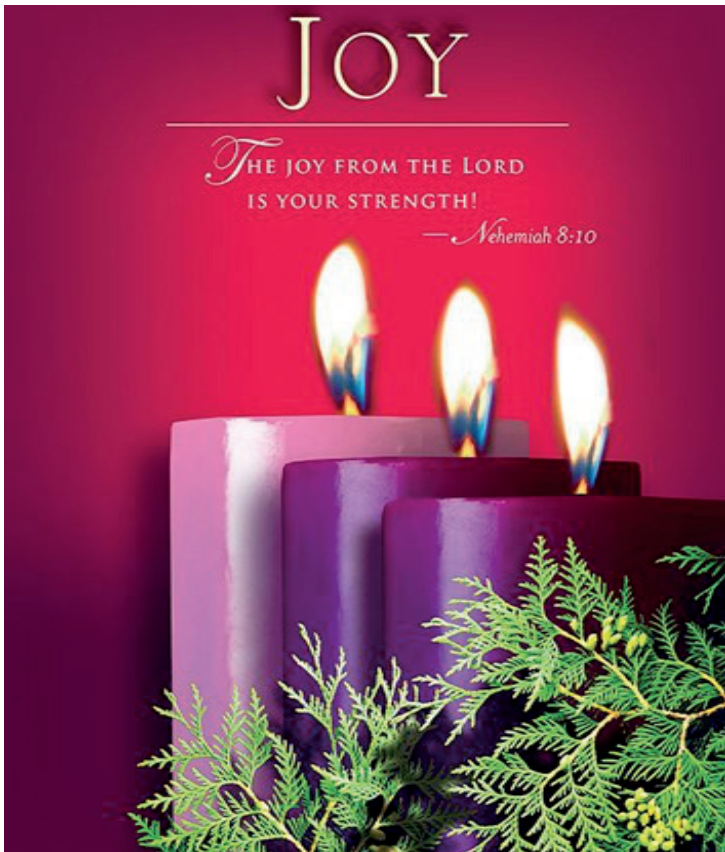


MISSION STATEMENT

We The people of the Whiting/Robertsedale 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.



RECTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Christmas ***** Closed December 22 & 25
New Year's ***** Closed December 29
January 1st., 2024

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
SJB - Tues., Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24th
St. John: Mass 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
St. Adalbert: Mass 4:30 p.m.
St. John: Choir Concert 10:00 p.m. & Mass 11:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, Dec. 25th. St. John: Mass 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Sunday, Dec. 31st., 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Jan., 1~ MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

St. John: Mass 10:00 a.m.

~ GAUDETE SUNDAY ~

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."
(1 Thes 5:16)

Everything about the **Third Sunday of Advent** proclaims *joy* at the wonders of our God. In the first reading the prophet Isaiah heralds the good news of our God bringing glad tidings to the poor, healing the brokenhearted, proclaiming liberty to captives and setting prisoners free. Thus, a year of favor from our God graces the world.

In place of the usual Psalm Response, we sing from Mary's *Magnificat*, thereby giving our witness to the readings:

***"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."***

The second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, exhorts us to let go of all anxiety and draw close to the Lord with a grateful heart.

- ◆ **To what fears, tensions, anxiety do I cling?**
- ◆ *This week I will entrust my problems to the Lord, trusting in his help.*
- ◆ **With Mary can I sing God's praise, acknowledging that He has come to me in my time of need?**
- ◆ *I will let go of my own wants as I assist the poor through our local SVDP, Whiting Food Pantry, Salvation Army and other outreaches.*

Today's Gospel (John 1:6-28) highlights John the Baptist, as he quotes Isaiah:

***"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert.
Make straight the way of the Lord."***

Each of us must voice John's proclamation; since we, baptized Christians, are anointed with the task of preparing the way of the Lord.
M.S.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

Whiting / Robertsedale 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

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ December 10, 2023

St. John: \$10,318.89 St. Adalbert: \$1,573.40

Online Giving: \$ 2,925.00 Online Giving: \$10.00

St. Adalbert Roof Fund: \$ 74,480.00

For Online Giving
stjohnbap.org
 and
 follow directions:



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. 23rd ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Reagan & Kasen Lector: B. Boyle

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

Sunday, Dec. 24th ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew & Bella Lector: R. Matlon

Eucharistic M: C. Davis, T. Rossi, K. Behrens, T. Adam,
 S. Adam, D. Huizenga

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Paul, Lillian & Jose Lector: M. Cornejo

Eucharistic M: D. Urbanik, S. Rosendo, L. Elizalde, L. Morandi,
 G. Kulas, B. Jerzyk

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

Dec. 17: **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

10:30 a.m. † Rose Gacsko by Pam & Kevin Puhek

Dec. 18: **Third Advent Monday**

7:00 a.m. † Helen Markovich by children

Dec. 19: **Third Advent Tuesday**

7:00 a.m. † Michael Beda by Peter & Eileen Beda

8:30 a.m. † A. Donald Kaminsky by Ed & Joan Bojda

Dec.20: **Third Wednesday**

7:00 a.m. † Shirley Zielaskowski by Linda

Dec.21: **Thursday ~ St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:00 a.m. † Barbara Kruczek by family & friends

Dec. 22: **Third Friday of Advent**

7:00 a.m. † Ann Marie & Robert Timko by family

Dec. 23: **Saturday ~ St. John of Kanty, Priest**

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Ed Zebracki by family

Dec. 24: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

10:30 a.m. † Phyllis Ratkay by Vincent Gregorovich

SA: 4:30 p.m. † WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

SJB: 11:00 p.m. † WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

REST IN PEACE

Anna May Gerba
Charlene Marie Benedict

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

ALPHA 2024 offers a comfortable space
 to explore and discuss your questions about
 LIFE, FAITH, GOD with friends.



Registration for **Alpha** series
 begins January 7.
 Questions: call Margaret 219-659-4138

CONGRATULATIONS Fr. Mark!

St. Adalbert/St. John the Baptist parish community wishes you heartfelt thanks and appreciation for **your 38 years of ministry** to the people of God. You have touched the lives of so many with your various assignments over the years.

During many of those years, we have been fortunate to have had you in our midst sharing your enthusiasm, dedication and friendship.

May God continue to bless you with good health and enriching opportunities for years to come.



**ADVENT 2023**

In our endeavor to grow spiritually during this Advent Season, we consider the **importance of silence** in our lives. At Mass notice the periods of silence that follow each reading (a time to reflect on what we've just heard), as well as the silence which follows our Communion celebration (when the priest and we are seated, savoring the presence of Jesus within each of us).

Taking our cue from these periods of quiet, we will benefit from including some quiet time each day to rest in God's presence. Doing this, helps us acknowledge our total dependence upon God. Positive fruit follows as we make room/quiet time for our Loving Savior within our busy lives.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

Dear Lord,

I look to the past with awe to see how you delivered your people Israel from oppression and their sin.

I look to the present with gratitude for the many graces you make available to me through the Church;

I look to the future with confidence when you will come again in glory ushering in your reign of peace and justice.

Help me to persevere in faith.

"When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles."

(Psalm 34:17)

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ~ Celebration**

What wonderful prayer nights we had during the evenings of the Novena for our Lady of Guadalupe. Many **THANKS** to all the families who participated in leading the novena, all the families who came and prayed together as a community, and **A HUGE THANKS** to all the children who participated in the apparitions play and our Mass of the Roses.

THANK YOU to the families who donated the food and the families who helped in the kitchen and cleaning after the celebration.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PRAY FOR US!

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

December 17th This is our final class until after the New Year.

December 17th from 12-3 we will take the Cookies we just made on Wednesday and deliver them to our Homebound Parishioners and Community Members. Singing a few songs and sending prayerful wishes for all. Always a heartwarming experience to see the joy on the faces of those we visit. Please consider participating in this event with your family. We will gather in the Cafeteria at 12:00.

All of the students who were in classes to catch up have been moved to their new Classroom. This does not apply to all children, just those who were ready and in the RCIC class. If you have questions, please reach out to my office.

Billing statements were sent out a few weeks ago, Please submit payment at your earliest convenience. If you need a new statement please also reach out to my office.

In addition to the billing statements, children who are in Sacrament years have a Form that was due on December 1st. Please send this form in asap. Without the form completed and submitted your child will not be included on the list for sacrament preparation. If you need a new form, please email me.

If your children have not yet been baptized and you would like for them to prepare to receive that sacrament this year. Please call my office and I will share the RCIC Baptism Information with you.

Upcoming Virtus- Protecting God's Children Awareness Sessions. This is a free awareness program for all adults who are interested in learning more about how to help keep our children safe in an ever changing world. In addition, any adult who volunteers or works around children within our Faith or School community must participate in the Session. Sessions are 3 hours in length. Please visit www.virtusonline.org. We are in the Diocese of Gary and affiliated with St John the Baptist Church.

Saturday 1/6 -9:30am

Wednesday 1/10- 6pm

Tuesday 1/16-11am

Calendar of upcoming events

NO Faith Formation Classes on 12/24, 12/31

Classes Resume on 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 (tentative)

1/10- Living Stations of the Cross Call out meeting- 2:15-3:30-School Lower Level. Children in 5th grade and older are able to participate, younger children with parents approval. Parents are welcome to participate and help as well!

1/11- 1st Reconciliation Formation Session- 6:00pm

1/14- Family day at Faith Formation and Family Mass- Donuts and Coffee to follow

1/18- Confirmation 1st Year Student Formation Session- 6pm Cafeteria

1/25- Confirmation 2nd Year Student and Sponsor Formation Session- 6pm Cafeteria

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.



Christmas carols, Advent wreaths, Christmas trees, Midnight Mass— Whether they are family or Church customs, the many traditions of the Advent & Christmas seasons are special times for us.

An ancient Christian tradition is the reciting or singing of the **O Antiphons** at Evening Prayer to introduce the *Canticle of Mary* ~ **December 17 to December 23**, the octave before Christmas.

We sing these antiphons in our Advent hymn **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**. They are based on Isaiah's prophecies and refer to the different ancient titles given to the Messiah:

O Sapientia (**O Wisdom**) See Isaiah 11:2–3; 28:29.

O Adonai (**O Lord**) See Isaiah 11:4–5; 33:22.

O Radix Jesse (**O Root of Jesse**) See Isaiah 1:1; 11:10.

O Clavis David (**O Key of David**) See Isaiah 9:6; 22:22.

O Oriens (**O Rising Sun**) See Isaiah 9:1.

O Rex Gentium (**O King of the Nations**) See Isaiah 9:5; 2:4.

O Emmanuel (**God with us**) See Isaiah 7:14.

We can bring these responses into our own prayers: as daily reminders of the one whose coming we joyfully expect; as introductions to our prayers of praise of Jesus; as words of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness to us and to all mankind.

Regardless of how you incorporate these ancient words into your Advent prayer life, let them speak to you, and maybe they can become part of your family traditions.

Fr. Mark and St. Adalbert parishioners,

Dear St. Adalbert Parishioners, my name is Sr. Connie Bach, PHJC. I serve 145 people at dilapidated hotels near our mother house. I want to thank you and the parishioners for many items received as donations after the rummage sale to help these people on the margins to thrive. They are very grateful, as am I. My grandfather, Cletus Bach, was the custodian at St. Al's for many years and built the stable you use for Christmas! Nice connection!

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Sr. Connie,



INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

God has given himself to us in order to bring joy into our very soul. In Bethlehem, the angels announced **tidings of great joy**. Jesus wanted to share his joy with his apostles and prayed **that my joy may be yours.** **JOY** was the password of the first Christians. St. Paul tells us: **"Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice."** In return for the grace of baptism, may you serve the Church joyfully. And remember, joy is not simply a matter of temperament, but of choice; it must be cultivated.

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Teresa)

Whiting Knights of Columbus 1696 Free Throw Championship

ALL boys and girls **ages 9 to 14** (as of January 1) in the Whiting/Robertsdale area are invited to participate in the local council level competition for the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. *The contest is FREE. There are no fees!*



Date: Saturday January 13, 2024

Time: Doors Open for Registration at 12:30pm
Contest Starts at 1pm

Location: St. John the Baptist School Gym

Who: Boys and Girls (compete separately)
Ages 9 to 14 (as of January 1)

What: Bring a COPY of Birth Certificate
Wear Sneakers / Tennis Shoes

Contact Brian Biel (219) 616-0632 for additional information.

- ◆ Winners will advance to the K of C Indiana District 6 Championship in early February (site & date to be determined).
- ◆ Indiana State Free Throw Final - Date in early March to be determined.
- * Boys and Girls Ages 9-11 use a women's regulation size basketball and shoot from a 12 foot foul line.
- * Girls ages 12-14 use a women's regulation size basketball and shoot from the regulation 15 foot foul line
- * Boys ages 12-14 use a men's regulation size basketball and shoot from the regulation 15 foot foul line.
- * At the council level event, each contestant receives 3 warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive free throw attempts at the appropriate age-designated foul line.
- * For each boy and girl age group, the most total baskets made is the winner and advances to the next level contest.

Dear Father Mark & Parishioners of St. John/, St. Adalbert,

On behalf of the Whiting-Robertsdale Community Improvement Corporation, Inc. ("WRCIC"), I would like to express appreciation for your generous contribution of Food Supplies to the **Whiting-Robertsdale Community Improvement Corporation for the Whiting Food Pantry.**

Your generosity to our organization is appreciated by the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and members of the Whiting-Robertsdale Community Improvement Corporation. Please know that your contribution to the Whiting Food Pantry has greatly impacted the lives of our Whiting-Robertsdale residents who are in need of assistance.

Sincerely,
Kenny A. Kusbel

**YOUR PARISH GIFT**

The current Matthew Kelly book, ***Beautiful Eucharist***, is our parish gift to you.

During this year of the Eucharist, the book is meant to increase your understanding and appreciation for the marvelous gift we receive each time we consume the body and precious blood of Jesus. May the coming year grace your life with God's abundant blessing, as you are nourished by the most sacred Eucharist.

Be sure to take your gift copy from the entrances at St. John and St. Aldalbert churches.

***Those who died yesterday had plans for this morning.
Those who died this morning had plans for tonight.
Don't take life for granted.***

***In the blink of an eye, everything can change.
So forgive often and love with all you heart.
You may never get to have that chance again.***

**LAST MINUTE GIFTS MONEY CAN'T BUY**

Keep a promise,
Keep a secret,
Share a dream,
Let someone forget,
Thank someone for remembering,
Smile at a stranger,
Forget a grudge,
Let someone have the last word,
Return a smile,
Tell someone they did a good job,
Send a card for no reason,
Let someone in line in front of you,
Hug someone for sheer warmth & joy,
Smile with your heart,
Listen to a child,
Listen to an adult,
Make chicken soup for a friend,
Turn off all electronics and watch the firelight,
Watch the snowfall and stars.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

John knew the Advent secret: He focused his whole life on the coming of Jesus. He realized that his all-consuming vocation was to prepare the way of the Lord. Our own vocation is very similar; the person of Jesus must be absolutely central in our lives. We must seek to share in His love and reverence for the Father and His compassionate and effective love for the poor. With Jesus we must trust in God's providence, which rules over all.

John the Baptist's life makes it very clear that the following of Christ involves a demanding self-discipline that leads to the avoidance of all forms of indulgence. John knew how to focus attention not on himself but on the Lord whom he served. He knew humility, and the ground for the enormous freedom that humility gives. A humble person recognizes that all the good done by him/her comes from God. Power, prestigious positions, the praise of others, wealth – all these mean little to a truly humble person. Humble people recognize their own gifts and their own limitations. During this Advent, let us work hard to acquire the virtue of humility. Ask God constantly that He be pleased to give us the virtue of humility.

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

THANK YOU from the HSA!

Many words of thanks to those that made the annual HSA pancake breakfast with Santa a huge success!

This may have been one of the most attended pancake breakfast's HSA has seen in many years. As we know, it takes a village to make this happen!

- ◆ Thank you to Mrs. Ondas for her unconditional support!
- ◆ Thank you to Rob Jakubielski & his maintenance staff for preparing the rooms.
- ◆ Thank you to Miss. Peggy for holding down the kitchen.
- ◆ Thank you to the Student Council for hosting the cookie decorating for the little ones to participate in.
- ◆ Lakeside Digital Photography for taking the photos with Santa! One customer stated: *"best photo with Santa we get!"*
- ◆ Thank you to the PARENT volunteers! Too many to list, but without the help from parents, this event cannot take place! Beginning on Saturday morning, parents arrive to help decorate and make the areas festive. Parents set up tables, and chairs for the raffles, vendor fair, Santa's secret workshop, and for the breakfast... and of course to those who helped flip flapjacks for 8 hours!
- ◆ ...and of course, thank you to SANTA! This is a busy time for him, and he always makes time for St. John and the kids!

A Christmas Wish:

**May all who need a miracle be blessed.
May all who are feeling unwell and weak be given strength.
May all who have heavy burdens have them lifted away.
May everyone's Christmas be filled with peace, hope, & happiness.**



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

Candi Gard candi.gard@gmail.com

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>



St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Somewhere over the rainbow

WIZARD OF OZ WINTER FEST 2024 JANUARY 26-28

WINTER FEST PLANNING IS BEGINNING!
ANY AND ALL DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED.
NO DONATION IS TOO SMALL!

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2P98CDTF](https://tinyurl.com/2p98cdtf)

SCAN ME!

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!!!CHILDREN'S PICK-a-PRIZE!!!

The Children's Pick-a-Prize is the **HIGHLIGHT** of the children's game! Children pick a number, which corresponds to a prize. This booth is **VERY** popular with the children, as they are guaranteed a win every time! This is where we need **YOUR** help. The Children's Pick-a-Prize is in need of 100 Girl Items & 100 Boy items. These can be toys, electronics, (gaming systems), games, bicycles, etc.

A highlight of the Pick-a-Prize booth is the Gift Card Tree. This tree has an assortment of gift cards to restaurants, stores, and online games. Apple iTunes gift cards & Amazon are very popular. Any amount is gratefully appreciated!

Winter Fest Raffle

Tickets are still available for the Grand Prize drawing on Sunday, January 28. Grand Prize - \$5,000. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office: 659-3042.

TIP BOOTH/GAMES OF CHANCE

The Tip Booth is an adult favorite! Take your chance at winning one of the 100 fantastic prizes we have to offer. Throughout the three days of the festival, large items are tipped out, such as patio chairs, grills, coolers, electronics, etc. If you would like to donate an item or support an item, please reach out **TLDR: Donations are needed: Alcoholic beverages, gift cards, scratch off tickets, household items.**

Festival Donations

Donations of all kinds are needed for a successful festival fundraiser. We will gladly accept any kind of donation. Soda, water, paper products, produce, meat, etc. Reach out to the school office if you're interested in donating, 659-3042. The main goal of the Winter Festival is to help raise funds for the children of St. John School. Proceeds collected during the three-day event go directly to the school.



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, Bernice Fesko, Ma-lia 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, Dennis and Peggy Hyde

J: Sheila J.

K: Gerry Kasarda, Don Kasperan, Ryan Keelan, Bernadine Kontrik, Barbara J. Korba, Patti Koopmans, Corky Kuipers, Joan Kurczek, Kathy Kustka

L: Lenore Lazur, Nancy Legg, Donna Lewandowski, Carol

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, Selma O'Drobinak

P: Patton Donna, Willie Parlor, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Pammela 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, Sandi 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: 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 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.

"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice"

(Isaiah 61:10)



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.

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!

Diocese of Gary
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QUO VADIS?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

JOIN OUR SEMINARIANS

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DECEMBER 27 - 29, 2023

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