

May 22, 2005

Feast of the Holy Trinity

Saint John the Baptist Parish Family
is profoundly grateful to
Thomas J. Puplava
for his thirty-nine years of dedicated service to
Catholic Education



The Lord bless you and keep you!
The Lord let His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you!
The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Mr. Thomas J. Pupilava
Retiring Principal of St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist School and Parish Community will be paying tribute to Thomas J. Pupilava, Principal of St. John the Baptist School. Mr. Pupilava will be retiring at the close of the school year after thirty-nine years of dedicated service to Catholic education. He began his Catholic school ministry as a teacher in the Junior High.

As **TEACHER**, Mr. Pupilava shared his love of learning with countless students and peers focusing not only on academics, but the common bond of our Catholic faith. After seven years into his education career, Mr. Pupilava took on the position of Principal for St. John the Baptist School.

As **LEADER**, Mr. Pupilava accepted this administrative position with enthusiasm and a sense of adventure. Through the years he has touched the lives of countless students, parents, and staff members with his wisdom, patience, and understanding. His leadership has helped to make St. John the Baptist School a quality provider of Catholic Education.

As **MINISTER**, Mr. Pupilava has demonstrated his belief in Catholic education. The countless hours, above and beyond the normal school day, that he has devoted to school administration reflect his position as a true minister to St. John School families.

As **SERVANT**, Mr. Pupilava has always chosen to serve the members of the St. John School community with prudence and good judgment. Managing the affairs of an effective school with all of the financial demands is not an easy task. He has proved that much can be done with determination and persistence.

As **PRINCIPAL**, Mr. Pupilava has faithfully held this position for thirty-two years. His dedication, hard-work, and enthusiasm have left its imprint on the lives of countless individuals. Whether overseeing a faculty meeting, attending a sporting event or band concert, chairing state accreditation committees, meeting with other principals, addressing the Home and School Association, enjoying time with the students on the playground, and on and on...Mr. Pupilava has done so with dedication, enthusiasm, and a true devotion to Catholic education.

As **MAN OF FAITH**, Mr. Pupilava demonstrates a deep love of the Lord. He places each day in God's hands because he believes that all things are possible with faith in God.

It is the prayer of the entire St. John the Baptist School and Parish community that Mr. Pupilava's retirement be filled with God's benevolent graces and blessings. May God's plan for you move you forward into satisfying and exciting new horizons, for you are a deserving and faithful servant of the Lord.

By Linda Kazragys

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is held one week during the summer from 9-11:30 am to help young children grow in their faith in a fun and active manner. We would like to offer this summer program for children ages 4 to 10 years in our community.

We have been unable to offer this exciting program for the past 3 years because we have not had enough volunteer adults. No experience is necessary, but a love of children and the desire to help them grow in their love of the Lord is a plus! Training and program materials will be provided to enable volunteers to present the program to the children. (Moms, Dads, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles are welcome to volunteer.)

We have not yet set a date because we are willing to work around the dates volunteers might be available. If you would like to help us offer this program this summer, please call Mrs. Diane Pupilava at 473-7557.



Mary Banik, Susan Biel, John Dubec, Danielle Summers-Ellis, Skylar Ann Ellis, Joe Geffert, Paul E. Gerba, Florence Golding, Pat Grenchik, Jerry Hajduch, Rev. Joseph Hajduch, C. PP.S., Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Michael Kasarda, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Alma Koch, Julia Kukta, Rose Leslie, John Lofay, Ann Mihalso, Sylvester Nemcek, John Gabriel Pena, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Margaret Springer, Angie & Joseph Srencik, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.

Please Note: Individual names will be kept on the prayer list for one month. If the person you have placed on the list has a long term illness or needs to be on the list for a period of time longer than a month, please call the rectory 659-0023 and inform the secretary.



Mary J. Pupilava, mother of parishioner Edwina (Andrew) Mierwa

**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, May 23
7:00 am †In Memory of Steve J. Slacanin

Tuesday, May 24
7:00 am †Manuel M. Rodriguez Off: Rodriguez, Burgos & Reyome Families
8:30 am †John J. Blastick Off: Robert & Sandra Latta

Wednesday, May 25, Bede, priest, doctor/Gregory VII, pope/Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin
7:00 am †Eleanore Kauchak Off: Stanley Kauchak
8:30 am †Deceased of Lubeck - Hashu Families Off: William & Tom

Thursday, May 26, Philip Neri, priest
7:00 am †Parents of James & Carole Vrabel Off: James & Carole

Friday, May 27, Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
7:00 am †Arnold Mashura Off: Sandra & Beni Dasgupta
8:30 am †Andrea M. Buell Off: M/M Robert Figler

Saturday, May 28
7:00 am †Tony Priesol Off: Wife, Theresa
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family, Special Intentions Albert & Ann Konechni

Sunday, May 29, Body & Blood of Christ
7:00 am For Our Parish Family
9:00 am For Our Parish Family
11:00 am For Our Parish Family

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING	
Adults.....	\$8,411.85
Loose.....	\$440.71
High School.....	\$27.00
Grade School.....	\$150.53
Total for the Week.....	\$9,030.09

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Many thanks to the 375 families who have responded. Your gift helps support those less fortunate. Prayerfully consider sharing a gift from your heart. Return your pledge card to the parish office, or place it in the offertory basket at Mass. Thank you for sharing the gifts you have been blessed with from God.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
HAMMOND-WHITING CARE CENTER
1000 -114TH STREET, WHITING
659-2770

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next series of parish Baptisms will be held during the month of June. Please call Diane Puplava at 473-7557 for more information or to register.

CORPUS CHRISTI

We invite all our brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate the treasures of our Catholic Faith. Come to an outdoor Mass and Procession with the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday, May 29, 12 Noon, at St. Mary Church, 144th & Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago. For more information call 219-398-2409.

PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE

St. Catherine Hospital, 4321 Fir Street, East Chicago, is hosting "Planting Seeds of Hope" session for cancer survivors and their families on Sunday, June 5th from 3-5 pm, in the Professional Building classroom at the Hospital. No charge, but reservations are required. Call 219-836-3477 to register by June 2nd.

LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Please contact the U.S. Senators listed below and urge them to vote against the filibuster in the Senate on President Bush's judicial nominees to the Circuit Court of Appeals. These judges already have the majority votes needed, but 41 senators out of 100 are trying to stop these appointments through filibuster, because these judges uphold traditional family values and oppose abortion and sodomy. This is expected to be voted on soon. Please let your voice be heard!

Sen. Richard Lugar 202-224-4814
www.lugar.senate.gov
Sen. Evan Bayh 202-224-5623
www.bayh.senate.gov

COME AND SEE...RCIA

An informal session for those who would like to learn more about the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be held on Monday, May 23rd, at 7 pm, in the Pastoral Center (3rd floor of the St. John School building). If you are considering becoming a Catholic...were baptized Catholic yet have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion....have not practiced your Catholic faith recently....or just have questions about your faith... "Come and See" what the RCIA is.

THANK YOU

To the family of Frank Strezo for their generous donation to the Endowment Fund of St. John School in his memory. Also, to the family and friends of Ann S. Knazur for their generous donation in her memory to the Endowment Fund.

Wedding Banns
II John Bucher & Amy Shimala

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

1849 LINCOLN AVENUE
WHITING, INDIANA 46394

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FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

Rev. John Kalicky, CPPS Pastor
Rev. Gary Scherer, CPPS Associate Pastor

Parish Office.....659-0023
School Office.....659-3042
School website:
www.myschoolonline.com/IN/stjohnbaptistschool

Religious Formation.....473-7557
Cafeteria.....659-3041
Gymnasium.....473-7556
Helping Hands.....473-7554
Marian Theatre.....473-7555
Panel Room.....659-3041 or 473-0535

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, May 28

Lectors: J. Kozak, P. Banik
Euch Min: MJ Kansky, K&R Kurcinka, D. McCampbell,
C. Vrabel, L. Kilander, M. Poppen
Altar Servers: Kyle Kruszynski, Justin & Alyssa
Homan

7:00 am, May 29

Lectors: R. Matlon, Helen Marie L.
Euch Min: T. Adam, D&R Barnes, G. Jancosek,
M. Saliga, B. Chidalek, J. Biel
Altar Servers: Katherine Staley, Alec & Eric Rodriguez

9:00 am, May 29

Lectors: F. Powell, E. Bojda
Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, L. Barron, M. Jakubielski,
ML Tonkovich, D. Weber
Altar Servers: Alison & Craig Kouris, Annie Labus

11:00 am, May 29

Lectors: K. Lannon, F. Stofcik
Euch Min: ML Biel, C. Lannon, J. Bondi, T&D Puplava,
K. Saliga
Altar Servers: Arthur Williamson, Chelsae Strabavy,
Alexis Velez

CARE CENTER

May 29: 10:00 a.m. J. Kaminsky, E. Matuska

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

May 23 & 24: Ashley & Taylor Pokraka
May 25 & 26: Anthony & Emerik Quiroz
May 27 & 28: Tania Spezza & Rafael Rodriguez

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 FacilitiesJoseph Lazur

EDUCATION

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

PARISH LIFE

Rosary Society.....Carole Mareta
Cub Scouts.....Damian Bondi
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 MinistersFr. Gary Scherer
EnvironmentMartin Dybel
Care Center Coordinator.....Joseph Kruczek
Eucharistic MinistersEve Duray
Lectors Nancy Gomez
Liturgy Committee..... Margaret Saliga
Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin
Parish Music DirectorGeraldine 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, May 22
11:00 am Mass of Thanksgiving
for Thomas Puplava, Bishop
Melczek main celebrant

Monday, May 23, TRIP Pick Up
10:30 am Bible Study (SH)
7:00 pm Finance Council
7:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, May 24
8:00-11:00 am Parish Library open
12:00-1:00 pm Christianity & Islam (SH Rose Rm)

Wednesday, May 25
2:30 pm SJS Sr. Choir
7:00 pm Prayer Group
7:00 pm RCIA

St. James the Less Holy Name is sponsoring a fishing trip to (Eagle Lake) Ontario, Canada on July 30th to August 6th. Only \$865 to hold your spot. Call Russ 219-924-4298 ASAP; three spots open from cancellations. Check website northshorelodgeontario.com.

Thursday, May 26
8:00-11:00 am Parish Library open
1:00 pm SJS School Assembly, Thomas Puplava
Birthday
6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 27
2:30 pm SJS Jr. Choir

Saturday, May 28

Sunday, May 29, Body & Blood of Jesus
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

ELSEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

Today, Sunday: May Crowning at Marian Shrine, beginning at St. John the Evangelist church, 93rd Ave. at Rt. 41, St. John, at 2 p.m.

A Living Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Sunday, May 29th at St. Joseph the Worker Croatian Church, 330 E. 45th Ave. Gary. Services will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. Information call 887-2255.

Annual Memorial Day Mass—St. John/St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery on Monday, May 30, at 10:30 am.