

TIME TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARIES!

This year Fathers Gary Scherer and Al Spilly celebrate their 40th anniversary of priesthood ordination. Please join them at the 11:00 a.m. Mass TODAY, Sunday, June 3rd. In their honor, immediately following the Mass, everyone is invited to an open house in the Panel Room. Be sure to stop by to offer your personal congratulations.

This year is the 50th anniversary of the Gary Diocese. The celebration day is June 10th. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered in the Genesis Center in Gary at 2:00 p.m. You will want to arrive early enough to hear the choir composed of voices from the various churches in the Diocese. The Sacred Concert begins at 1:00 p.m.

To get to the Genesis Center:

BUS: A bus will be leaving St. John parking lot at 12:30 pm on that Sunday. Seating is limited so please call the rectory to make a reservation. The bus will return at 5:30 pm that evening.

TRAIN: The South Shore train stops at the Genesis Center. The train leaves Hammond at 12:40 pm.

CAR: If you prefer to drive, parking is available at the Genesis Center.

Shuttle bus service from the Genesis Center to the Cathedral and from the Cathedral to the Center is available all day.

The 2:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated at the Genesis Center is the heart and center of the 50th celebration. Please make plans to attend. On that Sunday, the 11:00 am Mass here at St. John and the 10:45 am Mass at Sacred Heart will be cancelled.

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Our next celebration of parish baptisms will take place during the month of June. Parents should contact Diane Pupilava 219-473-7557 for more information or to register.

THE NARRATIVE ROSARY

A lovely booklet on praying the rosary is available in the pamphlet rack in the back of St. John the Baptist Church. Pick up your copy of "The Narrative Rosary" by Charles M. Urban, offered free of charge.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for these brave men and women who are serving in our armed services: Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Justin Faulkner, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Jonathan Joseph, Thomas M. Kaminsky, Mark Koval, Randall McAllister, Michael McCullough, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, Jason Verta, Nathan Wilson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 4

7:00 am †Joseph & Mary Kissel Off: Daughter (SJB)
 8:00 am †Edward Gregor, Sr. (SH)
 7:00 pm SJS Graduation

Tuesday, June 5, Boniface, bp, Martyr

7:00 am †Living & Deceased Members of the Furiak Family Off: Donnie & Family (SJB)
 8:00 am †Virginia Geleta (SH)

Wednesday, June 6, Norbert, Bishop

7:00 am †Alma R. Koch Off: Koch Family (SJB)
 8:00 am †Irene Flisiak (SH)
 8:15 am †Maria Del Socorro Orellana Off: Daughters (SJB)

Thursday, June 7

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Potasnik, Zehme & Molson Families (SJB)
 8:00 am †Evelyn Kurek (SH)

Friday, June 8

7:00 am †Joseph & Tillie Spilly Off: Sons (SJB)
 8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley (SH)

Saturday, June 9, Ephrem, Deacon, Doctor

7:00 am †Mildred Doerr Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)
 2:00 pm Wedding: (SJB)
 Michael Vincent Gonzales & Elizabeth Noyola
 4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 5:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

Sunday, June 10, Body & Blood of Christ

— Diocesan 50th Anniversary —
 7:00 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)
 9:00 am St. John Holy Name Society and Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
 10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
 10:45 am No Mass (SH)
 11:00 am No Mass (SJB)



PRAY FOR ...

Mary Bayus, Susan Biel, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Cindy Dreesen, John Dubec, Magdalene Doucette, Marie Emro, Sophie Foley, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Gerry Korba, Richard Kovach, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Leo Kriegl, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Edward S. Marcisz, Victoria Miller, Nick Miner, Janet Moran, Ruth Rapchak, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srncik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Catherine Verville, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.



Rest in Peace Margaret G. Keevil

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,719.00
Loose.....	\$453.00
High School.....	\$28.50
Grade School.....	\$138.60
Total for Week.....	\$10,339.10

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL — UPDATE

Sixth week:

Number of active families: 1,061
 Number of pledges: 363
 Amount of pledges: \$51,318.00
 Parish goal: \$60,493.00

A most sincere thank you to those who have responded so generously to the 2007 Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not had the opportunity to make your gift, please return your envelope to the parish office, or place it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend.

NO SUMMER LIFE TEEN MASSES

Due to the heavy summer schedule of activities in the cluster churches the Sunday, 5:30 p.m. Life Teen masses are cancelled. Masses resume in September.

ATTENTION ALL TEENS!

The Catholic Youth Xperience will be held July 27-29 at Valparaiso University, and Life Teen is bringing a group! It's three days of faith and fun. This retreat is open to incoming freshmen through just-graduated seniors. For more information, contact Marjie Biel 219-973-1283 or marjebiel@yahoo.com, or visit www.catholicyouthx.com.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Your Sunday weekly collection envelopes are now available for you to pick up at the rectory. Thank you so much for being good stewards.

CHOIR ALERT

A Polish/Slovak choir will sing at the Diocesan 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 10th. The one and only rehearsal, directed by Faith Pratt, will be at St. Adalbert's Church TODAY, Sunday, June 3, at 3:00 pm. This is a wonderful way to show your support of our heritage at the 50th Anniversary of our Gary Diocese. Come be a part of the Heritage Choir. Questions, call Joann 659-3766.

FAITH ENRICHMENT MEETINGS

There will be no Faith Enrichment Meetings for the months of June or July! Have a nice summer!

A SINCERE THANK YOU

To family & friends of Marguerite Gansinger for their donations to St. John School Endowment fund in her memory.

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION

As Father's Day approaches, take time to remember when your father was there to take care of you. Catholic Charities helps individuals and families in need of emotional and material assistance. Your donation is used for the continuation of programs that provide help and create hope for these members of our community. Please be generous in this time of increased need for services and declining resources.

DIOCESE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Bishop Melczek cordially invites you and your family to participate in the 50th anniversary of our Diocese. On Sunday, June 10, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, Bishop Melczek will celebrate Holy Mass at the Genesis Center in the See City of the Diocese of Gary. Archbishop Buechlein of Indianapolis, will be guest homilist. A number of other Bishops will also be in attendance at this Mass.

A concert of sacred music, contemporary and traditional, begins at 1:00 pm. The choir of over 200 people will be under the direction of Kristopher Seaman, Associate for the Office of Worship. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the Cathedral grounds eight blocks away. Benediction will be celebrated at Holy Angels Cathedral, followed by tours of the Cathedral at 4:30 pm, with food, fun, and festive entertainment on the grounds. The special needs of the elderly and handicapped will be provided for so all can participate fully.



All the arrangements for a safe, prayerful and enjoyable day have been made for you and your family. In order to provide for the needs of all, please call the parish office at 659-0023 and give the secretary your name and number attending. Ample parking is available adjacent to the Genesis Center, at a four story parking garage at 5th Avenue & Washington from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with a \$2 charge when you leave the facility. Cathedral parking will be for those with parking permits only! Shuttle buses will be provided for easy return from the Cathedral to the Genesis Center parking garage. To make it easier for you, St. John the Baptist is providing bus transportation to and from the event. Please call the St. John parish office at 659-0023 to reserve your seats.



COACHES WANTED

The St. John Athletic Department is looking for individuals interested in coaching here at St. John for the upcoming 2007-2008 sports season. We offer 5th through 8th grade Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Volleyball, Track, Cross Country, and 7th and 8th grade Cheerleading. Anyone interested in coaching should contact Matt Saliga by email at msaliga@hotmail.com for more information.



Wedding Banns

I Christopher Russo & Melissa Cuevas
 II William Francisco III & Andrea Craig
 III Michael Vincent Gonzales & Elizabeth Noyola

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, June 9

Lectors: Powell & Gonzales
 Euch Min: J&D Franko, Beth Jerzyk, G&C Rosen,
 D McCampbell, N Mitchell
 Altar Servers: Jason Kresich, Annie Labus, Erin Lawson

7:00 am, June 10

Lectors: Jancosek & Saliga
 Euch Min: T&S Adam, B Chidalek, L Kilander, E Matuska,
 M Saliga, L Barron
 Altar Servers: Kaitlyn Syler, Krysta Syler, Raymond Walsh

9:00 am, June 10

Lectors: Mikola & Bojda
 Euch Min: I Dominguez, A Jurek, ML Tonkovich, D Weber,
 R&J Zubeck, E Duray (CR), E Igras (CR)
 Altar Servers: Katherine Wheeler, Jenna Wozniak, Jose
 Arteaga

NO 11:00 am Mass this Sunday. Come to the Cathedral!

CARE CENTER

June 10: 10:00 a.m. E. Matuska

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

June 4 & 5: Vincent Rossodivito, Frank Rossodivito
 June 6 & 7: Elena Sobilo & Ryan Sosnowski
 June 8 & 9: Caleb Strabavy & Alyssa Villasenor

AN EIGHTH GRADE THANK YOU!



We would like to thank all who came out to support the 8th grade play on Friday, May 25th. The many months of hard work put forth by our 8th grade class ended in a wonderful and heart warming performance. We're very proud of the entire cast!

A special thank you to Fr. John, Mr. Feltz and the entire faculty for their support and continual encouragement. Thank you to Kim Duha for designing and making the costumes. Thank you to Mrs. Tallman for her creative face painting. Lastly, a great big thank you to the Marian Theatre Guild for the use of the theatre and the materials needed to build our set.

With Much Appreciation,
 Monique Jakubielski and Aline Zorich, Co-directors

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, June 12, at 6:30 pm at the Munster Library, 8701 Calumet Avenue, Munster, Indiana. Sunny Ridge is a state-licensed, nonprofit agency devoted to serving children and building families around the world. For information or to register for this free meeting, call 219-836-2117, or visit www.sunnyridge.org. Hear about the process and requirements for adopting.



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 219.659.0326

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Did you know that the United States has a higher child poverty rate than seven other major industrialized western countries? The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us: "That so many people are poor in a nation as rich as ours is a social and moral scandal that we cannot ignore." (1986)

40 days of fasting and prayer continues until July 7th, for the intentions of our nation moving to a culture of life and morality, and that our nation will turn back to God. Anything you offer up toward these intentions during this time will help! Ideas include: giving up an hour or more of TV; offering up meat or dessert, coffee or alcohol for a day; doing acts of kindness; praying the rosary or Divine Mercy chaplet; giving up impatience or a bad habit for the day, etc.

ST. JOHN/ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY FLORALS



Spring flower decorations are now available for purchase. For more information please call 844-9475. Proceeds are donated to the Carmelite Sisters to assist them in providing quality care to infants in the Holy Innocents Emergency Center, East Chicago.

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society will be sponsoring a Relay for Life on June 8 & 9 at Gavit Middle/High School in Hammond. It is a community gathering to aid the fight against cancer. If you would like to make a donation or have a luminary lit in honor of a cancer patient or in memory, contact Nancy Orlando at 659-8738. If you are a cancer survivor please contact Mary Ann LaHayne 845-0521.

ST. CASIMIR RUMMAGE SALE

The St. Vincent De Paul Society at St. Casimir will hold a Rummage Sale, Friday June 8th & Saturday June 9th, 8 am to 3 pm, in the school gym, 4300 Johnson, Hammond.

W/R CAMPFIRE GIRLS

The Whiting/Robertsdale Campfire Girls will have car washes from 10 am to 3 pm every Saturday in June at Owens Funeral Home. Proceeds benefit the girls' summer activities and local animal shelters.



DOMINICAN FAITH CAMP

Girls entering or leaving 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall are invited to the Dominican Faith Camp, July 15-17, at Siena Hall at Sacred Heart Convent, Springfield, Ill. There will be traditional camp fun, as well as time for service, and prayer. Registration is \$20. For information go to www.SpringfieldOP.org or call Sr. Lori Kirchman 217.787.0481.

THAT SPECIAL "SOMETHING"

St. John rectory has a unique collection of items it offers for sale. The newly-printed St. John the Baptist Church posters, and porcelain church replicas are only \$40 each. Parish cookbooks, historical videos, and coat hook/shelves are also still available at very reasonable cost. Rectory hours are Monday thru Friday from 9 am - 4 pm.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER ALUMNI REUNION

Saturday, June 23, at St. John the Evangelist Parish in St. John, Indiana. Call 219-923-9613 for information.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 3 — Trinity Sunday
 St. John Food Pantry Collection
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
 11:00 am 40th Ordination Anniversary Mass
 Fr. Gary Scherer & Fr. Al Spilly C.P.P.S.
 (SJB)
 12:00 Noon Open House for Father Scherer &
 Fr. Spilly (SJB Panel Room) All are invited!
 3:00 pm Diocesan Polish/Slovak Choir practice (SA)

Monday, June 4

8:30 am SJS Graduation rehearsal
 10:30 am Bible Study (SH)
 7:00 pm SJS Eighth Grade Graduation



Tuesday, June 5

1:00 pm St. Ann Society (IC)
 7:00 pm First Baptism Preparation (SJB)
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. (SH)

Wednesday, June 6 — Last Day of School! (SJB)

7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)

Thursday, June 7

6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (SJB)
 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SA)

Friday, June 8



Saturday, June 9

Food Pantry Collection (SA)

Sunday, June 10, Solemnity of Body & Blood of Christ
 Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers (all Masses)

Food Pantry Collection (SA)

9:00 am First Rite of Baptist (SJB)

9:00 pm Holy Name Mtg. Following Mass

50th Anniversary of the Gary Diocese

1:00 pm Sacred Music at Genesis Center

2:00 pm Mass at the Genesis Center

3:30 pm Eucharistic Procession to
 Holy Angels Cathedral

4:30 pm Tours of Cathedral



ST. JOHN CATERING BANQUET FACILITIES

Are you celebrating a wedding, baby shower, graduation party or class reunion? 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 our church and parish website at www.sjbcatholicparish.org and click on the Meetings and Facilities tab for more information.