

All Are Welcome . . .

December 23 & 30, 2007 CHRISTMAS

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

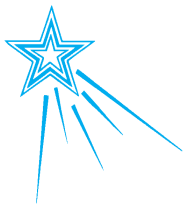


GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Father,
 We thank you
 for your precious gift
 Mary & Joseph embraced
 With arms of love and hope
 On that first Christmas night.
 May we welcome Jesus Your Gift
 By acts of kindness and forgiveness.
 Teach us to treasure Jesus Your Gift
 In every person we know or first meet;
 In the unborn seeking their right to live;
 In the family member asking forgiveness;
 In those persons too ill to care for themselves;
 In the person imprisoned by the chains of addiction;
 In the child or spouse seeking protection from abuse.*

Amen

*Blessed Christmas!
 Fathers John Kalicky, Gary Scherer,
 Stanley Dominik, Leo Gajardo, Al Spilly,
 Jerome Stack, Brother Terry Nufer,
 Deacon Joseph Manchak,
 Members of the Cluster Staffs*



A NEW LITURGICAL YEAR Continued...

As we finish out our Advent season we consider the important gesture of hands folded in prayer. The relaxed posture of drooping arms and hands folded but hanging below the waist level seems to indicate a lack of enthusiasm....quite a contrast from hands deliberately placed together with fingers pointing heavenward! Body language often speaks louder than words. Am I deliberately involved in prayer of the Mass, the sacred liturgy, our highest form of worship? Or am I just there, my mind wandering off in daydreams, while I "put in my hour of Sunday worship"? Once again, be reminded of our "full, active participation". Reconsider folding your hands at waist level with fingers pointed heavenward. See if it doesn't affect the quality of your Mass participation. Give to Jesus, our Incarnate God, whose birth, life, and death, and Resurrection have saved us, the gift of your full and active presence at the Divine Liturgy this Christmas.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 24, Vigil of Christmas

7:00 am †Rev. Edward Homco, CPPS Anniv. (SJB)
 8:00 am †Blake, Dedinsky, Pohl & Pieters families (SA)
 5:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass (SH)
 11:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass (Choir begins at 10 pm) (SJB)
 12:00 Midnight Vigil Mass (IC)

Tuesday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord

See Christmas Schedule on following page!

Wednesday, December 26, Stephen, first martyr

7:00 am †Donald Mores Off: Margret Vaselak (SJB)
 8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley (IC)

Thursday, December 27, John the Apostle

7:00 am †Paul & Ann Kozak Off: Children and Grandchildren (SJB)
 8:00 am †Steve & Justine Lepacek (IC)

Friday, December 28, Holy Innocents, martyrs

7:00 am †Ann S. Knazur Off: Eve Duray (SJB)
 8:00 am †Paul Lukacsek (IC)

Saturday, December 29, Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr

7:00 am †Josephine DeHenes Off: Marilyn DeHenes (SJB)
 2:00 pm Wedding Mass of Daniel Maul & Amanda Martell (SJB)
 4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Sunday, December 30, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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)
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass, Whiting/Robertsdale Cath. Com. (SJB)

Monday, December 31, Sylvester I, pope

7:00 am †Stack & Rusina Families Off: Val Stack & family (SJB)
 8:00 am †Victoria Kolbert (SH)

Tuesday, January 1, Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of St. John Rosary Society
 Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 8:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
 8:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (IC)
 8:30 am †Josefina Sierra (SH)
 10:15 am †Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
 10:45 am †Robert Gacsko (SH)
 11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Wednesday, January 2, Basil the Great & Gregory Nazians

7:00 am †Margaret M. Tkach Off: Dorothy Hoover & family (SJB)
 8:00 am †Jeanne Haddad (SH)

Thursday, January 3, Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 am †Dorothy Kasper Off: Kay Novotney (SJB)
 8:00 am †Carl J. Odlivak (SH)

Friday, January 4, Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

7:00 am †Thomas Bender Off: Adm & Mrs. S. David Frost (SJB)
 8:00 am †John Vanek (SH)

Saturday, January 5, John Neumann, bishop

7:00 am †Christof & Gregor Families Off: Nancy Orlando & family (SJB)
 4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Sunday, January 6, Epiphany of the Lord

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)
 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass
 Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)



Wedding Banns

III Daniel Maul and Amanda Martell
 I Vince Indriolo and Amy Bruder

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,480.00
Loose.....	240.65
High School.....	80.75
Grade School.....	101.73
Total for Week.....	\$9,903.13



VENITE, ADOREMUS!

Come join us for an hour of beautiful Advent and Christmas music, and caroling by our choir beginning at 10 pm, before 11:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve at St. John the Baptist Church.

CLUSTER MASS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 24th/25th

December 24—Monday Morning Mass	
7:00 am	St. John
8:00 am	Immaculate Conception
December 24—Monday: Christmas Eve	
5:30 pm	Sacred Heart
11:00 pm	St. John
12:00 Midnight	Immaculate Conception
December 25— Christmas Day Masses:	
8:00 am	St. Adalbert (Polish)
8:00 am	St. John
8:15 am	Immaculate Conception
8:30 am	Sacred Heart (Spanish)
9:30 am	St. Casimir
10:15 am	St. Adalbert
10:45 am	Sacred Heart
11:00 am	St. John

DECEMBER 31st/JANUARY 1

December 31 Monday Morning Masses: Octave of Christmas	
7:00 am	St. John
8:00 am	Sacred Heart
NO EVENING MASS	
January 1: Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God	
8:00 am	St. Adalbert (Polish)
8:00 am	St. John
8:15 am	Immaculate Conception
8:30 am	Sacred Heart
10:15 am	St. Adalbert
10:45 am	Sacred Heart
11:00 am	St. John

HOUSE BLESSING KITS

The feast of the Epiphany will be celebrated on Sunday, January 6, 2008. As in past years house blessing kits will be given to each family after the weekend Masses to carry on the custom of blessing our homes in the new year. Within the kit you will find the house blessing prayer, instructions for blessing your home, and chalk. We continue the ancient custom inspired by the visit of the three kings. May our homes be places of welcome for all who enter them and may the peace of Christ be shared by all who dwell therein.

PARISH CALENDARS

You may pick up your 2008 parish calendar at all church entrances. One per family please.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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SPECIAL BLESSING RECEIVED!

This past week our parish received two generous gifts which are earmarked for the repair of our Church steeple. The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch #81 donated \$20,000.00 and Junior Branch #58 donated \$2,000.00! In thanksgiving, a Mass for the living and deceased members of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branches #81 and #58 will be offered on Friday, January 11 at 8:30 am. May God reward them for their generosity!

Our St. John School Endowment Fund received gifts from Dr. and Mrs. Prasad Sri, and Joshua, Fred, and Charles Halpern in memory of Mrs. Margaret Falaschetti. Thank you so very much!

ADDITIONAL STEEPLE FUND DONATIONS

Thank you to the following who have made donations to the Church steeple fund. Peter and Ann Chovanec, Thomas Stofcik, Helen Markovich, Ray Buell, Family of Augustine Novotny, Thomas and Susan Adam, John Saliga, Ray Kaminisky, Joseph Domasica, Dr. Paul Koch, and the St. John Rosary Society. May God bless them for their generosity.

MORE THANK YOU'S

A big THANK YOU to Norma Sandrick for decorating the ground floor of the school building for Christmas. She has spent much of her time, talent and treasure to make it look beautiful, not only for the school children but for the Christmas parties. Norma and Jim Kutchka are responsible for the new Panel Room curtains and the new flowers in the Panel Room flower boxes. May God continue to bless us with people like Norma and Jim!

ADVENT ADOPT-A-BABY OUTREACH PROJECT

We extend special thanks to the members of Life Teen and our Confirmation Candidates for sorting and packing all of the donations for Nazareth Home, The Answer, Birth Choice and the Holy Innocents Center. It is always inspiring to witness our teens sharing their time to assist in this worthy project! We also thank all those who helped to deliver the truckloads of donations to the agencies. God bless you all for sharing your time and talent.

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 Pupilava Jr., Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Graham Stone, Aaron Suarez, Jason Verta, Nathan Wilson.

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS
SUNDAY/CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASSES

11:00 pm, December 24, Monday

Lectors: Kozak, Perz
 Euch Min: A Barlo (CR), M Poppen (CR), R&B Jerzyk, A Maloney, D Weber, D Shimala, L Barron
 Altar Servers: Houston Shimala, Michael & Philip Jakubielski

8:00 am, December 25, Tuesday

Lectors: Jancosek, Bojda
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, G Jankosek, C Pesenko, J Staley, T Barilla
 Altar Servers: Rachel Hurtig, Andy Franko, Caleb Strabavy

11:00 am, December 25, Tuesday

Lectors: Bibat, Gonzales
 Euch Min: J Bondi, E Igras, S Rosendo, K Saliga, V Kusnir
 F&B Delinck(CR), M Kacak
 Altar Servers: Lauren Markovich, Adam Lewandowski, Carly Cappello

4:30 pm, December 29, Saturday

Lectors: Banik, Banik
 Euch Min: J&D Franko, Beth Jerzyk, M Kacak, J Wozniak, E Duray (CR), A Barlo (CR), A Maloney, V Kusnir
 Altar Servers: Alex Hernandez, Raymond Walsh, Andrew Galgan

8:00 am, December 30, Sunday

Lectors: Guiden, Matlon
 Euch Min: T Barilla, B Chidalek, G Jancosek, E Matuska, M Saliga, C Pesenko, L Barron
 Altar Servers: Jackie Camacho, Maya Rodriguez, Joseph Solorio-Arellano

11:00 am, December 30, Sunday

Lectors: Botich, Lannon
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, E Igras, C Lannon, E&E Roldan
 Altar Servers: Alec, Anthony & Eric Rodriguez

5:30 pm, December 30, Sunday

Altar Servers: John Duha, Steven Duha, Dylan Reeves

8:00 am, January 1, Tuesday

Lectors: Pesenko, Helen Marie
 Euch Min: B Chidalek, C Pesenko, I Dominquez, R&J Zubeck, ML Tonkovich
 Altar Servers: Joey Bondi, Abby Bondi, Rachel Kubisz

11:00 am, January 1, Tuesday

Lectors: Bojda, Powell
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, C Lannon, K Saliga, B Delinck (CR), R Rodriguez, S Rosendo, E Duray(CR)

Altar Servers: Katie & Sara Kruszynski, Madaline Corpus

4:30 pm, January 5, Saturday

Lectors: Kozak, Perz
 Euch Min: D Cuculich, E Igras, M Krull, J Wozniak, J&D Franko
 Altar Servers: Ashley & Taylor Pokraka, Teresa Plascencia

8:00 am, January 6, Sunday

Lectors: Jakubielsky, Krilich
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, D Weber, R Rodriguez, R&J Zubeck
 Altar Servers: Julio Casares, Hunter Priesol, Michael Ortiz

11:00 am, January 6, Sunday

Lectors: Gomez, Silva
 Euch Min: J Bondi, S Rosendo, E&E Roldan, D Shimala, M Jakubielsky, E Duray (CR), A Maloney (CR)
 Altar Servers: Vinnie & Frankie Rossodivito, Ashley Przybyla

5:30 pm, January 6, Sunday

Altar Servers: Johnathon, Emelie and Mollie Lovasko

CARE CENTER

10:00 am December 23: J. Bobos, R Mikola

10:00 am December 30: J Kruczek

10:00 am January 6: J Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES — 7:00 am

December 24: Brian Lawson, Nick Lawson

December 26/27: Ashley Przybyla, Mark Feliciano

December 28/29: Justin Lerma, Brianna Scivinsky

December 31: Kaitlyn Syler, Krista Syler

January 2/3: Jenna Wozniak, Elena Palomo

January 4/5: Bianca Gonzalez, Colton Lopez

LIFE TEEN

“Leading teens closer to Christ”

December 23 Sunday Immediately following 5:30 pm Mass	Life Nite in Benedict Hall. CHRISTMAS PARTY! <i>Come relax in the new space and celebrate the season together with a potluck. Bring in your favorite snack or dessert! Join Life Teen today!</i>
December 30 Sunday	No Life Nite
January 6 Sunday 6:30 pm	Life Nite in Benedict Hall. <i>What do you want to do? Come with ideas for the next Few months of activities.</i>

WANTED!

Life Teen is looking for adults, high school graduates and up, to join the core of adults running the Life Teen program. We need all kinds of talents so don't second guess what you have to offer! Contact Laura Powell for more information at 219-473-9931 or powell183@comcast.net.

LIFE TEEN THANKS YOU!

A big THANK YOU to Father Kalicky and St. John for the space in Benedict Hall to use for the Life Teen Program. A big THANK YOU to the following for items donated: Marcy and Brian Laciak, loveseat and tv stand; Karen Goodwin-Harper, couch; Priscilla Williams, pool table; Andrea Matura, lamp; Gretchen McCanna, couch and loveseat; Tony and Amanda Flores, couch and loveseat; and Janet Brezene, ottoman and microwave.

JOIN LIFE TEEN TODAY!

If you are in High School and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, then check out the Life Teen program! We meet after each Sunday night Life Teen Mass at 6:30 in Benedict Hall. Check out the calendar of events posted in the bulletin and join us any time. Contact Laura Powell at 219-473-9931 or powell183@comcast.net.



PRAY FOR...

Zach Arnold, Lenny Barnaby, Mary Bayus, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Magdalene Doucette, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Leo Kriegl, Julia Miller, Janet Moran, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, George Soltis, Angie Srencik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Mary Trelinski, Virginia Troksa, Mark Vine, Irene Walters, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace

Joseph Sotak
Ernest F. Korosi

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE THANKS

The Peace and Social Justice Commission wishes you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year with abundant blessings! In this new year, let us explore together what "Peace" and "Social Justice" really mean in our lives. May you remain close to the Christ child and discern His will for you this new year. God Bless!

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 23, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:30-11:30 am Religious Formation (SH)

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB)

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Christmas Break for St. John Students

Classes resume Monday, January 7, 2008

10 am—11 am Confessions (SJB)

1 pm—2 pm Confessions (SJB)

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Wednesday, December 26

Thursday, December 27

No Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJB)

Friday, December 28

Saturday, December 29

Sunday, December 30, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8:15 am K of C Corporate Communion (IC)

Monday, December 31

Tuesday, January 1

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 2

7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)



Thursday, January 3

No RCIA

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)

Friday, January 4

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

Saturday, January 5

Sunday, January 6, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:30-10:30 am Resume Faith Formation (Middle School)

5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJB)

7:00 pm CPPS Companions (SJB)



MONDAY, Dec. 24, CHRISTMAS EVE CONFESSIONS

at St. John the Baptist Church
from 10 AM until 11 AM
and 1 PM until 2 PM

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS

On the First Friday of the new year, January 4, 2008, from 1 pm until 6 pm at St. John's, the Litany and Rosary will be prayed at 5:25 pm and closing Benediction at 6:00 pm. Please take a little time out for prayer with our Divine Savior and reflect on what is really important in this new year.