

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

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

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.***



Annually on **October 21st**, the **Missionaries of the Precious Blood**, who have served St. John parish for over 100 years, **celebrate the feast day of their founder, St. Gaspar del Buffalo**. Fr. Gaspar, a young spirit-filled 19th century Italian priest longed to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis Xavier as a missionary in distant lands.

In 1809 Napoleon was demanding that leaders of all sorts swear allegiance to the emperor. Gaspar stood firm in his faith, refusing to take the prescribed oath: “I must not, I cannot, I will not!” was his mantra. Although it meant imprisonment and harsh punishment, Gaspar, counted on the blood of Jesus to fortify and strengthen him.

After returning from imprisonment and exile, Gaspar wanted to join the recently reestablished Jesuits. However, Pope Pius VII had other needs and asked Gaspar to be a missionary right on his own Italian turf, converting the local outlaws of small Italian towns.

Armed with a large crucifix, Gaspar courageously ventured into the civil unrest. There he spoke so passionately of Jesus’ mercy and love, that the hearts of hardened criminals were softened. Remorseful, they confessed their sins, gave their lives to the Lord, and returned to the sacraments. To this day the tiny mountain town of Sonino, Italy gratefully remembers Fr. Gaspar, whose vibrant love for Jesus and the gospel saved them and their town from total destruction.

Fr. Gaspar shared his devotion to the blood of Jesus wherever he ministered, gathering likeminded individuals, who shared a love for Jesus and His most precious blood.

Subsequently, and to the dismay of some contrary religious leaders, Gaspar gained the Pope’s permission to establish a religious congregation of men under the title of the *Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood*. Eventually several groups of religious sisters also were founded and inspired by the devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

Today there are Precious Blood priests, brothers, sisters, and lay Companions, throughout the world; their mission is to live the spirituality of the Precious Blood. They have responded to **“the call and the cry of the blood”** as they embrace the spirituality of Jesus’ healing, empowering Precious Blood.

Here in Whiting as well as throughout the world, CPPS members and Companions have heard **call of Jesus’ Precious Blood** encouraging them to follow and live the mercy of Jesus’ Precious Blood. Likewise, they have recognized the **cry of Jesus’ blood**, which continues to be shed in myriad ways through domestic violence, abject poverty, violence, war and all manner of abusive behaviors. Fortified with the Precious Blood of Jesus, they are compelled to pray daily and to work diligently for healing wherever and whenever the **call** and/or the **cry** of Jesus’ Precious Blood beckons.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~October 15, 2023

St. John: \$6,446.52 St. Adalbert: \$1,070.00

Online Giving: \$1,850

Online Giving: \$10.00

St. Adalbert Roof Fund: \$ 74,480.00

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

October 23: Monday: St. John of Capistrano, Priest

7:00 a.m. † Edward "Butch" Vanek by wife Lorraine

October 24: Tuesday: St. Anathony Mary Claret, Bishop

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

8:30 a.m. † Karin Tolley, Robert Tolley, & family

October 25: Wednesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † John & Elinor Geffert by Daughter Ellen

October 26: Thursday in Ordinary Time

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

October 27: Friday: in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Stephen Fusak by family

October 28: Saturday: Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Maxine Kruk by St. Adalbert

October 29: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY

10:30 a.m. † Catherine Smutniak by family

REST IN PEACE

† Members of our Catholic Community

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

(Romans 6:8)



"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." - John 10:10

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 28 & Sunday, October 29

St. Adalbert - 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: Reagan & Victoria Lector: B. Boyle

Eucharistic M: C. Mareta, B. Stanich, J. Ballmann

St. John: 8:00 a.m.

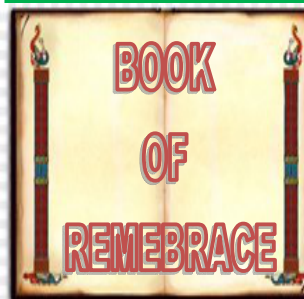
Altar Servers: Andrew & Megan Lector: A. Bucher

Eucharistic M: R. Zubeck, C. Davis, D. Huizenga, K. Behrens, M. Jakubeilski, J. Zubeck

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Jose, Lauren, Lorelei Lector: P. Rodriguez

Eucharistic M: L. Chocholek, E. Igras, L. Elizalde, S. Tabernacki, N. Perez, J. Kaminsky



You are invited to write the names of deceased family members and friends in the **Book of Remembrance** located in the Centennial Room at the back of St. John Church and at the back of St. Adalbert Church. The book is available for signing From October 23rd until the **All Souls Evening Prayer Service, Thursday, November 2, 2023, 7:00 p.m.** After the

service the *Book of Remembrance* will be placed near the baptismal font at each church, where it will remain throughout the month of November.

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Our Catholic church prays daily for the deceased; however, on Thursday, **November 2, All Souls Day**, we remember by name all who have passed to their eternal reward during this past year.

Throughout the years many of us have suffered the loss of loved ones: parents, children, spouses, friends, and Community members. The **All Souls Prayer Service, Nov. 2nd 7:00 p.m. at St. John Church** offers a fitting way to remember all those who have gone before us in faith, and in particular the faithful departed of this past year dating from Oct. 15, 2022 – Oct. 15, 2023. The **prayerful gathering of our entire Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community brings both healing and peace.**

**MARRIAGE BANNS I**

**Matthew Jacinto
&
Laura Godinez**

**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.

On **Monday, Nov. 20th at 1:00 p.m. a Memorial Prayer Service at St. John Church will honor deceased members of this past year**, consequently there is no November Monday meeting at the Senior Center. **ALSO:** Rosary members and their guests are welcome to make their reservations for the **Mon., Dec. 4th 12:00pm Christmas Luncheon at Pulaski Park Senior Center**. Reservation deadline is Nov. 27. A check for \$13 per person payable to *St. John Rosary Society* may be brought to the Nov. 20th Memorial Service.

Questions: contact Joyce Wagner,
joyce6333@att.net 219-922-8413.

**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 be performed at 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

Mass Of the Roses: Tuesday, December 12th, @ 6:00 p.m.
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 begins at 5:30 p.m.

All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAY FOR US.

**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 (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—**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.**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, December 2, 8:30-11:30 am the Catholic community will host an **Advent Morning of Reflection** in the SJB Mural Room (lower level of the school). Gary Diocese, Scripture Scholar, Rev. Jerry Schweitzer, will present "What the Gospel "Infancy Narratives" say concerning Jesus the Christ".

Everyone is invited. Registration is free; a free will offering will benefit our local St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Questions: Call Margaret Saliga 219-659-4138.

FCSLA CARMELITE FUNDRAISER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch 81 members are invited to a **luncheon on Sunday, November 19th, 1:00pm ~ Dynasty Banquets, 4125 Calumet Ave. Doors will open at 12:30.**

Carmelite Home in East Chicago will be the benefactor of our matching funds project. We are asking you to kindly bring a gift card or monetary donation to help the children, and purchase raffle tickets so that we can make \$600 to get the full match from our Home Office. If you are unable to attend and would still like to bring joy to a child with a gift card or donation, you may put it in an envelope marked FCSLA Carmelite Home and deposit it in the St John Rectory drop box.

Those attending must RSVP on or before Sunday, November 12th to Becky 219-801-6665, Cost for guests of members is \$25.00

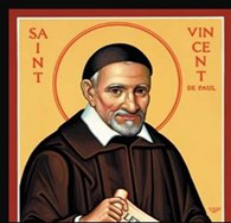
*"For our Gospel did not come to you in word alone,
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit
and with much conviction." (1 Thess. 1:5)*

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**WITHSTANDING OTHERS ATTEMPTED MANIPULATION**

The manipulation of people, such as the attempted manipulation of Jesus in today's Gospel, has gone on since the beginning of time. The Pharisees' manipulations, however, were no match for Jesus. There may have been times in our lives when we became aware that flattery was being used on us to help win us over to an issue or to gain an ally. It is so very human. The Pharisees used it hoping that Jesus would fall for it and allow his ego to get the better of him, thus trapping himself in the process. It is so easy to do. How many times have we said yes to things we should have said no to, simply because flattering words were spoken?

Jesus invites us all to become single-minded. If we keep our eyes on Christ and allow ourselves to be guided by his Spirit, we will be able to withstand the pressure of manipulations that can come our way.

Most of us will not often encounter the clever manipulations of people like the Pharisees. Some of us, however, unfortunately will. The primary message in today's Gospel is to turn our lives completely over to God and not allow anything to keep us from God's love. If however, we become encumbered by all of life's junk, we can become so blind and cluttered that there is no room left in our hearts for God. The space is already taken. If we free ourselves as Christ calls us to do, however, we won't need to worry when folks like the Pharisees come wielding their sinister plots.



If God is the center of your life,
no words are necessary. Your
mere presence will touch hearts.

~ Vincent de Paul

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY REPORT FOR THE 3RD QUARTER (AUG, THRU SEPT.)

Because of the continued generosity of our Catholic community, the St. Vincent DePaul Society was able to assist 76 needy families in our area, by providing a total of \$7,083.04 in support. The money was used to help the families' meet obligations and needs in the following ways:

17 with rent/mortgage, 46 with utilities, 12 with food, 1 with water bill, and 5 with various car and housing issues. As always, the St. Vincent DePaul Society thanks everyone who supports our ministry with their prayers and their gifts.

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- 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 or call directly to the school during business office hours at: 219-659-3042 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.

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

INTERDENOMINATIONAL PRAYER SERVICE

Our 27th Thanksgiving Interdenominational Prayer Service is being hosted by **St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, 2011 Clark St.** on **Sunday, November 19th, 2:00 p.m.** Together we will praise God with appropriate scriptures, prayers, and hymns as we raise our grateful voices to God for our many personal and communal blessings. Arrive early at **1:45 p.m. to enjoy pre-service music** from Mr. Brian Marciniak and the Community Choir.

With happy memories of praying together and outreaching to help those who struggle to put food on their tables, we once again invite our Whiting/Robertsedale Community to participate in a **freewill offering to benefit the Whiting Food Pantry.** As always, your generosity is encouraged and welcomed.

Note: Those wanting to sing with the choir should plan to be at St. Mary's Church at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the service for a brief rehearsal.

**Together we thank God for one another
and for our little city on the lake.**



**SHINE WITH
THE LIGHT OF JESUS**

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 Bannerman
C: Michael C., Ben Cassoday, Jim Campbell, Maximiliano Chavez, Abigail Coates, Rebecca Coates, Marlene Cooney, Geraldine Cox, Olivia Crinion, Gloria Cruz, Bernadine Cusson, Larry Culp, Jeannine Cusson, Richard Cusson, Sharon Cusson
D: Dave M., Jeff Delinck, Mary Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter, Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter, Norb Dudzik

E: Jeanine Faulkner, Thomas Federenko, Malia Fortunak, Dianna Fritz,
G: Andrea Gaynor,
H: H. Haas, Shery & Jim H., Sophie Hatzcel, 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, 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, Pamela 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 Rycerz, Joyce Rybicki

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 Campa, **E:** F: Victoria Franco, **G:** Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, John Gervais, Gerardo Gonzalez, James Grunhard Jr., **H:** Alex Gonzalo Hernandez, 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, Szweczyk, **T:** Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, Christopher Trojnar, **V:** Samuel Valdyke, **W:** Ray Walsh.

*"Give to the Lord glory and praise;
give to the Lord the glory due his name."*

(Psalm 96:7-8)

INSPIRATION from
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Nothing will destroy our joy of loving Jesus as much as money. It is one of the keys of the devil that will open any heart. It is the beginning of great evil."

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Teresa)

*"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
and to God what belongs to God."*

(Mt 22:21)



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.

NCYC is a powerfully unique three-day experience of prayer, community, evangelization, catechesis, service, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. Teens and youth leaders can together harness the experience and bring it back to their parishes and schools!

For more information contact: Vicky Hathaway at 2197699292

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