

All Are Welcome ...

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



NOVEMBER 18, 2007
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
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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
Lifeteen Mass.....5:30 PM
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 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.

THANKSGIVING DAY

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God..."

It was a Sunday afternoon in August of 2001. The rectory doorbell rang. Standing at the front door was a man dressed in well-worn clothes, probably in his 60's, asking for help. He hadn't eaten in a couple of days. He smiled when I told him to wait on the step while I went to get him some food. His smile was even broader when he saw the large sandwich, a soft drink, a tomato, some chips and a home made cookie.

After a while I went to check of his progress only to find he was gone. Looking around I spotted him on the front lawn of the school. Seeing the obvious look of concern on my face, he called out: "I'm picking up the trash and papers on the lawn. This is my thank you for the delicious meal!"

Two simple words, "Thank You" meant a lot. At that moment I knew how pleased Jesus must have felt when the one healed leper returned to thank Him. How pleased Jesus must feel when we take time to thank Him for His many gifts!

... It is right to give Him thanks and praise!"

Fr. John

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

This afternoon our RCIA Candidates will be presented to Bishop Dale Melczek at the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral of the Holy Angels. They will be joined by the Candidates from Sacred Heart Church as well as all of the Candidates from the Diocese of Gary. Please keep these Candidates in your prayers: Megan Connor, Sandy Gomez, Javier Gutierrez, Paulette Hernandez, Cruz Jacinto, Mario Lopez, Alexis Martinez, Christopher Martinez, Erik Martinez, Susan McNamara, Samuel Mendoza Sr., Alexis Ocampo, Juan Ocampo, Salvador Salazar, Delfina Santiago, Gabriella Sparano and Patrick Sullivan. They will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on March 22, 2008.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Today at the 11 am Mass we welcome God's New Children, Anna Kathleen Bukovac, Niyah Alexandra Celio, Jalen Christian Ivy, Noah Alexander River-Jansky, Nico Joseph Menconi, Janice Rose Mitchell, Lucas Allen Michael Zelkin, Landon Lee Andrew Zierk, and Logan Rex Zierk. Through the waters of Baptism they receive new life in Christ and become the newest members of our family of faith. Please keep these children and their parents in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 19

7:00 am †Paul Lukacsek Off: Ray & Shirley Valentovich(SJB)
8:00 am †Singel, Kirby & Savage Families (SH)

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 am †Paul & Mildred Monastyrski
Off: Lauryn Family (SJB)
8:00 am †Janet Taylor (SH)
8:30 am †Donald Mores
Off: Richard & Jonathan Bobalek (SJB)

Wednesday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin

7:00 am Living & Deceased Memebers of St. John Rosary Society
8:00 am †Deceased Members of Monoczka Family (SH)
8:30 am †Joseph, Ann & Joe Skertich Off: Rose (SJB)

Thursday, November 22, Cecilia, virgin martyr Thanksgiving Day

7:00 am †Joseph Hruskocy (Wedding Anniv.)
Off: Loving Wife Virginia (SJB)
8:00 am †John Wozniczka (SH)

Friday, November 23, Clement pope, martyr; Columban, abbot; Miguel Pro, priest, martyr

7:00 am †John & Mary Bodney
Off: McCampbell Family (SJB)
8:00 am †Special Intention (SH)

Saturday, November 24, Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions, martyrs

7:00 am †Anne Vargo Off: Family (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

Sunday, November 25, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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 Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass
Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)



PRAY FOR...

Zach Arnold, Mary Bayus, Susan Biel, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Magdalene Doucette, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Richard Kovach, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Leo Kriegl, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, George Soltis, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srcik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Mark Vine, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Anne Marie Habel
John Hornyak
Dorothy D. Kasper

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,215.45
Loose.....	532.36
High School.....	78.78
Grade School.....	174.41
Total for Week.....	\$10,001.00

**SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Life at the poverty line leaves nearly 40 million Americans hanging on for dear life, hanging on to feed their families and to keep a roof over their heads. The Catholic Campaign supports self-help projects of people working together to break the cycle of poverty. You can make a difference. Be part of the numbers that care.

2008 MASS BOOK

The St. John the Baptist 2008 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. Each family is entitled to two masses for the year. The requested offering for a mass is \$10.00 Thank You.



**THANKSGIVING EVE INTER-FAITH
PRAYER SERVICE**

This year, the Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Prayer Service will be held at the Whiting Nazarene Church on Wednesday, November 21st at 7 PM. Faith Pratt will have rehearsal at St. Adalbert Church on Sunday, November 18th at 2:30 PM for anyone who would like to sing with the chorus. Everyone is welcome. Any questions, call JoAnn at 659-3766.



ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to an Advent morning of spiritual renewal on the topic "Making the Most of Advent" Saturday, December 1st from 8:45 to 11:45 am, at the Sacred Heart Rose Room. Rev. Jerry Schweitzer of the Gary Diocese will be the quest speaker.

Advent is an opportunity to deepen our faith at Christmas time. Making the most of Advent through prayer and preparation can make a difference at Christmas. The Saturday morning reflection 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 which helps the needy. Questions, call Margaret 219-659-4138.

Please pray for these brave men and women who are serving in our armed services: Zach Arnold, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Austin Chiluski, Justin Faulkner, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Walter Malenki, Randall McAllister, Michael McCullough, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Puplava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Graham Stone, Aaron Suarez, Jason Verta, Nathan Wilson.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Whiting Knights of Columbus, Pope John XXIII, Council 1696, will be conducting a membership blitz at the local parishes **today** Saturday, November 17th and Sunday, November 18th after all the masses. Members will be located at the doors with material for interested persons. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal men's organization open to all Catholic men in good standing.



PARISH THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Volunteers are needed to help package and deliver the food baskets immediately after the 11:00 am mass **TODAY** Sunday, November 18th. Please consider helping out for an hour or so. Thank you!

THANK YOU!

To family and friends of Thomas Bender for their generous donation to our Church Steeple Repair Fund in his memory:
James & Mary Oliver
John & Nancy Deveikis
The Thomas Bender Family

FANNIE MAY PICK UP

All Fannie May orders will be ready for pick up on Saturday, December 1st in the St. John Panel Room from 10am until noon. Thank You! Annette Markovich 219-659-3238

**THE FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES
ASSOCIATION JUNIOR BRANCH #58**

We will be having our annual children's party on Saturday, December 1, 2007 in the St. Johns Panel Room at 1:00 PM. This is for members only. Please RSVP by November 25th to Florence 659-0913 or Ann 659-0949.

LIFE TEEN

Leading teens closer to Christ

November 18th, Sunday 6:30 PM

We are in the room in Benedict Hall and painting has begun. Bring along your paint clothes and pitch in to get the room in shape!



ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the St. John Rosary Society Raffle: Marge Zehner, \$100; M. Carnahan, \$50; Therese Dybel, \$25; A. Ruth Kraly, \$25; and our 50/50 winner JoAnn Jancosek, \$53. Many thanks to everyone who supported our bake sale and raffle!

**STATE STREET SHELTER
WINTER WEAR**



Calumet College of St. Joseph is sponsoring a coat drive through November. Gently used coats, hats, gloves, and scarves can be dropped off in the second floor lobby. All donations will be given to the State Street Shelter in Hammond. For more information call Linda at 473-4217.

Peace and Social Justice

Did you know that 34 percent of the adults who requested food assistance in U.S. cities in 2004 were employed? *Pope John XXIII reminded us:* "We see that everyone has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and finally the necessary social services." Please support the Thanksgiving food drive and the local food pantries.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

November 19 & 20: Adam Lewandowski, Colton Lopez

November 21 & 22: Lauren Markovich, Kristen Markusic

November 23 & 24: David Matura, Matthew Menchaca

SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 pm, November 24, Saturday

Lectors: Mikola, Wagner

Euch Min: D. Cuculich, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, N. Mitchell,
J. Wozniak, M. Wagner

Altar Servers: Greg Sienkiewicz, Tania Spezza,
Raymond Walsh

7:00 am, November 25, Sunday

Lectors: Banik, Banik

Euch Min: T. Barilla, L. Barron, G. Jancosek, M. Saliga,
J. Staley, E. Matuska, B. Chidalek

Altar Servers: Jesse Munoz, Zachary Pacourez, Elena Paloma

9:00 am, November 25, Sunday

Lectors: Krilich, Bojda

Euch Min: D & L Blackwell, A. Jurek, M. Kacak, G. Kusnir,
ML Tonkovich

Altar Servers: Hunter Priesol, Ashley Przybyla, Dylan Reeves

11:00 am November 25, Sunday

Lectors: Botich, Lannon

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, C. Lannon, E. Igras,
M. Poppen (CR), K.Saliga, E. Duray (CR), S. Rosendo

Altar Servers: Trinity Mitchell, Anthony Rodriguez,
Maya Rodriguez

CARE CENTER

10:00 am: Nov. 25: E. Matuska, N. Gomez



HUMANE SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

TODAY Sunday, November 18th, 7 am—1 pm
at the St. John Panel Room. Donation \$5.00

BREAD & NUT ROLLS

The St. John Panel Room is once again taking advance orders for Panel Room Bread and Nut Rolls to be enjoyed this Christmas. The Bread is \$6.00 per loaf and the Nut Rolls are \$8.00 each. Pick up is Sunday, December 16th. Call Carol Vargo 659-3041 for further information.



MARIAN THEATRE GUILD "Do Black Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up"

Tickets for the final showing of the fall musical are on sale at the Marian Theatre auditorium box office. Call 473-7555. FINAL Show dates are this weekend, November 17 & 18. Saturday show is at 8:15 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm.

CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICE

You're invited to attend a presentation at Our Lady of Sorrows parish to learn more about "Depression" on Monday, November 26th from 7 pm to 8 pm. Dr. Nasr of St. Anthony Medical Center in Michigan City will answer questions after the presentation hosted by the Altar & Rosary Society. Call Diana Bonnell at 219-759-2097 by November 20th.

CONGRATULATIONS & HAPPY 35TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Ray & Susan Kaminsky



ST. JOHN ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 9th, at 1:00 pm in the Mural Room. Cost is \$15 and reservations are a must. Call Mary Furtak at 659-6148 or Helen Marie at 659-2762. The deadline for reservations is Wednesday, November 28. No money will be accepted at the door. Payment may be dropped off at the Rectory drop box or in the Sunday collection basket in an envelope marked "Rosary Christmas Party" with your name. Checks should be made out to the Rosary Society.



CAPS FOR KIDS

The *Northwest Indiana Catholic* newspaper is holding its 10th annual Caps for Kids drive. Donations of new caps, gloves, mittens, or scarves, as well as monetary donations, are being accepted for distribution by St. Vincent de Paul and social service agencies. Donations may be delivered to our office at the Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville. Address donations "Caps for Kids" at the same address. For more details call 769-9292 ext. 286

THANKSGIVING SOCIAL SACRED HEART, EAST CHICAGO

On Sunday, November 18th, at 2:00 pm Sacred Heart Parish, 4429 Olcott Ave., East Chicago will host its annual Thanksgiving Social. Games for turkeys, refreshments, cakewalk, door prizes and fun for all. Donation \$2.00. All are invited, please come and join us!

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR CONCERN

In view of several reports from our parishioners, we strongly encourage all to be careful. Under NO circumstances let a stranger into your home! Keep doors locked and be alert. If you become uncomfortable in a situation, call the police.

ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to the students who made A & B Honor Roll.

A Honor Roll Katrina Klochan, Andres Ramirez

B Honor Roll Garret Goodwin, Nicole Massoels,
Mario Menchaca

Andrean Society Aimee Perhach

MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL

Will host Open Houses for those boys considering attending the high school with their families: Tuesday, November 20 at 6 pm (Honors Program Open House); and Thursday, December 6, from 6 pm–8 pm. For more information call Bill Nolan at 773-324-1020.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

ADAMS LOCKS

1849 Indianapolis Blvd. Whiting, IN
219-614-2139

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 18

No Children's Liturgy of the Word

Thanksgiving Food Drive:

packaging after 11 am Mass at SJB

Food Pantry Collection (IC)

7 am—1 pm Humane Society Pancake Breakfast (SJB)

10:45 am (SH) & 11:00 (SJB) 3rd Rite of Baptism

3:00 pm Marian Theatre Guild Play

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB)

Monday, November 19

10:30 am Bible Study (SH)

7:00 pm RCIA (SJB)

Tuesday, November 20

6:30 pm Catholic Catechism Classes (SH)

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul (SH)

Wednesday, November 21

No Faith Formation Classes (SH)

8:30 am All School Mass (SJB)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

7:00 pm Thanksgiving Prayer Service —
Nazarene Church



Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Holiday No School (SJB)

10:30 am RCIA (SJB)

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

Friday, November 23

Thanksgiving Holiday—No School (SJB)

Saturday, November 24

Food Pantry Collection (SH)

Sunday, November 25

Food Pantry Collection (SH)

No Faith Formation

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB)

ST. JOHN PIROHI FOR EASTER? IS IT POSSIBLE?



It is possible to once again enjoy the delicious taste of St. John Pirohi! HOWEVER, we realize that making them takes time and the work of many hands. Mrs. Gerry Tumidalsky is willing to set the process in motion but will need volunteer help. If you are willing to give of a few hours of time to satisfy the longing and taste buds of many hungry appetites, please call her at 659-0090.

ST. JOHN CATERING & BANQUET FACILITIES

Are you considering having a Christmas or holiday party? Would you like us to cater it for you, or would you like to bring your own food and rent a room? Pick your choice of room and menu. Call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041 for information on our wonderful menu and banquet facilities.