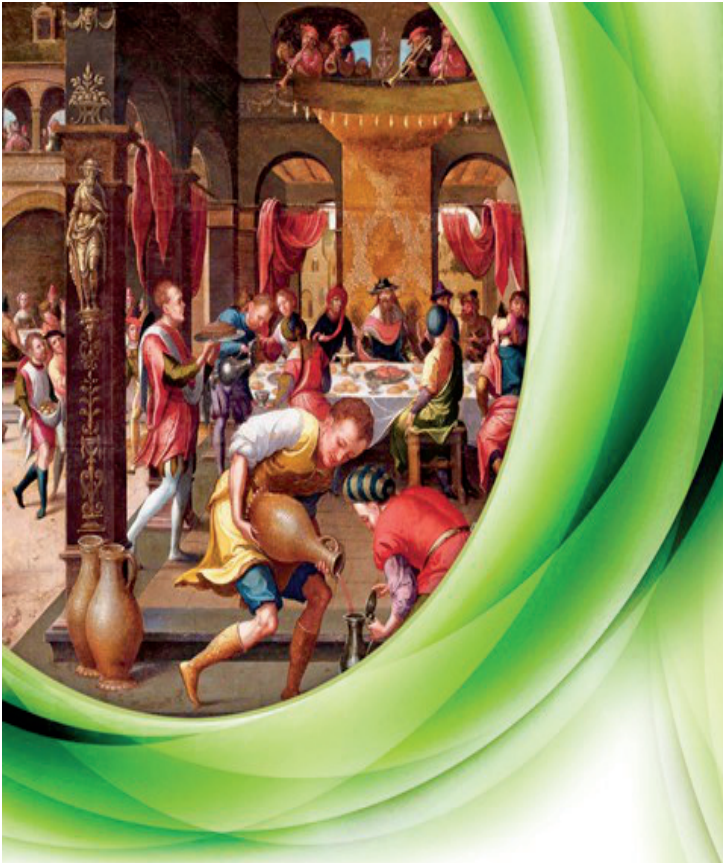


## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*



## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Many are invited, but few are chosen."*

*Matthew 22:14*

Parable of the Great Banquet by Brunswick Monogrammist, Circa 1525  
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**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 15, 2023**

On this 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time God has promised us a glorious feast high on Mt. Zion, where tears and death are banished, and "juicy rich food and pure choice wines" have been prepared.

Today's Psalm 23 presents a similar picture of verdant pastures where we are given "repose and refreshment" as we enjoy "the table spread before [us]". Here the Lord invites us to dwell in His house of "goodness and kindness" forever.

- ◆ Does my desire for eternal life with God prompt me to live a virtuous life?
- ◆ I will praise and thank God for his promised gift.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' parable of the generous king causes concern, since the invited guests have refused his invitation. In his eagerness to share the glorious feast, the King invites outsiders. Many come, but one person arrives unprepared and is cast out. Jesus offers us a shocking picture of both disinterested and unprepared individuals.

The good news is that we have all been invited to vibrant membership in the Kingdom of God and the heavenly feast. Surprisingly, many, having been distracted by a variety of options, are totally disinterested in God's offer.

- ◆ Am I eager to receive God's gifts?
- ◆ Do I respond by living according to Jesus' law of love?

The garment of virtuous living is necessary to be admitted into the king's feast.

- ◆ Does the Christian ethic of moral living influence how I live my life?

Jesus gave his life that we might live, not by basking in creature comforts, but by allowing His life, love and right judgment to fill us. Jesus has brought heaven down to earth...but it seems that we have stopped wanting it...we've stopped desiring a Christian society, a society of life-giving love and mercy.

Having been caught in the materialism of this age, many Christians are settling for too little. It is time to seek God's Kingdom where mercy, love, justice and peace reign.

By neglecting to do so, we will end up like the man who was bound and cast into darkness. Now is the time to take action. It is time to stoke the flame of truth revealed in Jesus. This ardent love has already been ignited in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and so we pray...

*"Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
make my heart like unto thine."*

M.S.

*"I can do all things in Christ  
who strengthens me."*

*(Philippians 4:19)*

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## SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~October 8, 2023

St. John: \$7,009.10      St. Adalbert: \$1,402.00  
Online Giving: \$1,610.00      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
SJB	\$47,537.00	\$27,032.00	\$24,062.00	\$23,475.00

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday October 21 & Sunday, October 22  
 St. Adalbert - 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: Kasen & Reagan      Lector: J. Ballman

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

St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew & Bella      Lector: R. Barany

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

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Kosta, Sofia, Megan      Lector: T. Chocholek

Eucharistic M: D. Urbanik, S. Tabernacki, L. Morandi, B. Jerzyk,  
 G. Kulas, J. Kaminsky

## WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

## IN LOVING MEMORY

**October 15: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY

10:30 a.m. † Joaquin Puente by Puente family

**October 16: Monday: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret  
 Mary Alacoque, Virgin**

7:00 a.m. † Sophie & Michael Girman by Pat Summers

**October 17: Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

7:00 a.m. † Jo Ann Saliga by Betty Delinck

8:30 a.m. † Michael Dabertin by Brother Tom Dabertin

**October 18: Wednesday: St. Luke, Evangelist**

7:00 a.m. † James Danielewski by Sylvia Danielewski

**October 19: Thursday: Sts. John De Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues,  
 Priests, & Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 a.m. Jeanette by Husband Eddie

**October 20: Friday: St. Paul of the Cross, Priest**

7:00 a.m. † Jo Ann Saliga by Ruth Tkach

**October 21: Saturday in Ordinary Time**

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Adolph Schuhrkey by daughters

**October 22: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. † Joe Geffert by David & Laurie Phelps

10:30 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY

## REST IN PEACE

† **George A Baran**

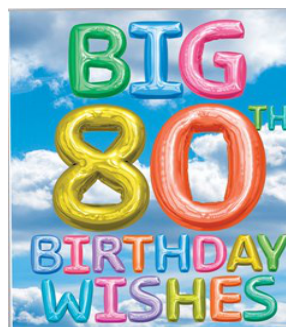
"If we have died with Christ, we believe that  
 we shall also live with him."  
 (Romans 6:8)



## CONGRATULATIONS

**James Staley  
 &  
 Emily Fears**

*On your October 14th wedding  
 day, may you be richly  
 blessed, and may your  
 married life be filled  
 with God's abundant love.*



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Bernadine Cusson**

*May the Lord always smile  
 upon you and bless you  
 with everything that is  
 good. May His love fill  
 your heart and keep you  
 safe.*





Our parish was recently blessed by the many who attended our annual St. Therese Novena. Special gratitude is extended to the presiders, musicians, readers, servers, environment and program organizers and novena memento designer. St. Therese is certainly interceding for all who attended. Your generous \$593.00 donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society will help those who struggle with utility and housing bills. May God's abundant grace continue blessing all that we do in His name.

**NOTE:** Blessed St. Therese mementos are still available for the taking at her shrine.

### 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 #5 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](mailto:joyce6333@att.net)

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up are invited to participate in our play & dance to be performed at our Lady of Guadalupe Mass Celebration.

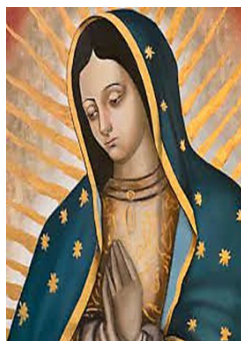
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Light dinner after Mass in the School Panel Room Cafeteria. Donations of tamales, rice, beans, sweet bread, pop, & water are accepted. Please call the rectory.

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**, Mass of the Roses begins at 5:30 p.m.

**All are welcome!**

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAY FOR US.**



### ST. ADALBERT'S FALL RUMMAGE

**Come to our hall on Saturday October 21, 9a.m.-2p.m.** for our Fall Rummage Sale. We have Fall and Christmas decorations. Bookcases and lamps, overhead hallway lights, fancy glassware, and some wrought iron pieces. Wheelchairs and walkers. All this and so much more. See you there.

Questions? Call Nancy 219-218-7521

As always, your generosity is appreciated.



### 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<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### PLEASE VISIT THIS LINK TO REGISTER

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/JaimeSandona/WRFaithFormationRegistration>

Faith Formation Classes are open to children in Pre K- the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation (8<sup>th</sup> 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—**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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

### SAVE THE DATE

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

*"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us!  
Let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"*

Isaiah 25:10

**PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE****INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY**

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is an international observance celebrated each year on October 17<sup>th</sup> throughout the world. The first commemoration, "World Day to Overcome Poverty" took place in Paris, France in 1987 when 100,000 people gathered on the Human Rights and Liberties Plaza at the Trocadero, to honor victims of poverty, hunger, violence, and fear. It was at this gathering that Fr. Joseph Wresinski, the founder of the "International Movement ATD Fourth World, unveiled a commemorative stone that remains in the plaza to this day. In 1992, four years after Fr. Wresinski's death the United Nations officially designated October 17<sup>th</sup> as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Early in his career as an activist, Fr. Wresinski recognized that governments often ignored the plight of those living in poverty, leading to feelings of rejection, shame, and humiliation. As a result, one of the primary goals of the Day is to recognize the struggles of the impoverished and to make their voices heard by governments and citizens. Participation by the poorest of people is an important aspect of the observance of the Day.

The October 17<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Stone, that Fr. Wresinski unveiled at the Trocadero Plaza in 1987 is recognized as a symbol of humanity which enshrines his words:

**"Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty."**

To date a total of 53 replicas of the stone are in countries around the world and also at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, and at the United Nations in New York.

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty promotes dialogue and understanding between people living in poverty and their communities, and society at large. "It represents an opportunity to acknowledge the efforts and struggles of people living in poverty, a chance for them to make their concerns heard and a moment to recognize that poor people are in the forefront in the fight against poverty." (United Nations, Report of the Secretary General).

Launched in 2008, the International Committee for October 17<sup>th</sup>, promotes the Day in its founding spirit. Every year, the Committee engages in a consultation process through the Forum on Overcoming Poverty to select a theme for the annual observance of October 17<sup>th</sup> by the UN with input from people with lived experience of poverty. The current theme is, "Dignity For All In Practice."

(Parts taken from Wikipedia & Organizational Website)

**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](http://www.stjohnbap.org).

Contact Jamie Sandona with your ministry information-  
[jsandona@stjohnbap.org](mailto:jsandona@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.

**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.


**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

St. John the Baptist School is seeking substitute teachers. Please send resume to: [mondas@stjohnbap.org](mailto:mondas@stjohnbap.org) or call directly to the school during business office hours at: 219-659-0023 Requirements: a minimum of 60 credit hours.

**TRAINING AND RENEWAL FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

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.

**OCTOBER SAINTS WORD SEARCH**


**Saint Search**

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*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
 In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
 beside restful waters he leads me;  
 He refreshes my soul.*

(Psalm 23:1)



## INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Joy is very infectious. We will never know just how much good a simple smile can do. Be Faithful in little things. Smile at the people who cross your path. You have a beautiful smile. Don't waste it. Live beautifully. Smile at life. Smile everywhere you go. Smile at everyone you meet.

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



## 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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