Him. He is present in the Eucharist to be near to us. All Christ asks is for a regular visit from us.

Every first Friday of the month presents us the opportunity to visit. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m., and continues all day until closing. The Litany and Rosary begin at 5:25 pm with Benediction following. Sign-up sheets are posted at all Church entrances.

Join us February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come, pray, be renewed by the greatest treasure available to us!

*(Our special intention for the month of February is for the success of the Deanery Mission February 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>)*

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week begins today with Mass at 9:00 am. The week will feature many GOOD NEWS events: Monday in our Community - collecting new or slightly used children’s books for the women shelters; collect snack food items for the local soup kitchen. Tuesday in our Nation - sending posters and banners to the President and Congress to encourage continued support of Catholic schools; Wednesday in our students - joining Bishop Melczek at Mass at Bishop Noll; Thursday in our vocations - praying, touring the church, and collecting monies for Missionaries of the Precious Blood and Sisters of Providence; Friday in our Faculty and Staff with a special luncheon.



Please pray for these brave men and women who are serving in our armed services: Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Justin Faulkner, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, 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, Jason Verta, Nathan Wilson. To add a name to this list, please call the rectory.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29

7:00 am †Werner Petri Off: Dolores & Christine (SJB)  
8:00 am †Joseph “Max” Stahura SH

Tuesday, January 30

7:00 am †Deceased Members Kashak Family Off: Greg & Family (SJB)  
8:00 am †Anne Vargo SH  
8:15 am †Aloysius Murzyn Off: Lambert Novak (SJB)

Wednesday, January 31, John Bosco, priest

7:00 am †Richard Quattrin Off: Dennis & Patti Banik (SJB)  
8:00 am †Rudy & Mary Herakovich (SH)  
8:15 am †John Lovasko, Sr. Off: Family & Friends (SJB)

Thursday, February 1

7:00 am †Eileen Tomko Off: Husband, John & Family (SJB)  
8:00 am †John, Paul & Charles Wagner SH

Friday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

7:00 am †Ralph & Emma McCampbell Off: Dolores & Ralph (SJB)  
8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley (SH)  
8:15 am †Anmarie Zurbruggen Off: Sister, Marge & Family (SJB)

Saturday, February 3, Blase, bp, martyr, Ansgar, bp.

7:00 am †Charles Kosalko Off: Wife, Lillian Kosalko (SJB)  
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)  
5:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

Sunday, February 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 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 †Angel & Amado Davila (SH)  
9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)  
10:15 am †Delphine Murzyn (SA)  
10:45 am †Walter Kaminsky (Anniversary) SH  
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)  
5:30 pm No Mass (SJB)

### Pray For

Mary Bayus, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Cindy Dreesen, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Marie Emro, Sophie Foley, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Edward S. Marcisz, Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Catherine Verville, Mark Vine, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



### Rest in Peace

Baby Abigail Layne Knight-Mordus, Granddaughter of Tom Feltz

ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Wed., Feb. 7th from 5:30—7:30 pm, 5959 Broadway, Merrillville. Call Dawn Wojkovich 219-887-5281 X226 for information.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Weekly.....	\$8,187.00
Loose.....	\$519.56
High School.....	\$98.50
Grade School.....	\$177.99
Total for the Week.....	\$8,983.05
Latin America collection.....	\$2,106.65

**SPECIAL DIOCESAN MISSION**

Come and prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese on June 10th, 2007, with your attendance at a special mission. "Called by the Spirit to Mission" will be the theme of the Mission hosted by St. John the Baptist on February 25, 26, 27, & 28, Sunday through Wednesday. It will be held each evening in church from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Fr. John Judie, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, returns to our Diocese to help parishioners in our North Lake Deanery reflect on our baptismal call to serve in the mission of Jesus Christ. Come be spirit-filled!

**Life Teen Brings Souper Bowl to Whiting**

LIFE TEEN will hold soup pots at the church doors on Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4. They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2005, 11,000 groups in all 50 states and outside the United States participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$4 million. LIFE TEEN will donate the Souper Bowl collection to St. Joseph's Soup kitchen. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring became a national grassroots event in 1993, more than \$28 million has gone to help those in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot Souper Bowl Sunday.

**CANDLEMAS DAY**

The feast of the Presentation of Jesus is celebrated on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. As in the past, you are invited to bring your personal candles to the 7:00 am Mass to be blessed for use within your home during the coming year. Individual candles will also be available for a donation that day.

**MONTHLY FOOD COLLECTION**

February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at St. John Church  
The collection benefits the Whiting/Robertsdale Food Pantry. Your help is always greatly appreciated!

**211 HELP LINE**

Did you know there is a new 2-1-1 help line, started in December by the NWI Community Action! Callers can get referrals and information about obtaining financial assistance, shelter, food, and health care, to name a few.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you need an annual statement for your 2006 church contributions for tax purposes, please call the Rectory Office 659-0023 during business hours 9 am to 4 pm weekdays.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**  
**SENIOR CARE INSURANCE SERVICES**  
7998 Broadway, Merrillville, Indiana  
219-736-9450



**WINTER FESTIVAL 2007**

Open a treasure chest of fun at St. John the Baptist Catholic School's annual Winter Festival the weekend of Feb. 16, 17, & 18. The theme is "Welcome to Pirates Paradise!" Plenty of food, fun, music, games, and entertainment is planned for this exciting weekend.

On Saturday Feb. 17, there will be a Seniors Only afternoon located in the Panel Room from 2-5:30 pm featuring the live music of the Merry Notes.



Also on Saturday from 3:30-4:30 pm will be the Dave Dinaso Show with his Traveling World of Reptiles. The Game Room opens immediately after this show.

Come to the Student Talent Show Sun., Feb. 18 at 3 pm!

In the Panel Room on Sunday, February 18, beginning at 11 am, partake of the famous St. John Fried Chicken Dinner! Two dinner seatings will be held, the first at 11 am, the second seating at 1:30 pm.



Tickets are being sold after each Sunday Mass in the school lobby or they can be purchased at the rectory office. Cost for tickets is \$10 each, child or adult. Your preferred seating time must be designated at time of purchase.

South Shore Artist and Northwest Indiana's very own Mitch Markovitz will be unveiling his latest artwork, a beautiful painting of our church during festival weekend. On Sunday, Feb. 18, he will be authenticating his new artwork in the Panel Room beginning at 3 pm through the closing of the Festival.



Want to take a chance? Raffle tickets are available at a cost of \$10 each, or 6 tickets for \$50! If you haven't received yours in the mail, tickets can be obtained at the rectory during regular business hours of 9 am—4 pm.

For additional information about festival weekend, contact the school office, the rectory, or visit our parish website at [www.sjbcatholicparish.org](http://www.sjbcatholicparish.org). See you there, mate!

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD  
HAMMOND INVITATIONAL 2007**



Congratulations to St. John the Baptist Science Olympiad team for their hard work at the 2007 Hammond Invitational! There were a total of 13 individual events.

First Place Awards: Ecology –Lisa Gundich, Emelie Lovasko; Food Science –Jessica Zemen, Lauren Markovich; Science Word –Lisa Gundich, Jay Lockridge.

Second Place Awards: Awesome Aquifers –Rachel Hurtig, Hannah Dominiak; Balloon Racer –Hannah Dominiak, Mary Gundich; Disease Detectives –Lisa Gundich, Katie Syler; Wheeled Vehicle –Ryan Thrasher, Rachel Hurtig.

Third Place Awards: Heredity –Lisa Gundich, Paige Guiden; Meteorology –Jay Lockridge, Luke Matulewicz; Metric Mastery –Mary Gundich, Lauren Markovich; Storm the Castle –Luke Matulewicz, Katherine Chiluski; Tower Building –Ryan Thrasher, Luke Matulewicz.

Team Award: FIRST PLACE!!! Special Note--sisters, Mary and Lisa Gundich medaled in each event they competed in. Lisa received 4 medals, Mary, 3. Congratulations students! The Parish is proud of your accomplishments!

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

### 4:30 pm, February 3

Lectors: McCampbell, Perz  
Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, G&C Rosen, R. Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk  
Altar Servers: Nicholas Curosh, Steven Duha, Adam Flores

### 7:00 am, February 4

Lectors: Helen Marie, Pesenko  
Euch Min: T&S Adam, J&G Blackwell, B. Chidalek, C. Pesenko, M. Saliga  
Altar Servers: Hunter Priesol, Ashley Przybyla, Dylan Reeves

### 9:00 am, February 4

Lectors: Bojda, Powell  
Euch Min: F. Delinck, I. Dominguez, Br. J. Hall, ML Tonkovich, E. Duray, R&J Zubeck, B. Delinck  
Altar Servers: Omar Rosales, Alec & Eric Rodriguez

### 11:00 am, February 4

Lectors: Botich, Lannon  
Euch Min: N&W Lewandowski, D. Shimala, Erwin Roldan, S. Rosendo, C. Vrabel  
Altar Servers: Trinity Mitchell, Karina & Rafael Rodriguez

### CARE CENTER

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

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### 7:00 a.m.

Jan. 29 & 30: Matthew Menchaca & Jesse Munoz  
Jan. 31 & Feb. 1: Zachary Pacourez & Aimee Perhach  
Feb. 2 & 3: Elena Paloma & Ashley Pokraka

### THE MARRIAGE ANNULMENT PROCESS

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee is sponsoring an evening with Fr. Brian Chadwick, Gary Diocese Marriage Tribunal Judicial Vicar, and Sr. Evelyn Ovalles, SP, director of the Gary Diocese Marriage Tribunal, on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Mural Room. They will present the many values of the annulment process as well as the many misconceptions surrounding it. Printed literature will be available. Refreshments and conversation follow. Everyone is invited to this informative presentation. Questions, call 659-4138.

### GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MASS

All Girl Scouts in the Whiting/Robertsdale area are invited to a special Sunday Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, 2006 Schrage, Sunday, February 11, at 8:15 am. A Continental Fellowship Breakfast follows. All Girl Scouts attending this Mass will receive a participation patch. Call Lori Zemen at 659-8516 to place your order for patches by Jan. 27th!

### CLUSTER PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

You are invited once again to come help us in our work to feed the hungry. We need 15 people to help sort and package donated food at the Food Bank of NWI in Gary, Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am until noon. If you are interested please call Chris Suarez 659-0197 or Rita Krilich 659-2965. The Cluster Peace and Social Justice Commission ALSO presents our Feature of the Month: Meals on Wheels. Look for flyers located by the church entrances and bulletin boards to find out who they are, what they do, contact information, and volunteer opportunities.

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### CCSJ ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Calumet College of St. Joseph will host their first annual Homecoming on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. A full day of events is planned for students, alumni, family and friends of the College. The Crimson Wave basketball teams will host Cardinal Stritch University at the Hammond Civic Center. The women's game will tip-off at 1:00 p.m. and the men's game at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the door. A Dinner Dance at Dynasty Banquet Hall with DJ and cash bar will complete the day's events. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. For tickets or information contact Drew Hays 219-473-4222 or ahays@ccsj.edu.

### LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

**January 28, Sunday – 6:30** – Life Nite in the Pastoral Center

**February 4, Sunday** SOUPER BOWL OF CARING!

**February 11, Sunday – 6:30** – Life Nite in Pastoral Center

### Attention all High School Teens

#### Spirit Day is Coming, March 4, 2007

Do you remember your Spirit Day? LIFE TEEN is inviting all high school teens and their friends to help out and participate in this year's Spirit Day, Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. All planning meetings are after the 5:30 pm LIFE TEEN mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the pastoral center. LIFE TEEN would like all teens to come and help and share their experiences of their Spirit Day. There is something for everyone! More information please call Candi Gard at 659-1663.

### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

The Diocese of Gary proudly welcomes Christopher West as he presents an introduction to John Paul II's Theology of the Body, March 9 & 10, at Avalon Manor, Merrillville. The seminar is open to anyone 16 or over. Join Christopher West for a thought provoking presentation that will enrich your understanding of human sexuality and the spiritual power it contains — in the married, single, and consecrated life. Cost is \$30 before Feb. 25, \$35 after (student discount available.) Visit [www.cwestinindiana.com](http://www.cwestinindiana.com) or contact Rosanne at 219-696-1308.

### FREE HEALTH FAIR

The Whiting Lions Club, in conjunction with St. Catherine's Hospital is sponsoring a free health fair. Tests offered include blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, hearing and more. The event will be held Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church multi-purpose room. For information call 659-1658.

### PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Immaculate Conception will again be collecting service hours for participation in the President's Volunteer Service Award program. There are flyers in the back of church noting eligibility requirements. Submit volunteer hours to Lori Zemen, 1537 -119<sup>th</sup> St., Whiting or zlaz04@yahoo.com by Feb. 20, 2007 to be considered for the second award ceremony.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VALENTINE DANCE

Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> the Whiting Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Valentine Dance; cost is \$25 per person. Cocktails at 6:00 pm; Dinner at 7:00 pm. Music by Touch of Class. Call Ernie 659-4083 or John 659-2949 by Feb. 4th!

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, JANUARY 28

- 8:00 am-Noon St. Casimir "All You Can Eat"  
Pancake Breakfast, School Gym
- 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
- 9:00 am Opening of Catholic Schools Week
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

Monday, JANUARY 29

- 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
- 7:00 pm Finance Council (SJB)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)

Tuesday, JANUARY 30

- 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Video Series, First  
Comes Love (SH Rose Room) - Final evening.

Wednesday, JANUARY 31

- 6:00 pm Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

Thursday, FEBRUARY 1

- 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
- 4:00-5:00 pm Confessions (SJB)
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Formation (SJB)
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SA)

- Friday, FEBRUARY 2 St. Blasé Blessing of Throats  
Close of Catholic Schools Week  
Communion to Shut-ins  
1:00-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJB)

Saturday, FEBRUARY 3—Food Drive (SJB)  
St. Blasé - Blessing of Throats

Sunday, FEBRUARY 4 -Food Drive (SJB)

- Collection after all Masses for "Souper Bowl"
- 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
- 11:00 am Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
- 5:30 pm No Life Teen Mass or Life Nite
- 7:00 pm CPPS Companions (SJB)

### CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL

The 2006 Catholic Services Appeal campaign officially ends January 31, 2007. Please mail your remaining pledge payments to be received no later than January 31. If you itemize your income taxes and require a receipt for your contribution to the CSA in 2006, contact the CSA Office at 219-769-9292 Ext. 268 or email [jillyes@dcgary.org](mailto:jillyes@dcgary.org).

St. Casimir Parish Las Vegas Nite/Silent Auction/  
Dinner & Raffle, Saturday, February 3, from 6 pm-  
Midnight. Call 219-931-2589 for advance tickets!