SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023

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

Weekday 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.



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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~October 22, 2023

St. John: \$6,586.85 St. Adalbert: \$1,100.00

Online Giving: \$1,725.00 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 Nov. 4 & Sunday, Nov. 5th St. Adalbert - 4:30 pm

Altar Servers: Victoria & Kasen Lector: Mary Jo Dybel

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

St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew & Paul Lector: Tom Markovich

Eucharistic M:

10:30 am

Altar Servers: Lillian, Guiliana, Jose Lector: Bella & Anna

DeLa Torre

Eucharistic M:

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

October 29: THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY 10:30 a.m. † Catherine Smutniak by family

October 30: Monday in Ordinary Time

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

October 31: Tuesday in Ordinary Time 7:00 a.m. † John G. Zebracky by family

8:30 a.m. NO SCHOOL MASS

November 1: Wednesday ~ All SAINTS

7:00 a.m. † Vincent Matlak by David & Laurie Phelps 8:30 a.m. † Karen M. Lauerman by Mike & Becky Flores SA—7:00 p.m. Whiting/Robertsdale Community

November 2: Thursday ~ All SOULS

7:00 a.m. † Jane Curosh by Tom & Sue Adam 7:00 p.m. + All Souls Vespers ~ Memorial Service

November 3: Friday ~ St. Martin de Porres, Religious 7:00 a.m. † Edward "Butch" Vanek by wife Lorraine

November 4: Saturday ~ St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop SA: 4:30 p.m. † Millie Cusson & Stephanie Cada by family

November 5: THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE COMMUNITY 10:30 a.m. † Ted & Helene Pasyk by family

REST IN PEACE

† Aracely Martinez † Daniel E. Malinowski

"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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

<u>THIS</u> Friday, November 3, 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.



MARRIAGE BANNS II

Matthew Jacinto

&

Laura Godinez

ALL SOULS VESPERS ~ MEMORIAL SERVICE

You are encouraged to attend this year's **All Souls Memorial Service, Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 7:00p.m.** As the St John the Baptist church bell tolls, candles are lit, and prayers are offered, we remember by name those individuals who have passed this year as well as all our deceased loved ones. May God be with us in our times of suffering, and grief.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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 Oct. 23rd until the *All Souls Vespers Memorial 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.



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.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we close up this last week in October we reflect on our monthly character trait of responsibility. All Saints' Day serves as a reminder of the responsibility that we as Catholics have to maintain and nurture our faith. It encourages us to reflect on the lives of the saints and martyrs and to be responsible for our own spiritual journey.

Saints are often seen as role models in the Catholic faith, and All Saints' Day provides an opportunity to honor and learn from their lives. This can inspire us to take responsibility for our actions and strive to emulate the virtues and values exemplified by these saints. All Saints' Day is also a time to remember and pray for departed loved ones who have passed away. This practice can emphasize the responsibility of taking care of one's family and community, even after their passing, and keeping their memory alive through prayers and remembrance.

Position Vacancy

- -Kindergarten Teacher for the 2024 school year
- -Licensed elementary teacher Tutor 1 hour a day phonics for \$45 an hour

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated Novembe3r 5-11, 2023, when the Church prays together for an increase in vocations and in support of those men and women who are following their vocations as priests, religious brothers or sisters.

We ask you to pray in a particular way for vocations to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, and communities of sisters devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus, including the Sisters of the Precious Blood and the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. May they give glory to the Precious Blood of Jesus through their lives of faith!

PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

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. 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.

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.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Love for God & Love for Neighbor

We've heard the above words of Jesus multiple times. The love of God is central to our lives: love with all one's heart, soul and mind. If the second commandment to love neighbor as self is like the first, then we might surmise that we must love our neighbor in the same way as we love God. By giving the answer that he does, Jesus is describing the two legs of a healthy Christian life.

Some people, however, try to get by with one leg. They love God but not their neighbor. They want a private, personal spirituality, independent of the world. Jesus calls us to be part of a community of faith, a Church, to extend His compassion to others and to be instruments of His peace. A private spirituality, isolated from the world, is foreign to the Gospel which says, "You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world, you are leaven.... What you did to the least of these, you did for Me."

Others do the opposite. They might love their neighbor, but have no relationship with God. Sometimes we hear people say, "I'm a good person. I don't steal, I don't hurt anyone. I try to help my neighbor." As Christians, we are called to a living relationship with Jesus Christ. We are called to experience communion of life with the Trinity, a supernatural level of living.

Each of these has a life of its own. At first, we may have identified our love for God with emotions of devotion, easy inspirations and then, one day, these disappear. They are harder to come by as we go through what has been called a "dark night of the soul." Later we see this as a grace that enables our love for God to mature. If we stay faithful through that dark night, our love for God becomes less dependent on our emotions, less demanding of God and more peaceful, more trusting. We learn surrender which is always a sign of spiritual maturity rather than trying to manipulate God as children do with parents.

The same thing happens with our love for our neighbor. At first our notion of love for others is very sentimental and romantic. Then, we encounter ingratitude, manipulation, indifference, hostility and deception. We experience the dark night of Christian charity. Again, if we stay faithful, our love of neighbor matures. We come to see that Christian charity may require candor and honesty, enabling people to become more than they are.

Love of God and love of neighbor are the two legs of our Christian life, and we need them both.

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.

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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, 5:30 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.

All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAY FOR US.

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 preservice 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/Robertsdale 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*.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

<u>A:</u> 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, Rebbeca 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 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

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

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<u>S:</u> 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.

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Geraldine Tumidalsky
V: Elaine V. Pauline V.

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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.

I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. My God, my rock of refuge, My stronghold. (Psalm 18:2-4)



INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcuttta

"Make an effort to radiate joy, which is the fruit of the Spirit and a characteristic mark of the kingdom of God. God is joy. We have not reason to be unhappy. Christ, wanting to share his joy with the disciples, prayed that "my joy may be in you and your joy be complete." Jesus

must have radiated joy and you should do the same, in your eyes, attitude, the way you walk, the way you listen, and your whole being."

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations 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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For more information contact: Vicky Hathaway at 2197699292

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