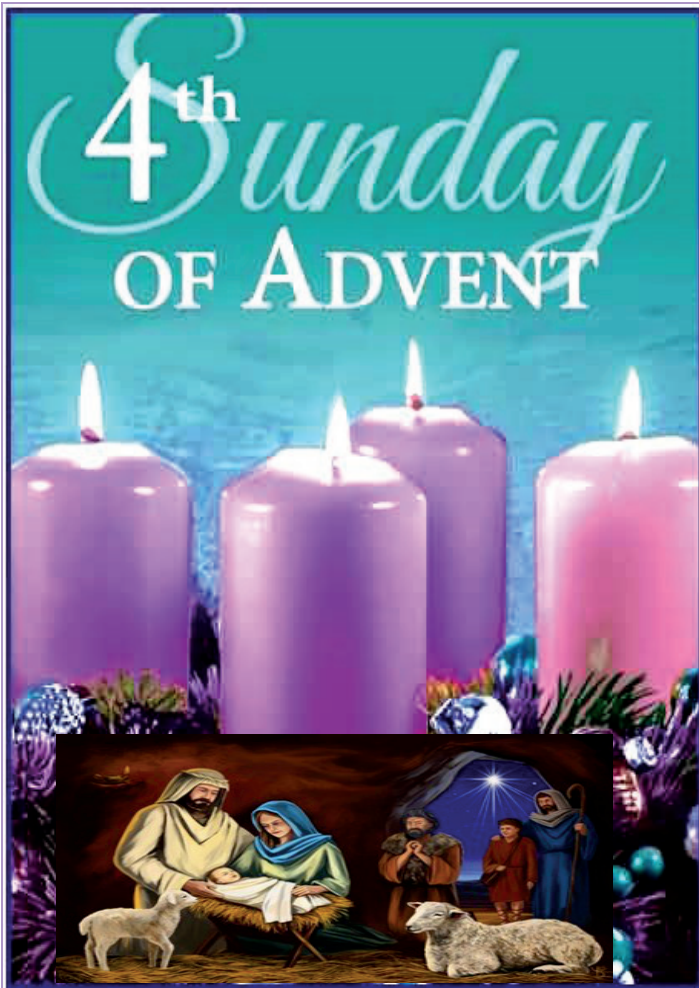


## MISSION STATEMENT

*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.*



### RECTORY HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE

Christmas \*\*\*\*\* Closed December 25  
New Year's \*\*\*\*\* Closed December 29

### 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.

### COME LORD JESUS

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve, we welcome Jesus into our lives anew. As we do so, let us fully appreciate the meaning of full participation in the Eucharistic liturgy.

- ◆ We gather in Jesus' name and acknowledge our need for God's merciful love.
- ◆ We listen to God's words to us, revealed in sacred scripture.
- ◆ We witness the consecration of ordinary bread and wine, which through the power of the Holy Spirit, become the real presence of Jesus, body, blood, soul, and divinity.
- ◆ We recognize that we are not worthy to receive Jesus, but that Jesus needs only to say the word and we will be healed.
- ◆ Fully prepared, we process forward to receive Jesus.
- ◆ We consume Our Living Lord Jesus in Holy Communion.

The crowds who gathered in Jesus' time considered it an awesome privilege to see and hear Jesus speak and to touch Jesus' garment. Today, we process forward at the Communion of the Mass and actually receive Jesus.

This Christmas may we enter into a new and deeper appreciation for the great gift that Jesus has given us in Holy Communion. To ingest Jesus means that He is now in us, transforming us into his own holy men and women, his children. Henceforth, our attitude, our words and actions must be conformed to that of our Savior, as we respond *"Thanks be to God"* at the final command to *"Go in peace to love and serve our Lord and each other."*

Today and at every liturgy may our hymns, sung wholeheartedly, and our vibrant *Alleluia's* and *Amen's* be a blessing to others and to our God on high.

On Christmas and always may we give to Jesus, our incarnate God, whose birth, life, death and Resurrection have saved us, the gift of full and active worship at the Divine Liturgy, the Mass.  
M.S.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

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

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Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m. in the SJB  
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Sacraments: Please Call: St. John Church Office:  
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## SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ December 17, 2023

## TBA

Online Giving: \$2,305.00

Online Giving: \$10.00

St. Adalbert total cost of roof repairs: \$157,144.50

Fund raised as of 12-15-23

\$80,770.56

For Online Giving  
[stjohnbap.org](http://stjohnbap.org)  
 and  
 follow directions:



## CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2023

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	Balance Due
<u>SA</u>	\$ 8,805.000	\$6,166.00	\$6,166.00	\$2,639.00
<u>SJB</u>	\$47,537.00	\$28,007.00	\$25,847.00	\$21,690.00

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

Altar Servers:

Lector: M. Dybel

Eucharistic M: J. Ballmann, J. Brezene, G. Cusson

Sunday, Dec. 31 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers:

Lector: R. Barany

Eucharistic M: C. Davis, M. Tonkovich, G. Mosoriak,  
 M. Jakubielski, T. Rossi, D. Huizenga

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers:

Lector: P. Rodriguez

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

## WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

## IN LOVING MEMORY

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

Dec. 25: Monday ~ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:00 a.m. † WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

Dec. 26: Tuesday ~ St. Stephen, the First Martyr

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

8:30 a.m. † NO MASS

Dec. 27: Wednesday ~ St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 a.m. † Paul & Ann Kozak by James & Deborah Kozak

Dec. 28: Thursday ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. † Vic Blaskevich by Geraldine Blaskevich

Dec. 29: Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

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

Dec. 30: Saturday:

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Steven Mark Szpak by St. Adalbert Parishioners

Dec. 31: Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

10:30 a.m. † Rose Gacsko by Debbie Gazda

## REST IN PEACE

Members of the Faith Catholic Community

*"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

## ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ~ QPON BOOKS

St. Adalbert Church will be selling Qpon Books after the 4:30pm Mass. These books are filled with coupons from various restaurants and entertainment locations in NWI. The cost is \$20 and all proceeds made will go to our roof fund. The Qpon Books will also be available at St. John's rectory.

INSPIRATION from  
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Let us ask Our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to make our families what their family was for Jesus at Nazareth. Love does not live on words nor can it be explained by words. This is especially true of that love that is in Jesus and comes from Jesus and finds Jesus-touches him, serves him, loves him-in others. Such love is true, burning, pure, free from fear and doubt.

There is no greater love than the love Jesus himself has shown us. We must love one another with the same love.

*(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Teresa)*

**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.

**ROSARY SOCIETY**

"Thank You" to the St. John Rosary Society Board and all who made the Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> party a blest, delicious, joyful event. May all our rosarians continue praying a daily rosary, asking Our Blessed Mother to shower her healing love and the love of her Son, Jesus, upon our community, our country, and our world.

*"Blessed Mary, Holy Mother of God, pray for us."*

**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.

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE**

**TODAY SUNDAY 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 heart-warming 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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup>.** 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.



# ANGELUS



**V:** *Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.*

**R:** *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

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**2023**

## WHITING ROBERTSDALE FAITH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| +Abrego, Melchor, Jr.         | +Derybowski, Chester          | +Ihnat, Susan                                |
| +Adam, Bruce                  | +Derybowski, Eveleen          | +Jacinto, Jerry                              |
| +Adam, George & Mary          | +Derybowski, Joseph           | +Jacinto, Josephine                          |
| +Aldaz, Josephine             | +Derybowski, Laurel           | +Jalovecky, Steve V.                         |
| +Ambrose, Jerry               | +Derybowski, Victoria         | +Jalovecky, William & Josephine              |
| +Artim, Alan (son)            | +Devoy, Ann                   | +Jancosek & Novosel Families                 |
| +Bakos Family                 | +Dgandvich, Frank & Josephine | +Jancosek, George & JoAnn                    |
| +Banik, Don & Dolores         | +Dobrowski, Joseph, Sr.       | +Jansky, Raymond & Anna Marie                |
| +Bayus, Mary, Paul & James    | +Dosen, Michael & Susan       | +Jaros, John J. (husband)                    |
| +Begley Family                | +Dostatni & Muta Families     | +Jaros, Jon Steven (son)                     |
| +Betustak Family              | +Dostatni, Stanley            | +Jensen Family                               |
| +Betustak, Tony & Marilyn     | +Dostatni, Walter & Sylvia    | +Joseph, Jonathan B.                         |
| +Biondich, Family             | +Dudzik Family                | +Kaminsky, Alexa                             |
| +Blastick, Adele              | +Duimich, Mr. & Mrs. Frank    | +Kaminsky, Frank B.                          |
| +Blastick, Rita               | +Duray, Andrew & Catherine    | +Kaminsky, Gloria                            |
| +Bolek Family                 | +Duray, Christopher           | +Kaminsky, Julius & Johanna                  |
| +Boskovich Family             | +Duray, John & Mary           | +Kaminsky, Ray                               |
| +Briones, Luis                | +Dybel, Mary Therese          | +Kaminsky, Rose Mary                         |
| +Briones, Luis & Maria        | +Eustice Family               | +Knazur, Artms, Spilly, & Poludniak Families |
| +Briones, Silvano             | +Federenko, Ed & Lucille      | +Knazur, Joseph & Ann                        |
| +Brooks, Barbara              | +Filipek, Victor              | +Knazur, Joseph, Jr.                         |
| +Bubala, Noel                 | +Flaherty, Rev. Leon, C.PP.S  | +Koselke, Jason                              |
| +Cada & Serafin, Grandparents | +Flores, Arthur & Judith      | +Koselke, Karen                              |
| +Cada, Carl & Stephanie       | +Forauer, John & Henrietta    | +Koselke, Kevin                              |
| +Cassoday, Donald & Katherine | +Fortunak, Becky              | +Koselke, Mary                               |
| +Cassoday, Tim                | +Fortunak, Richard & Frances  | +Kostanczuk, Johanna                         |
| +Chapski, Florence            | +Franciski Family             | +Kowal, Martha & Stanley                     |
| +Chidalek & Miner Families    | +Frastak Family               | +Kowalczyk Family                            |
| +Coleman, Dolores             | +Frechette, Aline & Lou       | +Krivjansky, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen              |
| +Coleman, Nancy M.            | +Furtak, Joseph & Julia       | +Krull, John, Emilia, Marian                 |
| +Curosh, Andrew               | +Furtak, William & Mary       | +Kruszynski Family                           |
| +Curosh, Anne                 | +Gandy & Wagner Families      | +Krzyston Family                             |
| +Curosh, George & Jane        | +Garcia Family                | +Kulas, Therese & Joseph                     |
| +Curosh, Joseph, Sr.          | +Geffert, John & Elinor       | +Kusbel, Grace                               |
| +Curosh, Kenneth              | +Goodwin, Richard Sr.         | +Lany, Daniel                                |
| +Cusson, Al & Millie          | +Grembowicz, Connie & Frank   | +Lany, Kevin                                 |
| +Cusson Family                | +Hajduch Family               | +Lazur, Vincent                              |
| +Cusson, Joseph & Vincent     | +Hajduch, Joseph              | +Lewandowski, Matthew & Rose                 |
| +Gene, Paul                   | +Hajduch, MaryAnn             | +Lucas, Andrew & Margaret                    |
| +Dabertin, Rita L.            | +Hajduch, Paul                | +Marchese, Michael B.                        |
| +Danko, Helen                 | +Hall, Br. Jerry, C.PP.S.     | +Markovich, John & Helen                     |
| +Darlene & Marcia             | +Hinojosa, Alfredo & Juana    | +Markovich, John, Helen & Michael            |
| +Davorin-Duimich, Mr. & Mrs.  | +Igras, Edward & Agnes        |  |
| +Dehoff, John                 | +Ihnat, Edward                |  |
| +Delinck, Frank               | +Ihnat, John & Helen Family   |  |
| +Demeter, Gloria              | +Ihnat, Joseph                |  |
|                               | +Ihnat, Stephen               |  |

+Markovich, Joseph & Ann	+Poppen, Fred & Thelma	+Spitzer, Carol
+Markovich, Michael J.	+Poradzisz, Phyllis	+Sterbavy, Jeanette
+Markovich, Rudolph J.	+Potasnik, Zehme, & Molson Families	+Tokarz, Edward & Eleanor
+Masura, Frank	+Powell, Elizabeth	+Tolley, William & Elizabeth
+Masura, Mary	+Powell, Joseph Sr.	+Tomko, Joseph
+Matura, John & Ann	+Priesol, Bob	+Tumidalsky, Ben
+Mendoza, Arthur	+Puhek, Kim	+Tumidalsky, John & Gizella
+Mercer, Bill	+Puhek, Rudy & Sheila	+Tumidalsky, Richard J.
+Michniewicz, Edward	+Remmers Helen	+Tweeddale, Marilyn
+Mihalov, John & Mary	+Rodriguez, Feliciano & Ruth	+Urbanik, Henry & Marie
+Miller, Steve & Mary	+Roszkowski, Regina & Stanley	+Urbanik, Kenneth
+Morandi, Davis	+Ruzbasan, Millie & Tony	+Valadez & Peneva Families
+Morandi Family	+Ryan, Thomas & Ann	+Van Ackeren, Janet
+Nastav, Emil	+Salas, Albert & Paula	+Vargo, Frank & Anne
+Nastav, Tom	+Saliga, Andrew & Helen	+Vargo, Joseph & Anna
+Nauracy, Susan	+Saliga, George J.	+Vargo, Justin
+Nowaczyk, Dorothy & Norbert	+Saliga, JoAnn	+Vargo, Ruth
+O'Drobinak Family	+Saliga, John & Mildred	+Vargo, Stephen & Mary
+Orbik, Richard D.	+Saliga & Spilly Families	+Verr Family
+Oster, Pauline	+Shimala, Ann	+Vincent, Rod & Ronnie
+Oster, William	+Salmon, Sheila "Gean"	+Wagner, John & Anna
+Papp, Liz	+Sambor Family	+Wescott, Edward
+Patrick, Elizabeth	+Scherer, Rev. Gary, C.P.P.S.	+Wescott Family
+Patrick, Helen	+Segvich, MaryAnn	+West Family
+Patrick, Josephine	+Simaga, Frank, Jr.	+Wierzbicki Family
+Pratt, Faith	+Simaga, Grace	+Williams, Steve
+Paunicka, Ann, Margaret, & Theresa	+Simala, Michael & Katherine	+Workman, Greg
+Paunicka, Stephen & Susan	+Stofcik, Frank & Ann	+Yakish, John & Marie
+Peres, Michael & Dorothy	+Stofcik, Peter & Mary	+Zehner, Carl
+Piepmier, Paul	+Strisko Family	+Zehner, Carl (Rick)
+Pieracci, Mario	+Strbjak Family	+Ziemrowski Family
+Pieters Family	+Stribiak Family	+Zimmerman, Gerald & Margaret
+Pilipovich Family	+Sulich, Michael & Dorothy	+Zimmerman, Mary Ann
+Piper & Sambor Families	+Szpak Family	+Zvonar, Francis
+Poludniak, Andrew & Rose	+Szpak, S. Mark	+Zvonar, Rose
+Poludniak, Kevin		

**In Honor Of:** Rev. Mark R. Peres, Rev. Tim McFarland,  
 Msgr. Joseph Semancik, Deacon Joseph Manchak, Deacon Leo Barron,  
 Brtko-Liscinsky Family, James V., Jane, & Valentine Danielewski, Joseph & Katazyna Groszek

*Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among  
 the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.*

(Psalm 96:2-3)



(Please forgive any errors or omissions)

# 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.

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Karly Tabernacki [ktabernacki@stjohnbap.org](mailto: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.

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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>



## !!!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, Delaney McGinnis, 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  
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