

**All Are Welcome . . .**

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



**November 20, 2005**

**SOLEMNITY CHRIST THE KING**

## 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

Parish Office.....659-0023  
Parish website:.....sjbcatholicparish.org  
Parish Fax.....473-7551  
Parish E-mail.....churchparishoffice@yahoo.com  
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School Fax.....473-7553  
School website:  
www.myschoolonline.com/IN/stjohnbaptistschool  
Religious Formation.....473-7557  
St. John Program:  
Baptism.....473-7557  
RCIA.....473-7557  
Children's Faith Formation.....219-765-9916  
Life Teen Coordinators:  
Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283  
Candi Stapleton: cms615@yahoo.com or 659-1663  
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..... 8:30 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.

# "We give thee thanks"

## LEST WE FORGET

"..The gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as the day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience...fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union."

Excerpts from Lincoln's Thanksgiving Proclamation October 3, 1863

### THANKSGIVING MASS TIME CHANGE

St. John Church will celebrate an 8:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. John on that day. It is hoped that families will gather in church on Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> to give thanks to almighty God for all God's blessings. Please mark your personal calendars and plan to participate in the Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:00 a.m. at St. John or at 8:00 a.m. at St. Adalbert's.

### PIROHI SALE

Sunday November 20 — Panel Room Lobby  
9:00 am. to 12:30 pm

\$6.00 dozen — Noodles available while they last.

### PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

The conflicts in our world continue, and members of our parish community, family, or friends are serving in foreign lands. Our prayers and support of these brave men and women are important. Each week in our bulletin we will list the names of those who are presently serving our country abroad and at home. Please submit names for this prayer list by calling the parish office at 659-0023 or placing the name in the Sunday collection basket.

## Mass Intentions

Monday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am †Paul & Mildred Monastyrski Off: Son, David & Gail

Tuesday, November 22, Cecilia, virgin, martyr

7:00 am †Joseph Hruskocy Off: Wife, Virginia  
8:30 am †Steve Mihalso Off: Wife, Ann

Wednesday, November 23, Clement, pope, martyr, Columban, abbot/Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, priest martyr

7:00 am †Tommy Gazda & Deceased Members of Gazda, Kalicky Families  
8:30 am †John & Mary Bodney Off: Dolores & Ralph

Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day

8:00 am †Nick & Julia Toth Off: Family

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

7:00 am †Esperanza Rodriguez Off: Rodriguez, Burgos & Reyome Families

Saturday, November 26

7:00 am †Peter & Margaret Pustek Off: Marlene Kiester, Nancy Eickhorn  
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

7:00 am For Our Parish Family  
9:00 am For Our Parish Family  
11:00 am For Our Parish Family  
5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass for Youth of Whiting-Robertsdale Cluster



Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Mary Danielson, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Paul E. Gerba, Florence Golding, Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Joseph Knish, Barbara Kotlowski, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, Ann Mihalso, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Smolen, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srnecik, Mary Talabay, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Estelle Barron, Mother of Leo Barron

### 2006 MASS BOOK

The 2006 Mass Book will be available starting Tues., Nov. 15 during rectory office hours of 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Each family is entitled to two Masses for the year. The offering for each Mass is \$10.

## ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Adults.....	\$9,078.00
Loose.....	\$461.70
High School.....	\$39.30
Grade School.....	\$232.90
Total for the Week.....	\$9,811.90

### ADVENT VESPERS

The Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to Vespers at 4:00 p.m. each of the four Sundays of Advent: November 27<sup>th</sup> (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church), December 4<sup>th</sup> (St. Adalbert Church), December 11<sup>th</sup> (Immaculate Conception Church), December 18<sup>th</sup> (Sacred Heart Church). Participation in advent psalms provides a rich opportunity to deepen one's sense of connection with our God and the Universal Church while enriching one's personal prayer life.

### THANKSGIVING INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE

Everyone is invited to join our Whiting/Robertsdale Community as we gather Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thanksgiving Eve, at the Whiting Baptist Church, 1547 119<sup>th</sup> Street, to thank God for our many personal and communal blessings. The service begins at 7:00 pm as area pastors and 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 blest.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

During the past months, several adults have participated in a period of Inquiry, study and prayer. They have decided to continue their process of conversion and preparation to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This Sunday afternoon, these candidates will be presented to Bishop Dale Melczek at the Rite of Call to Continuing Conversion. They will join hundreds of candidates from the Diocese of Gary, receiving a blessing from the Bishop as they enter into the next stage of their commitment to grow in knowledge and faith. Please keep Sharyn Calinsky, Sheila Calinsky, Grace Cisneros, Mark Cisneros, Daniel Deel, Adam Madison, Amanda Maloney, Mark O'Hara and Brian Witak in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

### GOD'S NEW CHILDREN

We welcome God's new children, Nicolas Paul Angotti, Marek Arthur Lopez, Marco Antonio Menconi, Jack Andrew O'Hara, Scarlett Marion O'Hara and Angelo Arthur Ramirez who through the waters of baptism have received New Life in Christ.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Edward & Dorothy Yuhas on their 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, November 13<sup>th</sup>

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK  
ROGERS ROOFING SIDING WINDOWS  
219-933-9145  
773-768-3022

### MARIAN THEATRE GUILD'S CINDERELLA

Be sure to see the theatre guild's delightful production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's, "Cinderella". Last show times are November 19 & 20.

**HELP!** We need help seating guests for the production of Cinderella on Saturday, and Sunday for the afternoon performances. All who help will get in free to see the show! Call Eileen Jurek at 659-0391!

### MORNING OF REFLECTION

Come to a morning of spiritual renewal Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until noon at Sacred Heart 'Rose Room'. Rev. Jerry Schweitzer of Sacred Heart Church, Wanatah, will be 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 de Paul Society. Call Margaret 659-4138, or Joann 659-3766.

### ROSARY SOCIETY'S RAFFLE WINNERS

Many thanks to those who supported the Bake sale and raffle! Congratulations raffle winners: First Prize: Inez Davids; Second Prize: Mary Mores; Third Prize: Agnes Senko; and Fourth Prize: Catherine Smutniak.

### ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Wednesday, Dec. 7 in the Mural Room. Dinner at 6 pm, cost is \$16.50. Reservations taken until Sunday, Nov. 27. Call Ethel Bugyis 659-6369 or Lucille Korem 931-1992 for reservations. No reservations taken after Nov. 27! Pay in advance by putting your check or money in an envelope marked "Rosary Society". Drop in the collection basket or Rectory Drop Box. No money taken at the door.

### "HOPE IN THE DARKNESS"

The video/discussion series continues at Sacred Heart, 'Rose Room', from 1-2 pm, Tuesdays, November 22, 29, and Dec. 6. Reflect on God's wonderful plan for our daily lives. Join others who seek to appreciate the reason for this beautiful season. Questions? Call Margaret 659-4138.

### HELP WANTED

St. John Parish seeks to fill a full time custodial position. Please contact the Rectory Business Office between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm at 659-0023 for an appointment.

### SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

Wreath 81 Christmas Party, Sunday, Dec. 4, St. John Mural Room. Dinner 1:00 pm. Cost \$12 members; \$25 guests. Call Pat Adzia 924-2551. No reservations accepted after November 23! Please bring food pantry items to the party.

### JOYEUX NOEL HOLIDAY CONCERT

The Whiting Park Festival Orchestra presents a Holiday Concert "Joyeux Noel" Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 pm in Marian Memorial Auditorium. The concert features the orchestra, members of the chorus, and the St. John Children's Chorus. For tickets call 659-0292. Dinner concert available.

### WEDDING BANNES

II Kyle Dempsey & Jennifer Markovich

## LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

8:00 am, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

Lectors: R. Jakubielski, F. Powell

Euch Min: F. Delinck, B. Delinck, E. Duray, M.

Poppen, I. Dominguez, M. Jakubielski, A. Jurek, Br. J. Hall

Altar Servers: Alec & Eric Rodriguez

4:30 pm, November 26

Lectors: J. Wagner, A. Perz

Euch Min: C. Vrabel, L. Blackwell, G&C Rosen,  
L. Barron, J. Wozniak, D. McCampbell

Altar Servers: Krystle Howard, Alison Kouris, Jason Kresich

7:00 am, November 27

Lectors: M. Saliga, G. Jancosek

Euch Min: T. Adam, D&R Barnes, S. Adam, G. Jancosek, E. Matuska, C. Pesenko

Altar Servers: Vincent Rossodivito, Natalie Serna, Tania Spezza

9:00 am, November 27

Lectors: F. Stofcik, E. Bojda

Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, D. Weber,  
M. Jakubielski, Br. J. Hall, L. Wade

Altar Servers: Joseph Igras, Kyle Kruszynski, Annie Labus

11:00 am, November 27

Lectors: D. Botich, K. Lannon

Euch Min: J. Bondi, E. Duray, K. Scalf, MJ Kansky,  
M. Poppen, K. Saliga, C. Vrabel, S. Rosendo

Altar Servers: Katherine Staley, Chelsae & Caleb Strabavy

5:30 pm, November 27

Altar Servers: Erin Lawson, Nickolas Lerma, Alex Lewandowski

### CARE CENTER

November 27: 10:00 a.m. N. Gomez, L. Biel

### WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

November 21 & 22: Clarke Remmers & Rafael Rodriguez

November 23: Alec & Eric Rodriguez

November 25 & 26: Eric Roldan & Adam Rosado

### FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Jr. Branch 348, Immaculate Conception Church, will have their Annual Children's Christmas party Dec. 4 at 1:30 pm, at IC Cafeteria. Santa will be present.

St. Ann's Guild will have their Christmas Party at the Mural Room, St. John's, Dec. 12, dinner at 6 pm.

### DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CIRCLE #81

Will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, November 22, at 6:30 p.m., at the K of C Hall, Whiting.

## PARISH DIRECTORY

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Leo Barron, Damian Bondi, Debbie Franko, Anne Marie Gyure, Luz Gonzales, Robert Hildreth, Colleen Lannon, Nancy Mitchell, Mary Poppen, Martha Shimala, Dorris Weber, Janel Zubeck

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Edward Bojda, Darlene Beerling, Dan Botich, Linda Gajewski, Florence Gazda, Don Kaminsky, Milan Kruszynski

### COMMISSIONS:

#### STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

Bulletin.....Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky  
Buildings/Grounds Director ..... Don Kaminsky  
Church/Rectory  
School Building Facilities..... Joseph Lazur

#### EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education .....Diane Puplava  
Elizabeth Ministry .Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman  
Gymnasium .....Matthew Saliga  
Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores  
Home/School Association Chair.... Charles Remmers  
Panel Room Manager.....Carol Vargo  
School Band Director ..... Rich Mlynarski  
St. John School Advisory Board..... Chair: Deanne Shimala, Anna Howard, Monique Jakubielski, Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez, Scott Thrasher  
St. John School: Principal .....Thomas Feltz  
Secretary.....Marilyn Schaufele  
School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado

#### PARISH LIFE

Rosary Society.....Marsha Banik  
Cub Scouts..... Michael Maloney  
Girl Scouts..... Jeannine Dabertin  
Homebound .....Deacon Joe Manchak  
Holy Name Society .....Anthony Barilla  
Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton  
Marian Theatre Guild.....Martin Dybel  
Pirohi Makers .....Geri Tumidalsky

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers..... Fr. Gary Scherer  
Environment.....Martin Dybel  
Care Center Coordinator ..... Joseph Kruczek  
Eucharistic Ministers..... Eve Duray  
Lectors..... Nancy Gomez  
Liturgy Committee..... Margaret Saliga  
Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin  
Parish Music Director.....Geraldine Hildreth  
Prayer Group ..... Marilou Tonkovich  
Sacristan..... Margaret Matuska

#### PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food Collection..... Thomas Chocholek  
St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Diane Kaminsky

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 20

Thanksgiving Food Drive (SJ)  
9:00 am 3rd Rite of Baptism (SJ)  
9:00 am FFP Classes Gr. 6-8 (SH)  
9:00 am—12:30 pm Pirohi Sale, SJ Panel Room  
2:00 pm RCIA Call to Con. Conversion (Cathedral)  
3:00 pm Marian Theatre Guild "Cinderella"  
3:00 pm Eucharistic Holy Hour ( All Saints)  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

Monday, November 21 — Trip Pick Up

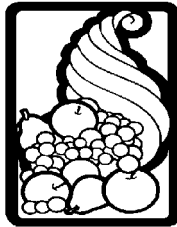
10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)  
7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)  
7:00 pm Winter Festival Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

1:00 pm Hope in Darkness (SH)  
6:30 pm Confirmation Formation (SJ)  
6:30 pm Dtrs. Of Isabella #81  
Mtg., K of C Hall

Wednesday, November 23

No FFP Classes  
7:00 pm Interfaith Prayer Service  
7:00 pm Prayer Group



Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day  
No School -SJS

Friday, November 25  
No School -SJS

Saturday, November 26

Sunday, November 27  
No FFP Classes  
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word  
4:00 pm Advent Vespers (SJ)  
5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ) & Life Nite

MOTHER MCAULEY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE  
Sunday, Dec. 4, Noon to 2:30 p.m. Parking available  
in the lot off 99<sup>th</sup> Street, on west side of the build-  
ing. Visitors enter through gymnasium lobby doors.  
For information call Recruiting Office 773-881-6511.

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
OPEN HOUSE  
700 Ashland Ave., Chicago Heights, Sunday, Dec. 4,  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Entrance exam Sat., Jan. 14, 8  
am. Visit website [www.marianchs.com](http://www.marianchs.com) or call 708-  
755-7565.