



THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

Everyone is invited to join our Whiting/Robertsdale Community on Wednesday, November 22nd, Thanksgiving Eve, at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 2011 Clark Street to thank God for our many personal and communal blessings. The service begins at 7:00 pm, as area pastors and the faithful share sacred scripture and praise God in song. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Whiting Food Pantry. Your participation is encouraged and welcomed. Thanks be to God for our freedom, our country and our world. May we be forever blest.

THE BOOK OF NAMES

During the month of November as a special remembrance, you are invited to list the names of your deceased loved ones in The Book of Names. The book is available in the front of St. John Church, and also in the church entrances of St. Adalbert, Immaculate Conception, and Sacred Heart churches. These deceased will be remembered at all the masses during November.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Please join us at the 11 am Mass next Sunday as we celebrate the Third Rite of Baptism. Receiving New Life through the Waters of Baptism will be: Faith Ann Dilbeck, Emily Elizabeth Greer, Millicent Clare Jasek, Jenna Brooke Mercer, Kyle Carter Mercer, and Ryan Nicholas Veloz.

2007 MASS BOOK

The 2007 Mass Book is now available in the Rectory Office. Masses will be limited to two per family.

RCIA

Please keep Jeannine Aniol, Michael Gonzalez, Brad Stelow, Tim Theodozio, Cathi Veloz and Natalie Yzaguirre in your prayers as they celebrate the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion this afternoon at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels with Bishop Dale Melczek. As they are presented to the Bishop, they will promise to continue to pray and study as they move into the next stage of their preparation. These six candidates have already been baptized and look to enter into Full Communion in the Catholic Church and receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We also ask for prayers for Wayne Goding. Wayne has not been baptized and is preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

OUR MEN & 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 Pupilava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, and Nathan Wilson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 20

7:00 am †Deceased Members of The Sandrick-Urban Families Off: Ben (SJB)
8:00 am †Helen Puhek (IC)

Tuesday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
8:00 am †Joseph & Mary Pieters, Mueller, Dedinsky, Blake & Pohl Families (IC)
8:15 am †Rose Leslie Off: Barbara, Charlotte & Jim (SJB)

Wednesday, November 22, Cecilia, virgin, martyr

7:00 am †Joseph Hruskocy Off: wife Virginia (SJB)
8:00 am †Joseph & Sophie Janik (IC)
8:15 am †Steve Mihalso Off: Wife, Ann & Family (SJB)

Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving Day

7:00 am †John & Mary Bodney Off: Dolores (SJB)
8:00 am †Grace & John Chomistek, Pieters, Dedinsky & Pohl Families (IC)

Friday, November 24, Andrew Dung Lac, priest & companions, martyrs

7:00 am Intention of Don & Barbara Poppen, 50th Wedding Anniversary (SJB)
8:00 am Health & Blessing for Ann Kubon (IC)
8:15 am No Mass (SJB)

Saturday, November 25, Catherine of Alexandria, virgin, martyr

7:00 am †Michael Csigas Off: Daughter Karen (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

Sunday, November 26, Solemnity Christ the King

7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
8:00 am †Harry Scivinsky (SA)
8:15 am Edwin & Beth Bach 25 Wedding Anniversary (IC)
8:30 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
10:15 am †Helen Chyla (SA)
10:45 am †Judge William J. Obermiller (SH)
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB) & Life Nite (SJB)

Pray For

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



Rest in Peace

Annette Timko

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,501.30
Loose.....	\$514.18
High School.....	\$88.00
Grade School.....	\$185.78
Total for the Week.....	\$10,289.26

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Faith Formation Classes will not meet on Wednesday, November 22nd and Sunday, November 26th because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children the 11 am Mass in honor of St. Mother Theodore Guerin at St. John Church on December 3rd. The students have been learning about St. Mother Theodore and the Sisters of Providence and this celebration will be very meaningful for the children.

SAINT MOTHER THEODORE GUERIN

Our community will celebrate the canonization of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin on Sunday, December 3rd at the 11 am Mass at St. John Church. Bishop Melczek will be the celebrant at this special Liturgy. Please plan to join us at this joyful celebration which will be followed by a reception and open house in St. John School.



ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to an Advent morning of spiritual renewal on the topic "Keeping Christ in Christmas," Saturday, December 2, from 9 am until 12 noon, at the Sacred Heart 'rose Room,' 1731 LaPorte Avenue. Rev. Leo Gajardo of St. Casimir Church, Hammond, will be the guest speaker. The morning will provide a brief space of time to listen and reflect as we prepare for our blessed Savior's birthday. Coffee, cake, and conversation will enhance our gathering. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will benefit the Whiting St. Vincent DePaul Society. Questions, call Margaret at 659-4138.

MOJ KOSTOL

The DVD Moj Kostol (My Church) is now on sale; cost is \$29.95 + \$3.00 standard shipping & handling per disk. Email or call: (323)204-2156 hesperusfilms@sbcglobal.net. This special DVD can also be purchased by stopping by the Whiting Chamber of Commerce.

DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN SCHOOL

We are still in need of Virtus trained adults to sit and answer the front door of school. This is an important position which we use for the protection of our children. If you can give us an hour or two during school hours, please call Mrs. Schaufele at 219-659-3042. This is an excellent way for a retired adult or grandparent to help out at school!

BAKE SALE RAFFLE WINNERS

Many thanks to all those who supported the St. John's Rosary Fall Bake Sale and Raffle! Congratulations to the winners of the raffle: 1st Prize--Julie Geffert; 2nd Prize--Barbara Kruczek; 3rd Prize--Marian Vargo; 4th Prize--Daniel Lewski; 5th Prize (Dual Travel Mugs Coffee Maker)--Ruth Kraly.

St. John's famous Pirohi will be on sale TODAY, Sunday, November 19 from 9 am-12 Noon in the Panel Room lobby. Price is \$7/dozen; noodles \$2/bag.



LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

All high school teens - Please bring in canned food through Nov 19 for the annual Food Drive Competition. All food collected will be donated to the Whiting/Robertsdale Food Pantry.

November 19, Sunday – 6:30 Life Nite in the Pastoral Center. *End of the Food Drive Competition. Whose cans will stack up?*

November 26, Sunday – 6:30 Life Teen Council Meeting 4:30. Open Gym – 6:30!

December 3, Sunday – No 5:30 Mass and No Life Nite. 5:30 P.M. Mass is cancelled on this day. All are encouraged to attend the mass at 11:00 a.m. honoring Saint Mother Theodore Guerin. The mass will be presided over by the Bishop. Wear your Life Teen T-Shirts to mass to show Life Teen presence. If you need a T-shirt call Candi at 659-1663.

December 10, Sunday – 6:30 Life Nite in the Pastoral Center.

December 17, Sunday – 6:30 Life Nite in the Pastoral Center

Reach out to those around you!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

The Cluster Peace and Social Justice Commission extends a heartfelt "Thank You" to all who helped sort and repack food at the Food Bank of NWI on Saturday, November 11th. Everyone worked hard and enjoyed the teamwork involved. All the parishes in the cluster were represented. We had 14 adults and youth working together in the warehouse and two helping in the office. Thanks for making it a successful event!



DR. SCOTT HAHN SERIES CONTINUES

Come to the Sacred Heart "Rose Room" on Tuesdays in November for part II of the video series First Comes Love with a discussion of our Catholic faith to follow. The same program will be offered at 1 pm, and again at 6:30 pm. Choose the time that suits you best. Coffee, cake, and conversation enhance each 60-minute session. Everyone is welcome.

ATTENTION PARISH BAKERS!

Parish bakers are asked to contribute their favorite homemade cake, pastry, cookies or sweet treat for the Sweet Table at the St. Mother Theodore Guerin Reception on Sunday, December 3rd. Please bring your baked item to the Panel Room on Saturday between Noon and 4 pm, or on Sunday morning no later than 9 am. Thank you in advance for helping make this an historical day as the St. John Parish Family and the entire Diocese of Gary celebrate St. Mother Theodore's canonization.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

CJ'S HAIR SALONS

East Side - Hegewisch - Burnham

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**ST. JOHN SCHOOL BAND
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**Sunday -- December 10th
7:00 p.m.**

Marian Theater Auditorium

Join us as we ring in the Christmas Season
with joyful music!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Sunday, December 10th the H.S.A. will host its annual all-you-can-eat breakfast with Santa. Cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 10 years old. Please join us for a fun filled morning before or after Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOD BLESS!

Edward & Dorthy Yuhas
on their 58th Wedding Anniversary;
Ray & Sue Kaminsky
on their 34th Wedding Anniversary;
Ron & Marti Vrabell
on their 34th Wedding Anniversary;
And Happy 90th Birthday to Joseph Tomera!

**HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL &
HONOR SOCIETY**

Congratulations to parishioner, Katrina Klochan, who was inducted into Andrean's National Honor Society on Sunday, November 12!

Congratulations also to the following students from our parish who made high school honor rolls! Andrean High School 1st Quarter A Honor Roll: Katrina Klochan & Jessica Lopez; B Honor Roll--Garret Goodwin, Javier Mena, Mario Menchaca, Ashlee Prusinski, Nicole Massoels, and Andres Ramirez. Marian Catholic High School 1st Quarter Honor Roll: Kayla Dietz & Felipe Oria. George Rogers Clark High School 1st Quarter Scholar Roll 3.7 and above: Jessica Hatzel, Justin Homan, Lauren Kaminsky, Jason Kresich, Marisa Markovich, Robert Markovich, Hilary Vargo, Stephen Wagner, Rachel Brooks, Nicholas Curosh, Robert Dvorscak, Alyssa Homan, Catherine Yoder, Ryan Brown, and Brian Cornelius; Honor Roll 3.0 to 3.69--Daniel Ader, and Amelia Dunn.



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

The Care To Share gift shop, located at 1842-B on 45th Street in Munster next to Sterk's Grocery Store, is a shop of finer things such as crystal, china, framed art, lamps, figurines, jewelry and furniture. It is staffed by dedicated volunteers. The shop is special because all proceeds benefit Hospice of the Calumet Area. Hospice is a non-profit agency that provides compassionate care for persons facing end-of-life illnesses, regardless of their ability to pay. All items sold in the Care to Share Shop are donations or are sold on a 50/50 consignment basis. Store hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The shop is closed on Thursdays. Please call 219-922-3727 if you have any questions or wish to donate items for sale. Visit Care to Share to find the perfect gift.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, November 25

Lectors: J. Kozak, J. Wagner
Euch Min: L. Barron, J&G Blackwell, J. Wozniak,
L. Kilander, M. Krull, D. McCampbell
Altar Servers: Brian Reeves, Clarke Remmers, Greg Sienkiewicz

7:00 am, November 26

Lectors: R. Matlon, D. Guiden
Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, G. Jancosek,
E. Matuska, M. Saliga, T. Barilla
Altar Servers: Rafael & Karina Rodriguez, Adam Rosado

9:00 am, November 26

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, A. Perz
Euch Min: I. Dominguez, Br. J. Hall, A. Jurek,
M. Jakubielski, S. Rosendo, ML Tonkovich
Altar Servers: Taylor Pokraka, Steven Radloff, Andres Ramirez

11:00 am, November 26

Lectors: D. Botich, K. Lannon
Euch Min: J. Bondi, M. Knazur, N. Mitchell, Erwin Roldan,
M&K Wagner, E. Duray, M. Poppen
Altar Servers: Vincent Rossodivito, Kelly Rusnak, Brianna Scivinsky

5:30 pm, November 26

Altar Servers: Joshua & Jacob Pelletier, Stephanie Perz

CARE CENTER

November 26: 10:00 a.m. N. Gomez, J. Kaminsky

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

Nov. 20 & 21: Ashley Pokraka & Hunter Priesol
Nov. 22 & 23: Alec & Eric Rodriguez
Nov. 24 & 25: Anthony Rodriguez & Eric Roldan



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WINTER FESTIVAL 2007

Welcome to Pirates Paradise!

The 2007 Winter Festival has been scheduled for the weekend of February 16, 17, & 18. The theme for this annual school fundraising event is Welcome to Pirates Paradise! Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this fun-filled weekend. This fundraising event is critical to the financial success of our school, and the festival chairpersons are again asking for help in reducing the operating costs of the festival. Please consider helping our school by sponsoring such events as the Slovak Dinner, Sunday Panel Room Chicken Dinner, Sunday Night Last Minute Grill, DJ Room, Game Room prizes, donations for the Silent Auction, and just volunteering to help work for this very important fundraising event. Contact the school office, rectory office, or visit the parish website if you need additional information on how to contact the festival chairpersons.

"Love is infinitely inventive."

St. Vincent de Paul

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, NOVEMBER 19 — Food Drive!
 MTG Production “Thoroughly Modern Millie”
 9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
 12 Noon Package & Delivery of Food baskets
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)

Monday, NOVEMBER 20
 10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 21
 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm Video Series, First Comes
 Love, Dr. Scott Hahn (SH Rose Room)
 7:00 pm Baptismal Preparation (SJB)
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (SH)
 7:00 pm K of C Memorial Mass (SJB)

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 22
 No Faith Formation Classes
 7:00 pm Interfaith Service St. Mary Byzantine

Thursday, NOVEMBER 23, Thanksgiving
 No School (SJ)

Friday, NOVEMBER 24
 No School (SJ)



GOD BLESS!

Saturday, NOVEMBER 25
 4:30 pm RCIA Rite of Welcoming (SJB)

Sunday, NOVEMBER 26
 No Faith Formation Classes
 RCIA Call to Conversion (Cathedral)
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)



ST. JOHN CATERING & BANQUET FACILITIES: Call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041 or go to www.sjbcatholicparish.org and click on the Meetings and Facilities tab for more information.

NUT ROLL, BREAD & NOODLE SALE

On Sunday, November 26th from 8:00 am—Noon. The St. John Panel Room will be selling Nut Rolls for \$7, Noodles for \$3, and Bread for \$6 in the Panel Room Lobby. Get them while supplies last!! Any questions call Carol Vargo at 659-3041.

THANKSGIVING SOCIAL: The Annual Thanksgiving Social at Sacred Heart Parish, 4429 Olcott Ave., East Chicago, will be held on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m. Activities include: games for turkeys, refreshments, door prizes, and a cakewalk. All are invited. Donation requested is \$2.