

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



NOVEMBER 16, 2008
THIRTY-THIRD 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
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Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky

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Helping Hands Daycare.....473-7554
Youth Minister
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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EMBRYONIC STEM-CELL RESEARCH IS IMMORAL

By Executive Order, President Bush has prohibited scientific research using embryos. In this kind of research the living embryo is destroyed. Destruction of a living embryo is an immoral act. We are grateful to President Bush for his stand to protect human life. However, another Executive Order can easily remove the prohibition and make it legal for scientists to begin research. President Elect Obama has indicated that he intends to reverse President Bush's Order. Let's pray that he doesn't.

Stem cells are a special type of cell that can easily divide to create new cells. Scientists have found that it is possible to use stem cells to treat a wide range of diseases and other health problems because stem cells could potentially regenerate damaged tissues and organs.

There are a variety of stem cells: for example adult-stem cells drawn from bone marrow or from blood that remains in the umbilical cord after birth. The church encourages this kind of research. The kind of research the Church consistently opposes is that done on **embryonic stem-cells** (cells taken directly from the embryo). This procedure is immoral because it involves the destruction of a living embryo.

On August 25, 2000, the Pontifical Academy for Life released a document entitled "Declaration on the Production and the Scientific and Therapeutic Use of Human Embryonic Stem Cells."

The document clearly affirms the Church's teaching that embryonic stem-cell research is immoral for the following reasons:

First, the preparation of embryonic stem-cells from a living embryo requires the destruction of the embryo, which is a gravely immoral act.

Second, some scientists have used cloning to produce embryos in order to harvest stem cells. While these embryos are not created in the normal manner, they too, are alive, and their destruction is gravely immoral.

Third, the Church opposes the use of embryonic stem-cell lines that already exist for the same reason that these lines began with the destruction of innocent human life.

It does not matter whether scientific advances may be made through embryonic research, **the Church teaches that we can never do evil, even if good may come of it.** There is no way to obtain embryonic stem cells without destroying innocent human life. **Destroying human life is an evil!**

Father John

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 17, Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
7:00 am †"Millie" Klochan Off: 7 o'clock Rosary Group (SJB)
8:00 am †Frank & Mary Dudzik (SA)

Tuesday, November 18, Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin
7:00 am †John Smolan—Founded Mass (SJB)
8:00 am †Steve Piroso (SA)
8:30 am †Jack Williams Off: Mrs. Bach Class Room 105 (SJB)

Wednesday, November 19
7:00 am †Joe Matlon & Family Off: Richard Matlon (SJB)
8:00 am †Mary Svoboda (SA)
8:30 am †Deanna Dreesen Off: Cynthia Dreeson (SJB)

Thursday, November 20
7:00 am †Paul Lukacsek Off: Wife, Eleanor (SJB)
8:00 am †Sophia & Joseph Goginski, Lorreta (Kender) Barbee, Patricia Buchi (SA)

Friday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
8:00 am †Joseph Bakos, Sr. (SA)
8:30 am †John & Mary Bodney Off: McCampbell Family (SJB)

Saturday, November 22, Cecilia, virgin, martyr
7:00 am In Thanksgiving Off: Virginia (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Sunday, November 23, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
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)



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, Jerry Kozak, 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 Srncik, Mary Treliński, Virginia Troksa, Mark Vine, Edward & Dorothy Yuhás, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



The Book of Remembrance is available in the Centennial Room. You are invited to record names of deceased family members and friends whom you would like to remember. We will pray for all our faithfully departed during November. "May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen."



Rest in Peace

Robert O'Hara
Stephen M. Zelenack
Michael Joseph O'Mahoney (Brother of Geri Hildreth)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,717.00
Loose.....	438.92
High School.....	34.50
Grade School.....	139.36
Total for Week.....	\$10,329.78
Flood Relief.....	\$1,708.48

MARIAN THEATRE FALL MUSICAL



This is your last chance to see the fall musical, "Anything Goes"! Remaining performances are November 15 & 16. Don't miss this Cole Porter classic Broadway dance extravaganza!!

BAPTISM MINISTRY

During the past two weeks, parents and godparents have gathered in prayer and study to prepare for the baptism of their children. They have presented their children to the parish community of Saint John the Baptist and have promised to raise their children in the faith of the Catholic Church.

We, as their family of faith, have witnessed the celebration of the first two Rites of Baptism. We have signed these children with the cross of Christ, promised to prayerfully support the parents and godparents, and publicly professed our own faith.

On Sunday, November 23rd at the 11 a.m. Mass, these children will receive new life in Christ through the waters of baptism and be anointed with the Oil of Chrism. You are invited to join with our entire parish to celebrate with these children and their families. During the days before this very blessed event, we ask you to keep these children in your prayers.

Maddux Easton Laurincik **Jordyn Alexandria Rivera**

*Heavenly Father, source of all blessings,
Protector of children,
look with favor on these children.
Hold them gently in your hands.*

*When they are reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
bring them into the Church, there to share in your kingdom
and with us to bless your name forever.*

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

Everyone is invited to join our Whiting/Robertsdale Community as we gather on Wednesday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Eve, at St. Adalbert's Church, to thank God for our many personal and communal blessings. The service will begin at 7:00 pm as area pastors and we, the faithful, assemble to share sacred scripture and praise God in prayerful song. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Whiting Food Pantry. Your generous participation is encouraged and welcomed. Thanks be to God for "our little city on the Lake". Thanks be to God for our freedom, our country and our world. May we be forever blessed.

ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All members of the St. John Rosary Society are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 pm. "An Old-Fashioned Christmas" will be presented by the members of Group 4, Rose Beaulieu, Promoter. ALL attending must have a ticket. Reservations are \$15. and are due no later than Wednesday, November 26th. Call Carole at 659-3147 or Rose, 659-3410 for tickets.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

November 17 & 18: Elena Sobilo, Jazmin Encarnacion
November 19 & 20: Adam Lewandowski, Rachel Kubisz
November 21 & 22: Jenna Wozniak, Daphne Meyer

SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 pm, November 22, Saturday

Lectors: Hernandez, Wagner
Euch Min: R&B Jerzyk, B Jerzyk, P&M Progar, J Wozniak, E Igras

Altar Servers: Isabella Kalwasinski, Austin & Katie Esquivel

8:00 am November 23, Sunday

Lectors: Burosh, Helen Marie
Euch Min: T Barilla, L Barron, B Chidalek, I Dominguez, G Jancosek, J Pieters

Altar Servers: Caleb Strabavy, Taylor & Ashley Pokraka

11:00 am November 23, Sunday

Lectors: Flores, Gomez
Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, F Delinck, R Rodriguez, E&E Roldan, B Delinck (CR), E Duray (CR)

Altar Servers: Eric & Emmanuel Roldan, Juliana Serna

CARE CENTER

10:00 am November 23: J Bobos, R Mikola

FAMOUS PIROHI FOR SALE!

St. John's famous pirohi will be on sale Sunday, December 14th from 9:00 am until 12:30 pm in the Panel Room lobby. The price is \$7.00 per dozen. There are five varieties: potato, cheese, plum butter, kraut, and apricot. Noodles are available while they last at \$2.00 per bag. For pre-packed orders call Gerri at 219-659-0090.



BULLETIN EARLY DEADLINE

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, **ALL ARTICLES FOR THE PARANEWS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE RECTORY NO LATER THAN MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 9:00 AM.**



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please help feed the needy of our parish this coming Thanksgiving. Donation of canned goods, non-perishable food items, and toiletries can be dropped off in the back pews of church. Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver the food immediately after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday November 23rd.

THANKSGIVING SOCIAL

Sacred Heart Parish, 4429 Olcott Avenue in East Chicago, is holding a Thanksgiving Social on Sundays, November 16 and 23. They will feature games, turkeys, door prizes and refreshments. All are invited. Donation \$2.

Please pray for our men and women in the service

Zach Arnold, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Austin Chluski, 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 Morcus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Graham Stone.



WANTED: CRAFTS!

Crafts of all kinds are needed for the Parish Festival craft booth. We need to fill this booth with wonderful creations donated by the crafters of the cluster parishes and the crafters among the school parents. The festival is in February, so you have time! Plan, make, then donate. Proceeds will go to St. John the Baptist School.

THANKS FROM THE NWI FOOD BANK

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers that joined us at the NWI Food Bank this past Saturday, November 8th. We were able to repack over 6,000 lbs of food for those in need and we never would have been able to accomplish that without your support! Thanks again, and God Bless!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SACRED HEART

The following are events scheduled for Sacred Heart Church here in Whiting.

December 3-11, Novena at 7:00 pm. (Exception on December 8, the Novena will start at 6:00 pm following a bilingual Holy Day of Obligation Mass.)

December 12, at **5:00 am**, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mananitas and breakfast to follow.

December 12, at 6:00 pm, Apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe play.

December 12, 7:00 pm Mass of the Roses, Mariachi and social after Mass.

December 18, Posada at 6:00 pm (a reenactment of the journey Joseph and Mary took as they were expecting the birth of their child, Jesus) to be held in the Rose Room where food, piñata, and candy will be provided.

Candles will be sold all Sundays through November 30 and at the Novena December 3 - 11. Fr. Leo will bless the candles on December 12. Everyone is welcome!

2009 MASS BOOK

The St. John the Baptist 2009 Mass Book is available for scheduling of Masses for the coming year. Please come to the Rectory during regular business hours of 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The requested offering for a Mass is \$10.00.

ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE WINNERS

Many thanks to all who supported the recent Raffle and Bake Sale sponsored by the Rosary Society. Raffle winners are: First Place: Helen Markovich; Second Place: M. Banik; Third Place: Flo Hovanec; Fourth Place: Zita Tanski; 50/50 Winner: George Jancosek

LUNCH N LEARN AT CALUMET COLLEGE

Calumet College of St. Joseph is holding its Lunch N Learn program on November 19th and 20th from noon to 1:30 pm. On the 19th the discussion will be about getting involved with a charity, and on the 20th the discussion will be about insurance and insurance claims. Call Linda at 473-4217 for more information.

MARIAN CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to Lauren Boyle and Krista Perez, both of whom made the 1st Quarter Honor Roll at Marian Catholic High School. We are very proud of our parishioners. Keep up the good work!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

JEFFREY A. STOLARZ, DDS
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Church/Rectory..... Ray Walsh
School Building Facilities Pat Shalack

EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education..... Diane Puplava
Gymnasium..... Matthew Saliga
Helping Hands..... Rebecca Flores
Home/School Association
Panel Room Manager Carol Vargo

St. John School Advisory Board:

Deanne Shimala, Robert Rodriguez, Scott Thrasher, Mary Ann Bibat, Brian Biel, Hugo Morales
St. John School Principal Mark Topp
School Office Melissa Shebish, Rebecca Flores
School Band Director..... Rich Mlynarski
School Cafeteria Manager Liz Delgado
Cub Scouts..... Michael Maloney
Girl Scouts Carol Scivinsky

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
Eucharistic Ministers Eve Duray
Lectors Nancy Gomez
Liturgy Committee Margaret Saliga
Marriage Coordinators Anne Marie Gyure, Carole Marena

Parish Music Director Geraldine Hildreth
C.P.P.S Companions Marilou Tonkovich
Sacristan Margaret Matuska
Youth Ministry Coordinator..... Jamie Sandona

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food Collection Thomas Chocholek
St. Vincent de Paul Society Susan Adam

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 16

Food Pantry (IC)
11:00 am Second Rite of Baptism (SJB)
9:30-11:30 am Middle School Faith Formation Extended
Class (SH)
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (SJB)

Monday, November 17

10:30 am Bible Study (SH)
6:30 pm Bible Study Spanish (SH)
7:00 pm RCIA (SJB)

Tuesday, November 18

6:30 pm U.S. Catechism for Adults (SH)
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation #3 (SJB)
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul Society (SH)

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

12:45 pm Early Dismissal (SJS)
1:00 pm Benediction/Rosary Meeting (SJB)
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
7:00 pm Cluster Meeting (SJB)

Friday, November 21

5:30 pm MARKET DAY PICK UP (SJB)

Saturday, November 22

Sunday, November 23

Food Pantry (SH)
9:30-10:30 am Middle School Faith Formation (SH)
11:00 am Third Rite of Baptism (SJB)
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (SJB)

SING-ALONG MESSIAH

Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra is presenting its Sing-Along Messiah on Sunday, November 30th at 3:00 pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 10701 Olcott Avenue in St. John, IN. General Admission tickets are \$15, Students \$10. Call 219-836-0525 for more information.

ST. CASIMIR'S COOKIE AND NOVELTY SALE

St. Casimir's Fatima Sodality invites everyone to their annual Cookie and Novelty Sale on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7th in the Blue Room of the school, located at 4329 Cameron Avenue, Hammond. Saturday hours are 2-6:00 pm, Sunday hours are 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Featured items are 1 pound packages of cookies sold for \$5.00, a Santa's Second-Hand Shop with treasures for everyone, and a "Crafters Corner" with items being sold at bargain prices.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE...

Be the change you wish to see in the world!