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.



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: St. John Church Office: 219-659-0023

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

The scriptures for the **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** offer basic wisdom for daily living. The prophet Ezekiel exhorts us to turn from sin in order to live virtuous lives now into eternity.

Do my actions show that I value the wisdom found in today's readings?

St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians warns, "Do nothing out of selfishness". We are to turn to Jesus the Christ for help as we humbly care for others, regarding them as more important, than ourselves as we tend to their needs. We are to have the humble, compassionate "attitude of Christ Jesus" who "became obedient unto death on a cross" for each of us.

In what ways will I adopt Jesus' humble attitude this week?

The Gospel (Mt 21:28-32) contrasts two sons whose words do not match up with their actions. Unless we back up our words with action, we are like a "sounding brass or clanging symbol" says St. Paul. (Cor. 13) The elders of Jesus' day questioned his authority, and Jesus responded with a parable. Sinners are repenting and enjoying the Lord's healing, while the self-righteous remain in their sin. The latter proclaim pious platitudes but fail to accept correction. They fail to humbly turn to the Lord for help.

Jesus reminds us that it is never too late to change our ways. Our judgemental comments and thoughtless gossip are worthless. Let us support our words with positive actions.

- Have I have failed to respond to the serious needs of others?
- Which of my "good intentions" can I support with my positive action?

There are many parish opportunities for positive action.

- ♦ To find out about our active **SVDP** contact Deacon Leo (219-659-8140).
- ◆ To assist with church yard work call Tom Markovich ((219) 801-6952)
- ♦ To assist the Friday Cleaning Angels call Laura Kresich (219-688-7235).
- ♦ To assist with school needs, call Principal Michelle Ondas (219-659-3042).
- ♦ Our funeral choir welcomes you. Call Brian Marciniak (312-810-0400).

Our parish heating system needs your financial support. Call Fr. Mark (219-659-0023) to learn how you can help.

M.S.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God' the Father.

Philippians 2: 10-11

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~September 24, 2023

St. John: \$5,923.00 St. Adalbert: \$1,067.00

Online Giving: \$2,070.00 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
<u>SJB</u>	\$47,537.00	\$27,032.00	\$24,062.00	\$23,475.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday October 7 & Sunday, October 8

St. Adalbert - 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: Victoria & Lorelai Lector: J. Wagner

Eucharistic M:

St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Bella & Lauren Lector: T. Markovich

Eucharistic M: G. Mosoriak, M. Tonkovich, S. Adam, M. Jakubielski, D. Huizenga, R.Zubeck

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Jose, Kosta, Sofia Lector: Anna & Bella

Eucharistic M: J. Kaminsky, L. Chocholek, E. Igras,

S. Tabernacki,

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

October 1: Sunday: ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY
10:30 a.m. † Living & Deceased members of the St. John
Rosary Society

October 2: Monday: The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 a.m. † Mary Ann Zimmerman by family

October 3: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Edward "Butch" Vanek, by wife Lorraine 8:30 a.m. † Joseph & Charlotte Tomera by family

October 4: Wednesday: St. Francis of Assisi

7:00 a.m. † Helen Kulasak by Phil & Nicole Kulasak

October 5: Thursday: St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

7:00 a.m. † Andrew A. Dybel

October 6: Friday: FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTTH

St. Bruno, Priest Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin;

7:00 a.m. † JoAnn Saliga by Michelle Brand

October 7: Saturday: Our Lady of the Rosary

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Deceased of Blasko family by John & Lucille Blasko

October 8: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY 10:30 a.m. † Johanna Kostanczuk by sons & daughter

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)

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.





MARRIAGE BANNS II

Emily Fears & James Staley



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

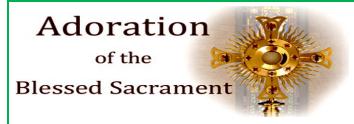
Sunday, October 1st, is the Rosary Society Corporate Communion Mass, 10:30a.m. New members will be welcomed into the Rosary Society at that Mass.

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 $^{\sim}$ one that can change your life $^{\sim}$ strengthen the family, bring peace to the world, convert entire nations, and win the salvation of souls.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come away to a peaceful place at **St. John Church** apart from the hustle bustle and noise of daily life.

THIS Friday, October 6, 2:00-6:00p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration offers every individual silent time with our Risen Lord. Bring your worries, your concerns, your sorrows and your joys before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Savor the quiet time as you calm yourself, relax, and converse with God.

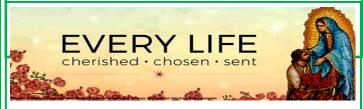


PET BLESSING

All pets and their owners are invited to the St. John the Baptist Church "barking lot" for the Annual Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 7^{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.



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.



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.

IMPORTANT: FAMILY MASS WILL BE OCT. 15. 2023



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.



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.



TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to our Fall program "Presence" every Tuesday, at 6:30p.m. in the Founders' Room and continues throughout Oct. & Nov. Come prepared to be spiritually fed.

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings SJB Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. At St. John, we are dedicated to providing a nurturing and holistic education that goes beyond academic excellence. We firmly believe in the importance of character development, and this month, we have chosen the character trait of responsibility as our focus.

Responsibility is a core value that aligns perfectly with the teachings of our Catholic faith. It encourages our students to live in accordance with the principles of stewardship, integrity, and accountability, which are fundamental aspects of our spiritual and moral education.

Here are some of the ways we will be promoting the character trait of responsibility in our Catholic school:

Faith-Based Lessons: We will incorporate faith-based lessons and stories from the Bible that emphasize the importance of responsibility. These stories will serve as a foundation for discussions and reflections on how our students can apply these teachings in their lives.

Service to Others: Responsibility extends to serving others. Our students will have opportunities to engage in service projects that reflect their responsibility to make a positive impact on their community and the world.

Prayer and Reflection: We will encourage students to pray and reflect on the concept of responsibility, seeking guidance and strength from our faith to fulfill their responsibilities with diligence and love.

Character Education Curriculum: Our teachers will integrate lessons on responsibility into the character education curriculum, helping students understand the moral and ethical dimensions of this virtue.

Parent Involvement: We encourage parents to engage in discussions about responsibility with their children at home, read and reflect on related Scripture passages, and pray together as a family.

We are confident that instilling the character trait of responsibility in our students will not only help them excel academically but also encourage them to become responsible, compassionate, and faithful individuals who live out the teachings of Jesus Christ.

In Christ's love and grace, Principal Ondas





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.

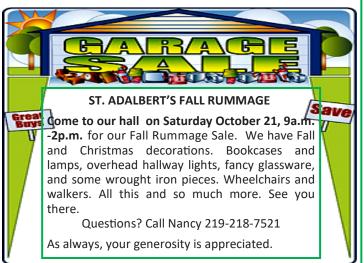
FCSLA JUNIOR BRANCH DISTRICT BOWLING PARTY

SET 'Em Up Lanes, 135 North Broad Street, Griffith. **Saturday, 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.



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 #3

In a remarkable report by *New York Times* journalist Hannah Dreier, she found that there has been a surge in illegal child labor in the United States. Thousands of children, mostly recent arrivals from South America, have become part of an illegal workforce. Dreier's reporting described "a chain of willful ignorance" that leaves those children open to exploitation.

Members of both the House and the Senate have taken note of the underclass of child laborers exposed in Dreier's reporting, but only as a launching pad for attacks on each other. They're not supporting more funding for overwhelmed government agencies; they are just rooting for more punitive measures to keep migrants out of our country.

The guide in our mine tour explained to my wide-eyed children that, back in the day, there were no laws against children working dangerous jobs. But from Susan Campbell Bartoletti's book, *Growing Up in Coal Country*, I learned that wasn't quite true: after 1885, boys younger than twelve could not legally work sorting coal in the breaker, and a boy had to be fourteen before working underground. "But parents and coal operators found it easy to get around the law in Pennsylvania, which had no compulsory regulation of births." Everyone knew the six-year-old breaker boys were hired with fraudulent papers. Everyone looked the other way.

The children in photographs, with their lunch pails and coal-blackened faces, look to us like ghosts from a shameful past. But they are no different from the kids in sneakers putting up scaffolding and working assembly lines today. Their parents loved them and couldn't keep them safe; their employers took advantage of their poverty; their comfortable contemporaries shrugged. They deserved better. And we know better. Corporations will always seek to boost profits any way they can; the limits have to come from us. We can't afford to play dumb as labor protections fail and disappear. Treating children like cheap labor costs too much.

End



One Can - Make a Difference

Next weekend (Oct 7th & 8th) will be our food collection for the Whiting Food Pantry. Your support allows the Pantry to fulfill the needs of those in our community who face continual food insecurity.

All donations (canned & boxed food products, paper products and personal hygiene products) can be placed on the pews at the center of church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A: Mary Jane Adams, Marie Anderson, Frank Angotti, Saul Arambula

B: 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

D: Dave M., Jeff Delinck, Mary Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter, Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter, Norb Dudzik

F: 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.

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

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

N: Ann Novotney, Linda N., Chloe N.

O: Bob Oliver, Robert & Selma O'Drobinak P: Patton Donna, Willie Parlor, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Pammela Puhek, Mary Puplava Q: Leonardo Quiroz, Richard 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 Rvcerz. Jovce Rvbicki S: Arthur Salinas Jr., Armando

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 V: Elaine V. Pauline V.

W: Gina W., Evelyn White Terry W., Tucker W., Sadie Watson, Captoria Weems, Phil Wetnight

Z: Janel Zubeck

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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

> Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. (Psalm 25:4-5)

INSPIRATION from St. M Teresa of Calcutta

"We never think of connecting violence with our tongues. But the first weapon, the most cruel weapon, is the tongue. Examine what part your tongue has played in creating peace or violence. We can really wound a person, we can kill a person, with our tongue."

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Teresa)



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.

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.

St. John the Baptist Our Parish Patron You were beheaded for proclaiming TRUTH.

> May we courageously give witness to our faith.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us.

Our Lady OF THE ROSARY Prav For Us



SAVE THE DATE! RED MASS

Thursday, October 5 from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Consolation 8303 W Taft St Merrillville, IN 46410

Renew your oath to integrity, social justice, and serving one another in God's love.

The Red Mass brings together members of the bar, government officials, the judiciary, and the finance community.

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BLACK TIE/WHITE COLLAR GALA FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 FROM 6:00 PM TO 10:00

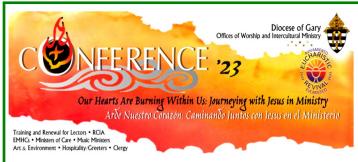
6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Open Bar and Appetizers 7:00 p.m. - Plated dinner of medallions of beef with Madeira sauce, grilled chicken breast with tarragon cream, house salad, seasonal vegetable, dessert, coffee, and tea.

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The Office of Worship and Office of Intercultural Ministry invite you to our upcoming CONFERENCE '23 Training and Renewal for all Liturgical Ministers in the Diocese of Gary, which will take place on Friday, October 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 28 from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

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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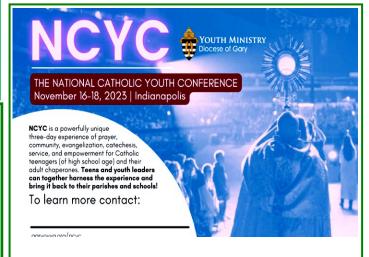


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