

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.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 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
Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m. in the SJB Centennial Room,
Also by appointment.**

**Sacraments: Please Call: St. John Church
Office: 219-659-0023**

On this first Sunday of Advent our scripture readings call for the conversion of hearts. The prophet Isaiah reminds the people of old and us to remember the wonders that God has done for us. As we do, our gratitude should increase, and a deeper relationship with God should result.

There is a sense of urgency in today's readings: be grateful, repent of wrongdoing, no longer live in darkness. Jesus tells us to "Be watchful! Be alert! ... may he not come suddenly and find you sleeping".

God has given us everything we need to fulfill the mission of our baptism. It is up to us to continue putting our gifts and talents at the disposal of God, who calls us to be generous as he is generous. We have been made in His divine image for the magnanimous work of being Jesus' heart, hands, feet, and spokespersons in the world.

The first century Christians understood the urgency of gospel mission. Consequently, the Church grew in amazing ways. Sadly, many of today's baptized have lost the fervor so necessary for effectively sharing with others the good news of God's merciful love.

If we, the Church, are to triumph over the darkness of the world, then we, the Church, must respond to God's call. This involves taking time to listen to God who speaks to us in a variety of ways through his word, the sacraments, others, and life's events.

The Holy Spirit, whom we have received at baptism, inspires, enlightens, and empowers us. It is up to move from our comfort zone and trust that the Spirit will guide us. The time is now to enter the ranks of the saints of earth. Let us remain alert and watchful while we work and pray, because God may come when least expected to take us to our eternal home.

**Those with the Lord are cheering us on.
Pray and work...work and pray.**

- ◆ Am I attentive to what God is saying?
- ◆ Do I realize the unique work with which the Holy Spirit will help me?
- ◆ How will I respond?

M.S.



**INSPIRATION from
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

"Let your light shine!" Jesus asks this of us all. But to keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil into it. Pray. Pray. Pray."

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

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~November 19, 2023

St. John: \$6,597.85 St. Adalbert: \$1,146.00

Online Giving: \$1,410.00 Online Giving: \$10.00

November 26, 2023

St. John: \$7,504.15 St. Adalbert: \$1,163.00

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	\$6,166.00	\$6,166.00	\$2,639.00
SJB	\$47,537.00	\$28,007.00	\$25,847.00	\$21,690.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday Dec. 9th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Victoria & Lorelei Lector: Laura Wright

Eucharistic M: J. Ballmann, B. Stanich, G. Cusson

Sunday, Dec. 10th ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew & Bella Lector: Tom Markovich

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

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Megan, Paul & Jose Lector: Anna & Bella
DeLa Torre

Eucharistic M: N. Perez, L. Morandi, B. Jerzyk, G. Kulas,
M. Progar, D. Urbanik

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**IN LOVING MEMORY****Dec. 3: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

10:30 a.m. † Geraldine Schurhrke by daughters Donna & Judi

Dec. 4: Monday in ~ St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. † Mary Therese Dybel

Dec. 5: Advent Tuesday

7:00 a.m. † Thomas Peck by John Fedor

8:30 a.m. NO SCHOOL MASS

Dec. 6: Wednesday ~ St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:00 a.m. † Domingo Robles by family

Dec. 7: Thursday ~ St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. † Thomas Peck by John Fedor

SA-7:00 p.m. † Bob Priesol by Ellen Geffert Williams

Dec. 8: Friday ~ THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 a.m. † Joseph & Barbara Kruczek by son Joseph

8:30 a.m. † Norbert Duray Sr. by family

Dec. 9: Saturday ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Nancy M. Coleman by Parents

Dec. 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

10:30 a.m. † Raymond Kaminsky by wife Susan

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)

REQUEST

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MASS

INTENTION**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.

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH

Beginning Dec. 9 - St. Adalbert's church doors will be unlocked at 3:45p.m. for Saturday's Mass.

There are no confessions at St. Adalbert's. Confessions are Saturdays 3:00-3:30 p.m. in the SJB Centennial Room.

DECEMBER 8, 2023**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FEAST DAY OF OBLIGATION****MASSES:**

Friday, Dec. 8th.

St. John the Baptist ~ 7:00 and 8:30 a.m.

St. Adalbert Church ~ 7:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

OPLATKI SALE ~ WEEKENDS
NOV. 19 THRU DECEMBER 17

St. Adalbert Church, after 4:30 p.m. Mass
St. John Church, after 8:00 & 10:30
Masses.

\$3.00 for each package.
Also available at rectory



ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Christmas Luncheon is Monday, Dec. 4, 12:00 p.m. at the Senior Center, Pulaski Park (Hohman & 137th St. behind Family Dollar).

LESSONS AND CAROLS CONCERT
Sun., Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m.
St. John Church
119th St & Lincoln Ave.

You are invited to a free musical treat with **The Whiting Park Festival Orchestra**, under the direction of **Maestro Robert Vodney**. Bring family and friends to enjoy seasonal orchestral music, sacred scripture, and communal participation as we share in the hope, joy, and love of this holy season.

With ample parking and a free will offering, you are assured a brief respite in the midst of this busy season.



THANK YOU to Terri Rossi for the generous and thoughtful gift of a carpet for the young children to be seated on when they attend Children's Liturgy of the Word. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is so appreciated.

THANK YOU to all the adults who assisted at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis Nov. 16-19th. Without you the trip would not have been possible. And for Mrs. Patti Bodnar for delivering meals to our group. What a blessing you all are.

NEW CALENDARS 2024

The new calendars **2024** are available now at the entrances of St. Adalbert and St. John Church.
Don't forget to pick up yours!



There will **NOT** be an All School Mass on **Tuesday December 5th**, instead the children will attend mass on **Friday December 8th at 8:30 am for the Holy Day of Obligation**. Mass is open to the community, open seating is in the back of the church as well as near the church parking lot doors.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

December 6th is 1st Holy Communion Formation Session at 6:00pm in the Cafeteria.

Sacramental Record Forms and Fees were due on **December 1st**. Please submit as soon as possible.

Baptism Formation Session will be held on **December 7th** at 6:00pm. Please call the Rectory to pre register.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

December 13th our Angel Baby Outreach will end. All donations will be collected and delivered that afternoon. **Help is needed from 2:00-3:30** to sort the items and bag them up for delivery. Please contact the Rectory to sign up for this service. If you have not chosen your Angel from the tree, there is still plenty of time. Trees are located in the church as well as in the school near the Cafeteria/Panel Room Doors. There is an information sheet near both trees to help you with the directions.

December 14th is our annual Family Cookie Baking event that will take place in the Cafeteria/Panel Room from 3:00-6:00pm. Adults are encouraged to attend with their children younger than 10. Older children can attend on their own with parents approval.

December 17th the young people will go out into the Community to share Christmas Joy with our Homebound parishioners. We will be in the community from 12:00-3:00. If you have a loved one who might enjoy a visit from our Carolers, please call the rectory so we can add the to the list. This is an opportunity to share Christmas blessings with one another, donations are not accepted, this is our gift to you.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Classes will be held on December 3, 10 and 17th. Then resume again on January 7, 14, 21, and 28. Faith Formation Families, billing statements were sent out, Please send back at your earliest convenience.

Safe Environment- Virtus Protecting God's Children. All employees and volunteers who work with or are at any time around children are required by the Diocese of Gary to be Virtus Compliance. Virtus Compliant is indicated when the person has attended a Training Session, Completed and Cleared a Background Check and has completed the required monthly ongoing training bulletins.

The next training sessions will be held in January. Please log in to Virtusonline.org to sign up for a session and complete the background check.

Winterfest is right around the corner, all volunteers at the event are required to be compliant.

Our Parish Fish Fry's will begin on February 16th. If interested in helping with this renewed endeavor, please reach out to the rectory to add your name to the list! An official sign-up form and a link will be included in an upcoming bulletin as well as on the parish website.

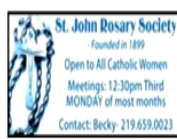
St. John the Baptist HSA Annual
BREAKFAST
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Vendors

**ADVENT BEGINS**

We have retired the green vestments of Ordinary Time and have draped our church with Advent purple. In our northern hemisphere the climate has become cloudy, dark, and cold; interestingly the new church year begins in "darkness" as we await the second coming of **JESUS OUR LIGHT**.

The name "*advent*" has a Latin root, "*adventus*" (coming), and refers to Christ's coming into the world:

- ♦ **Christ came** in history with his historical birth;
- ♦ **He comes daily** in the various events of our lives; and
- ♦ **He will come again** in the *Parousia* at the end of time.

ADVENT HELPMATES

Reflection booklets, *Waiting with Joyful Hope*, are a parish gift given to assist your spiritual growth throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. The booklets and violet Advent prayer pamphlets are available at the church doors for use when preparing your family's Advent wreath and blessing your Christmas tree and nativity set.

Now is the time to reflect as we prepare a place within our hearts for our savior, Jesus. Setting a time for personal prayer, for the thoughtful recollection of our life events and for reconciliation and reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation can help each of us to *prepare the way of the Lord, as we welcome Jesus into our lives anew*.

~ADVENT 2023~**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

- ♦ Advent/Christmas devotional booklets available at church doors
- ♦ Daily Mass ~ Nourished by Jesus' body and blood
- ♦ Daily Reconciliation after 7:00am Mass
- ♦ Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed before & after 7:00am Mass
- ♦ Dec. 1st Eucharistic Adoration, 2-6:00pm
- ♦ Dec. 2nd Morning of Reflection (Mural Rm)
- ♦ Dec. 3rd -12th Our Lady of Guadalupe novena and final feast day celebration
- ♦ Dec. 8th Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass
- ♦ Dec. 10th Blessing & Caroling at outdoor Creche 11:30am
- ♦ Dec. 10th, 4:00pm Lessons & Carols Advent Concert
- ♦ Dec. 19, 7:00pm Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation

**PARTICIPATING IN SOME OR ALL OF THE ABOVE
READIES US FOR CHRISTMAS.**

- ♦ **JESUS CAME 2000 YEARS AGO in History.** He gave his total gift of self to save each of us from sin and condemnation. His example of selfless living shows us how we are to live lives of love, mercy and forgiveness.
- ♦ **JESUS COMES DAILY** as we receive the sacraments of Eucharist & Reconciliation, and He comes in our daily encounters with co-workers, family members, neighbors and friends. He comes to us in the silence of our hearts.
- ♦ **JESUS WILL COME AGAIN**, at the end of time. Of this we are assured through the testimony of his followers recorded in the Gospels, The Acts, and New Testament letters. However, for most of us Jesus will come sooner than later, for he will come for each of us at our own personal death to this life: our birth into eternity.

MARANATHA ~ COME LORD JESUS**Am I ready?**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH INVITES ALL FAMILIES
OF OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE NOVENA & 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.

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.



PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

ADVENT

Advent symbolizes our human condition. We long. We hope. We rejoice in what we have. We yearn for what we don't have. Even nature conspires during Advent time to make us feel our human incompleteness. As the darkness of winter descends, we long for the light. As cold numbs us, we yearn for the warmth of God's love. As plants and leaves die, sometimes with a final flash of brilliance, we hope for resurrection and new life. The Lord is about to create something new. Isaiah cherishes this theme. He repeats it again and again. "See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light: Can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds."

During this Advent, one of the signs of our trust in the Lord, and our self-gift to Him, would be our faithfulness to personal prayer daily, even in the midst of our multiple activities. With profound confidence in the Lord's continuous presence, pray that when He comes, He finds us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and joy.

(taken from: *Seasons in Spirituality* by Robert Maloney, CM)

Looking for a Christmas Present for Someone Who has Everything?

Consider making a donation to that person's favorite charity (or one of your choosing) in their name, rather than buying them something they don't need or want. A second choice would be to invite them to join you in volunteering for a day (or a few hours) at an agency that could use the help during the Advent/Christmas Season.



INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE

MON. JAN. 22ND, 2024

Indianapolis

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL NEWS

January 26-28—2024

WINTER FESTIVAL

Wizard of Oz Winter Fest "There's no place like home"

The Winter Festival started in 1976 to celebrate the bi-centennial of our county. The festival is a time for parents to meet other parents, for students to have fun with their classmates, and for the parish to come together and visit. Our hope is that the community know there is 'no place like home' at St. John!



[This Photo](#) by Unknown

Each week, a specialty booth of the annual Winter Festival will be highlighted.

These articles are to inform the parish community of what goes into putting the booth together, the supplies needed, and the specific donations needed to make each booth a success.

Feel free to reach out with questions to the festival committee reps.

Sabrina Dafnis Sdafnis1@gmail.com

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Karly Tabernacki ktabernacki@stjohnbap.org

PARISH RAFFLE

Watch your mailbox for the annual parish raffle tickets that will be delivered in the next couple of weeks. All parishioners and students will receive their tickets to sell to friends & family.

1st Place = \$5,000!

The grand prize drawing on Sunday, January 28, 2024!

Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office, 659-3042.

SILENT AUCTION

A **HIGHLIGHT** of the Festival. The silent auction brings in +\$10,000. This year, we'd like to exceed this amount.

St. John's traditional items include classroom themed art projects, Day with the Principal, sporting event tickets, hotel stays, and artwork, to name a few.

As always, the silent auction is looking for those experiences to auction off. Do you have a condo in Florida that you'd like to donate a week vacation rental? Do you have season Cub's/Sox's/Bear's tickets that you'd like to donate a game for?

If you are interested in helping or would like additional information on how to donate, please reach out to Karly Tabernacki ktabernacki@stjohnbap.org

WISHLIST

By now, you may have noticed the QR code & link for our online Wishlist through Amazon.

This was developed to help streamline the donation process. As always, we will accept any donation that is not listed online. We know the parish helps provide so many items to make this event a success.

Cases of water and soda are always appreciated at any time and can be left at the rectory or at school from 7:30a-3:00pm.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p98cdtf>



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WINTER FEST 2024
JANUARY 26-28**

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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,
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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, Nancy Legg, 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. Fr. Bill Nordenbrock, C.P.P.S.

O: Bob Oliver, Robert & Selma O'Drobinak
P: Patton Donna, Willie Parlor, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Pammela Puhek, Mary Puplava
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T: Nancy Teles, Geraldine Tumidalsky

V: Pauline V.

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Z: Janel Zubeck

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

B: Matt Barbetta, **C:** Christina Campra, **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.

*O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
 from your throne upon the cherubim,
 shine forth, ...come to save us
 give us new life, and we will call upon your name.*
 (Psalm 80:2-3, 19)



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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