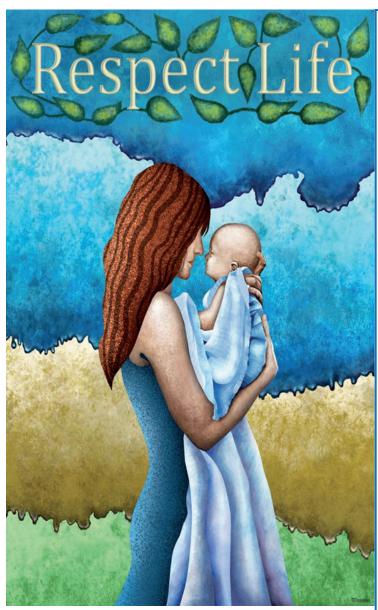
MISSION STATEMENT

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 8, 2023 On this 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear two versions of the parable of the vineyard and the tenants. Isaiah speaks of a vineyard that has produced wild grapes unfit for eating. This parable presents a metaphor for personal lives.

- We must each ask, "What kind of fruit is my life producing?"
- Do my deeds promote justice, truth, and goodness?

To the surprise of his listeners, Jesus adjusts the parable's ending. Jesus rebukes the wicked tenants who have failed to give proper care to the vineyard, while commending those who have produced good fruit.

- How am I using my God given gifts?"
- What am I doing to build up the kingdom of God?
- Do I reverence all life by helping someone who is struggling?
 M.S.

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During Respect Life Month we recall some of St. Mother Teresa's most life-affirming words.

- 1. "How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."
- 2. "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself."
- 3. "And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"
- 4. "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."
- 5. "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other."
- 6. "By abortion the mother does not learn to love, but kills her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women to the same trouble. Thus, abortion leads to more abortions."
- 7. "Any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor."

May we each accept the responsibility of our Baptism, living each day as missionary disciples.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4: 6-7

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~October 1, 2023

St. John: \$8,064.48 St. Adalbert: \$1,407.00

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS Saturday October 14 & Sunday, October 15 St. Adalbert - 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: Victoria, Lauren Lector: L. Wright Eucharistic M: B. Stanich, J. Ballmann, C. Mareta

St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew, Megan **Lector**: M. Saliga **Eucharistic M**: R. Zubeck, T. Rossi, K. Behrens, D. Huizenga

C. Davis, J. Zubeck

10:30 am
Altar Servers: Paul, Lorelei, Jose Lector: M. Cornejo
Eucharistic M: D. Urbanik, G. Kulas, L. Morandi, N. Perez,

L. Chocholek, L. Elizalde

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

October 8: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY
10:30 a.m. † Johanna Kostanczuk by sons & daughter
October 9: Monday: St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions,
Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

7:00 a.m. † Phyllis Ratkay by Ray Kurcinka

October 10: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Barbara Kruczek by family & friends 8:30 a.m. † Andrew Justak by Homco family

October 11: Wednesday: St. John XXIII, Pope

7:00 a.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Matlon & family by Richard Matlon

October 12: Thursday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

October 13: Friday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Ben & JoAnn Saliga by John Saliga

October 14: Saturday: St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Norbert Duray Jr. by sisters

October 15: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY 10:30 a.m. † Joaquin Puente by Puente family

REST IN PEACE †

Marilyn Kozak Mary Tollin Rev. Leon Flaherty, C.PP.S.



"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 is now open. 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.



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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., Oct. 16, 12:30 p.m.** at the Senior Center at Pulaski Park. Host Group #2 will gather at 11:30 to set up. The 12:30 Meeting begins with the rosary followed by the meeting, cake, and conversation.

Guests are always welcome and new member sign-up sheets are available.

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

Monsignor Joseph Semancik is now at the Albertine Home in Hammond (1501Hoffman St. Hammond, IN 46327). To visit him, please call at: 219-937-0575



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.



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., TODAY SUNDAY., 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. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES ALL FAMILIES OF OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE AND PARTICIPATE IN OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS.

Novena December 3-11@ 6 p.m.

If your family would like to participate in leading our novena one of the nights (English or Spanish) please call the rectory at 219-659-0023.

Play of the Roses and Dance

Children from 1st grade and up are invited to participate in our play & dance to perform on our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Celebration. To Register your children call at: 219-659-0023 or via email at jsandona@stjohnbap.org or nperez@stjohnbap.org

Light dinner after Mass in the School Panel Room Cafeteria

Donations of tamales, rice, beans, sweet bread, pop, & water are accepted. Please call the rectory.

December 12th, Mass of the Roses start at 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAY FOR US.





THANK YOU to the family and friends of Mary Jane DuFallo for the generous donations, made in her memory, to the Immaculate Conception Grotto Fund.

She was a former member of The Immaculate Conception Church. These donations help with the up keep of the Grotto. Blessings to all.



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 St. John Family,

I am writing this week with immense joy and gratitude as we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day- October 8th . This special occasion presents an opportunity for our Catholic community to express our deep appreciation for Fr. Mark's unwavering dedication and spiritual leadership.

Pastor Appreciation Day is a time to reflect on the profound impact Fr. Mark has on our lives. His steadfast faith, wisdom, and unwavering support has helped us navigate the challenges of life with grace and hope. He has been a guiding light, and his leadership has strengthened our faith community.

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Dear Fr. Mark,

The school community and I recognize that being a pastor is a demanding calling, and your dedication to our school and parish is truly a blessing. As we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day, know that the school community's gratitude goes far beyond this note. Your work is a testament to your love for God and your commitment to His people.

On behalf of the entire school, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your service and leadership. Your presence enriches our spiritual journey, and we are truly blessed to have you as our pastor.

Fr. Mark, may God continue to grant you the wisdom, strength, and inspiration to lead us on our faith journey. We pray for your well-being and hope that your ministry will continue to flourish in the years to come.

Yours in faith and gratitude, Michelle Ondas, Principal



Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of Fr. Leon Flaherty, C.PP.S. who ministered from 2009-12 as senior associate pastor of St. John the Baptist Church in Whiting, Ind.

Fr. Leon Flaherty, C.PP.S., 88, died on the morning of September 29, 2023, in the infirmary of St. Charles Center, Carthagena, Ohio. He had been in failing health.

The obituary can be viewed by clicking this link: https://www.hogenkampfh.com/obituary/fr-leon-flaherty

Memorial donations may be made to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, United States Province, or to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Whiting, IN.

"May he rest in God's eternal love and peace."



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

The 21st World Day Against the Death Penalty The death penalty: An irreversible torture

Observed every October 10th, the World Day Against the Death Penalty unifies the global abolitionist movement and mobilizes civil society, political leaders, lawyers, public opinion and more to support the call for the universal abolition of capital punishment. The day encourages and consolidates the political and general awareness of the worldwide movement against the death penalty.

This year on October 10th, World Day will continue to reflect on the *relationship between the use of the death penalty and torture or other cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment or punishment* and build on the momentum started in 2022!

As encountered last year, the **types of torture and other ill-treatment** experienced by a person when sentenced to death are numerous: physical or psychological torture has been applied to force confessions to capital crimes; the death row phenomenon contributes to the long-term psychological decline of a person's health; harsh death row living conditions contribute to physical deterioration; and methods of execution that cause exceptional pain. Further discriminations based on sex, gender, poverty, age, sexual orientation, religious and ethnic minority status and others can compound cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of individuals sentenced to death.

While the death penalty is currently tolerated by strict international law standards, and torture is entirely forbidden, it is more and more evident that the death penalty is inherently incompatible with the prohibition of torture.

(Taken from the Website of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty)

The Death Penalty In Practice (From Amnesty International)

- 112 countries have abolished the death penalty for all crimes.
- 9 countries have abolished the death penalty for common law crimes.
- ♦ 23 countries are abolitionists in practice.
- ♦ 55 countries retain the death penalty.
- ♦ 41,047 individuals are known to be sentenced to death around the world, less than 5% are women. In 2022 there were 883 executions in 20 countries.
- ♦ The five countries that have executed the most in the world in 2022, in order are:
 - 1. China 2. Iran 3. Saudi Arabia 4. Egypt 5. United States



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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<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.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

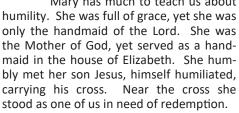
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O Lord, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shines upon us, then we shall be saved.

(Psalm: 80:20)

INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta Mary has much to teach us about



Like her, great are the graces we have received. Like her, let us always ac-

cept the cross in whatever way it comes. Like her, let us with grace and delicacy touch the lonely and unwanted. Let us not be ashamed or slow to do humble works.

Humility of the heart of Mary, fill my heart. Teach me, as you taught Jesus, to be meek and humble of heart and so to glorify the Father.

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Theresa)



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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St. John the Baptist, pray for us.





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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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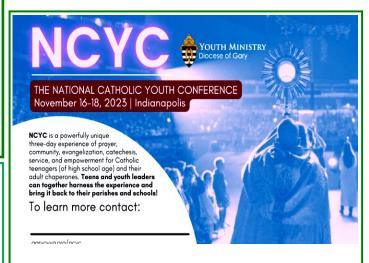
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