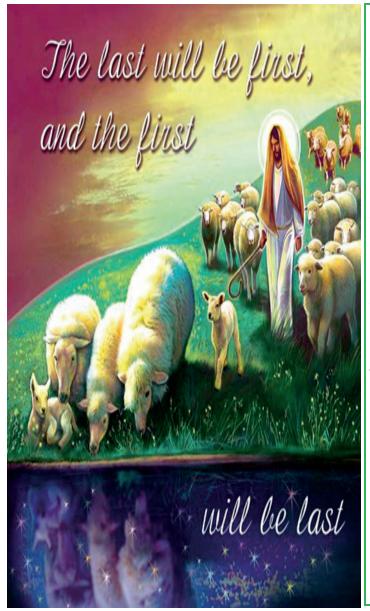
MISSION STATEMENT

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.



On this **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jesus compares God's ways with our ways. We tend to have a narrow view of what is good and our own self-righteousness. The 1st reading from Isaiah warns us that God's ways are not our ways. He also encourages us to seek the Lord and call upon Him, for He alone has the answers for each life.

- Do I remember a time when I thought God didn't understand me/my situation?
- ♦ Am I willing to trust in God's ways rather than my own?
- Do I notice and help those who are struggling?

St. Paul in his famous letter to the Philippians exhorts us: "conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ." When we do so, acknowledging that we are citizens of heaven, the Gospel becomes the standard for our life.

- I will recommit myself to following Jesus and His ways.
- Today I will seek the Holy Spirit's help.

We have heard the parable of the workers many times and have probably had mixed reactions: everything from judging the landowner to be unjust, to feeling that the early workers were slighted. Jesus' point is that God is the landowner and he is extravagantly generous in paying all the workers equally. He does not operate by the rules of society. Jesus teaches that the jealous attitude of the early workers is where the real injustice lies.

- Does anyone have the right to judge the owner's generosity?
- Today I will express my sincere gratitude for my heavenly Father's generosity.
- I will turn from jealousy and embrace mercy and love instead.

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6

M.S.

Whiting / Robertsdale Faith Community St. John the Baptist & St. Adalbert 1849 Lincoln Ave. Whiting, IN 46394

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:

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~September 17, 2023

St. John: \$8,214.75 St. Adalbert: \$1,617.00

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Online Giving: \$10.00

St. Adalbert Roof Fund: \$ 74,480.00



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2023

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	Balance Due
SA	\$ 8,805.000	\$5,956.00	\$5,956.00	\$2,849.00
SJB	\$47,537.00	\$27,032.00	\$24,062.00	\$23,475.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday September 30 & Sunday, October 1 St. Adalbert - 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: Reagan & Kasen Lector: G. Cusson

Eucharistic M: B. Stanich & G. Cusson

St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Paul & Andrew Lector: R. Matlon

Eucharistic M: J. Zubeck, M. Tonkovich, D. Huizenga, K. Behrens, T. Rossi, R. Zubeck

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Demetria, Lauren, Cate Lector: T. Chocholek

Eucharistic M: D. Urbanik, G. Kulas, L. Morandi, B. Jerzyk,

E. Igras, J. Kaminsky

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

September 24: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Mary Dodge by son & grandsons

10:30 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY

September 25: Monday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Mateja Family by Joseph Kruczek Jr.

<u>September 26: Tuesday: Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs—Sts.</u>
<u>John de Brebeuf & Isaac, Jogues, Priests & Companions</u>

Martyrs

7:00 a.m. † JoAnn Saliga by John Krull

8:30 a.m. † Genevieve Swierc by Mr. & Mrs. Pete Odinsoff

September 27: Wednesday: St. Vincent de Pual, Priest

7:00 a.m. † JoAnn Saliga by Pat Summers

<u>September 28: Thursday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr</u> St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions Martyrs

7:00 a.m. † Ann F. Grenchik by family

September 29: Friday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael,

Archangels

7:00 a.m. † Julie Geffert by David & Laurie Phelps September 30: Saturday: St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor

of the Church

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Deceased members of Strisko &

Boskovich families

October 1: Twenty-Sixth: ST. THERESE OF IEXIUS

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY

10:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased members of the St. John Rosary Society by Joyce Wagner

Cluster Parishes Mass Intentions

The Mass Book for 2024 intentions will start on October 1st. All Mass intentions will be taken at the St. John Rectory business office Monday through Friday 9:00 am to noon, and 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Please call our office with any questions.

REST INPEACE †

Norbert W. Duray, Sr. Paul S. Martinez

"If we have died with Christ we believe that we shall also live with him."

(Romans 6:8)



THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

The parish grounds look beautiful, thanks to the volunteers who pick up trash, mow, edge and weed the parish property on a weekly basis.

hands! Our gratitude is also extended to the "Cleaning Angels" who dust and tidy the church every Friday morning and the laundry ladies who wash the church linens.

Our funeral Alleluia Choir deserves our gratitude as well for enhancing every funeral liturgy with beautiful music.

Additional volunteers are always welcome. Please phone the rectory during business hours to offer your help.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

You are invited to our Fall program "Presence" every Tuesday, at 6:30p.m. in the Founders' Room and continues 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.

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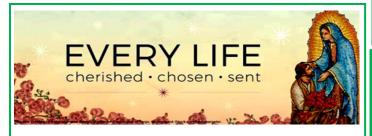
Sunday, October 1st, is the Rosary Society Corporate Communion Mass, 10:30a.m. New members will be welcomed into the Rosary Society at that Mass.

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



COME SAY THE ROSARY AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WITH THE WHITING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

After the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday October 1st, members of the Whiting Knights of Columbus will gather to pray the Rosary at St. John the Baptist Church. All community members are welcome to join the Knights in saying this powerful prayer one that can change your life a strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.



ROSARY for LIFE

October, the Month of the Rosary, beckons us to participate in praying the "Rosary for Life" at Immaculate Conception Grotto, White Oak Ave., Sun., Oct. 8th at 2:00 p.m. Your attendance is welcome as together we pray for world peace and a renewed respect for all life from birth to natural death. Benediction will conclude this time of prayer. Bring a chair if you wish, your rosary, and a friend. Questions: Call Lucille, 219-659-2949.



ST. THERESE NOVENA

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church invites you to participate in its annual St. Theresa Novena Saturday, September 23rd through Sunday, October 1st at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

St. John parish has had a longtime devotion to St. Therese of Lisieux, whose intercessory prayers helped build our magnificent church during the great Depression. Shortly before she died, St. Therese stated that she would spend eternity praying for the needs of all mankind. In her writings, "The Story of A Soul", St.

Therese assured the faithful that God's blessings would descend like a cascade of roses upon those who prayed. Consequently, the parish asked for her help. The result was the completion of our magnificent church, followed by the building of our present school and later the parish rectory.

Today our parish is in need of major repairs, starting with the boiler and heating system. Therefore, it is with renewed enthusiasm that St. John Parish is again asking St. Therese of Lisieux to pray on our behalf.

During our present year of "Eucharistic Revival" the nine consecutive days of prayer, will center on Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament. Reflective thoughts from the personal writings of St. Therese will bring a deeper faith commitment to our risen Lord as we request His help through the intercession of St. Therese.

Thus, our parish community and the community at large are invited to spend a spirit-filled 30 minutes in prayer, gathering in St. John Church each evening or praying the novena at home, if you are unable to attend. A free will offering on the final evening, will benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul Society, helping individuals and families who struggle with financial burdens. The **solemn closing on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.** will be followed by a social in the Parish lot and garage.

Everyone is welcome!

M.S.



PET BLESSING

All pets and their owners are invited to the St. John the Baptist Church "barking lot" for the Annual Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 8^{7h} at 12:00 noon. The celebration occurs near the Oct. 4th Feast of St. Frances of Assisi, who loved all of creation and promoted the tender care of God's creatures.

Those attending may wish to **bring a pet item to share** with our Whiting pet shelter. Certificates of blessing made by our school children will be presented to all participants.

Pets should be contained or on a leash. Questions: Call Margaret, 219-659-4138.



PLEASE VISIT THIS LINK TO REGISTER

https://www.cognitoforms.com/JaimeSandona/ WRFaithFormationRegistration

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 are from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. on Sundays.

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 OF THE WORD

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. 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 begins. 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.



BAPTISM FORMATION

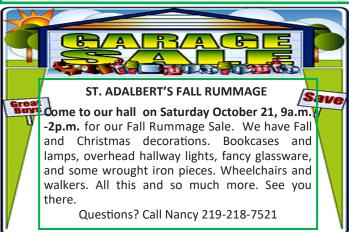
Our next Baptism Formation session will be held on October 16th at 6:00pm in the school lower level. Pre registration is required. Please call the rectory to register.

FCSLA JUNIOR BRANCH DISTRICT BOWLING PARTY

SET 'Em Up Lanes, 135 North Broad Street, Griffith. Sunday, October 14th, 11-2pm, Food, bowling & more. Costumes are encouraged. RSVP to your branch: 58-Mary Markovich 219-659-5376; 184-Patty Bielak 219-644-5452; 317-Agnes Chervanak 219-865-6396; and 348-Betty Ortiz 219-671-9278, before Tuesday, October 3rd, to make your reservation.

SAVE THE DATE

FCSLA Branch 81 Annual Carmelite Home Fundraiser Luncheon. **Sunday, Nov.19th**, more details to come in October.





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 22**nd 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.

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 informationjsandona@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.

PROPER POSTURE FOR RECEIVING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

- Bow as you approach the minister to receive Jesus in the host and/or the cup.
- As you look at the Eucharist, speak an audible, deliberate "AMEN", thereby professing your belief in the real presence of Jesus. "AMEN" is the response, NOT "thank you".
- Receiving the Eucharist in your hands or on your tongue are options.
- Make a throne of your hands, lifting your hands to receive Jesus' in the host.
- ♦ **DO NOT** dip host into cup.
- Hold the chalice with reverence, drink, and then present it back to the minister.
- If you are not able to receive Eucharist, but want to receive a blessing, step forward with your arms crossed over your chest and the minister will extend a hand of blessing.



PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Child Labor Isn't in the Past

Published in – *Commonweal Magazine*By: Mollie Wilson O'Reilly, editor-at-large & columnist

Part #2

The children in Pennsylvania coal towns a century ago might have expressed a "desire to work," if you'd asked them how they felt about it. Younger kids might have found it a more exciting prospect than going to school. Older boys knew going to work could keep their families from getting thrown out of their company-owned homes. But kids are famously bad at weighing risks. And whatever their motivations, those workers weren't "free." The labor movement fought for laws restricting child labor because those families knew there was no freedom in feeding their own children to the system that kept them in poverty. They knew the United States should not be a nation where poor children have to choose between attending school and supporting their families.

We don't even have to look to the last century to understand what happens when kids become cheap labor. Present-day efforts to roll back worker protections are happening alongside a surge in illegal child labor in the United States, as established earlier this year in a remarkable report by *New York Times* journalist Hannah Dreier. Thousands of children, mostly recent arrivals from South America, work the night shift in Michigan factories and fall asleep in school during the day. Or they work on construction crews in Florida and skip school altogether. They need money to send home to their families living in poverty in places like rural Guatemala, or to pay off the sponsors who got them into the United States with the promise of a place to stay.

Dreier's reporting described "a chain of willful ignorance" that leaves those children open to exploitation: companies outsource hiring to third parties, then pretend not to notice when the workers reporting for duty are underage. Government agencies, understaffed and underfunded, can't properly vet sponsors before releasing unaccompanied minors to their supervision, adequately track those minors once they are released, or send out enough workplace inspectors to enforce existing child-labor laws. And the children can't upset the system without endangering the families counting on them back home.

(Continued Next Sunday)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

<u>A:</u> Mary Jane Adams, Marie Anderson, Frank Angotti, Saul Arambula

<u>B:</u> Arlene B., Rita Bais, Mary Lou Barcevac, Donna Bewley, Carol Bibat, Eleanor Biel, Jennifer Bitterman, Steve B., Bob Bonchik, Lisa Vrabel Breitweiser, Thomas Brooks, Ruth Bzibziak, Wendy B.

C: Michael C., Ben Cassoday, Jim Campbell, Maximiliano Chavez, Abigail Coates, Rebbeca Coates, Marlene Cooney, Geraldine Cox, Olivia Crinion, Gloria Cruz, Larry Culp, Jeannine Cusson, Richard Cusson, Sharon Cusson

<u>D:</u> Dave M., Jeff Delinck, Mary Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter, Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter, Norb Dudzik, Norb Duray. <u>F:</u> Jeanine Faulkner, Thomas Federenko, Malia Fortunak, Dianna Fritz,

G: Andrea Gaynor,
H: H. Haas, Shery & Jim H.,
Sophie Hatczel, Mariah Hayes,
Debra Henderson, Kingston M.
Hensley, Betty Hunt, Bruce
Hunt, Nellie Hunt, Richard Huss,
Dennis and Peggy Hyde,
J: Sheila J.

Kasperan, Ryan Keelan, Barbara J. Korba, Patti Koopmans, Corky Kuipers, Kathy Kustka L: Lenore Lazur, Donna Lewandowski, Carol Lukasik

K:Gerry Kasarda, Don

<u>M:</u> Maria M, Mary Madejewski, Kristi Matalik, Frank Matlon, Jerry Matlon, Sebastian Mendoza, Ann Matusik, Steve Mihalso, Jerilyn Miller, Larry & Toni Milkowski

<u>N:</u> Ann Novotney, Linda N., Chloe N.

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Robert & Selma O'Drobinak
P: Patton Donna, Willie Parlor,
Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac,
Pammela Puhek, Mary Puplava
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Kuinn

R: Lucretia R., Kathleen Radloff, David Reyes, Delia M. Reyes, Celeste Richardson, Sylvia Richardson, Joel Rivera, Cris Rzonca, Dannielle Roszkowski, Ed Roszkowski, Eileen Ross, Holly Russell, Randy & Luke Rycerz, Joyce Rybicki
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Sanchez, S. Scivinsky, Robert & Phyllis Samano, Deanna Stolarz, K. Smith, R. Smith, M. Stimac, Sandi Smith, Jack Strisko, Judy Strisko, Renee Suma, Michael J.Swentko, Suzanne M. Swentko, Ann Swiatkowski T: Nancy Teles,

Geraldine Tumidalsky

<u>V:</u> Elaine V. Pauline V.

<u>W:</u> Gina W., Evelyn White

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Z: Janel Zubeck

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

<u>B:</u> Matt Barbetta, <u>C:</u> Christina Campra, <u>E:</u> <u>F:</u> Victoria Franco, <u>G:</u> Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, John Gervais, Gerardo Gonzalez, James Grunhard Jr., <u>H:</u> Alex Gonzalo Hernan-

dez, Elliot Hlavaty, Matthew Hlavaty, J.: Justin Jansky, K.: Thomas M. Kaminsky, Keith Kennedy, Jeff Klobucar, Jason Koscielski, Jeffery Koval, Mark Koval, M.: Walter Malenki, Randall McAllister, Mike McCay, Hugh A. McNinch, Philip Mlynarski, Derek Monks, N.: David Novotney, O.: Zack O'Drobinak, Nicholas Okamura, Justus Oliver, Mark Opachan, P.: Kenneth Petkunas, Thomas Puplava Jr., R.: Robert Rodriguez, S.: Eric Schaufele, Elliott Schultz, Natalie Serna, John Starzyk Jr, Alex Supergan, Jason Sutton, Szewczyk, T.: Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, Christopher Trojnar, V.: Samuel Valdyke, W: Ray Walsh.

"The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The Lord is near to all who call upon him,

to all who call upon him in truth."

(Psalm 145:17-18)

(PSdiiii 145.17-16)



INSPIRATION FROM THE WORDS OF ST. MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity have a reverent daily practice:

"The last thing we do at night is to kiss the cross. The first thing we do in the morning is to kiss the cross. Jesus is asking each of [us] to accept whatever he gives and give whatever he takes with a big smile...we must give up sin, our past self-indulgence, and practice more intense self-sacrificing love for him."

"Each of us is only a small instrument. All of us, after accomplishing our mission, will disappear. The only question is: Will you collaborate with God so He can use you to do His work here on Earth?" p. 82

"Be a soul of prayer. If we don't learn to pray, all of our life will be handicapped."

(Do Something Beautiful for God, The Essential teachings of Mother Teresa)

"For to me life is Christ, and death is gain."

Philippians 1:21

SJB CIRCLE OF PRAYER

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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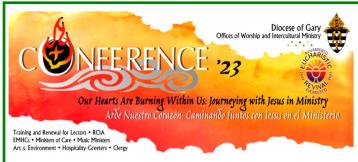
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Open Bar and Appetizers 7:00 p.m. - Plated dinner of medallions of beef with Madeira sauce, grilled chicken breast with tarragon cream, house salad, seasonal vegetable, dessert, coffee, and tea.

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Where: St. Michael the Archangel Parish, located at 1 West Wilhelm Street, Schererville, IN 46375.

For more information please call at: 219-769-9292



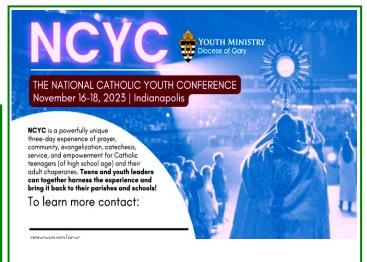
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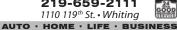
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