

All Are Welcome ...

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



SEPTEMBER 16, 2007

TWENTY-FOURTH 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
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Helping Hands.....473-7554
Marian Theatre.....473-7555
Panel Room.....659-3041

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:.....7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Lifeteen Mass.....5:30 PM
Vigil Mass, Saturday.....4:30 PM
Daily Mass 7:00 AM
School Children's Mass 8:30 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.



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and all the well wishes for a successful back surgery. I deeply appreciate them. The doctor is well pleased – and I am pleased 100% more than he! Except for the normal incision pain, all other pain throughout my back as well as the numbness in my legs is gone. There is power in prayer. What a wonderful support you are during this difficult time. The only way to express my appreciation fully is for you to know that I will remember you at Mass as I thank God for you and your concern. Are prayers answered? Do the prayers of so many people joined together in faith make a difference? If there are any doubts, just ask me! I thank God for healing, thank God for you.

Gratefully,
Fr. John

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The RCIA (Rite of Initiation of Adults) is the process by which people become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The RCIA is designed for adults desiring Baptism as well as for baptized Christians from other denominations who are seeking membership in the Catholic Church. The RCIA process is also open to baptized Catholics who would like to complete their initiation as members of the Church and are seeking Confirmation and or Holy Communion.

The first stage of the RCIA process is called the *Period of Inquiry*. This is a time for questions, finding out more about the Church and the life of faith. Our weekly sessions began on Monday, September 10th. These sessions are a cooperative effort of the Whiting-Robertsdale cluster parishes and meet every Monday evening at 7 pm in the St. John Pastoral Center.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the RCIA, please contact Diane Puplava at 219-473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY ENCOUNTERING THE LIVING CHRIST

Today is Catechetical Sunday, a special day set aside by the Catholic Church to recognize all those who minister to the religious education needs of our community. Please pray for the men and women who share their time and talent and their love of God with others.

Please pray for these brave men and women who are serving in our armed services: Zach Arnold, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Austin Chiluski, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 17, Robert Bellamine bishop, Doctor

7:00 am †Gilbert Miller (SJB)
8:00 am †John Gaynor & Michael McCarthy (SH)

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 am †Donald Matthew Mores Off: Richard & Marilyn Mores and Family (SJB)
8:00 am †Paul Lukascsek (SH)
8:30 am †Rudy Perhach & Linda Off: Bob & Bernice Banas (SJB)

Wednesday, September 19, Januarius, bishop, martyr

7:00 am †Anna Latta Off: St. John Roasary Society (SJB)
8:00 am †Paul Sinal (SH)
8:30 am †Bernard Strbjak Off: Wife & Family (SJB)

Thursday, September 20, Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions, martyrs

7:00 am †Mary H. Smith Off: Kaye Novotney (SJB)
8:00 am †Cindy Carter (SH)

Friday, September 21, Matthew, apostle, evangelist

7:00 am †Andrew Yuhas Off: Margaret Carnahan (SJB)
8:00 am †Mr. & Mrs. John Wagner (SH)
8:30 am 90th Birthday Blessing for Josie Bubala, Off: Family (SJB)

Saturday, September 22,

7:00 am †Mary Smith Off: Mr. & Mrs P. Szcpekowski (SJB)
2:00 pm Terry Legg & Ashley Whipple Wedding (SJB)
4:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)

Sunday, September 23, Twenty-fifth Sunday

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 Anointing of the Sick,
Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SA)
10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SH)
50th Wedding Anniversary, James & Barb Polak
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)
5:30 pm Life Teen
Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)



PRAY FOR...

Zach Arnold, Mary Bayus, Susan Biel, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Magdalene Doucette, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Eugene M. Kasper, Joseph Knish, Margaret Korba, Richard Kovach, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Leo Kriegl, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Ruth Magurany, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Ruth Rapchak, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Mildred Saliga, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie Srencik, Val Stack, Waseem Syed, Mary Talabay, Virginia Troksa, Mark Vine, Bobby Joe Watkins, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.



Rest in Peace

Ethel T. Boyer
Marie Emro
Frances J. Snowe

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$9,933.00
Loose.....	429.13
High School.....	90.00
Grade School.....	330.18
Total for Week.....	\$10,782.31

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you suffer with chronic illness, are anticipating major surgery, are physically challenged, sick or are facing the limitations of old age, you are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on September 23rd, at our cluster churches.

- 8:15 am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church
- 9:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist Church
- 10:15 am St. Adalbert's Church
- 10:45 am Sacred Heart Church

Please call the rectory of St. John 659-0023 or Sacred Heart 659-0733 during business hours to register for anointing at the parish where you wish to be anointed.



NOVENA TO OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER

Sacred Heart Church hosts a Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother every Friday evening through October 26, at 6 pm, with the exception of Sept. 28. All are invited to attend.

ST. THERESA NOVENA

St John the Baptist Catholic Church will host its annual St. Theresa Novena at 6:30 pm on each weeknight and 2:00 pm on Sundays, Sept. 23rd & 30th. The novena begins Sunday, Sept. 23rd and ends on Monday, Oct 1st. The nine consecutive days of prayer will center on the Blessed Sacrament and will include reflective thoughts from the personal writing of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. The final service on Monday evening, October 1st will include a free will offering to benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul Society followed by a social in the Panel Room. Everyone is most welcome!

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The first monthly meeting of the new year is on September 20th. All women of the parish are invited to come, starting with services at 1:00 pm in church, and meeting to follow in the Mural Room. Group 11 Ann Klochan, is in charge of refreshments. Hope to see you there!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Christians throughout Lake County are invited to take part in the national 40 Days for Life effort September 26 through November 4. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of Merrillville's Planned Parenthood abortion facility for one or more hours. For more information, call (219) 838-1138 or 671-2684.



I Ashley Whipple & Terry Legg
 II Laura Burch & Ryan Florek
 III Hope Martin & Jason Pramuk

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community Faith Formation Program (Religious Education classes) for students in Grades 1 through 8 have begun. While some classes are full, there is still space available in some classes. If you have not yet registered your child(ren) please contact Mrs. Puplava at 219-473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com as soon as possible.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We will offer a class for high school students who have not yet received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Holy Communion. These classes will begin on September 23rd. Please contact Mrs. Puplava at 219-473-7557 or dpuplava@hotmail.com as soon as possible to register.

LIFE TEEN NEWS

Thank you to all of those who donated their time and treats to the Life Teen Anniversary Mass and Kick-off Celebration. It was a huge success. Check out Christian rock band, 29eleven at www.myspace.com/29elevenband.com. They rocked the church parking lot and the neighborhood! Big thanks to them for donating their time and talent to come out and celebrate with us.

WANTED!

Life Teen is looking for adults, high school graduates and up, to join the core of adults running the Life Teen program. Contact Laura Powell for more information at 219-473-9931 or powell183@comcast.net.

LIFE TEEN "Leading teens closer to Christ"	
Sept. 16 Sunday MASS @ 5:30	LIFE TEEN MASSES HAVE RESUMED. COME AND CHECK US OUT! Life Nites will resume as soon as Benedict Hall is ready for you to make it your own!



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR LIFE TEEN

The church has donated space in Benedict Hall, under St. John church, for the teens. Currently it is still under renovations and we are anxiously waiting to move in, paint and have the teens create their own space to be comfortable and gather. If you have any items in good condition that you could donate, please consider giving them to Life Teen. We are in need of a refrigerator, carpet, paint, microwave, couches, chairs, pool table, coffee table, TV, VCR, DVD, lamps, or anything else you might have to offer. Contact Marjie Biel at 219-973-1283, majiebiel@yahoo.com.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Love of neighbor, grounded in the love of God, is first and foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful. As a community, the Church must practice love. The Church is God's family in the world. In this family no one ought to go without the necessities of life. We contribute to a better world only by personally doing good *now*, with full commitment and wherever we have the opportunity. (Excerpted from Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, "God Is Love.")

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.

September 17 & 18 Andrew Franko, Andrea Frenouw
September 19 & 20 Bianca Gonzalez, Chris Grankowski
September 21 & 22 Alex Hernandez, Rachel Hurtig

SUNDAY MASSES

4:30 pm, September 22, Saturday

Lectors: Kozak, McCampbell
Euch Min: L. Barron, D. Cuculich, R&B Jerczyk, Beth Jerczyk, C. Vrabel, M. Wagner
Altar Servers: Ryan Brown, Brittany Bulatovich, Jackie Camacho

7:00 am, September 23, Sunday

Lectors: Perz, Gonzales
Euch Min: T&S Adam, B. Chidalek, E. Matuska, M. Saliga, R. Rodriguez, G. Jancosek
Altar Servers: Michael Jakubielski, Carissa Jones, Isabella Kalasinski

9:00 am, September 23, Sunday

Lectors: Powell, Stofcik
Euch Min: I. Dominguez, A. Jurek, R&J Zubeck, D. Weber
Altar Servers: Sara Kruszynski, Katelyn Kruszynski, Mollie Lovasko

11:00 am, September 23, Sunday

Lectors: Botich, Lannon
Euch Min: N&M Lewandowski, J. Bondi, C. Lannon, A. Maloney, M. Poppen (CR), S. Rosendo, E. Duray (CR)
Altar Servers: Brian Lawson, Nicholas Lawson, Justin Lerma

CARE CENTER

10:00 am: Sept. 23 L & C Remmers

OUR SINCERE THANKS!

To Family & Friends of Edward S. Marcisz II for their donations totaling \$1500 to the School Endowment Fund;
To Cynthia Carnahan and Debra & Jon Nichols for their kind donation to the School Endowment Fund in memory of Andrew Yuhas;
To Irene Dvorscak for her generous donation to the Church Steeple Repair Fund.

HELP NEEDED

You are invited to help with the weekly Sunday morning Communion service at the Whiting Care Center from 9:30 – 10:30 am. The responsibility involves serving one Sunday a month assisting with distribution of Holy Communion and wheeling the patients from their rooms to the dining room. For more information call Joe Kruzcek 616-3116.

BIBLE STUDY

Sacred Heart Church Rectory every Monday at 10:30 am for an informal gathering and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Gain new insights and share in your appreciation of God's Holy Word! Everyone is always welcome.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Richway Gyros
1714 Calumet Avenue
219.659.5790
Dine In or Carry Out

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

The Pastoral Council of St. John the Baptist will present the third movie of its inspirational film festival. This 90 minute motion picture is entitled **Mary, Mother of Jesus**. It stars Christian Bale and Geraldine Chaplin and will be shown in the Panel Room on Wednesday, September 26th following the Novena to St. Therese. Come on across the street and share with us this beautiful version of Christ's life and ministry told from the point of view of His mother. Free popcorn and pop will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

ROSARY SOCIETY BREAKFAST

All Rosary Society members are invited to a breakfast on Sunday, October 14, after the 9:00 am Mass. The cost is \$8.50. Call Theresa Bobos 933-6750 or Lenny Barnaby at 659-3129 for information. Reservations and money must be in by October 7th. Please drop off at the Rectory drop box or in the envelope collection basket.



SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL

Sacred Heart's Parish Festival, LaPorte Avenue in Whiting, is Sunday, September 23 from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm. There will be bingo, a cakewalk, children's games and more! Football games will be televised in the beer garden. Featured food items are polish sausage, hotdogs, corn beef, grilled burgers, tacos and homemade chili. Five dollar raffle tickets will be available for a top prize of \$1,200. See you there!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The St. John Holy Name Society will hold their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, October 6th, from 4 pm to 7 pm in the Panel Room. Cost: Adults \$6.00; children, \$4.00. All you can eat! Join us for a wonderful dinner out!

MALAGON BENEFIT FUND

A fund has been set up to help defray the extreme medical costs of the family of Fr. Eduardo Malagon, incurred after their automobile accident in Mexico. Donations can be sent to: First Financial Bank, c/o Malagon Benefit Fund, 2611 Highway Avenue, Highland, IN 46322. Call 219-972-7313 for information.)

REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN

Elizabeth Ministry will be hosting a Rosary Prayer Service for anyone whose life has been touched by the loss of a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant or early childhood death. The service will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Providence Section, Sunday, October 14, at 2:00 pm, at 1547—167th Street in Hammond. To have your child's name acknowledged, call 844-9475. Elizabeth Ministry recognizes sacredness of life from the moment of conception.

ARTICLES FOR THE BULLETIN

Please have all articles submitted to the rectory no later than noon on Mondays. No articles will be printed without a name and phone number from the submitting author. Thank you!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16

Food Pantry Collection (SA)
NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:30-10:30 am Middle School Faith Formation
Classes at Sacred Heart School building
11:00 am Catechetical Sunday Mass (SJB)
2:00 pm Catechist Day of Reflection Hammond
Marina

Monday, September 17

ISTEP begins for Grades 3-8 (SJB)
10:30 am Bible Study (SH)
7:00 pm RCIA (SJB)

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul, (SH)
6:30 pm Protecting God's Children Session at
St. John Mural Room

Wednesday, September 19

6:00-7:30 pm Faith Formation Classes Grades 1-5
at Sacred Heart School building
6:30 pm Liturgy Mtg. (SJB)

Thursday, September 20

8:30 am Staff Meeting (SJB)
1:00 pm St. John Rosary Society, Group 11
7:00 pm Cluster Mtg. (SJB)

Friday, September 21

6:00 pm Novena to the Sorrowful Mother (SH)

Saturday, September 22

Food Pantry Collection (SH)

Sunday, September 23

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic

Food Pantry Collection (SH))
9:00 am Anointing of Sick (SJB)
9:30-10:30 am Middle School Faith Formation
Classes at Sacred Heart School Building
9:30 am High School RCIA Parent/Candidate
Meeting, Sacred Heart School Building
11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJB)
2:00 pm St. Therese Novena begins

Saturday, October 6 —A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

The Office of Pro-Life Activities for the Diocese of Gary presents "A Celebration of Life," featuring Vicki Thorn, founder of Project Rachel and the Director of the National Office of Post Abortion Reconciliation and Healing. Come to 4:30 pm Mass at St. Mary Church, 525 N. Broad Street, Griffith, followed by dinner at St. Mary-Hildebrandt Hall. Tickets are \$20 Adults and \$10 students age 18 and under. Call Barbara Kolisz 924-4163 for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Office of Pro-Life Activities.

MARIAGE ENRICHMENT

Husbands and wives spend immense amounts of time on their jobs, careers, children, and leisure. How much time do you spend just for the two of you as a couple? Call 708-709-0806 for information on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, Saturday, September 29, at St. Bede in Chicago.