



THE SACRED TRIDUUM:

You are invited to celebrate the High Holy Days of our Catholic Faith by participating in the meaningful services offered within our Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community. Make your plans now to celebrate this holiest of weeks by your full participation at each of the services. Churches will have many of the services in their own church. Following is the schedule for St. John the Baptist Church.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

7:00 am on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Praying the Psalms, special readings and reflection helps us enter more fully into the sacredness of these days.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 pm on Holy Thursday. Parishioners from the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community gather to commemorate Our Lord's final meal when he gave us both the Eucharist and the ordained priesthood.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

1:30 pm on Good Friday. A spiritually moving reflection on the sufferings and death of Jesus. The Liturgy concludes with the reception of Holy Communion.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 pm on Good Friday. Led by our PHYRE Youth Group.

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:00 pm on Holy Saturday. Once again the Catholic Community of Whiting/Robertsdale welcome new members into full membership in the Catholic Church. This Liturgy begins in darkness and ends in the full light of Jesus, Our Light.

GOOD FRIDAY INTERDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

You are invited to join our Whiting/Robertsdale faith community for an hour of prayer from 12:00—1:00 pm on Friday, April 10 at New Life Christian Church, 1829 Central Avenue. The New Life Christian Church Choir will give a pre-service concert at 11:40 am. Sacred Scripture, prayerful song, and a message of God's abundant love will grace our Good Friday gathering. We ask that you mark your calendar now and plan to attend this annual event.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

Welcome all who are interested in joining our St. John Family. We welcome you with the genuine and heartfelt love of Jesus Christ. We are eager to meet you and your family and are excited to share how God is working in and through our Parish.

The purpose of our "Welcome to the Parish" session is twofold: to become better acquainted with each other and to explore practical ways to best minister to you and your need.

To register as a member of our parish, we invite you to attend one of the following sessions: **April 5th or May 3rd.**

Time: Beginning immediately after the 11:00 am Mass for approximately one hour. **Place:** across the street from the church in the lower level of the school. **Questions?** Call the rectory at 219-659-0023.

We look forward to meeting you. Welcome!

Fathers John Kalicky and Gary Scherer
Deacon Joseph Manchak
Staff and Pastoral Council

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, April 6

7:00 am †Deceased Members of Funchik Family
Off: Mary Ann (SJB)
8:00 am †Geraldine Brown (SH)

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 am †Cecilia Kapitan Off: Ray J. & Tillie Bryan (SJB)
8:00 am †Dario Brezene (SH)
8:30 am †Therese C. Menezes Off: The Crowell Agency (SJB)

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 am †Ben Sandrick Off: Family & Friends (SJB)
8:00 am †Michael Linko (SH)
8:30 am †Rosemary Bobos Off: Family & Friends (SJB)

Thursday, April 9, Holy Thursday

7:00 am Morning Prayer
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (SJB)

Friday, April 10, Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

7:00 am Morning Prayer (SJB)
1:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy (SJB)
2:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy (IC)
7:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (SH—Spanish)

Saturday, April 11, Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

7:00 am Morning Prayer (SJB)
8:00 pm Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community (SJB)

Sunday, April 12, Easter Sunday

8:00 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
10:15 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community SA
10:45 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community SH
11:00 am Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community SJB



Gail Baczynski, Mary Badankovich, Lenny Barnaby, Mary Bayus, Kristine Brown, Lucy Campbell, Thomas Castillo, Dorothy Chovan, Mary Danielson, Elizabeth Dedinsky, Ed Domasica, George Dombrowski, Magdalene Doucette, John Dubec, Sophie Foley, Ann Gulvas, Betty Hanchar, Loretta Jambik, Gloria A. Kaminsky, Richard Kenneth Kaminsky, Eugene M. Kasper, Richard Kovach, Margaret Kovacich, Jerry Kozak, Vicki Krause, Laura Kresich, Julia Kukta, Florence Kurella, Joyce Lesar, David Luttrell, Victoria Miller, Janet Moran, Mary Ann and Albert Odlivak, Caitlan Pawlowski, Richard Pesenko, Ruth Rapchak, Jennifer Reeves, Marcia Ross, Lane Rovito, Marian Rovito, Linda Sadler, Mildred Saliga, John and Geraldine Sciacero, Marie Silich, Victor Silich, Misty Sims, Joseph Snarich, George Soltis, Angie Srncik, Mary Trelinski, Virginia Troksa, Mark Vine, Andrew Vrabel, Dorothy Yuhás, Dorothy Zabrecky, Rev. John Zvijak, C.P.P.S.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 8: 7-8:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 11: 2-3:30 pm

ADMINISTRATION & STEWARDSHIP

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Weekly.....	\$7,926.00
Loose.....	409.52
High School.....	21.50
Grade School.....	61.31
Total for Week.....	\$8,418.33
St. Vincent DePaul Cluster Collection.....	\$2,414.43

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Many thanks to Tom and Ann Gregorovich for their donation to the St. John School Endowment Fund in memory of John J. Geffert.

DIVINE MERCY

"Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) Jesus died on the cross praying for not only his executioners but for each of us. Similarly St. Stephen at his death prayed, *"Father do not hold this sin against them."* (Acts 7:60) St. Peter (Acts 3:17) said to the people, *"Yet I know, my brothers, that you acted out of ignorance."* St. Paul who had been transformed by Jesus urged the early Christians, *"Be kind to one another, compassionate and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ."* (Eph. 4:32)

This is the good news of Divine Mercy. When we find it hard to reach out in loving forgiveness to others who have harmed us, when we cannot seem to forgive them from the depths of our being, perhaps we should revisit Calvary and listen to the blasphemy, insults, and hatred hurled at Jesus while he hangs helpless on the deathbed of a cross. Above the gloating and terrible taunts, hear His voice loud and clear, **"Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing."** There is no sin too great for his divine mercy. Let us remember and be grateful that he died for you and me showing us the merciful way

Materials are available at the doors of the church today, Palm Sunday.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses.....	8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Vigil Mass, Saturday.....	4:30 PM
Daily Mass.....	7:00 AM
School Children's Mass.....	8:30 AM Tues., Wed., Fri.

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	

Pastoral Staff

Rev. John Kalicky, CPPS.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Scherer, CPPS.....	Associate Pastor

Telephone (219)/Website Information

Parish Office.....	659-0023
Religious Formation: St. John Program	
Call Mrs. Diana Pupilava.....	473-7557
Includes Baptism, RCIA, Children's Faith Formation	
School Office.....	659-3042
Youth Ministry (Jamie Sandona).....	659-0023

LITURGY ASSIGNMENTS

WEEKDAY MASSES

7:00 am

April 6 & 7: Arlene & Kevin Gibbons

April 8: Emily & Jacob Brooks

SUNDAY MASSES

8:00 pm April 11, Saturday

Lectors: Wagner, McCampbell

Euch Min: M Poppen (CR), E Duray (CR), E Igras, L Barron R Rodriguez,

8:00 am April 12, Sunday

Lectors: Saliga, Bojda

Euch Min: R & J Zubeck, B&K Behrens, M Jakubielski, J Pieters, I Dominguez, S Rosendo

Altar Servers: Caleb Strabavy, Katie Kruszynski, Adam Zorich

11:00 am April 12, Sunday

Lectors: Hernandez, Flores

Euch Min: J Bondi, F Delinck, C Lannon, J Lockridge, M Maloney, N Mitchell, L Botich, A Barlo (CR), E Duray (CR)

Altar Servers: Christine Krilich, William Maloney, Juliana Serna

CARE CENTER

10:00 am April 12, Sunday: J Brezene, N Koselke

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Read and pray our monthly flyer distributed today.

Peace is...The Lord's Prayer for Justice.

During this upcoming Holy Week, let us consider how and how much we are influenced by our culture, which promote selfishness and violence, and to what extent we have become part of our secular society. We must embrace the counter-cultural teachings of Christ, and set an example for others in the world that needs His light.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



During this Holy Week, we are reminded that we are one human family, regardless of our differences. Answering the call to love our neighbor will promote a culture of respect. Log on to <http://orb.crs.org> to learn about the people your donation will help. Catholic Relief Services uses 75% of your gift for programs around the world. The remaining 25% of your contribution stays within our diocese to assist local hunger programs. Operation Rice Bowl ends on Easter. Please use an envelope to make your donation. Many thanks!



Our Men and Women in the Service

Zach Arnold, Robert Bughman, Jason Chavez, Michael Clark Austin Chiluski, Larry Gazafy, Gerardo Gonzalez, Thomas Gormley, James Grunhard Jr., Michael Hartman, Joseph Igras Thomas M. Kaminsky, Jeffery Koval, Mark Koval, Walte Malenki, Benjamin Mann, Randall McAllister, Philip Mlynarski, Curtis Mordus, Nicholas Okamura, Thomas Pupilava Jr. Eric Schaufele, Leticia Soto, Adam Starzyk, John Starzyk Jr. John Starzyk Sr.

ROSARY SOCIETY CHICKEN LUNCHEON

The St. John the Baptist Rosary Society cordially invites you to a chicken luncheon and a matinee performance of the Marian Theater Guild production of "On Golden Pond" on Sunday, April 19th. The cost is \$24 per person which includes the luncheon and show ticket. Deadline for paid reservations in Monday, April 13th. For more information please call Carol Vargo at 219-659-3041.

NUT ROLL AND NOODLE SALE

Today is the day to pick up nut roll and noodles for the Easter season. Nut rolls are \$9 and 12 oz bags of thin or wide noodles are \$4. Pick up times are 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. Pre-ordered customers will be served first. Happy Easter.

PHYRE MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS



High School Lock-In

Check in is 6:00 pm Holy Thursday, through Good Friday at 3:00 pm. All high school students are welcome—bring a friend. Permission forms/parent permission and signature required, are available at the door. This is a lock-in, therefore you will not be permitted to leave the premises.

Stations of the Cross

Good Friday at 7:00 pm St. John Church. If you would like to participate, contact Jamie Sandona. Final practices will take place on Monday, April 6 from 7-8:00 pm and Wednesday, April 8 from 7-8:00 pm. Participants need to arrive on Good Friday at 5:00 pm for a final run through and the service at 7:00.

PHYRE Ministry Teen Gatherings

April 19, May 3 and May 24. Attend 11:00 am Mass then gather in Benedict Hall until 2:30 pm.

PHYRE Ministry Middle School Movie Night

April 25 at 7:00 pm 3rd floor St. John School.

As always, if you would like to join the ministry team please contact Jamie Sandona at 659-0023.

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

It's not too late to donate canned goods, non-perishable food items, toiletries and monetary gifts for the needy of our parish. Your donations can be dropped off in the back pews of church. Packing and delivery of the food baskets will take place after the 11:00 am Mass **TODAY**, Palm Sunday. Volunteers are needed to make this food drive a success. Thanks for all you do!

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Each Lent we are given the opportunity to participate in a Catholic Community Penance/Reconciliation Service. Sacred Heart Church will host this year's Lenten Communal Penance Service on Monday, April 6 at 7:00 pm. The Liturgy of the Word, a guided examination of conscience, and seasonal music will set the tone for a fruitful confession of individual and communal sinfulness as together we seek God's merciful forgiveness and love. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Joseph L. Curosh

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SCHOOL NEWS

Great News! Our students truly used their gifts wisely in Indianapolis last Saturday. The SJB Science Olympiad team received 8 medals, including a gold! And 11th place overall. That is 5 spots better than last time. Before the competition, they received a great compliment from the Scott Middle School coach and science teacher. She said that Thomas Jefferson (the 1st place winner), was worried about Wilbur Wright. She said, "you should be worried about St. John the Baptist."

Thanks to all for your prayers and support, especially for the prayers of St. John the Baptist and St. Albert the Great (patron of scientists) to whom we always pray before a competition.

It is truly a credit to the parents of these students that dedicate their time and resources to getting these kids to where they are now. The medals were:

First in Anatomy—Mason Markovich and Mary Gundich
Third in Experimental Design—Mary Gundich, Brad Hurtig and Paige Guiden

Third in Road Scholar—Mary Gundich and Lauren Markovich

Third in Science Crime Busters—Lauren Markovich and Paige Guiden

Fourth in Trajectory—Luke Matulewicz and Nick Thrasher

Fourth in Write It, Do It—Brad Hurtig and Megan Kerber

Fifth in Fossils—Riley Harber and Caitlan Pawlowski (two 6th graders!)

Fifth in Scrambler—Nick Thrasher and Isabella Kalwasinski

Congratulations to all these fine students for their remarkable achievements!



MARIAN THEATRE GUILD PRESENTS "ON GOLDEN POND"

The Marian Theatre Guild proudly presents its spring production of "On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson. Show dates are April 18th and 25th, Saturdays at 8:15 pm and April 19th and 26th, Sundays at 3:00 pm. For reservations and information please call 219-473-7555. Dinner/Theatre packages are available.

BOY SCOUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

Boy Scout Troop #7 from St. Stan's, East Chicago, will be hosting an All-U-Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner on April 18th from 4-7:00 pm. Tickets are \$6.00 at the door.



WHITING LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



The Whiting Lions Club Pancake and Sausage breakfast will be held on Sunday April 19 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm in the St. John Panel Room. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for kids. Proceeds to benefit many community service projects.



Rest in Peace

Dorothy Wanek

Robert J. Banas