

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



June 24, 2007

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. John Kalicky, CPPS.....Pastor
Rev. Gary Scherer, CPPS Associate Pastor
Deacon Joseph Manchak
Brother Terry Nufer, CPPS.....In Residence
Seminarist Nathan Bockrath, CPPS.....In Residence

Business Office

Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky

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School Fax.....473-7553
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Baptism.....473-7557
RCIA.....473-7557
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Life Teen Coordinators:
Marjie Biel: marjbiebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283
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Cafeteria.....659-3041
Gymnasium.....473-7556
Helping Hands.....473-7554
Marian Theatre.....473-7555
Panel Room.....659-3041

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses: 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
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.

HAPPY FEAST DAY, SAINT JOHN!

Today is the Feast of St. John the Baptist, but it is also our parish Feast Day! St. John is our patron Saint. He is our guide and our protector. What an ideal patron saint he is! The mission given to St. John in his day is the same mission given to us today. God gave St. John a challenge: to witness to Jesus, the living Word of God, by his life, by his teaching, by his love of God. That challenge is our challenge today. Our purpose as a parish is to witness to Jesus as the "Way, the Truth and Life," the one and only Source of true peace and happiness in this suffering and sometimes confused world of ours.

Our challenge as a family: to recognize Jesus present in our homes by taking time for family prayer; by treating each other with respect and being the first to ask forgiveness and reconciliation when we fail.

Our challenge as Catholics: to recognize Jesus in our neighbor, to offer friendship and to offer assistance when needed.

Our challenge as parishioners: to welcome with a warm smile and an enthusiastic gesture all who come to worship with us at Mass.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us. Give us a share of your excitement and enthusiasm as we strive to proclaim to all by our words and actions that Jesus is Lord!

BAPTISM MINISTRY

Today we welcome God's New Children, Haylee Marie Connor and Gabriella Sofia Roldan. Through the waters of Baptism they have received new life in Christ and have become the newest members of our family of faith. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith.

The next parish celebration of the sacrament of Baptism will be in August. Please contact Diane at 473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com for information or to register.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for these brave men and women who are serving in our armed services: Zach Arnold, 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 Puplava Jr., Robert Rodriguez, Eric Schaufele, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr., John Starzyk Sr., Aaron Suarez, Jason Verta, Nathan Wilson.



Wedding Banns

II Sam Eichelberry & Nancy Davis

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 25

7:00 am †John & Susan Derbis Off: Daughter Marge Uhrin & Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Joanne Juscik (SH)

Tuesday, June 26

7:00 am †Elinor Geffert Off: Husband John & Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Howard & Kathryn Harmon (SH)

Wednesday, June 27, Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor

7:00 am †Deceased Members of The Barnaby Family Off: Lenny (SJB)

8:00 am †William Obermiller, Sr. (SH)

Thursday, June 28, Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

7:00 am †Lillian Adam Off: Ron & Jeanette Hawkins (SJB)

8:00 am †John Wozniczka (SH)

Friday, June 29, Peter & Paul, Apostles

7:00 am †Albert Masleid Off: FCSLA #81 (SJB)

8:00 am †Mr. & Mrs. John Wagner, Sr. (SH)

Saturday, June 30, Protomartyrs of Rome

7:00 am †Annette Timko Off: St. John Rosary Society (SJB)

4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community & Special Intention: 50th Wedding Anniversary of Joseph & Francyne Powell (SJB)

5:30 pm †Tom McHale (SH)

Sunday, July 1, Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

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 Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)

10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

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



PRAY FOR...

Zach Arnold, 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, 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

Antoinette M. Cerajewski
Maryann M. Mores

NO SUMMER LIFE TEEN MASSES

Sunday 5:30 p.m. Life Teen masses
resume in September.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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| Weekly..... | \$9,069.00 |
| Loose..... | \$280.83 |
| High School..... | \$32.00 |
| Grade School..... | \$101.00 |
| Total for Week..... | \$9,482.83 |
| Catholic Charities Special Collection..... | \$2,810.52 |

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL — UPDATE

Ninth week:

Number of active families: 1,061
 Number of pledges: 390
 Amount of pledges: \$56,933.00
 Parish goal: \$60,493.00

A sincere thank you to those who have responded so generously to the 2007 Catholic Services Appeal. We are preparing a mailing to remind those who have not contributed thus far to the C.S.A. drive. If you are planning on contributing but have not done so, please help us save the cost of expensive postage and return your gift soon. Thank you! Please help us strive for 100% participation. Remember every gift helps, even the smallest.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

The Whiting/Robertsdale cluster is pleased to announce Vacation Bible School to be held July 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th from 9:30 am—11:30 am at the Sacred Heart School Building. Registration fee is \$10. Children entering 4-year-old preschool through 3rd grade for the 2007-2008 school year are invited to participate in this new, exciting and totally Catholic program called "St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity." Register your child now for these fun-filled days of God's love and the awesome power of prayer! Contact Mrs. Puplava at 473-7557 by July 6th to register your child or volunteer your time.

T.R.I.P.

Mrs. Matura and Mrs. Filipek will be in charge of the TRIP program at St. John's as of the month of June. We owe a depth of gratitude to Mrs. Laura Wright for her dedication in making this program a true success. Thank you, Laura!!

ST. ANN'S DAY IN MILWAUKEE

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Assn. Br. #81 will be celebrating St. Ann's Day in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Thursday, July 26, 2007. The St. Ann's celebration includes Mass and luncheon; the cost is \$18.00. Transportation is provided by Br. #81. The bus will depart the St. John parking lot at 6:30 am. Please make your reservation by July 20th. Our seating is limited. Call 659-0913 or 659-2109 for information or reservations.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES Are cordially invited to come in and register as individual parish members. The Rectory is open 9 am—4 pm, Monday - Friday. We would love to have your participation in parish activities.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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SUMMER WORK PROJECTS



This summer we continue with our overall maintenance plan for our Parish facility. This summary report is our effort to be good stewards by proper planning and by keeping you informed. The following is the type and extent of the work and its approximate cost.

- Room 101, Helping Hands: upgrade (security system, new rug, painting): \$8,500.00
- Panel Room: Wall leak: \$15,000.00
- Cafeteria: New Food warmer: \$9,000.00
- Relocate the telephone main switch system: \$5,000.00
- Rectory: Painting, rugs for the living and dining rooms, windows: \$12,000.00
- Church Steeple repair: \$50,000.00
- Repair cracks in wall of Church Basement: \$10,000.00
- Flood control in the church's boiler room: \$16,875.00

The total amount to complete these projects is: \$126,375.00!

These items are in our budget and approved by our Finance Council and Pastoral Council except for the repair to our church steeple. We recently found that the special coating that covers the beams in the tower is disintegrating. Pieces are falling to the level where the bells are positioned. The uncovered areas of the beams show rust. How serious is the rusting? No one can be sure until a closer inspection is made. The Church Steeple repair includes building a scaffold in the interior of the steeple and replacing the coating on the beams. Hopefully the present rust does not require any more extensive work.

All these projects are possible because of your generous support to this parish. Thank you for sharing so that the beauty of our church and school can be maintained.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE SHRINE

The St. John Rosary Society will make a pilgrimage to the St. Therese National Shrine in Darien, Illinois, October 11th. The bus will leave St. John's parking lot at 8:45 am, and return at 4:00 pm. The cost for paid members is \$25 and non-members \$35, which includes a tour, lunch, and bus fare. At the June 21st meeting, please bring your money or a check payable to the Rosary Society, or put your check in an envelope marked St. Therese Tour and place it in the rectory drop box by July 6th. For questions or reservations, call Mary Ann at 659-0681.

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"
 Friday, June 29th – GREAT AMERICA!
 July 27-29 – Catholic Youth Experience (CYX) retreat
 Have a fun faith filled summer!

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us, "The structures of our society are subtly racist, for these structures reflect the values which society upholds. They are geared to the success of the majority and the failure of the minority. Members of both groups give unwitting approval by accepting things as they are." Contact the Heartland Center to receive information on social concerns in Lake County, the nation, and the world (844-7515 or e-mail to mail@heartlandctr.org). See our Peace and Social Justice "Feature of the Month" flyers on Haven House by the entrances to the cluster churches. Find out how they serve the community and what you can do to help them!

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, June 30

Lectors: Wagner & Gonzales
 Euch Min: R&B Jerzyk, D McCampbell, N Mitchell,
 M&K Wagner, MJ Kansky
 Altar Servers: Tania Spezza, Anneliese Szutenbach,
 Demetria Beaulieu

7:00 am, July 1

Lectors: Barilla & Barron
 Euch Min: T Barilla, L Barron, G Jancosek, M Saliga,
 E Matuska, B Chidalek, L Kilander
 Altar Servers: Justin Lerma, Adam Lewandowski,
 Colton Lopez

9:00 am, July 1

Lectors: Perz & Jakubielski
 Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, Br. J Hall, M Jakubielski,
 R&J Zubeck
 Altar Servers: Lauren Markovich, Kristen Markusic,
 David Matura

11:00 am, July 1

Lectors: Bibat & Gomez
 Euch Min: D Cuculich, C Lannon, S Rosendo, K Saliga,
 D Shimala, M Poppen
 Altar Servers: Matthew Menchaca, Trinity Mitchell,
 Jesse Munoz

CARE CENTER

July 1, 10:00 am: J Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

June 25 & 26: Katelyn Kruszynski, Sara Kruszynski
 June 27 & 28: Brian Lawson, Nicholas Lawson
 June 29 & 30: Emelie Lovasko, Mollie Lovasko

BISHOP NOLL HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to Bishop Noll students and parishioners who achieved honor roll status for the 2nd semester! Summa Cum Laude: Nicole Gamboa, Christopher Menchaca, Consuelo Moreno, Patrick Nee, Steven Radloff and Heather Wanek. Magna Cum Laude: Jacqueline Camacho, Julie Fornaciari, Nickolas Lerma, Alexis Marin, Constance Matusiak, Jacob Pelletier and Joshua Pelletier. Cum Laude: Kacey Amendola, Yesenia Avila, Rebecca Blake, Nicholas Fornaciari, Krystle Howard, Alison Kouris, Bianca Oria, Michael Palomo, Michael Perez and Terra Vianello.

DIOCESAN HISTORY BOOKS



A very unique book detailing the history of our Diocese of Gary from its early beginnings to the present time is available for purchase at the St. John rectory for only \$25 each. Come and check out this wonderful hard-bound volume during rectory hours of Monday through Friday, 9 am—4 pm.

50TH ANNIVERSARY 3-DISC DVD SET

A special remembrance of the Diocesan historic celebration including the Anniversary Mass, procession, benediction and other highlights is available on a 3-disc DVD set for only \$10, shipping and handling included! Pick up an order form (blue) at the rectory or in the back of church, include \$10 cash or check payable to the Diocese of Gary, and mail to the Diocese of Gary Pastoral Center with your name and address. These special DVD sets will be available by the end of July. Be sure to order yours!

PARISH DIRECTORY

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chair: Colleen Lannon, Robert Hildreth, Edward Igras, Rita Krilich, Marcia Krull, Nancy Mitchell, Gary Pieters, Mary Poppen, Martha Shimala, Chris Suarez, Minerva Wiczorek, Janel Zubeck

FINANCE COUNCIL

Chair: Edward Bojda, Darlene Beerling, Dan Botich, Linda Gajewski, Louise Kaminsky, Don Kaminsky, Milan Kruszynski

COMMISSIONS:

STEWARDSHIP/ADMINISTRATION

Bulletin.....Mary Igras
 Buildings/Grounds DirectorDon Kaminsky
 Church/Rectory
 School Building Facilities.....Pat Shalack

EDUCATION

Director of Religious Education..... Diane Puplava
 Elizabeth Ministry: Diane Puplava, Kathleen Tallman
 GymnasiumMatthew Saliga
 Helping Hands.....Rebecca Flores
 Home/School Association Chair....Vickie Lockridge
 Panel Room Manager.....Carol Vargo
 St. John School Advisory Board.....Chair: Deanne Shimala, Anna Howard, Monique Jakubielski, Jean Lovasko, Robert Rodriguez, Scott Thrasher
 St. John School Principal.....Mark Topp
 School Office....Melissa Shebish, Rebecca Flores
 School Band DirectorRich Mlynarski
 School Cafeteria Manager.....Liz Delgado
 Cub ScoutsMichael Maloney
 Girl Scouts.....Jeannine Dabertin

PARISH LIFE

Holy Name SocietyAnthony Barilla
 Homebound.....Deacon Joe Manchak
 Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Gard
 Marian Theatre GuildMartin Dybel
 Pirohi Makers.....
 Rosary Society.....Marsha Banik

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers.....Fr. Gary Scherer
 Care Center CoordinatorJoseph Kruczek
 EnvironmentMartin Dybel
 Eucharistic Ministers.....Eve Duray
 Lectors.....Nancy Gomez
 Liturgy Committee.....Margaret Saliga
 Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure, Mary Tolin
 Parish Music Director.....Geraldine Hildreth
 Prayer GroupMarilou Tonkovich
 Sacristan.....Margaret Matuska

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Food Collection.....Thomas Chocholek
 St. Vincent de Paul Society.....Susan Adam

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, June 24,
Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Food Pantry Collection (SH)
9:00 am Third Rite of Baptist (SJB)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, June 25
10:30 am Bible Study (SH)

Tuesday, June 26

Wednesday, June 27
7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJB)
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)

Thursday, June 28
6:00 pm Choir rehearsal (SJB)
7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SJB)



Friday, June 29

Saturday, June 30
Food Pantry Collection (SJB)

Sunday, July 1, CPPS Feast of the Most Precious Blood
Food Pantry Collection (SJB)
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Slovak Picnic TODAY at Salvatorian Shrine, Merrillville
Mass begins at 10:30 am, Slovak Picnic follows
with food, games, and entertainment!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A group from our cluster parishes will be participating in the Habitat "blitz build" on Saturday, July 21st. Volunteers are still needed to participate in the actual build and to provide refreshments. We are also collecting donations of snacks, water, etc. If you are interested in getting involved contact the rectory at 659-0023 or call Chris Suarez with the Peace & Social Justice Commission at 219-659-0197.

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers in the Whiting/Robertsdale area to deliver meals to the homebound once a week or even just twice a month. If you would like to help, contact April at Wheels on Meals 219-756-3663.

TOYS & SHOES NEEDED

Operation Care is collecting toys, shoes, and children's and adult clothing for the poor in Afghanistan. Items can be dropped off (Attn: Tom Clark) at Lake Central High School, 8400 Wicker Avenue (Indianapolis Blvd.), St. John, Indiana. Please make sure the items are in good condition! If you need help transporting items call Rita at 659-2965.

CAR WASH to benefit Bishop Noll girls soccer team on Saturday, June 30, 10 am—2 pm at St. Thomas More on Calumet Avenue in Munster; \$5.00 donation.

GOLF FOR CHARITY

The Annual Men's Golf Outing to benefit Catholic Charities programs will be Wednesday, July 11, at Briar Ridge Country Club, Schererville. Call the Development office at 219-663-8417, Ex. 325 to register. Cost is \$175/person.