

All Are welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

DECEMBER 17, 2006
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

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Panel Room.....659-3041



Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:..... 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM;
Sunday Lfeteen Mass 5:30 PM
Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass 7:00 AM
School Children's Mass8:15 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.



JOY, JOY, JOY THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Count them! Within a half-hour of evening news, we are normally subjected to as many as 10 or more ads, each one promising relief and cures for every conceivable ailment and dysfunction associated with the human body. Each pill or lotion comes with a promise ranging from instant relief, enhanced beauty, peaceful sleep, to freedom from aches and pains. Notice how happy and content the people become with beaming smiles, looks of joy and contentment. Then with the speed of a seasoned auctioneer a voice breaks in – **CAUTION** – beware of possible side effects and serious dangers if you use this product. Please 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 the promise, the result is at best temporary. In the last analysis these products do not hold a 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?

First of all, God our Father promises never to abandon us. In fact He offers a never-fail recipe for happiness - the Gospel message, the Good News. He guarantees it.

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

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

Fr. John

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sat., December 23 at St. John: 10 am—11 am & 2 pm—4 pm

Penance Services offered elsewhere:

Dec. 18, Monday—St. Catherine of Siena, 7 pm

Dec. 20, Wednesday—St. Casimir, 7 pm

Dec. 21, Thursday—St. Stanislaus, East Chicago, 7 pm

Please take time for Our Lord.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

The conflicts in our world continue. Please pray for these brave men and women: Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Justin Faulkner, 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. If you would like to add a name to this prayer list, please call the parish office or place in the Sunday collection basket.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST • WHITING

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18

7:00 am Special Intentions Don & Louise Kaminsky (SJB)

8:00 am †Mrs. Walter Fischer, Sr. (SH)

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 am †Warren & Curtis Dooley Off: Magdalene (SJB)

8:00 am †Sylvia Teles (SH)

8:15 am †Deceased Members of Mateja & Salley Families (SJB)

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 am †In Memory of Grace Burke Off: Anne Kaminsky (SJB)

8:00 am †Ernest Farkas (SH)

8:15 am †Joseph, Ann, & Joe Skertich Off: Rosalie (SJB)

Thursday, December 21, Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor

7:00 am †Millie Ruzbasan Off: Mary Ann Hartlerode (SJB)

8:00 am †Florence Kovacic (SH)

Friday, December 22

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Dosen & Tumidalsky Families Off: Richard Tumidalsky & Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Alyce DeLand (SH)

8:15 am †Florence Brigger Off: Ken, Christine, Gina & Jessica Kolakowski (SJB)

Saturday, December 23, John of Kanty, Priest

7:00 am †Rev. Edward Homco C.P.P.S. (Anniversary) (SJB)

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

5:30 pm †Kowalski & Sinal families (SH)

Sunday, December 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

8:00 am †Charlotte Kowal (SA)

8:15 am †Steve & Justine Lepacek (IC)

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

9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

10:15 am †Carl Kenneth Davis—Anniversary (SA)

10:45 am †William Dixon—Anniversary (SH)

11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Christmas Eve — Vigil Masses:

5:30 pm Sacred Heart Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00 pm St. Adalbert Christmas Vigil Mass

11:00 pm St. John Christmas Vigil Mass — Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community

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, Louise Kaminsky, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Jerry Korba, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Ann Latta, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Edward S. Marcisz Ann Mihalso, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Ruth Rapchak, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Catherine Verville, Mark Vine, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Ernest D. Bayus

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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| December 3 | |
| Weekly..... | \$13,064.12 |
| Loose..... | \$536.11 |
| High School..... | \$79.50 |
| Grade School..... | \$214.61 |
| Total for the Week..... | \$13,894.34 |

CLUSTER SCHEUDLE
MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS
& NEW YEAR'S DAY
2006 - 2007

December 23 (Saturday)

Morning Mass 7:00 am St. John
 Evening Mass: 4:30 pm - **4th Sunday of Advent:** St. John
 Evening Mass: 5:30 pm - **4th Sunday of Advent:** Sacred Heart

December 24: (Sunday) - 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Adalbert: 8:00 am; 10:15 am
 Immaculate Conception: 8:15 am
 Sacred Heart: 8:30 am and 10:45 am
 St. John: Masses at 7:00 am; 9:00 am; and 11:00 am

December 24: Christmas Eve

St. Adalbert: 10:00 pm
 Immaculate Conception: No Mass
 Sacred Heart: 5:30 pm
 St. John: 11:00 pm

December 25: (Monday) Christmas Day

St. Adalbert: 8:00 a.m.; 10:15 am
 Immaculate Conception: 8:15 am
 Sacred Heart: 8:30 am; 10:45 am
 St. John: 7:00 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am

December 30 (Saturday)

Morning Mass 7:00 am St. John
 Evening Mass: 4:30 pm - **Feast of the Holy Family:** St. John
 Evening Mass: 5:30 pm - **Feast of the Holy Family:** Sacred Heart

December 31: (Sunday) - Feast of the Holy Family

St. Adalbert: 8:00 am; 10:15 am
 Immaculate Conception: 8:15 am
 Sacred Heart: 8:30 am and 10:45 am
 St. John: Masses at 7:00 am; 9:00 am; and 11:00 am

January 01: (Monday) - Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God

St. Adalbert: 8:00 am; 10:15 am
 Immaculate Conception: 8:15 am
 Sacred Heart: 8:30 am and 10:45 am
 St. John: Masses at 7:00 am; 9:00 am; and 11:00 am

LAST DAY FOR ADOPT-A-BABY OUTREACH

Today, Sunday, Dec. 17, is the last day donations may be left in the church Centennial Room. This project assists area social services who aid families financially unable to provide basic necessities for their babies. To aid in sorting and packing, please DO NOT wrap items. Thank you!!

2007 PARISH CALENDARS

You may pick up your copy of our Parish 2007 Calendar at the church entrances. Please, only one per family. Many thanks to Baran Funeral Home for providing this service!

OPLATKY — CHRISTMAS WAFER

The word Bethlehem means "The House of Bread." The breaking of bread is a sign of love, unity, and friendship. The head of the family leads those gathered at the Christmas Eve meal. A piece of the wafer is distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head of the family gives an embrace and a kiss to each member with the wish of a joyful feast. Those present in turn greet one another in the same way. The spiritual lesson in this age-old custom is the unity and love of family. The bond of unity is the Christ-like love that should exist among the members of the family. The head of the family is the link in the unbroken chain of One Body, One Bread, One Christ and One Church. The family joins in this eternal procession no matter where they are. Oplatky are available in the school lobby after Sunday Masses. Cost is \$2.00 for a package of four.

St. John's famous Pirohi will be on sale Sunday, TODAY! December 17, from 9 am-12 Noon in the Panel Room lobby.

IN SOLIDARITY OF THE HUMAN FAMILY

Since February 2003 more than 450,000 men, women and children have been killed in the Darfur region of Sudan. Over 4 million are in need of assistance. Scott LeFevre of Catholic Relief Services, Matthew Emry of American Jewish World Services, and Bishop Melczek of the Diocese of Gary will offer remarks on this situation on Monday, Dec. 18, at 7 pm in Alumni Hall at Purdue University Calumet. Our brothers and sisters on the other side of the world are in desperate need. See how we as Americans are in a special position to call on our government to intervene. For information call Joan (219) 932-2706 or Michael Steinberg (219) 922-4024.

A GENTLE REMINDER

There is still time to fulfill your 2006 CSA pledge! Please submit before December 31. Thank you!



2007 MASS BOOK

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

BENEDICTINE LIFE WEEKEND

If you wonder if monastic life could be where God is leading you, visit the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana, during their Life Weekend on Jan. 5-7. The theme is *Praying with Scripture*. This weekend is open to single Catholic women, ages 19-40, discerning religious life. Contact Sr. Anita Louise Lowe at 800-738-9999 or go to vocation@thedome.org.

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THANKS

To the St. John Rosary Society for their very generous gift to the parish in the amount of \$1,200.

To the family and friends of †Anemarie Zurbriggen and †John Palenik for their gifts to the School Endowment Fund.

To the Class of 1941 of St. John the Baptist School for their gift to the School Endowment Fund.

BLOOD DRIVE

You are asked to participate in a diocesan wide blood drive in cooperation with Catholic Charities, African American Ministries, American Red Cross, and Heartland Blood Centers. Our parish will join other neighboring parishes at St. John the Baptist, on Saturday, January 13, from 9 am to 1 pm. Please consider donating, and call 1-800-448-3543 Red Cross to schedule a time.



During the winter and early spring, fourteen Missions will be held in our Diocese as we prepare for the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese on June 10th, 2007. "Called by the Spirit to Mission," will be the theme of all of the Missions. St. John the Baptist will host a Mission on February 25, 26, 27, & 28, Sunday through Wednesday. It will be held each evening in church from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Fr. John Judie, a priest of the Archdiocese of Louisville, Kentucky, returns to our Diocese to help parishioners in our North Lake Deanery reflect on our baptismal call to serve in the mission of Jesus Christ.

SAVOR THE SILENCE

The sacred liturgy calls for periods of silence, times when we may contemplate the importance of the words we hear. After the proclamation of the first and second readings, the lector will pause for a time of silence. Let the sacred words you have heard sink deep into your heart bringing the wisdom and inspiration of God into your life. After the homily we pause again to reflect on God's personal message for each of our lives. "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." Once we have all received Holy Communion we pause a final time for reflection and prayer. These times of silence are extremely important to our growing relationship with God and with one another. Observe them with gratitude and reverence. It is an important gift which you will not want to relinquish. Savor the silence and allow the Holy Spirit to refresh your soul.



LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

December 17, Sunday – 6:30 Life Nite in the Pastoral Center *Reach out to those around you! Join in the Christmas Service project by helping sort baby items for the annual drive.*

December 24, Sunday – No 5:30 Life Teen Mass and No Life Nite due to the Christmas celebrations.

January 7, Sunday – 6:30 – Life Nite in the Pastoral Center

January 14, Sunday – 6:30 – Life Nite in the Pastoral Center *Financial Aid information night for parents and high school teens. Sign up today! Contact Candi Stapleton-Gard @ 659-1663 or Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com*

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, Saturday, December 23

Lectors: Wagner, Gonzales
 Euch Min: E Igras, J&D Franko, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, D McCampbell
 Altar Servers: Julian Gonzalez, Christine Krilich, Jason Kresich

7:00 am, Sunday, December 24

Lectors: Barron, Guiden
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, J&G Blackwell, G Jancosek, M Saliga, E Matuska
 Altar Servers: Katelyn & Sara Kruszynski, Justin Lerma

9:00 am, Sunday, December 24

Lectors: Boyda, Stofcik
 Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, A Jurek, M Jakubielski, S Rosendo, L Wade
 Altar Servers: Brian & Nick Lawson, Adam Lewandowski

11:00 am, Sunday, December 24

Lectors: Bibat, Gomez
 Euch Min: J Bondi, C Lannon, B Delinck, M Knazur, K Saliga, M&K Wagner, E Duray, F Delinck
 Altar Servers: Emelie & Mollie Lovasko, Colton Lopez

11:00 pm, December 24, Christmas Vigil

Lectors: Perz, Kozak
 Euch Min: M Poppen, R&B Jerzyk, B Delinck, D&L Blackwell, E Duray, F Delinck
 Altar Servers: Lauren Markovich, Kristen Markusic, Roxanne Maslikowski

7:00 am, December 25, Christmas Day

Lectors: Matlon, Barilla
 Euch Min: T Barilla, L Barron, B Chidalek, G Jancosek, E Matuska, T&S Adam
 Altar Servers: Jeremy Massoels, David Matura, Matthew Menchasa

9:00 am, December 25, Christmas Day

Lectors: Jakubielski, Stofcik
 Euch Min: D&L Blackwell, ML Tonkovich, R&J Zubeck, M Jakubielski
 Altar Servers: Jesse Munoz, Zachary Pacourek, Aimee Perhach

11:00 am, December 25, Christmas Day

Lectors: Bibat, Lannon
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, C Lannon, S Rosendo, C Vrabel, J Bondi, E Duray, MJ Kansky
 Altar Servers: Demetria Beaulieu, Trinity Mitchell, Elena Paloma

CARE CENTER

December 24, 10:00 a.m. — L&C Remmers

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

Dec. 18 & 19: Alex-Gonzalo Hernandez, Rachel Hurtig
 Dec. 20 & 21: Alyce & Michael Jakubielski
 Dec. 22 & 23: Carissa Jones, Isabella Kalasinski

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, DECEMBER 17 — Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Faith Formation Classes, Grades 6-8
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)

2:00 pm *SJB Kindergarten Christmas Program in Marian Theater Auditorium*

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass & Life Nite (SJB)



Monday, DECEMBER 18

10:30 am Bible Study at (SH)
7:00 pm RCIA (SJB Pastoral Center)
7:00 pm Catholic Relief Program, Purdue Calumet Alumni Hall

Tuesday, DECEMBER 19

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
7:00 pm St. Vincent De Paul Mtg (SH)

Wednesday, DECEMBER 20

6:00 pm Faith Formation Classes, Grades 1-5
7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

Thursday, DECEMBER 21

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

Friday, DECEMBER 22

11:30 am Early dismissal St. John the Baptist School
(Christmas break; classes resume Jan. 8)

Saturday, DECEMBER 23

Sunday, DECEMBER 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
No Faith Formation Classes today
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)

Need a unique Christmas Gift? Contact the Rectory at 659-0023 for a replica of St. John the Baptist Church, only \$40 for this lovely ceramic sculpture, or purchase one of our Slovak cookbooks for \$7. Also available at \$25 each are a series of VHS tapes of our church history.



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.

ST. JOHN CATERING/BANQUET FACILITIES

Are you having a wedding, holiday party, class reunion, bridal shower or Quinceanera? Would you like us to cook for you, or would you like to bring your own food and rent a room? Call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041 or go to www.sjbcatholicparish.org and click on the Meetings and Facilities tab for more information.