

September 25, 2005

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

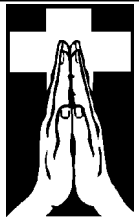
All are invited to participate in a special Novena to Saint Therese
Friday, September 23 through Saturday October 1

Services begin at 6:30 p.m. each evening, with the exception of
Sunday, September 25 when the novena will be held at 2:00 p.m.
following the blessing of the exterior statues of
Sts. Cyril and Methodius.



Saint Therese, in your brief life on earth, a life of single-heartedness and trust, your prayer and your deeds reflected the prayer and deeds of Jesus. You glimpsed His face only in shadowed sorrow, but your heart was ever turned in bright hope to the brilliance of the eternal homeland. Help us to learn that for us also, the way of total surrender is the only way to know and to see the Face of Jesus. Amen

SPIRITUAL LIFE



SPECIAL BLESSING

You are invited to celebrate the installation of the Sts. Cyril & Methodius statues on Sunday, September 25th at 2:00 p.m. when Bishop Dale Melczek will lead the blessing ceremony following the St. Therese novena. A reception in the Panel Room will culminate this special celebration. Everyone is welcome!

ST. THERESA NOVENA

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church hosts its annual St. Theresa Novena at 6:30 p.m. each evening through Saturday, October 1st with the exception of today, Sunday, September 25th when the novena will be at 2:00 p.m. The blessing of the statues of Sts. Cyril and Methodius follows. The nine consecutive days of prayer center on the Blessed Sacrament and include reflective thoughts from the personal writings of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. You are invited to spend a spirit-filled 40 minutes in evening prayer. Come each evening or pray at home if you're unable to attend. The final service on Saturday, October 1st will be followed by a social in the St. John Panel Room. Everyone is most welcome!

WELCOME EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fifteen New Ministers of Holy Communion have been trained and will be assuming positions of service at the weekend liturgies. They Are: Susan Adam, David and Laura Blackwell, Jerry and Georgette Blackwell, Diane Cuculich, Joe and Debbie Franko, Br. Jerry Hall, C.PP.S., Beth Jerzyk, Nancy Mitchell, Erwin and Evelyn Roldan, Kevin Scalf, C.PP.S. Seminarian, and Deanne Shimala. These individuals will be formally enrolled in their ministry at the Sunday Masses this weekend. We welcome them and ask God's blessing upon them and upon all who serve at the table of the Lord.

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Click on our new website and you will find the latest in parish news and programs; a parish history complete with nostalgic photographs and quick access to websites which provide local and international Catholic news. Parents can access St. John School's website to quickly reference policies, handbook, and other contacts. Our website is the creation of parishioner, Mark Dominiak, founder of INSIGHT GARDEN INC. (mark@insightgarden.com).

PARISH LIBRARY

Our Parish Library and Parenting Resource Center is open during school hours Monday through Friday. The Library is located in the Pastoral Center (3rd floor of the school building). Stop by the school office to be let up on the elevator. To make an appointment to visit at any other time, contact Rita at 659-2965.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 26, Cosmas & Damian, martyrs

7:00 am †Eileen Tomko Off: Husband & Family

Tuesday, September 27, Vincent de Paul, priest

7:00 am †Mrs. Anna Macielewicz Off: Daughter, Patricia

8:30 am †Andrew & Sophie Hrapchak Off: Dick & Janice Molle

Wednesday, September 28, Wenceslaus, martyr

7:00 am †Mary (Smutniak) Piskac Off: Anna & Monica Javorka

8:30 am †Deceased of Lubeck-Hashu Families Off: William & Tom

Thursday, September 29, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels

7:00 am †Tomko/Yocz Families Off: Family

Friday, September 30, Jerome, priest, doctor

7:00 am †Donald & Richard Tolin Off: Mom & Family

8:30 am †Fred A. Kraly Off: Ruth, Children & Grandchildren

Saturday, October 1, Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor

7:00 am †Josephine Benko Off: Daughter Barbara Jean & Son, Ronald

2:00 pm Matthew Thomas Popiela & Laura Beth Nelson Wedding

4:30 pm For Our Parish Family

Sunday, October 2, Twenty-seventh 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, First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch #81

5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass for Youth of Whiting-Robertsdale Cluster



Mary Banik, Charles Beerling, Susan Biel, Rita Biesen, Irene Dombrowski, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Joe Geffert, Paul E. Gerba, Florence Golding, Patricia 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, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Joseph Sotak, Angie & Joseph Srencik, Rev. John Zvijak, C.PP.S.



Grace E. Modjeski

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Adults.....	\$8,466.91
Loose.....	\$325.40
High School.....	\$144.00
Grade School.....	\$275.35
Total for the Week.....	\$9,211.66
Hurricane Relief (new total).....	\$12,289.28

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. Classes have begun. A few of our classes still have space available. Parents should contact Mrs. Pupilava in the Faith Formation Office at 473-7557 to register. Grades 1 - 5 meet on Wednesday evenings, and new students must be registered by Tuesday to attend class that week. Grades 6 - 8 meet on Sunday mornings, and new students must be registered by Friday to attend class that week.

RCIA

If you are considering becoming a Catholic.....were baptized Catholic but 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 you are invited to enter into the RCIA process. The RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and is designed to help adults learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions are held at St. John every Monday evening. Contact Diane Pupilava at 473-7557 or dpupilava@hotmail.com to register or for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to Sacred Heart Church Rectory every Monday at 10:30 a.m. for an informal gathering and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's gospel. Take advantage of this opportunity to gain new insights and share in your appreciation of God's Word. Those who share realize the daily blessings received. Everyone is always welcome.

FIRST CATHOLIC SLOVAK LADIES ANNUAL DINNER

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch #81 is hosting their 3rd Annual Dinner for members on Sunday, October 16th in the St. John Panel Room. There will be a 1:00 p.m. social, followed by 1:30 p.m. dinner. Please RSVP by October 10th. Contact numbers 659-2109, 659-3875, 659-0090 or 659-7215.

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LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN Masses will be celebrated in St. John Church at 5:30 pm, followed by Life Nite (in the St. John School building), each Sunday. All are welcome at the LIFE TEEN Mass each Sunday at 5:30 pm. All high school students are invited to attend the Life Nite immediately after each Mass. High School students who would like to sing in the choir should meet at St. John Church today at 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Youth Ministers, Marjie Biel 219-973-1283 or Candi Stapleton 659-1663.

COMMUNITY ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to the Immaculate Conception Grotto, 2000 White Oak Ave., Whiting, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd for the Rosary and Benediction. Bring your rosary and a folding chair if you'd like and encourage friends and neighbors to join with you. It is hoped that this worldwide celebration will offer over 100,000,000 prayers on October 2nd dedicated to honoring God's great gift of life. In the case of inclement weather, the rosary will be prayed in church.

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

You are encouraged to pray the rosary during the month of October. At St. John parish a group prays the rosary at 6:20 a.m. before the 7:00 a.m. Mass and another group stays to pray the rosary right after the 7:00 a.m. Mass. You are reminded that praying the rosary at home as a family or individually brings many blessings. St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church on Clark St. invites everyone to join them in praying the rosary at their outdoor shrine in the church yard Monday through Friday at 6:00 p.m. during the month of October. As you plan your October calendar, make time for Mary's prayer, the rosary. The rewards are out of this world!

RIGHT TO LIFE ROSE DRIVE

The Whiting Knights of Columbus will hold its annual Right To Life Rose Drive after all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, October 1st & 2nd. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND ANNULMENTS

Nativity Parish in Portage is hosting an informative talk on marriage, divorce, and annulments in the Catholic Church. Fr. Brian Chadwick will lead the talk on Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Cana Room. If you or someone you know needs to hear the truth about annulments, they are encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

WEDDING BANNERS

III Matthew Popiela & Laura Beth Nelson

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

4:30 pm, October 1

Lectors: J. Wagner, A. Perz

Euch Min: R&B Jerzyk, B. Jerzyk, MJ Kansky,
M. Poppen, D&J Franko

Altar Servers: Stephanie Perz, Taylor Pokraka,
Steven Radloff

7:00 am, October 2

Lectors: Helen Marie, G. Jancosek

Euch Min: T. Adam, D&R Barnes, S. Adam,
G. Jancosek, C. Pesenko, M. Saliga

Altar Servers: Katherine Chiluski, Emily Curosh,
Donnella Casillas

9:00 am, October 2

Lectors: T. Barilla, E. Bojda

Euch Min: S&E Bakajza, R&J Zubeck, E. Duray,
E. Igras, M. Knazur, ML Tonkovich

Altar Servers: Andres Ramirez, Brian Reeves, Greg
Sienkiewicz

11:00 am, October 2

Lectors: S. Silva, N. Gomez

Euch Min: J. Bondi, D. Shimala, K. Saliga, M&K
Wagner, C. Vrabel

Altar Servers: Amanda Delinck, Mikayla Dross,
Dolores Duran

CARE CENTER

October 2: 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

September 26 & 27: Matthew & Brittany Bulatovich

September 28 & 29: Jackie Camacho & Julio Casares

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1: Carla & Carlo, Jr. Casas

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Calumet College of St. Joseph will host Theology on Tap Thursdays in October. Theology on Tap is a series of gatherings that invite adults in their 20's & 30's (married and single) to enjoy presentations and join in lively discussion with speakers on a variety of faith-related topics.

Topics/speakers are:

October 6 — Mr. Mike Zolfo, Christian Mediation & Yoga; October 13— Fr. Robert Rohrich, Where Are You Going? Fr. Rohrich's talk is based on the best-selling book "Purpose Driven Life; October 20 — Ms. Christine Nienhaus, How's Your Love Life?; October 27 — Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S, Sexual Ethics.

Hosted in conjunction with the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community, the sessions will be held in room 200 at Calumet College, 2400 New York Avenue. Each session begins at 6:00 p.m. and will last about an hour. Refreshments and childcare will be provided. For more information call Brian Lowry, Director of Marketing & Student Activities, 219-473-4217 or e-mail blowry@ccsj.edu.

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Food Collection..... Thomas Chocholek
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25

- 8:15 am IC 50th Class Reunion
- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grade 6-8 (SH)
- 9:00 am Bake Sale (SA)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJ)
- 2:00 pm Blessing of the Saints Cyril & Methodius Statutes
- 2:00 pm St. Therese Novena (SJ)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ)

Monday, September 26 TRIP Orders Due

- 10:30-11:45 am Bible Study (SH)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJ)
- 7:00 pm RCIA (SJ)

Tuesday, September 27

- 1:00-2:00 pm Spirituality for Today (SH Rose Rm)
- 6:00 pm Dtrs. of Isabella Circle #81 (KC Hall)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJ)

Wednesday, September 28

- 6:00 pm FFP Classes Grade 1-5 (SH)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (SH)
- 7:00 pm Prayer Group

Thursday, September 29

- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena (SJ)

Friday, September 30

- 1:00 pm Faculty Meeting (SJ)
- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena

Saturday, October 1

- 6:30 pm St. Therese Novena Closing (SJ)

Sunday, October 2

- 9:00 am FFP Classes Grade 6-8 (SH)
- 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word (SJ)
- 2:00 pm Respect Life Rosary/Benediction (IC)
- 5:30 pm Life Teen Mass (SJ)
- 7:00 pm CPPS Companions

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