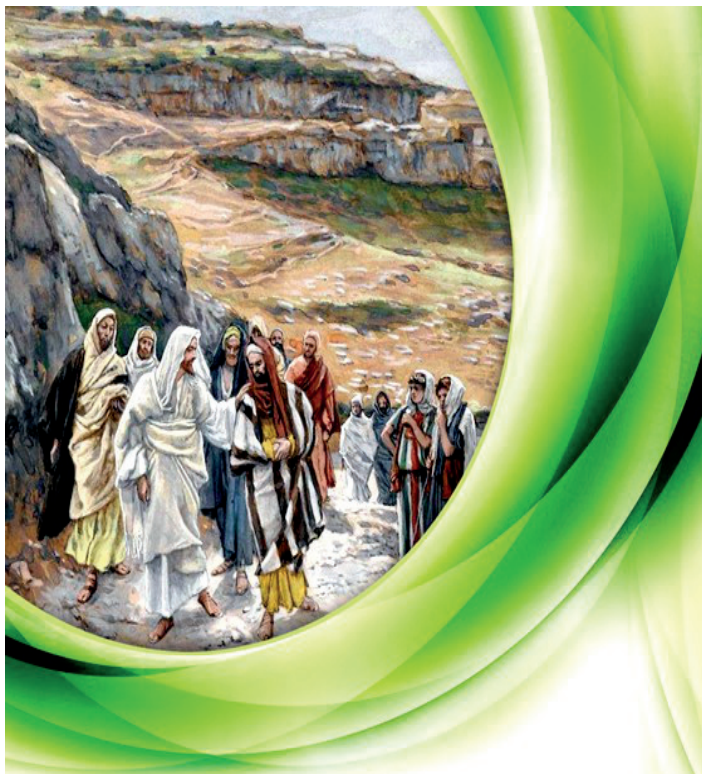


MISSION STATEMENT

We The people of the Whiting/Robertsdale Cluster, are a Catholic Faith Community, ethnically rich, culturally diverse, and one in Faith. Inspired by the unity of The Holy Trinity, we endeavor to share our Faith as disciples of Jesus.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot, circa 1886 and 1894
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DISCIPLESHIP

To be a disciple is to be one who follows another from whom he/she learns in order to live like the teacher. As baptized disciples of our master teacher, Jesus, we must wisely observe His actions and words, and follow "His Way" with our lives.

The readings for this 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time give the apostles and us serious instruction about the cost of discipleship. The prophet Jeremiah bemoans the fact that, while following and proclaiming God's ways, he is ridiculed and mocked.

In the Gospel Jesus' says: ***"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."***

- ♦ Like Jeremiah, do I complain about my daily "crosses"?
- ♦ This week, what is one cross I will embrace as I seek Jesus' help to carry it?

St. Paul's instruction in Romans 12:2 has particular meaning for us today.

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

Today I will turn to the Lord, praying that my life may be conformed to His will. I will ask the Holy Spirit to guide me in right ways, as I accept my cross and walk in the light of Jesus, my Lord and Savior.

M.S.

Monday, Sept. 4, 2023
the rectory will be closed.

HAPPY LABOR DAY

Whiting / Robertsdale Faith Community St. John the Baptist & St. Adalbert
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Confessions after 7:00 a.m. Mass and Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m.
in the SJB Centennial Room, and also by appointment.

Sacraments: Please Call:
St. John Church Office: 219-659-0023
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~August 27, 2023

St. John: \$6,273.25

St. Adalbert: \$1,222.00

Online Giving: \$1,515

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St. Adalbert Roof Fund: \$ 74,480.00



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2023

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	Balance Due
SA	\$ 8,805.000	\$5,636.00	\$5,511.00	\$3,294.00
SJB	\$47,537.00	\$26,617.00	\$21,737.00	\$25,800.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday September 9 & Sunday, September 10
 St. Adalbert - 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: Lector: L. Wright

Eucharistic M: G. Cusson, J. Ballman, R. Ciesla

St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Lector: M. Saliga

Eucharistic M: G. Mosoriak, T. Rossi, M. Jakubielski,
 M. Tonkovich, T. Adam, K. Behrens

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Lector: M. Cornejo

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 K. Ralphson, E. Igras, D. Urbanik

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

September 3: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY

10:30 a.m. † Adolph Schuhrke by daughters

September 4: Monday ~ LABOR DAY

7:00 a.m. † John & Anne Yacko by Mary Ann (Yacko) Warner

September 5: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † A. Donald Kaminsky by Mary Bukovac

8:30 a.m. † Frank Savastano & Bill DiCristofano

September 6: Wednesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Lorraine Kasarda by friends of SVDP

September 7: Thursday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Kaminsky & Dganovich Families by Susan Kminsky

September 8: Friday ~ NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED

VIRGIN MARY

7:00 a.m. † A. Donald Kaminsky by Mary Jo & George Dimoff

September 9: Saturday ~ St. Peter Claver, Priest

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Chris Duray by Kathy Duray

September 10: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY

10:30 a.m. † Bernacki family

REST INPEACE †

Members of our
 Catholic Community

"If we have died
 with Christ we
 believe that we
 shall also live
 with him."
 (Romans 6:8)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE
ANOINTING OF THE SICK

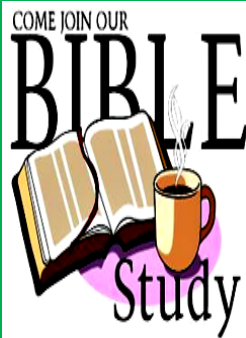
"If one of you is ill, s/he should send for the
 elders of the Church and they must anoint
 him/her with oil in the name of the Lord
 and pray over him/her." James 5:14

If you suffer with chronic illness, are antici-
 pating major surgery, are physically chal-
 lenged, sick, or are facing the limitations of
 old age you are invited to receive the sacra-
 ment of the Anointing of the Sick on Sun-
 day, September 10 at the 8:00 and 10:30
 a.m. Masses at St. John Church.

Congratulations
Barbara Hmurovich

On this amazing
 milestone.
 May this day be filled
 with sunshine
 and smiles,
 laughter and love.

Have a very
 Happy 100th Birthday

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES**

You are invited to our Fall program "Presence" which begins **Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30p.m. in the Founders' Room** and continues every Tuesday throughout the Fall. Come prepared to be spiritually fed.

Questions: Contact facilitator Margaret Saliga 219-659-4138
dominicanmom@att.net

**ST. JOHN ROSARY SOCIETY**

Effective July 1 - through December 31, all women 18 years of age and older are invited to join the Rosary Society without having to pay 2023 dues. If you know anyone who is interested in joining, this is a good opportunity for them to do so.

SAVE THE DATE

The next regular meeting is **Mon., Sept. 18, 12:30 p.m.** at the Senior Center at Pulaski Park. Host Group #4 will gather at 11:30 to set up. The 12:30 Meeting begins with the rosary followed by the installation of officers by Father Mark. Guests are always welcome and new member sign-up sheets are available.

Questions: Contact Joyce Wagner,
 (219) 922-8413, joyce6333@att.net

**ST. ADALBERT'S ~ RUMMAGE SALE 10-21-23**

We will be collecting items til the end of September for our next Rummage Sale. Please, gently used or new items. No clothes or shoes or dishes or glassware or pictures frames or baby items. **Call Nancy, 219-218-7521 to set a time to bring your items to our hall.** Not sure if we can take it? Just ask me. Thanks.

As always, your generosity is appreciated.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY LEADERS

If you are leading a ministry within our Faith Community then please reach out to the Rectory to assure your meeting dates, times and events are posted onto our Parish Wide Calendar and posted onto our Website. The Calendar is always accessible on our parish website www.stjohnbap.org. Contact Jamie Sandona with your ministry information- jsan-dona@stjohnbap.org. All School Room Usage must be entered into our Parish Calendar prior to using the room. Thank you for those who have confirmed their dates via email.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!**

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our parents and guardians for their presence at our recent Back-to-School Night. It was truly wonderful to see our parents and guardians, and I appreciate the time everyone took out of their busy schedule to join us.

The participation and engagement during the event made it a success. The opportunity to connect with our school community and share insights about our upcoming academic year is invaluable to us. The enthusiasm and support mean a lot and further strengthen the partnership between parents, students, and educators.

I hope you found the presentations and discussions informative and inspiring. If you have any questions, feedback, or suggestions following the event, please feel free to reach out to me. We are committed to continuously improving and providing the best possible educational experience for our students. As the school year begins, we look forward to working closely with you to ensure a successful and enriching journey for your child. Open communication between home and school is crucial, and I encourage you to stay connected throughout the year.

Once again, thank you for your attendance and involvement. Your presence made a positive impact, and I'm excited for a wonderful year..

Warm regards,
 Principal Ondas

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Faith Formation Classes are open to children in Pre K- the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th grade and older). Our program is open to all and we encourage family involvement. If you have questions or would like to discuss the program in detail, please call the Office of Faith Formation.

Faith Formation Classes **will begin on September 10th at 9:00am with a parent and student Orientation Session.** This session will be held in the school cafeteria, located on the lower level of the school. **Enter Door A or B.**

Faith Formation Department is seeking adults and young people to assist with Sunday Classes. All materials and formation are provided. If interested please call the Faith Formation Department.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT SUNDAY MASS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word **will begin on Sunday, September 10th during the 10:30am mass.** All children in Pre K through 5th grade are invited to participate. Children will be called forward after the opening prayers of the mass, they will then be dismissed to the Servers Room which is right off of the Altar. During these sessions the children will hear the Sunday Readings in a version which is easier for them to understand. Children will return to their parents after the Prayer of the Faithful. Help is needed to lead these sessions with the children, if interested please reach out.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA Meet and Greet~ Are you or do you know someone who would like more information on how to become Catholic, perhaps receive Sacraments that they have not yet received, or just learn what it means to be Catholic. Our RCIA program may be just what they are interested in. **There will be an information session Thursday August 31st.** If interested in participating in this program please call the rectory to register in advance and receive further information.



After a summer break, Family Mass will begin **on Sunday, September 10th at 10:30am.** Family mass is an opportunity for everyone to come to church at this time. Mass is intended to become an engaging atmosphere of faith filled members of our community, participating in the mass with the support of a more Contemporary Musical approach. So, whether you have a large family, small family, or you are a family of one, all are welcome and encouraged to come. As always Free Donuts, Coffee and Milk will be served in the School Cafeteria immediately following the mass.



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BAPTISM FORMATION

Our next Baptism Formation session **will be held on October 16th at 6:00pm in the school lower level.** Pre registration is required. Please call the rectory to register.



VIRTUS- PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN PROGRAM

With school underway it is time to begin our Virtus Training Sessions. These sessions are a requirement for any adult wishing to volunteer or work with any program or event within the diocese that has children involved.

The training is a 3-hour session that will prepare you to be the eyes and voice for the children we are entrusted to care for. Virtus is the Diocesan Safe Environment Program for adults.

This is a free program however there is a 15.00 fee for all background checks payable at time of submission. Our scheduled training sessions **will be held on September 5th and 21st at 6:00pm in the lower level of the school.** Please pre-register at www.virtusonline.org. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend.



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We will have an information gathering session on **Sunday 10th at 12:00pm in the church (Centennial Room located at the back of the church)**. This information session is open to any young lady and their parent interested in learning a bit more about the opportunities that await with American Heritage Girls troop. At this time we are inviting all girls in Kindergarten through High School to attend. We will branch the troop based on those age levels that are interested in participating.



SAVE THE DATE

Our Annual **Trunk or Treat** event hosted by PHYRE Youth Ministry and St John the Baptist HAS will be held on **Sunday October 22nd at 12:00pm**. We will be looking for cars to fill our parking lot, space is limited so please call the rectory and reserve your spot.

Cluster Parishes ~ Mass Intentions

The **Mass Book for 2023 intentions is open**. All Mass intentions will be taken at the St. John Rectory business office Monday through **Friday 8:00 am to noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 pm**.

Please call our office with any questions.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

If you would like to serve as Eucharistic Minister at St. Adalbert or St. John the Baptist Catholic Churches, please call the rectory at 219-659-0023. Thank you.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

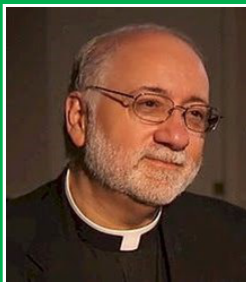
St. John the Baptist school is seeking a music teacher. Those interested call SJB School at: 219-659-3042 ext. 304
Principal Michelle Ondas



COME TO THE I.C. GROTTO

The beautiful weather combined with the outdoor beauty of the Immaculate Conception Grotto on White Oak Ave. beckons us to gather to pray the rosary on **Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.** Bring a chair if you'd like and your rosary. Everyone is welcome to this serene prayer time.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE



The Church of the Future – Part 1

(Adapted from article by:
Deacon Dominic Cerrato in
The Deacon Magazine)

The Church of the future lies in the present. This observation may seem rather apparent, so much so that it can be easily dismissed. Indeed, all things move chronologically from the past, into the present and, from the present, into the future.

However, within this obvious reality lies a profound truth, namely what we do today has, to a greater or lesser extent, an impact on what happens tomorrow. Understood this way, past, present and future aren't three independent things, but three distinctive parts of the same reality forming one sole organic path in which freewill plays an essential, albeit limited role.

Bearing this in mind, we might ask a few important questions. What will the Church, on the parish level, look like 10, 20, or even 100 years from now? More to the point, what can we, as the faithful, do to effect a change for the better and advance the mission to which we've been entrusted?

To begin grappling with this question, we would do well to consider the observations of a young Bavarian theologian, Father Joseph Ratzinger. In a 1969 broadcast on German radio, the future Pope Benedict XVI spoke prophetically of a future where the Church would be smaller. Bear in mind that, at the time he spoke, the Church was still in the honeymoon stage of the Second Vatican Council. Priestly and religious vocations were strong, and the pews were full.

Nonetheless, the Church was already experiencing a kind of crisis of faith as witnessed by the release of *Humanae Vitae* and the public dissent by some theologians.

Continued Next Sunday

**Happy
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& Queen!**

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O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts...
You are my help, and in the shadow
of your wings I shout for joy.

(Psalm 63:2, 8)

INSPIRATION from the words of
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"During this month of September, as we celebrate four feasts of Our Lady [8th-*Nativity of Our Lady*; 12th -*Name of Mary*; 15th -*Mother of Sorrows*; 24th - *Our Lady of Compassion*] let us learn from Mary: humility, purity, sharing, and thoughtfulness. Then, like Mary, we will become holy people, being able to look up and see only Jesus; our light and example will be only Jesus, and we will be able to spread his fragrance everywhere we go. We will flood our souls with his Spirit and so in us, through us, and with us glorify the Father."

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Teresa)

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Sept. 5th is the anniversary of Mother Teresa's death in 1997. The following quotation is taken from a general letter she wrote on the day of her death:

"Loving trust and total surrender made Our Lady say "yes" to the message of the angel, and cheerfulness made her run in haste to serve her cousin Elizabeth. So much in our lives, too, is saying yes to Jesus, and running in haste to serve him in the poorest of the poor."



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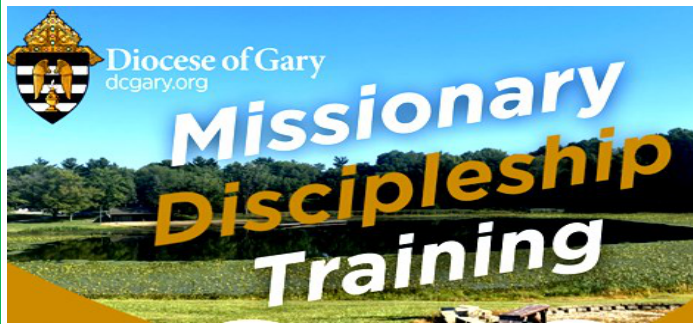
If you have an immediate need for prayer support, **please consider calling Margaret at 219-659-4138.** She will pray with you on the phone and then send your request to the volunteers in our circle of faith who will pray specifically for your intentions. Please know that we will maintain your privacy with use of first names only. If you would like to join this steadfast community of prayer, please call

the SJB rectory to add your name to the circle so that you too can pray for those who are in need of spiritual support.

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SESSION TOPICS:

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- ♦ Divine Revelation
- ♦ Salvation History
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- ♦ Evangelizing Saints
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- ♦ Mary, Star of the New Evangelization

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- ♦ Holy Mass
- ♦ Eucharistic Adoration
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- ♦ Holy Rosary
- ♦ Divine Mercy Chaplet

About the Presenters:

Fr Jacob McDaniel is the chaplain of St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Student Center. For his undergrad, he attended IUPUI and graduated in 2014. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2020 after graduating from Mundelein Seminary. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, watching movies, and riding his motorcycle.

Sean Martin is the Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, and Family Life for the Diocese of Gary. He has participated in the New Evangelization through door to door evangelization, walking across the US for pro life, evangelizing on the beaches of Florida, giving talks and retreats throughout the country, youth ministry, and teaching high school theology. He has been featured on EWTN's 150th Anniversary of Lourdes Special Feature, and Life on the Rock. Sean and his wife Stacy, married for 22 years, have six children and were featured on Shalom World TV's Joyfully Big.

Location:

Camp Lawrence
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Contact: Sean Martin

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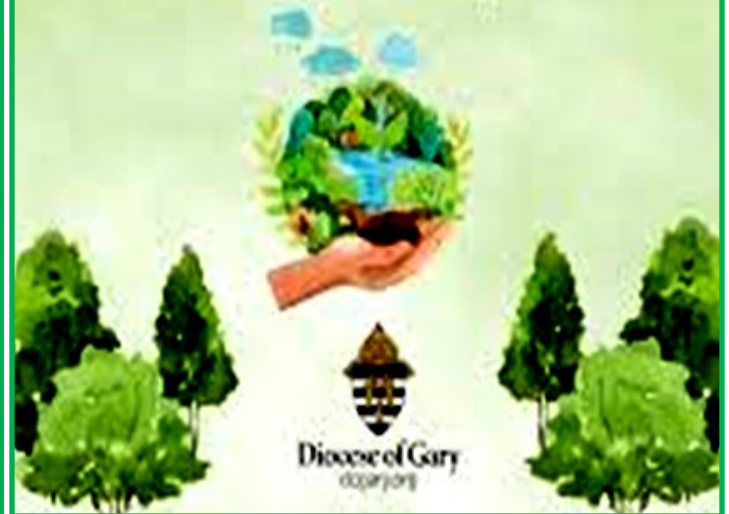
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