

All Are Welcome . . .

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



July 31, 2005

EIGHTEENTH 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

Business Office

Florence Gazda, Louise Kaminsky

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Baptism.....473-7557
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Marjie Biel: marjbie1@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 Mass8:30 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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE



STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIFE

Jesus, in today's Gospel, feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship in this Gospel story is that God's gifts, when shared, will always be enough. It is through the open hands of generous stewards who are willing to share the gifts they have received from God that God's people are fed and their needs are met.

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, August 22nd 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. Contact Diane Puplava at 473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

Come to Sacred Heart Church Rectory, 1731 LaPorte Ave., each Monday from 10:30 until 11:45 a.m. Bring your Bible, thoughts and questions, and increase your understanding of sacred scripture.

DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC DAY

Pope John Paul II, promulgated his apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine—Stay With Us Lord* to mark the beginning of the Year of the Eucharist, which is from October 2004 to October 2005. Bishop Melczek and the members of the Priest Council have designated September 24th as the Diocesan Eucharistic Day in celebration of the Year of the Eucharist. This event will be held at the Cathedral of the Holy Angeles, beginning at 9:00 am with Eucharistic Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Melczek.

Keynote Speakers

Morning Session: Fr. Ron Lewinski, Topic: "Eucharist as Sacrament and Mystery of Light"

Afternoon Session: Mary Frances Reza, Topic: "Eucharist "communion" and Mission"

Fr. Gilberto Gonzalez, O.F.M. will give both talks in Spanish for the non-English speaking attendees. Time will be provided for Eucharistic Adoration. Lunch will be available for \$5.00.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

Saturday, August 6, at 9 am, at St. Stephen Martyr in Merrillville. The Mass intention is to promote the culture of life. It is sponsored by Children of the Rosary. Confessions are from 8:30—8:50 am. Call Sharon at 219-988-4159 for more information.

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 1, Alphonsus Liguori, bp, doctor
7:00 am †Anthony & Pauline Tarastak Off:
Daughter, Anne
25th Wedding Anniversary,
MaryAnn & Joseph Copeland

Tuesday, August 2, Eusebius of Vercelli, bp, Peter
Julian Eymard, priest
7:00 am †Joseph Bercik & Joanne Off: Wife & Family

Wednesday, August 3
7:00 am †Marjeanne Cuklin Off: Ann Mihalso & Son

Thursday, August 4, John Vianney, priest
7:00 am †Peter & Helen Pustek Off: Daughter,
Margaret Troksa

Friday, August 5, Dedication of St. Mary Major
7:00 am †John & Theresa Sadler Off: Daughters,
Diane & Louise

Saturday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord
7:00 am †John Klochan Off: Wife Ann & Family
2:00 pm David Serrano & Sarah M. Tomko
Wedding
4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, August 7, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
7:00 am For Our Parish Family
9:00 am For Our Parish Family
11:00 am For Our Parish Family



PRAY FOR...

Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rita Biesen, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Joe Geffert, Paul E. Gerba, Florence Golding, Jerry Hajduch, Rev. Joseph Hajduch, C.PP.S., Patrica Iwan, Catherine Kalicky, Michael Kasarda, Eugene M. Kasper, Susan Kenda, Barbara Kotlowski, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Joyce Lesar, Rose Leslie, John Lofay, Joanne Meyers, Ann Mihalso, Sylvester Nemcek, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie & Joseph Srnecik, 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.



Rest in Peace

Michael V. Algozine

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Adults.....	\$8,219.65
Loose.....	\$372.96
High School.....	\$22.50
Grade School.....	\$57.90
Total for the Week.....	\$8,673.01

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Many thanks to the 496 families who have responded thus far. Prayerfully consider sharing. Your gift helps support those less fortunate. Please return pledge cards to the parish office, or place in the offertory basket at Mass.

STUDENTS AID FIRE FUND

Thank you to the students of the Whiting/Robertsdale Cluster Parishes. They raised \$450 for the victims of the recent fire in Whiting!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education classes for children in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public schools are offered through the Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community Faith Formation Program. Parents of students who attended classes in our program last year are reminded that the deadline for preferred re-registration for the 2005-2006 school year ends on August 21st. Preferred registration guarantees that space is available for returning students. Placement in a class cannot be guaranteed once open registration begins. If you have not yet re-registered your child(ren) contact Mrs. Puplava at 473-7557 before August 21st.

Registration for students who are new to our Faith Formation Program will be conducted on Sunday, August 28th from 9 to 11 am and 2 to 3 pm in the Faith Formation Center (Sacred Heart School building). A copy of the student's baptismal certificate and a \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee must be presented at the time of registration. Please contact Mrs. Diane Puplava at 473-7557 for more information.

MIGRANT MASS

All are invited to the last Mass to be celebrated for our Migrant Workers on Sunday, August 7, at 4 pm, at the John Little Farm, 14315 Belshaw Rd., Lowell. Sponsor of the Mass is St. Thomas More Parish of Munster. Celebrant is Bishop Dale J. Melczek and Co-Celebrant will be Rev. Eduardo Malagon. You are welcome to bring a dish to share for the potluck. Please bring your lawn chairs. For information call the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 397-2125.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

CALUMET BAKERY

ORIGINAL FAMILY BAKING, THREE LOCATIONS TO SERVE YOU. (See ad on back page)

ST. JOHN GOLF OUTING

Has been canceled due to a lack of interest—

THANK YOU

To the Family and Friends of Margaret Veslocki who donated \$200 to the Church Renovation Fund in her memory.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. JOHN PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

There are several openings for students in St. John the Baptist Pre-School and Kindergarten this coming year. If you are interested please call the school office at 659-3042.

ST. JOHN SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL AND CROSS COUNTRY SIGNUPS

We are still in need of 5th through 8th grade Soccer and 5th grade Volleyball Players. There will be one last chance to sign up for these teams on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the gym lobby. The fee will be \$45. Cross Country signups will also be accepted. If you have questions, or would be interested in coaching Soccer contact Matt Saliga, Athletic Director, mrsaliga@hotmail.com 219-659-0057.



TRIP PROGRAM

Tuition Reduction Incentive Program is designed to help St. John School families earn money towards their family tuition bill. Parents register and purchase gift certificates to various businesses and a percent goes into your tuition account.

Example: Stracks give a 3% discount: buy \$200 and \$6 goes into your account. There are over 100 different vendors, Menards, Old Navy, etc.

There is a \$10 registration fee to cover NSF checks, supplies and shipping costs. Registration forms for 2005-2006 school year are available in the back of St. John Church.

Registration for this program ends on 9/1/05; there is NO SECOND REGISTRATION. The \$10 check should be made out to St. John TRIP; NO CASH please. Put in an envelope and mark St. John TRIP/ Attn: Laura, and place in the Sunday collection baskets at any Whiting/Robertsdale Mass. Registration forms are only available in the vestibule of St. John Church. Forms will be available at the beginning of school.

ST. JOHN BAND PICTURES

Pick up in the School Office weekly from 9 am-2 pm.

WEDDING BANNERS

I Salvatore Guzzo & Rachael Macko
III David Serrano & Sarah M. Tomko

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, August 6

Lectors: A. Perz, J. Kozak
 Euch Min: M. Knazur, M&K Wagner, L. Barron,
 MJ Kansky, E. Duray, M. Poppen
 Altar Servers: Stephanie Perz, Taylor Pokraka, Steven
 Radloff

7:00 am, August 7

Lectors: M. Saliga, Helen Marie
 Euch Min: T. Adam, D&R Barnes, G. Jancosek,
 E. Matuska, L. Kilander, B. Chidalek
 Altar Servers: Rachel Hurtig, Alyce Jakubielski,
 Katelyn Kruszynski

9:00 am, August 7

Lectors: N. Gomez, S. Silva
 Euch Min: I. Dominguez, M. Jakubielski, D. Weber,
 A. Jurek, ML Tonkovich, L. Wade
 Altar Servers: Andres Ramirez, Brian Reeves, Greg
 Sienkiewicz

11:00 am, August 7

Lectors: D. Botich, K. Lannon
 Euch Min: J. Bondi, R&B Jerzyk, C. Lannon, K. Saliga,
 S. Rosendo
 Altar Servers: Christine Lewandowski, Jessica Lopez,
 Emelie Lovasko

CARE CENTER

August 7: 10:00 a.m. J. Kruczek

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

August 1 & 2: Dolores Duran & Matthew Filipek
 August 3 & 4: Joshua Flores & Katlyn Forrestal
 August 5 & 6: Rachel Grunhard & Ashley Haltek

WHITING PARK FESTIVAL CHORUS

It's not too late to join! Rehearsals for the Festival Chorus continue Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church, 1730 LaPorte Ave. Come on over!

ADOPTION INFORMATION MEETING

Children all over the world are in need of a loving family. Sunny Ridge Family Center invites you to attend a free Domestic & Inter-country Adoption Information Meeting Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Munster Public Library, 8701 Calumet Avenue. Learn about the requirements and process for adopting. To register for this free meeting, call 219-836-2117 or visit www.sunnyridge.org.

SUMMER NUTRITION PROGRAM

Whiting Community children ages 18 months to 18 years of age can eat lunch at no cost. The Whiting food service department serves lunch Monday-Friday through August 19th. Call 473-0961 for information.

For the summer the Parish Library is available by appointment only. Please call Rita Krilich at 659-2965.

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 Facilities..... Joseph Lazur

EDUCATION

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

PARISH LIFE

Rosary Society.....Ann Klochan
 Cub Scouts.....Damian Bondi
 Girl Scouts..... Jeannine Dabertin
 Homebound.....Deacon Joe Manchak
 Holy Name SocietyAnthony Barilla
 Life Teen.....Marjie Biel, Candi Stapleton
 Marian Theatre Guild.....Martin Dybel
 Pirohi MakersGeri Tumidalsky

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Altar Ministers..... Fr. Gary Scherer
 Environment.....Martin Dybel
 Care Center Coordinator Joseph Kruczek
 Eucharistic Ministers..... Eve Duray
 Lectors..... Nancy Gomez
 Liturgy Committee..... Margaret Saliga
 Marriage Coordinators:Anne Marie Gyure; Mary Tolin
 Parish Music Director.....Geraldine 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, July 31

9:00 am K of C Corporate Communion, St. John

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, August 1

10:30 am Bible Study, SH Rectory

6:30 pm Faith Enrichment Meeting (SH)

Tuesday, August 2

Parish Library closed

5:30-7:00 pm Sports sign-ups, SJS gym lobby

6:30 pm School Advisory Board (SJ)

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society (SH)

Wednesday, August 3

6:30 pm Festival Chorus practice (SH)

7:00 pm Prayer Group (SJ)

Thursday, August 4

Parish Library Closed

4:00-5:00 pm Confessions (SJ)

7:00 pm St. Adalbert Pastoral Council

Friday, August 5

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

Food Pantry (Whiting City Hall)

Saturday, August 6

Sunday, August 7

11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJ)

HAPPENING ELSEWHERE:

Pierogi Fest—Last Day!

Sunday, July 31st



Share Foundation 11th Annual Leprechaun Hunt and Family Fun Day, Sunday, August 7, from noon to 6 pm, at Sharing Meadows in Rolling Prairie. \$40 advance admission, \$45 at gate which includes food, drinks, games, and continuous Irish entertainment. Funds benefit other-abled adults.

Catholic Charities Men's Golf Outing, Wednesday, August 10th Briar Ridge Country Club, Schererville. Tickets \$175. Call Rita 663-8417, Ext. 325.

St. John Cantius Parish Annual Summerfest: Sunday, August 14, on the parish grounds at 3916 Pulaski, from 11 am to 6 pm. Bingo, crafts, raffles, bake sale and delicious food! Call 398-1370.

Parents...

Include a visit to a seminary, convent, or monastery as part of a vacation trip. A telephone call is all it takes to arrange for a tour.