

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



NOVEMBER 2, 2008
COMMEMORATION OF ALL
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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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Ms. Jamie Sandona.....659-0023
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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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A REFLECTION

*(Based on Pope Benedict's meditation on Jesus' Words:
"Be not perturbed when you hear of wars and insurrections")*

God's way is the definitive way to change Society. Only from God does true change come.

So many times in the past, we experienced changes based on purely human points of view. God's teachings and commands ignored, refusal to acknowledge that His principles and teaching have any relevance or value in decision making. Relying on one's own talents and abilities, some propose to change the condition of society while ignoring a dependency on God for His guidance. Some act using purely human and partial points of view as absolute guiding principles. To make something absolute that is not absolute but only relative does not liberate people from their problems and difficulties, it actually takes away their dignity and enslaves them.

Ideologies of themselves do not save the world, a return to the living God, our Creator, does. God is the guarantor of our freedom, the guarantor of what is really good and true. Genuine change consists in basing ideologies, laws and programs on God given principles. God is the measure of Justice and Truth, the measure of right and wrong.

There are many who speak of God; some even teach hatred and perpetrate violence in God's Name. So it is important to discover the true face of God. "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father", said Jesus to Philip (John 14: 9). In Jesus Christ, who allowed his heart to be pierced for us, the true face of God is seen. True change happens when we discover the face of God in one another to guide us on the path of Justice and Truth.

ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Rosary Society will host its Fall Bake Sale and Raffle on Sunday, November 9th in the Mural Room from 8:00 until noon. Coffee and rolls will be sold and a raffle will be held that day. Please bring your baked goods in for sale by 9:00 am. Hope to see you there!

HOLY NAME NEWS

St. John Holy Name Society will hold its November meeting Sunday, Nov. 9 at 8 am Mass. Rolls & coffee will be served after Mass in the Founders Room. All men of the parish are invited. Please come down. See you at the meeting!

ALL SOULS MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE



ALL SOULS †

You are invited to attend the annual All Souls Memorial Service this evening, November 2nd at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist. Those of our Catholic Faith Community who have died this past year (October 15, 2007 through October 15, 2008) will be prayed for by name. Scripture readings and prayerful song highlight the importance of our beloved who have joined the communion of saints in praising our God and living in His eternal glory.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 3, Martin de Porres, religious

7:00 am †Deceased of Samek Family Off: Helen & children (SJB)

8:00 am †Edward Grabovac (IC)

Tuesday, November 4, Charles Borromeo, bishop

7:00 am †Anthony Svabik Off: Daughter, Diane (SJB)

8:00 am †Blake, Dedinsky & Chomistek Families (IC)

8:30 am †Lucille Conlan Off: Florence Gazda (SJB)

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 am †Peter & Helen Pustek—Founded Mass (SJB)

8:00 am †Joseph Skvarek (IC)

8:30 am †Deceased Members of John & Sophia Kaminsky Family (SJB)

Thursday, November 6

7:00 am †Andrew J. Mihalon, Jr. Off: Marcellina Valko (SJB)

8:00 am †Bertha Strabavy (IC)

Friday, November 7

7:00 am †Mary Svitko—Founded Mass (SJB)

8:00 am †Rose Bachurek (IC)

8:30 am †Joseph Jakubielski Off: Christine & Eugene Gora (SJB)

Saturday, November 8

7:00 am †Mike A Maglish Off: Mr. & Mrs. John Maglish (SJB)

4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsedale Catholic Community (SJB)

Sunday, November 9, Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:00 am Whiting/Robertsedale Catholic Community (SJB)

8:00 am Whiting/Robertsedale Catholic Community (SA)

8:15 am Whiting/Robertsedale Catholic Community (IC)

8:30 am Whiting/Robertsedale Catholic Community (SH)

10:15 am Whiting/Robertsedale Catholic Community (SA)

10:45 am Whiting/Robertsedale Catholic Community (SH)

11:00 am Whiting/Robertsedale 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 Srencik, Mary Trellinski, Virginia Troksa, Mark Vine, Edward & Dorothy Yugas, Dorothy Zabrecky, Clara Zalapukis, 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."

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$7,725.00
Loose.....	464.93
High School.....	26.00
Grade School.....	134.00
Total for Week.....	\$8,349.93

FANNIE MAY HOLIDAY CANDY SALE



St. John School Home/School Association is underway. There is a 10% discount, no sales tax and free UPS delivery to your home! Shipments can be expected the first week of December. Order forms are in the back of church and must be returned with payment to the school office or rectory drop box before Sunday, November 9th. For information call Annette Markovich at 659-3238.

MARIAN THEATRE FALL MUSICAL



Tickets for the fall musical, "Anything Goes" are now on sale. The box office is open Monday-Friday from 7-9:00 pm, or call for reservations at 473-7555. Show dates are November 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16. Dinner theatre is available on Saturday performances. Don't miss this Cole Porter classic Broadway dance extravaganza!!

PRE-ELECTION PRAYERS

During the final days prior to our United States presidential election we will be praying that citizens will prepare to vote with a conscience formed by reflecting prayerfully on the moral and ethical dimensions of public policy issues. The following themes will be prayed for each day and special prayers of the faithful will be included at every liturgy. Added prayers are available at the national website: www.faithfulcitizenship.com.

Pre-elections Prayer Themes

Day 8, Sunday, November 2nd

We pray that we elect leaders who will work for justice for those with disabilities, many of whom have served our country in the military.

Day 9, Monday, November 3rd

We pray that our nation will be blessed with leaders who will be good stewards of creation helping America to return to the God given principles upon which this nation was founded.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Youth Ministry Spirit Day will be held on November 9th 12:00 noon until 6:30 pm. Check in time is 11:45 in the Panel Room. **All are welcome to attend Mass at 5:30 pm when the day's activities conclude.**

Parents, we are in need of cookies, chips, and water or soda for break times during Spirit Day. Send donations with your child to school on Friday November 7th or through your child's Faith Formation Catechist.

The next meeting of the Youth Group will take place on November 23rd from 12:00 noon to 2:30 pm in Benedict Hall.

Thanks to Mike Maloney who has volunteered to serve as a member of the Diocesan Youth Council representing St. John the Baptist. Thanks to all who assisted with training and ministering during the World Youth Day on October 26th. Any adults who would like to join the support team of Youth Ministry, please contact Jamie at 659-0023.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

November 3 & 4: Kristen & Amber Markusic

November 5 & 6: Kirsten & Krysta Syler

November 7 & 8: Sara Kruszynski, Steven Matura

SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 pm, November 8, Saturday

Lectors: Wagner, Krilich

Euch Min: B Jerzyk, M Krull, P&M Progar, C Vrabel, N Mitchell

Altar Servers: David Matura, Martin Petruf, Kaela Harber

8:00 am November 9, Sunday

Lectors: Mikola, Bojda

Euch Min: T Barilla, L Barron, J Staley, I Dominguez, D Weber, J Pieters

Altar Servers: Michael & Philip Jakubielski, Adam Zorich

11:00 am November 9, Sunday

Lectors: Silva, Gomez

Euch Min: F Delinck, M Kacak, V Kusnir, M Poppen, R Rodriguez, S Rosendo, E Duray (CR), B Delinck (CR)

Altar Servers: Emily Curosh, William Maloney, Kata Bes

CARE CENTER

10:00 am November 9: L&C Remmers, B Stanich

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Feed the Hungry

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Attend a pancake Breakfast to benefit the HUMANE SOCIETY CALUMET AREA on Sunday, November 16th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in the St. John's Panel Room. Advance tickets are \$5.00 each and are available at the HSCA at 421 45th St in Munster, and locally at Full Circle of Art and Gefferts Hardware. At the door, tickets will be \$6.00.



VOLUNTEER SNOW CREW



We are looking ahead to have a list of volunteers to help shovel snow for the church and school grounds. This would be for very early morning hours. If you are willing to help call the Rectory office at 659-0023 from 9 am - 4 pm Monday thru Friday.

Please pray for our men and women in the service: 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.



Wedding Banns

|| Nicholas Jones & Ann Barlo

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" PART III: Goals for Political Life Challenges for citizens, candidates and public officials

90... We (U.S. Catholic Bishops) hope Catholics will ask candidates how they intend to help our nation pursue these important goals:



--Address the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst—innocent unborn children—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion.

--Keep nation from turning to violence to address fundamental problems—a million abortions each year to deal with unwanted pregnancies, euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability, the destruction of human embryos in the name of research, the use of the death penalty to combat crime, and imprudent resort to war to address international disputes.

--Define the central institution of marriage as a union between one man and one woman, and provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation help parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility.

--Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that secures our borders, treats immigrant workers fairly, offers an earned path to citizenship, respects the rule of law and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.

--Help families and children overcome poverty: ensuring access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair, living wages and adequate assistance for the vulnerable in our nation, while also helping overcome widespread hunger and poverty around the world, especially in the areas of development assistance, debt relief, and international trade.

--Provide health care for the growing number of people without it, while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system.

--Continue to oppose policies reflect prejudice, hostility toward immigrants, religious bigotry and other forms of discrimination.

--Encourage families, community groups, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation, with full respect for religious groups and their right to address social needs in accord with their basic moral convictions.

--Establish and comply with moral limits on the use of military force—examining for what purposes it may be used, under what authority, and at what human cost— and work for a "responsible transition" to end the war in Iraq.

--Join with others around the world to pursue peace, protect human rights and religious liberty, and advance economic justice and care for creation.

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

PRE-ELECTION EVENING OF PRAYER

A pre-election evening of prayer will be held at the Carmelite Monastery, 1628 Ridge Road, on Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 pm beginning with Holy Mass, exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, prayers, Benediction and candle-light procession with the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the "Weeping Madonna". This event is sponsored by the Blue Army.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS



All are invited to First Friday Devotions on November 7th from 1:00—6:00 pm. Reciting of the Litany and Rosary will begin at 5:25 pm with closing Benediction at 6:00. Prayer intentions will be for the faithful departed of our Catholic community, especially those who have passed away this past year. Please join us.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

All are invited to join the Whiting Lions Club on Saturday, November 8 for a Veterans Day ceremony. 55 engraved bricks will be dedicated honoring local U.S. Military Veterans. The ceremony begins at 10:30 am at the Forsythe Park War Memorial (1116th and Caroline Avenue).



A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY!



Our sincerest congratulations to Edward and Dorothy Yuhas who will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, November 13. A special day indeed! God Bless you both!

THANK YOU!

Our sincere thanks to the family and friends of Edward P. Zambo for their kind donation to the St. John School Endowment Fund given in his memory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NWI FOOD BANK

The Food Bank of NWI needs you once again for their quarterly visit. They will meet on November 8th at their warehouse in Gary from around 9:00 am until approx. noon to repack food for the less fortunate. If you are interested in participating, please contact Chris Suarez at 219-659-0197. Anyone of middle school age and up is welcome to participate, so bring your family and join us for a great way to give back with minimal commitment!

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

The Diocese has asked that each parish set aside the week-end of November 8 and 9 to mark our solidarity with all who suffered because of the floods. A second collection will be conducted in every church and chapel of the Diocese. Results of this collection will be sent to Catholic Charities for distribution according to the criteria established. We are hopeful that our prayer and concrete action will assist our brothers and sisters who have suffered so much.

ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All members of the St. John Rosary Society are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Luncheon which will be held 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. Tickets will be sold at the Rosary Bake Sale on November 9th, or you may call Carole, 659-3147 or Rose, 659-3410 for tickets.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day

Food Pantry (SJB)

- 9:30-10:30 am Faith Formation (Gr. 6-8) (SH)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
7:00 pm ALL SOULS MEMORIAL SERVICE (SJB)

Monday, November 3

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

Tuesday, November 4, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

- 1:00 pm St. Ann Society (IC)
6:30 pm U.S. Catechism for Adults (SH)
7:00 pm Baptism Preparation #1 (SJB)
7:00 pm St. Vincent DePaul Society (SH)



Wednesday, November 5

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

Thursday, November 6

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting (SJB)
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
6:30 pm First Reconciliation Parent Orientation (SJB)

Friday, November 7, First Friday

- 1-6:00 pm Eucharistic Devotions (SJB)

Saturday, November 8

Special Collection for Flood Victims

Sunday, November 9

Special Collection for Flood Victims

Food Pantry (SA)

- 8:00 -noon Rosary Society Bake Sale (SJB)
9:30-10:30 am Faith Formation (Gr. 6-8) (SH)
10:45 am First Rite of Baptism (SH)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
11:00 am First Rite of Baptism (SJB)
12:00 noon-6:30 pm Confirmation Spirit Day (SJB)
7:00 pm CPPS Companions (SJB)



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HELP WANTED

Catholic Charities has a full time position for a clinician with bilingual proficiency. This person would be responsible for the provision of clinical services to individuals, couples, families and groups, especially with those whose primary language is Spanish. A candidate with a Masters degree in Human Services/Mental Health field and appropriate state licensure is preferred. Interested parties, please fax resume to Catholic Charities, (219) 663-8421 or mail to 176 S. West Street, Crown Point, IN 46307.

