

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**JOY, JOY, JOY  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Count them! Within a half-hour of evening news, normally we are subjected to as many as 10 or more advertisements, each one promising relief and cures for every conceivable ailment and dysfunction of the human body. Each pill or lotion comes with a promise: instant relief, enhanced beauty, peaceful sleep, freedom from aches and pains. Notice the looks of joy and contentment on the faces of the people. CAUTION! Beware of the possible side effects when using this product! Consult your doctor to find out if this product is right for you.

Our culture is long on offering joy and happiness but short on delivery. IF a product does happen to live up to its promise, the result is at best temporary, no lasting remedy or a sure-fire cure.

Sacred Scripture tells us that the origin and object of true and lasting joy is found in God. "Be joyful" exhorts our liturgy for this Third Sunday of Advent. Why? God, our Father, offers a never-fail recipe for happiness: the Gospel message, the Good News. He guarantees it.

Christ offers true peace through the healing graces in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and lasting nourishment in the reception of the Eucharist.

In spite of pain and suffering, confusion and frustration, the Holy Spirit is with us. He lives up to his promise as our guide and support in everyday life.

Try the never-fail, 100% guaranteed recipe for JOY. Call on the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A product that is right for you.

Father John

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*Worship and Spirituality*

**Monday, December 14, John of the Cross,  
priest & doctor**

*Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27*

7:00 am †John Boland (SJB)

8:00 am †Edward C. Bowen (SH)

**Tuesday, December 15, Weekday, 3rd Week of Advent**

*Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32*

7:00 am †Mary C. Lash (SJB)

8:15 am †Ann Forauer (SH)

8:30 am †Mateja & Salley Families (SJB)

**Wednesday, December 16, Weekday, 3rd Week of  
Advent**

*Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23*

7:00 am †Ethel Boyer (SJB)

8:00 am †Kevin Jansky (SH)

8:30 am †Brenkus, Dybel & Staucet Families (SJB)

**Thursday, December 17, Weekday, 3rd Week of Advent**

*Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17*

7:00 am †Mark Biel (SJB)

8:00 am †Fred Madejewski (ISH)

**Friday, December 18, Weekday, 3rd Week of Advent**

*Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25*

7:00 am †Rick Alspach (SJB)

8:00 am †Alyce Deland (ISH)

8:30 am †Warren & Baby Curtis Dooley (SJB)

**Saturday, December 19, Weekday, 3rd Week of Advent**

*Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25*

7:00 am †Michael Beda (2nd Anniversary) (SJB)

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

7:00 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH—Bilingual)

**Sunday December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*Mt 5:1-4a; Heb 10:55-19; Lk 1:39-45*

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)

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE**

The Catholic Community invites you to come celebrate a Communal Penance Service on Monday, December 21st at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church. Appropriate scripture readings, reflective songs and a brief homily will help us make a sincere confession as we prepare our hearts to receive our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, anew during this season of anticipation. Both face to face and confessional will be available. Thanks be to God for his abundant mercy. Daily may we live in His grace.

*Stewardship*

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,582.00
Sacred Heart .....	\$4,182.00
St. Adalbert.....	\$1,163.00
<b>St. John the Baptist</b>	
Weekly.....	\$9,958.41
High School.....	22.00
Grade School.....	93.86
Total for Week.....	\$10,074.27

*Prayer Requests*

**Please remember in your prayers all the homebound, all those who are in hospitals, adult foster care homes, those who are ill and those with ongoing health issues. Please remember those we have been asked to pray for:** David Adams, Sr., Zach Arnold, Gail & Joseph Baczynski, Lenny Barnaby, May Bayus, Rose Beaulieu, Mary Beda, Lucille Braun, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Margaret Chekan, Dorothy Chovan, Doris Cinotto, Abigail Coates, Rebecca Coates, Darryl Coppage, Maddie Corpus, Maggie Corpus, Marie Dado, Celia Covarrubias, Mary Danielson, Angela Grace Davila, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Pauline Dobrowolski, George Dombrowski, Magdalene Doucette, Anna Drac, John T. Drac, Lucille Federenko, Adolph Ferber, Anthony Fercik, Jim Ferree, Sophie Foley, P.J. Fox, Ann Furiak, Ann Golubic, Sophie Gorczyca, Dennis Grzyb, Ann Gulas, Mary Ann Gurekovich, Betty Hanchar, Brian Hlavaty, Elliot Hlavaty, Marie (Mitzi) Holman, Matthew Hoyda, Eleanore Jakubiel-ski, Loretta Jambik, Lillian Kacak, Adrian Kall, Gloria A. Kaminsky, Geri Kasarda, Mary Kasprzak, Helen Koehler, Richard Kovach, Jerry Kozak, Laura Kresich, Patricia Kubacki, Julia Kukta, Lottie Kurek, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Victoria Miller, Larry Milkowski, Janet Moran, Mary Ann and Albert Odlivak, Ana Palomo, Mary Pavlak, Caitlan Pawlowski, Henry Paz, Jim & Joan Peters, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Marcia Ross, Ed Roszkowski, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Mildred Saliga, Tony Sapyta, Rev. Gary Scherer, C.P.P.S., John and Geraldine Sciacero, Dave Sikes, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Misty Sims, Virginia Sinal, Lillian Skurka, Angie Srncik, Olga Stiga, Carolyn Surdy, Mary Trelinski, Virginia Troksa, Romualdo Unate, Geraldine Valko, Marion Vargas, Robert Vasquez, John Vrlik, Mar-garet Vrlik, Dorothy Yuhas, Dorothy Zabrecky, Marianne Zemen.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE**

	GOAL	GIFTS	PLEGDED	PAID
<b>IC</b>	\$10,120.	69	\$8,335.	\$8,285.
<b>SH</b>	\$22,699.	75	\$13,663.	\$11,498.
<b>SA</b>	\$10,948.	74	\$9,345.	\$9,245.
<b>SJB</b>	\$71,135.	333	\$52,022.	\$49,970.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

\$186. was given to the Whiting St. Vincent DePaul Society, thanks to the generosity of those who attended the Advent Morning of Reflection. May God bless those whose needs are being met through those who share.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST THANKS**

We offer our sincere thanks for the generous donation to St. John the Baptist Church made in memory of parishioner Mary Valenchik.

Thank you also to the family and friends of James Bobos for their generous donations to the Church Improvement Fund and St. John School Endowment Fund in his memory.

*Peace and Social Justice*

In the gospel today, St. John the Baptist tells us, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." (Luke 3:10) In this Holy Season of Advent, let us be mindful of those who are less fortunate and reach out to them with whatever means we are able.

*Stewardship—A Way of Life*

In today's reading St. Paul assures us that "The Lord is near" and urges us to stop our worrying, knowing that God will bring the gift of peace to our hearts, a peace beyond human understanding. Like the crowds surrounding John the Baptist, we too may be asking, "What should we do?" John's answer holds true today: Share with others, act justly and be satisfied with what we have. Why not balance time spent Christmas shopping with efforts for the less fortunate?

**UPDATING THE PRAYER LISTS**

If our prayers have helped, and you know of anyone who may be removed from our prayer list, please contact either Sacred Heart or St. John rectory.

Also, if you know of a service man or woman who has been discharged from active duty, please call so we can better maintain our list.

**Please continue to pray for all the service men and women who are currently serving in the military, especially:** Sean Bowman, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Michael Clark, Austin Chiluski, Sean Coleman, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Joseph Igras, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Keith Kennedy, Jeffery Koval, Mark Koval, Walter Malenki, Benjamin Mann, Randall McAllister, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Mark Opachan, Michael Ortiz, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Elliott Schultz, Leticia Soto, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., Alex Super-gan, Jason Sutton, Samuel Valdyke, Carl Young



**SISTER MARIE RALPH**

St. John the Baptist alumni may remember Sister Marie Ralph who taught here on and off over the years from 1951 to 1981. Sister passed away on December 6th at St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana. She was 88 years young. Please remember her in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

**SAINT MARGARET MERCY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

Saint Margaret Mercy in Hammond is in need of Eucharistic Minister volunteers who can spare about two hours weekly – especially Saturday and Sunday—to bring Holy Communion to the Catholic patients. If you are interested, please call St. John Rectory at 659-0023.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Monday, December 14th—Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:00 pm  
 Tuesday, December 15h—All Saints 7:00 pm  
 Wednesday, December 16th—St. John Bosco 7:00 pm  
 Thursday, December 17th—St. Catherine of Siena 7:00 pm  
 Monday, December 21st—St. John the Baptist 7:00 pm

## Parish Life

### H.S.A. PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY!!



The Home and School Association of St. John School is having its Pancake Breakfast with Santa Claus today, Sunday, December 13th in the Panel Room. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast with friends and family! And there's more...children (and adults) can visit and get their picture taken with Santa Claus; our famous Fannie May candy sale, the incredible St. John Book Fair; Entertainment Book sale; Festival raffle tickets; gift baskets raffles; and the St. John the Baptist Choir will delight us with their beautiful voices. Please note that we are in need of volunteers to make our pancake breakfast a HUGE success!

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Today at the 11:00 am Mass at St. John Church, 64 children from our Faith Formation Program and School come before the community to celebrate the Rite of Enrollment for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They come before us with their parents to promise to continue to study and pray together and to learn more about the sacrament of healing that they will receive in February. The children's names are displayed in our churches. Please keep them in your prayers during the coming months.

### ST. ADALBERT NEWS

We will decorate for Christmas on Saturday, December 19th at 9:00 am. Volunteers are welcome.

### ST. JOHN ROSARY SOCIETY ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The St. John Rosary Society will be having their Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 27th at 1:00 pm. Dolores McCampbell and members of Group 6 are the hostesses. Tickets are \$15 per person and must be purchased in advance. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, December 21st. Call Dolores at 659-5074 or Carol at 659-3041 for ticket delivery. Hope you can come to celebrate the season!



### THE GIFT OF LIFE

St. John the Baptist Church will sponsor their annual blood drive from the Heartland Blood Center on Saturday, January 16th in the Mural Room of St. John School from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Nationally, 4.5 million American lives will be saved each year because of blood donors. One donation can save up to three lives. You can make an appointment by calling

Mary Poppen at 659-8440 or you can walk in at your own convenience. We cannot thank you enough for giving the Gift of Life.

### NEED TRANSPORTATION TO CHURCH?

We have been made aware that there are elderly parishioners who would like to come to church but have no transportation. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry of stewardship, or if you need transportation, please contact the Sacred Heart or St. John parish office.

### WINTER FESTIVAL RAFFLE

Raffle tickets for the St. John Winter Festival were mailed to parishioners recently. If you did not receive yours or need additional tickets, please notify the rectory and we will get them to you. This is an important fund raiser and we need as much help as you can give. Thank you.

### FAMOUS PIROHI SALE

Don't forget to pick up your pre-ordered pirohi today, December 13th, in the St. John Panel Room where members of the FCSLA Branch 81 and St. John pirohi makers have joined together to sell their famous pirohi. They are \$7.00 per dozen. Varieties are Apricot, Plum Butter, Cheese, Potato, and Kraut.

### OPLATKY AVAILABLE

Oplatky will be available for sale after all the weekend Masses in St. John's Church Centennial Room beginning Saturday, December 5th. If you prefer, you may purchase them at St. John's rectory during regular office hours (9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday). The price is \$2 per envelope, 4 wafers to an envelope.

### ONE CLICK IS WORTH \$500.00 DOLLARS

BP Amoco is willing to donate \$500.00 to St. John School for each request made by an employee! All it takes is for any BP Amoco employee to go to the company web site, select the "Fabric of America Fund" section and click on "Submit a Request". This is a grant, NOT a matching fund. You do not need to donate any money. This grant is made at the request of the employee. If you have not yet participated or know a BP employee, please consider using this process to secure BP funding for St. John School.



### RCIA NEWS

On Sunday, December 20th at the 11:00 am Mass, the unbaptized adults who have been learning about the Catholic Church through the RCIA process will come before the community to celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. This Rite signals entrance into the next phase of the preparation process for our five adults who have expressed their desire to receive entrance into the Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) on Holy Saturday. Please join us in praying for Phillip Bannister, Frank Cruz, Vianey Luna, Robin Reyes and Sherry Reyes, as we accept them as Catechumens and promise to serve as spiritual examples for them on their journey of faith.

### ADOPT-A-BABY



The children in our Faith Formation Program and School are again supporting social services agencies that assist babies through the Advent Adopt-A-Baby Outreach Project. We invite all members of our cluster parishes to

join us in this project. The agencies have sent out an appeal to us for all sizes of disposable diapers and new baby clothes from newborn size to size 2T. If you would like to make a donation you may leave your items in St. John Church's Centennial Room on Saturday, December 19th or Sunday, December 20th between 7:30 am and 3:30 pm. Monetary donations may be made as well, with check written to St. John Church. Please write Adopt-A-Baby on the envelope and place it in the Sunday collection basket or drop it off at St. John's Rectory. May God bless you for your generosity!

### DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING BULLETINS

Due to the publishers schedule during the Christmas Holidays, the following deadlines will be strictly enforced.

The December 26/27 issue has a deadline of Noon, December 17th, and the deadline for the January 2/3 issue is Noon, December 22nd. Thanks to all for your cooperation.

**HELP NEEDED**

Could you volunteer 30 minutes of your time one Sunday morning a month to help with the Sunday Morning service at the Whiting Care Center? The responsibilities are as basic as showing up at 9:40 am and helping to move wheelchairs and patients from their rooms to the dining room where the service begins at 10:00. If a priest is available, Mass is offered. If there is no priest, then the team conducts a prayer service using the readings of the day followed by distribution of Holy Communion. The work is very rewarding, since the Care Center residents are so very grateful for the opportunity to pray together and receive the Eucharist. Why not come to the center any Sunday to see for yourself? Then perhaps you will feel comfortable enough to volunteer to assist. Since Care Center residents are from all our parishes, we invite all the cluster churches to help. For more information, please call Joe Kruczek at 616-3116 or Margaret Saliga at 659-4138.

**SLOVAK CHRISTMAS TREE AT MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY**

Bring your family and friends to view the Slovak Christmas Tree on display at the Museum of Science and Industry's Annual "Christmas Around the World" exhibit in Chicago. The tree is decorated by the First Catholic Slovak Union with ornaments imported from the Slovak Republic. The exhibit features trees from 55 countries, and runs until January 3rd.

The Museum is at 57th Street & South Lake Shore Drive in Chicago. For more information, call 773-684-1414 or visit [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

*PHYRE Ministry*

Thank you for all the prayers for our young people who recently attended the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri with 23,000 other high school age youth. Our young people were offered a very inspirational and life-changing opportunity. PHYRE ministry will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Stracks in Whiting on December 23rd from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Come by and say hello and listen to them sing.



We will also be serving dinner to the needy and homeless at the Salvation Army during the week of Christmas. If interested in participating with us feel free to contact Jamie Sandona at the St. John rectory or via email at [sjclusteryouthministry@yahoo.com](mailto:sjclusteryouthministry@yahoo.com).

**A CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE**

St. Patrick Marriage Enrichment Ministry would like to invite married couples from the diocese to **A Celebration of Sacramental Marriage** at Trinity Banquet Hall in Chesterton. This event will include a day of faith and refecton with Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, presentations, guest speakers, celebration of the Eucharist, dinner, dancing and more on Saturday, January 16th from 12 to 9:00 pm. To purchase tickets or for more information visit [www.stpatsparish.org/marriage](http://www.stpatsparish.org/marriage). Questions, please call Donna at 219-979-9111.

**ST. JOHN CATERING & BANQUET FACILITIES**

~ Call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041 ~  
For information on our wonderful menu & banquet facilities.

*Community Calendar***Sunday, December 13**

Food Pantry (IC)

- 7:00 am HAS Pancake Breakfast with Santa (SJB)
- 9:30-10:30 am Middle School Faith Formation Classes (SH)
- 11:00 am Reconciliation Rite of Enrollment (SJB)
- 11:00 am NO Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 12-2:30 pm PHYRE Ministry Gathering (Benedict Hall)
- 7:00 pm Christmas Band Concert (SJB)

**Monday, December 14**

- 10:30 am Bible Study (SH)
- 6:30 pm Cantor Rehearsal (SJB)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJB))

**Tuesday, December 15**

- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (SJB)
- 6:30 pm Adult Enrichment (Doctors of the Church) SH
- 7:00 pm IC Pastoral Council (SH)

**Wednesday, December 16**

- 6-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Level 1-5 (SH)

**Thursday, December 17**

- 6:30 pm St. John School Christmas Music Program Grades 1-3 (SJ)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (SJB)

**Friday, December 18****Saturday, December 19****Sunday, December 20**

Food Pantry (SH)

- 9:30-10:30 am Middle School Faith Formation Levels 1-5 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
- 12-2:30 pm PHYRE Ministry Gathering (Benedict Hall)

**CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR ST. JOHN SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 4, 2010**

Key Code: IC - Immaculate Conception Church  
SH - Sacred Heart Church  
SA - St. Adalbert Church  
SJB - St. John the Baptist Church

**DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH VIDEO SERIES**

Church historian Fr. Charles Connor explains what it means to be declared a Doctor of the Church in this 13 part video series. Join with members of our faith community each Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Rose Room as we look at the lives, the writings and spiritual legacy of all 33 Doctors of the Church, which provide a rich treasury of wisdom for our own faith and spiritual growth. These saints excelled in holiness and achieved a profound understanding of Christ and Catholic teaching. Everyone is most welcome to participate in this informative series. Questions? Call Margaret at 659-4138.

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK****TED RADZIWIECKI, DPM**

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## Noticias

### Anuncios Para El Boletín!

Si usted desea clasificar un anuncio en el boletín (en español) pueden mandarlo vía e-mail a [shhministry@yahoo.com](mailto:shhministry@yahoo.com). ó también puede llamar al teléfono 659-0140 Estos anuncios deben de entregarse los Lunes **NO más** tarde de las 12:00 del día. Fecha límite para entregar anuncios para 26 y 27 de Diciembre es el día **17 de Diciembre antes de las 12:00 del día.** Para los anuncios del 2 y 3 de Enero, la Fecha limite es el día **22 de Diciembre antes de las 12:00 del día.**

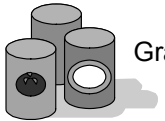
### Gracias

Infinitamente GRACIAS a todas las persona que participaron en los preparativos para la Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Sin su cooperación no hubiéramos podido disfrutar de esta bonita celebración.

Gracias a todas las personas que participaron comprando boletos para la rifa de la canasta de Navidad y galletas. Todos los fondos recaudados serán usados para el mantenimiento de la Iglesia.

### Bendición Para Señoras que están esperando Bebe

El próximo Domingo 20 de Diciembre, El Padre estará dando una bendición especial para todas las Señoras que están esperando Bebe.



### Donación de Comida

Gracias a todas las personas quienes generosamente donaron latas de comida. Todas las donaciones recibidas serán entregadas al gabinete de comida de la comunidad de Whiting para ayudar a familias necesitadas. Próxima fecha será el día 27 de Diciembre.

**Domingo 13 de Diciembre NO Habrá Misa de español (8:30 a.m.)**



**Posada.** Sábado 19 de Diciembre, la Iglesia Del Sagrado Corazón invita a toda la comunidad a participar en la posada a las 6:00 p.m. en el salón

de la Parroquia. Habrá pan dulce y chocolate. También tendremos una pastorela, piñatas, y dulces para los niños.

### Misas Dic. 24 y Dic. 31

La Misa de Noche Buena será el Jueves, 24 de Diciembre a las 7:15 p.m. Y No Habrá Misa de Navidad a las 8:30 a.m. (25 de Diciembre). El Jueves 31 de Diciembre (Fin de Año) la Misa será a las 6:00 p.m. Y No Habrá Misa de Año Nuevo (8:30 a.m.)

### Tercera Semana de Adviento

*Hoy es la tercera semana de Adviento y debemos de encender otra vela de la corona.*



*La vela que hoy debemos de encender es la Rosada que representa la esperanza y la llegada de la alegría. Podemos hacerlo reunidos con la familia y amigos. Mientras se enciende la vela, no se olviden de hacer una oración breve. También pueden leer una Sagrada Escritura (como el Evangelio de dicho Domingo). Después de unos minutos de silencio, cada uno de los miembros reunidos pueden hacer un comentario y un propósito que les ayudara a vivir mejor. Si hay niños reunidos, los propósitos deben de ser muy sencillos para que ellos puedan entender. (Por ejemplo: "pondré mis juguetes en su lugar después de que juegue con ellos.")*

**Donación de Sangre.** Cada año la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista participa en la donación de sangre para el centro Hearland Blood. Este año se llevara acabo el día 16 de Enero en la Escuela de San Juan Bautista (St. John School) de 9:00 a 1:00 p.m. Nacionalmente, 4.5 millones de vidas son salvadas cada año por todas las personas que cooperan en este proyecto donando un poquito de su sangre. Lo invitamos para que este año usted sea una de esas personas y ayude a salvar más de una vida. Si usted esta interesado puede llamar a Mary Poppen al teléfono 659-8440 (no es necesario sacar cita).

**Catecismo.** Domingo 13 de Diciembre Misa especial para estudiantes de Primera Reconciliación. Es importante que los estudiantes del nivel 2 (primera Reconciliación) asistan a esta Misa con sus papás. La Misa se llevara acabo en la Iglesia de San Juan Bautista (St. John) a las 11:00 a.m. Es importante que por favor lean el boletín mensual que se envía a casa con los estudiantes ya que en el podemos encontrar valiosa información.

**Bautizos.** Si usted desea bautizar a un niño (a) en alguna de las parroquias de la comunidad de Whiting-Robertsdale, puede comunicarse al teléfono 219-659-014. Los bautizos regularmente son los sábados a las 12:00 del día.



### Como pertenecer a la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón

Si usted no está registrado en nuestra Parroquia y le gustaría ser miembro del la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón, puede llamar al TEL. 219-659-0140. Si usted está registrado pero **NO** está recibiendo los sobres, por favor contáctese con Nora Pérez.