

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



JULY 1, 2007
 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
- Seminarian Nathan Bockrath, CPPS.....In Residence

Business Office

Mary Igras, Louise Kaminsky

Telephone (219)/Website Information

- Parish Office.....659-0023
- Parish website:.....sjbcatholicparish.org
- Parish Fax.....473-7551
- Parish E-mail.....churchparishoffice@yahoo.com
- School Office.....659-3042
- School Fax.....473-7553
- Religious Formation.....473-7557
- St. John Program:
 - Baptism.....473-7557
 - RCIA.....473-7557
 - Children's Faith Formation.....473-7557
- Life Teen Coordinators:
 - Marjie Biel: marjriebiel@yahoo.com or 973-1283
 - Candi Stapleton-Gard.....659-1663
 - or Candi.Stapleton@gmail.com
- 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.



MISSIONARIES OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Fr. Bill Nordenbrock, C.P.P.S., will be with us next weekend to ask your support for the work of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Each year we are given the opportunity to hear about the missionary work of the Church and to support that work through our financial gifts and our prayers. The Missionaries of the Precious Blood are based in Dayton, Ohio, but they also serve the Church in Guatemala, Chile, and Peru. Next weekend we will take up a special collection at all Masses. If you want to prepare a check to bring along, the check should be written out to *St. John the Baptist Church* and marked for the *missions*. Please welcome Fr. Bill with warm hospitality and respond to him with generosity.

About our purpose...

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood believe that the redeeming power of the Blood of Christ can save the world. Because Christ shed his Blood for all, the missionaries preach of Christ's all-inclusive love, especially for those whom society may view as too poor or lowly to be of any value. Their ministry then, often calls them to the fringes of society, such as in their missions in Chile, Peru and Guatemala, where they serve in parishes in sprawling urban centers, in villages high in the mountains and among country people who may otherwise seldom see a priest. In those countries, they have worked with the people to establish schools, clinics, and many parish ministries. They are ministers of the Word who have seen the Word work great miracles among the lives of the people to whom they minister — and in themselves.



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

I Michael Peak & Maria Soper
III Sam Eichelberry & Nancy Davis

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 2

7:00 am †Rev. John Lefko, C.P.P.S. (Anniversary) (SJB)

8:00 am †Mike & Anna Gerner (SA)

Tuesday, July 3, Thomas, apostle

7:00 am †Stack & Rusina Families Off: Val Stack & Family (SJB)

8:00 am †John Murzyn (SA)

Wednesday, July 4, Independence Day

7:00 am †Bruce Rudzinski Off: Barnaby Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Victoria Horvath (SA)

Thursday, July 5, Anthony Zaccaria, priest

7:00 am †Patrica Grenchik Off: Family (SJB)

8:00 am †Mary Jane Buckley (SA)

Friday, July 6, Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr

7:00 am †Louis & Elizabeth Mashura Off: Son, Richard (SJB)

8:00 am †Elizabeth & Mary Gerner (SA)

Saturday, July 7

7:00 am †John & Susan Dvorscak, Maurice, Karen & Ann Off: Koselke Family (SJB)

10:30 am Memorial Mass for Adele Blastick (SA)

2:00 pm Sam Eichelberry & Nancy Davis Wedding

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

5:30 pm †Msgr. F. Raymond Fowerbaugh (SH)

Sunday, July 8, Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

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

8:00 am †Victoria Horvath (SA)

8:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (IC)

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

9:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, St. John Holy Name Society (SJB)

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

10:45 am †Helen Kozlowski (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, Janet Moran, Ruth Rapchak, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Catherine Verville, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer hours for the school office are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. The office will be closed for maintenance purposes the week of July 23-July 27. **A reminder:** the first tuition payment for the coming school year and the technology fee are due July 16, 2007.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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| Weekly..... | \$9,035.50 |
| Loose..... | \$408.00 |
| High School..... | \$44.00 |
| Grade School..... | \$61.28 |
| Total for Week..... | \$9,548.78 |

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL — UPDATE

Tenth week:

Number of active families: 1,061
 Number of pledges: 394
 Amount of pledges: \$57,268.00
 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.

ST. JOHN PARISH UTILITY BILLS
(Gas, Electric, Water)
July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007)

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| Church: | \$26,209.15 |
| Rectory | \$12,825.11 |
| Panel Room | \$18,846.56 |
| Pastoral Center | \$ 5,361.25 |
| School | \$46,716.74 |
| Cafeteria | \$16,947.30 |
| Gym | \$ 9,264.24 |
| Total Cost: | \$136,170.35 |

BAPTISM MINISTRY

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.



EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

On the First Friday of the month, July 6th, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration at St. John the Baptist Church from 1 pm to 6 pm. The Litany and Rosary begin at 5:25 pm with Benediction following. Sign-up sheets are posted at each entrance of the church.

We have been redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ. Let us pray for the dignity and sanctity of human life. Mary, Our Lady of the Precious Blood, pray for us.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. THERESE SHRINE

St. John Rosary Society is making a pilgrimage to the St. Therese National Shrine in Darien, Illinois, October 11th. The bus leaves St. John's parking lot at 8:45 am, returning at 4:00 pm. Cost for paid members is \$25, non-members \$35, which includes 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 call Mary Ann at 659-0681.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION**



The Whiting/Robertsdale cluster will hold Vacation Bible School July 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th & 20th from 9:30—11:30 am in 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 Catholic program called "St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity." Register your child for these fun-filled days of God's love and the awesome power of prayer! Contact Mrs. Puplava 473-7557 by July 6th to register your child or to volunteer your time.

**PRESENTATION
ON HUMAN SUFFERING**



The St. Thomas More Pastoral Care Ministry invites you to a presentation by Fr. Christopher M. Saliga, O.P., R.N. on "Human Suffering: Why me and what can I do about it?" Fr. Christopher, formerly of St. John the Baptist Parish, is a hospital Chaplain and Ethicist with the Dominican Friars Health Care Ministry of New York, St. Catherine of Siena Church and Priory. His ministry is to promote the dignity of the human person, and the healing ministry of Jesus Christ among the sick and their family members as well as clinicians and other health care professionals. He works in collaboration with the pastoral care departments of the Hospitals for Special Surgery, New York Presbyterian—Weill and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

His talk is for the general audience while targeting the relationship between the sick and their "good Samaritans." It is particularly relevant for patients and their caregivers, Eucharistic Ministers, healthcare chaplains, Deacons, Priests, physicians and nurses.

This Presentation begins Saturday, July 14, with 8:30 am Mass at St. Thomas More Church on Calumet Avenue in Munster. Coffee, juice and pastry will be served. The first talk begins at 9:30 am in the STM School cafeteria, the program continuing until noon. RSVP by July 10 to St. Thomas More parish office at 836-8610.

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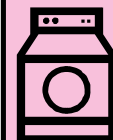


St. John's Alumnae Association, Forever Blue and Gold, is sponsoring a picnic for all St. John School graduates on Saturday, July 28th, from 12 Noon until 3:00 pm. During the Pierogi Fest, many return to their roots in good ole Whiting. We encourage all St. John grads, near and far, to stop by for a hotdog and refreshment and reminisce about times at SJS. Graduates, please join us on the lawn under the trees by the rectory. (What year did YOU graduate?)

LIFE TEEN

"Leading teens closer to Christ"

July 27-29 – Catholic Youth Experience (CYX) retreat
 Have a fun faith filled summer!
 Life Teen Sunday 5:30 pm Masses will resume
 in September.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
MARUSZCZAK APPLIANCE
SALES & SERVICE
 9450 Calumet Ave., Munster
 219-836-1188

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, July 7

Lectors: Wagner, Kozak
 Euch Min: N. Mitchell, D. Cuculich, R&B Jerzyk, Beth Jerzyk, D. McCampbell, E. Duray
 Altar Servers: Catherine Yoder, Ryan Brown, Brittany Bulatovich

7:00 am, July 8

Lectors: Banik, Banik
 Euch Min: T. Barilla, B. Chidalek, M. Saliga, G. Jancosek, E. Matuska, L. Barron
 Altar Servers: Dylan Reeves, Eric Rolden, Emmanuel Rolden

9:00 am, July 8

Lectors: Mikola, Stofcik
 Euch Min: R&J Zubeck, A. Jurek, M. Kacak, G. Kusnir, M. Poppen
 Altar Servers: Alec, Eric & Anthony Rodriguez

11:00 am, July 8

Lectors: Gomez, Silva
 Euch Min: J. Bondi, MJ Kansky, E&E Roldan, S. Rosendo, K. Saliga
 Altar Servers: Maya Rodriguez, Karina & Rafael Rodriguez

CARE CENTER

July 8, 10:00 am: E. Matuska

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

July 2 & 3: Zachary Pacourez & Elena Paloma
 July 4 & 5: Aimee Perhach & Ashley Pokraka
 July 6 & 7: Hunter Prisol & Ashley Przybyla

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Did you know 36.8% of all children in Lake County under the age of 18 live in poverty? The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us, "Dealing with poverty is not a luxury to which our nation can attend when it finds the time and resources. Rather, it is a moral imperative of the highest priority."

AFGHANISTAN COLLECTION UPDATE: Arrangements need to be made now to drop off items at Lake Central High School. Call LCHS at 365-8551 and ask to leave a voice mail for Tom Clark, or call Rita Krilich at 659-2965. Besides toys, shoes, & clothing, pens, pencils, and notebooks/paper are needed. They experience cold weather and snow as well as very hot temperatures with little rainfall. We have been assured U.S. soldiers are placing the goods directly into the hands of the individuals and families who need them! Please make sure items are in good condition! Thank you for caring!



DIOCESAN HISTORY BOOKS

A unique book detailing the history of our Diocese from its early beginnings to the present is available for purchase at the St. John rectory for \$25 each. Check out this wonderful hard-bound volume during rectory hours, Monday - 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/handling included! Pick up an order form (blue) at the rectory or in the back of church. These DVD sets will be available the end of July.

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, 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!

Monday, July 2

10:30 am Bible Study (SH)

Tuesday, July 3

Wednesday, July 4 - Happy Birthday USA!

Thursday, July 5

4:00-5:00 pm Confession

Friday, July 6

Communion Calls

1:00-6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, July 7

Food Pantry Collection (SA)

Sunday, July 8

Food Pantry Collection (SA)

9:00 am St. John Holy Name (SJB)

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Join 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 call Chris Suarez with the Peace & Social Justice Commission at 219-659-0197.



GOLF FOR CHARITY

Join in the fun! The 26th Annual Catholic Charities Men's Golf Outing will be played in 10 days—Wednesday, July 11, at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville. Cost is \$175/person. Help others while enjoying an afternoon on the course with your friends. Call Catholic Charities to reserve a ticket (219) 663-8417 ext. 325.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE:

St. James Mini Fest 45th & Kennedy Ave., Highland, Saturday, July 14, from 5 pm-11 pm, and Sunday, July 15, 12 noon-10 pm, food, kids games & inflatables, beer garden, silent auction, live entertainment, raffle.

St. Patrick Parish, 3810 Grand Blvd., East Chicago Summer Festival, July 13-15, 5 pm—11 pm Fri., Sat., Sun., food, live bands, DJ, beer garden, raffle & more. Small cover charge.

St. Joseph the Worker (Croatian) Parish 330 E. 45th Ave., Gary, annual Parish Day, Sunday, July 8. Mass at 11 am with picnic to follow. BBQ lamb, pig, Sarma & Cevapcici dinners. Call 887-2255 for information.