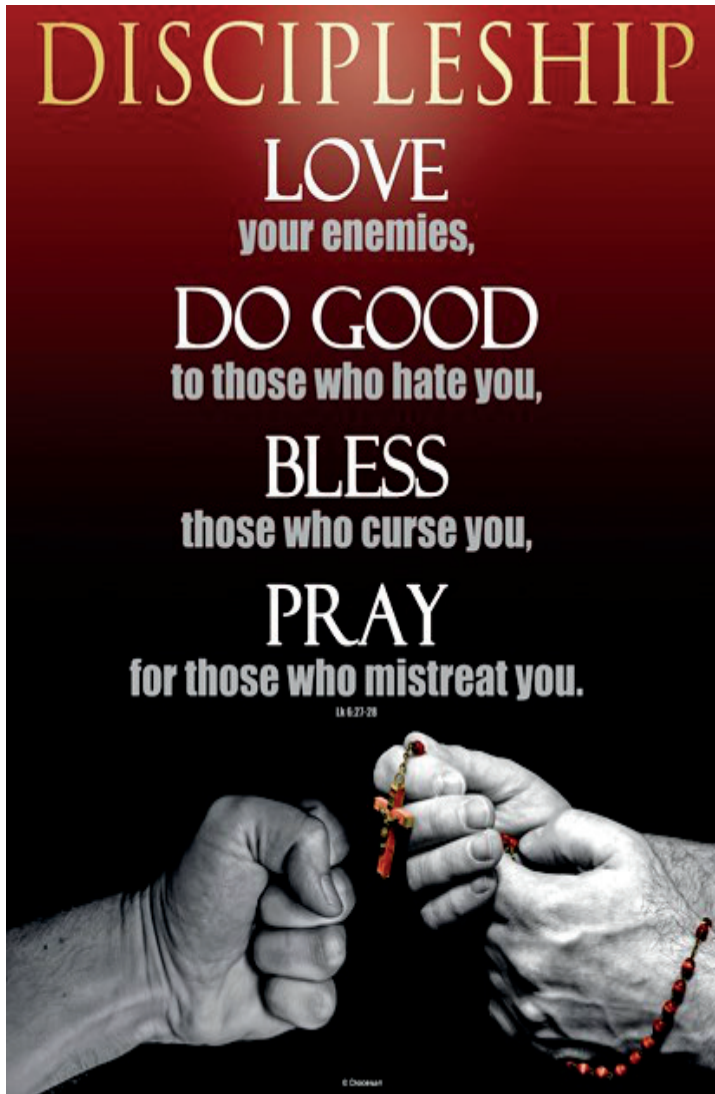


MISSION STATEMENT

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 CLOSED—JANUARY 15, 2024

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

**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**

Today's readings call us to "wake up" and "listen" as God beckons us to seek His will for our lives.

In 1 Samuel 3:3-19 we hear how God calls a young boy. Not understanding that it's God calling him, Samuel first responds to his elder, who eventually instructs Samuel to be attentive and respond to God with the following reply:

"Speak for your servant is listening."

- ◆ Have I opened the ears of my heart to hear God speaking to me?
- ◆ As a parent do I share knowledge of God and encourage my children to listen to God and respond to him? **HINT:** My good example will influence my family.

Today's Responsorial Psalm 40 gives us words to live by:

"Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will."

St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians stresses the fact that we are held accountable for the ways in which we use our bodies. Our bodies are sacred, created for goodness, not to be given to perversions and immorality. St. Paul instructs that our baptized bodies are *"temples of the Holy Spirit"*.

- ◆ Considering that my body is more sacred than sacred vessels used at Mass, do I give my body due respect, offering my daily thoughts and actions for the glory of God?
- ◆ Am I teaching my children respect for their bodies?
- ◆ Will I discuss with them ways to live a chaste life?

In today's Gospel (John 1:35-42) Jesus asks two individuals following him, *"What are you looking for?"*

They do not answer; instead, they ask their own question: *"Teacher, where are you staying?"*, to which Jesus replies, ***"COME and you will see."***

- ◆ For what am I looking...health, happiness, a deeper faith?
- ◆ I will follow the apostles example, and come to know and follow Jesus in deeper ways this year.

When Andrew and John saw for themselves, they immediately went to tell others.

- ◆ My actions and words can bring others (family members, co-workers, friends) to a relationship with Jesus. I will share my faith. **M.S.**

COME AND SEE ~ GO AND TELL



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

"Live simply so others may simply live... spread love everywhere you go. Let us make this year a year of peace; we will try to talk with God and then listen; from the silence of our hearts, we can preach the peace of Christ as he did, by going about doing good to others."

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

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

12-24-23 St. John: \$6,293.75 St. Adalbert: \$1,331.75
 12-31-23 St. John: \$8,341.35 St. Adalbert: \$1,044.00
 1-7-2024 St. John: \$11,640.35 St. Adalbert: \$1,500.00
 Christmas: St. John: \$38,992.40 St. Adalbert: \$4,031.00

Online Giving:

12-24-23 \$620.00
 12-31-23: \$5,560 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
 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 Jan. 20 ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kasen, Victoria Lector: B. Boyle

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

Sunday, Jan. 21 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Paul & Andrew Lector: T. Markovich

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

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Kosta, Sofia, Angela Lector: T. Chocholek

Eucharistic M: B. Jerzyk, G. Kulas, L. Morandi, S. Tabernacki,
 E. Igras, J. Kaminsky

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

Jan. 14: SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:30 a.m.. † Norbert Duray, Sr. by family

Jan. 15: Monday ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

7:00 a.m. † Thomas Baker by Jackie Dombrowski

Jan. 16: Tuesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Norbert Duray, Sr. by Lorraine Vanek

8:30 a.m. † Deceased members of the Martin & Agnes (Golab)
 Dybel families

Jan. 17: Wednesday ~ St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00 a.m. † Norbert Duray, Sr. by Northside Bowlerettes

Jan. 18: Thursday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † A. Donald Kaminsky by Barb Poppen

Jan. 19: Friday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † James Danielewski by Sylvia Dianelewski

Jan. 20: Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr & St. Sebastian,
 Martyr

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Mark Szpak by the Scivinsky family

Jan. 21: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:30 a.m.. † Ross Johnson by Walter & Lynne Mace

REST IN PEACE

Sophia D. Figueroa

Note: Contributions letters for 2023 will be mailed out on the week of January 22, 2024. If you do not receive one, please call the Rectory (219) 659-0023.



Alpha creates a comfortable space for friends to:

- ♦ enjoy a meal,
- ♦ explore JESUS present in our lives,
- ♦ engage in conversation,
- ♦ be transformed by the power of God's Spirit.

Register NOW after all weekend
 Masses at SJB & SA or on-line:

www.stjohnbap.org/alpha

Participation is free BUT Registration
 is necessary:



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ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to participate in the 2024 Respect Life Prayer Service, Sunday,
 January 21st, at 2:00 p.m.
 at St. Adalbert's Church.

Together, we will reflect upon God's tremendous gift of LIFE with which we have all been blest: the unborn, the aged, our youth, our families, those who struggle with various addictions, those who are incarcerated, are some of the many to be prayerfully remembered.

While challenging circumstances often cause people to stumble on their life's journey, our merciful God understands and reaches out to us in a variety of ways, helping us to survive and thrive.

It is hoped that you will note the date and make plans to attend.

Welcome to St. John the Baptist Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation, RCIA, & RCIC, Program.

"Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it." (Proverbs 22:6)



Mrs. Jamie Sandona
Director of
Religious Education
&
Virtus Site Coordinator
jsandona@stjohnbap.org
Office: 219-659-0023
ext. 106

Our program is designed
to prepare Children and
Adults to Complete
Sacraments of initiation,
Lead them through Spiritual
growth and teach them how
to persevere in their
Catholic Faith



Sacrament Formation Sessions

Confirmation 1st year students have a formation session on **Thursday January 18th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria.** Parents are not required to attend but you are welcome to if you so choose.

Confirmation 2nd year students have a session scheduled for **Thursday January 25th along with their Sponsor at 6:00pm.** Unfortunately the Winterfest was scheduled after this session and there is a conflict with meeting space. This meeting is now Cancelled and will be **rescheduled to February 22nd at 6:00pm. Please mark your calendars.**

1st Communion Formation Session is on February 8th at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. Parent and student session.

Baptismal Preparation Session will be held on February 15th at 6:00pm in the school founders room. Pre registration is required.

All fees for Faith Formation are now due. Please submit payment on Sunday with your child. If you have questions please reach out to my office.

Sacrament lessons have begun in full force, please make attendance a priority as we prepare our young people for their sacraments.

Virtus Sessions

All adults volunteering with children are required to attend a training session prior to volunteering within the community. The scheduled session is **Wednesday 1/10 at 6:00pm and Tuesday, January 16th at 11:00am.** Pre registration is required. This is an adult only session. Sessions are 3 hours in length. A background check should be completed at time of registration. **There is a \$15.00 fee due at time of submission.**

Ministry Event

Wednesday January 24th will be our Living Stations of the Cross Call Out Meeting in the Founders room of the school. Living Stations of the Cross is a **prayer service held on Good Friday at 7:00pm.** This service walks the attendees through the stations of the cross with the young people portraying the people who experienced this event in history. The prayer service has been taking place here at St John the Baptist Church for over 20 year. I encourage you to talk to your children about participation in this beautiful experience. Adults are welcome to participate as well. Practices will take place on **Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30 from January 31st- Good Friday, excluding vacation days.** There are a total of 30-50 participants in this service so much help is needed. Please consider coming to the Call out to hear more about the event. Children in 5th grade and up are welcome to come alone, younger students need an older sibling or parent to join them, unless prior communication has taken place.

As Lent quickly approaches there are some events coming up.

Annual Palm Burning will take place on Tuesday February 6th.

Please send your old palms with your child or bring the bag into the church and leave near the doors. The ashes collected during the burning are then used for Ash Wednesday signing of the cross on one's forehead.

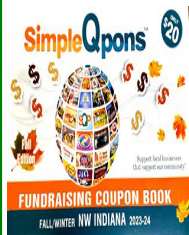
♦ **Ash Wednesday is on February 14th. Mass schedule is 7:00am, 8:30am and 7:00pm at St Adalbert.**

Fish Fry

Lenten Fish Fry's will return to St John the Baptist this year. We are so very excited to offer this to our faith community. The Fish Fry's will be held all the Fridays of the Lent excluding Good Friday. **They will be from 4:00-8:00pm in the school cafeteria.** We will have **Lake Perch, Shrimp, Pierogi, Baked Potato, Cheese Pizza, Salad Bar and Desserts, Beverages will be Beer, Wine, Soda and Coffee.** Raffles will also be offered with the final drawing on March 22nd at 8:00pm. **MUCH HELP IS NEEDED** to cook, serve and clean during the event. If interested a link to sign up will be shared shortly. Money raised will be used to support the infrastructure of our campus.

ALPHA

Lenten **ALPHA** Program begins on **Tues., Feb. 6th at 6:15 - 8:00 in the Mural Room and continues on consecutive Tuesdays throughout Lent and Easter.** Registration is required for this free program of faith and faith sharing. Dinner, Video, Faith Sharing and Fellowship are offered at each session. Register here > <https://www.cognitofrms.com/JaimeSandona/ALPHARegistration>



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.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

GAZA – FACTS & FIGURES

- * The Gaza Strip was formed after the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. Egypt administered the territory but Israel captured it in the Six Day War in 1967. Under a series of agreements known as the Oslo Accords signed between 1993 and 1999, Israel transferred security and civilian responsibility for Gaza to the newly-created Palestinian Authority. (CIA World Factbook)
- * Gaza is 139 square miles, the size of Las Vegas but 3 times the population. (Washington Post)
- * There are approx. 2.3 million Palestinians living in Gaza of which nearly 75% are under 25 years. The median age in Gaza is 19.2 years. (World Population Review & CIA World Factbook)
- * Gaza City, the largest population center, is more tightly packed than New York City, with more than 650,000 people living in its 18 square miles. (Washington Post)
- * Gaza's economy ranks 142nd of the countries of the world and unemployment is about 25%. For youth (ages 15-24) unemployment is around 40%. (CIA World Factbook)
- * Approx. 53% of the population is in poverty, living on less than \$4.60/day. That is equivalent to 1.1 million people, including 400,000 children. 66% of the poor, or about 656,000 people are living in "deep poverty," living on less than \$3.60/day. (UN Office of Humanitarian Affairs)
- * Gaza struggles with soil degradation; desertification; water pollution from chemicals and pesticides; salination of fresh water; improper sewage treatment; water-borne disease; depletion and contamination of underground water resources. (CIA World Factbook)
- * In 2018 the Norwegian Refugee Council called Gaza "the world's largest open-air prison."
- * In the current crisis: Over 19,000 people have been killed; 52,000 injured. 60% of housing units have been damaged or destroyed. At least 3 churches and 88 mosques have been damaged and over 50% of educational facilities have been hit. The number of functioning hospitals has dropped from 36 to 18. And approx. 1.9 million people have been displaced.

WINTER FEST 2024

STEAK DINNER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00PM

PANEL ROOM

ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE

\$30.00

[HTTP://E.GIVEMART.COM/EVENTS/ZRJ](http://e.givesmart.com/events/zrj)

SCAN



- TWO 4OZ FILETS
- BAKED POTATO
- VEGETABLE
- SALAD
- DINNER ROLL
- DESSERT

Your receipt is your ticket, and must be presented at dinner



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

*If you would like to serve as
Eucharistic Minister
at St. Adalbert or
St. John the Baptist
Catholic Churches,
please call the rectory at
219-659-0023.*

Thank you.

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>



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)

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SJBFEST](https://www.facebook.com/sjbfest)

!!! 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, Ryan Keelan, Bernadine Kontrik, Barbara J. Korba, Patti Koopmans, Corky Kuipers, Joan Kurczek, Kathy Kustka

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

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

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, Thomas Rowley, Dannielle Roszkowski, Ed Roszkowski, Eileen Ross, Holly Russell, Randy & Luke Rycerz, Joyce Rybicki, Cris Rzonca

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 have waited, waited for the Lord,
and he stooped toward me and he heard my cry.
And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God."
(Psalm 40:2,4,7-8)*

Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic faith Community
St. Adalbert & St. John the Baptist Church

Our Catholic faith Community **welcomes new families** who have joined our parish in 2023.

We hope that they are enjoying the many benefits of parish life, which offers a variety of opportunities to deepen one's relationship with God and share individual talents within our faith community.

The following list gives a few available resources:

- ♦ Liturgical ministries where family members may serve as: Altar Server, Lector, Cantor, Choir member, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter, Usher, Church Angel Duster.
- ♦ Religious Education programs for children and adults.
- ♦ St. John the Baptist School where families may qualify for **FREE** tuition and after school daycare.

Our St. Adalbert and St. John the Baptist rectory is open during regular M-F business hours (Lunch: noon—1:00 p.m.) with more information on becoming a parishioner and participating in parish activities: 219-659-0023.

All are Welcome



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.

*"Do you now know that your body is
a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom
you have from God and that you are not your own?
For you have been purchased at a price.
Therefore glorify God in your body."
(1 Cor. 6:19-20)*

ALTERNATE WAYS TO GET YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN

Type [DiscoverMass.com](https://www.DiscoverMass.com) into your browser. At the website, type the name of the church and address **or** zip code of the church bulletin you want to view - **St. John the Baptist 46394** and follow the prompts. When the site comes up for the parish, click on the Bulletin tab which will then have a drop down menu of the current and three previous issue dates. You may choose the option to receive the bulletin via email; automatically, it will be sent every Saturday.

Another option is to go to our parish website stjohnbap.org and click on the **News & Events** tab - at that drop-down menu, select **Bulletins** and a list of bulletin dates will appear. Click on the one you want to read. Bulletin inserts and flyers are never included in the Discover Mass emails nor do they appear on the parish website.





INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE

MON. JAN. 22ND, 2024

Indianapolis

DIocese OF GARY PROLIFE ACTIVITIES AND LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

INVITE YOU TO COME WITH US ON THE MARCH FOR LIFE

LEAVE OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION, MERRILLVILLE, AT 7 AM CST, JAN. 22ND

11:30 AM EST MASS AT THE INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER

1:45 PM EST MARCH BEGINS AT GEORGIA & ILLINOIS STREET

2:30 PM EST AFTER MARCH RALLY AT STATEHOUSE

3:30 PM EST LEAVE FOR MERRILLVILLE, BOX LUNCH INCLUDED FOR TRIP HOME

TRANSPORTATION—PREMIUM COACH BUSES

COST: \$30 PER PERSON

JOIN HUNDREDS OF HOOSIERS DOWNTOWN AS
WE MARCH FOR A CULTURE OF LIFE WHERE
ABORTION IS UNTHINKABLE



ARCHDIOCESE OF
INDIANAPOLIS



Right to Life
of Indianapolis



DIocese
of LAFAYETTE IN INDIANA

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rosanne Kouris

219-769-9292 OR rkouris@dcgary.org

Diocese of Gary, IN

St. John the Baptist ~ Our Parish Patron
You were beheaded for proclaiming TRUTH.

May we courageously give
witness to our faith.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us.



JOIN US!

COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

**MAXIMIZE OUTREACH
& ENGAGEMENT**

WED., JAN. 24, 2024

9:30 AM - 2 PM

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION
Merrillville

Catholic Resources

Digital Platforms

Engagement Tools



Diocese of Gary
dcgary.org

Register with lunch preference:
dcgary.org/2024CommsWorkshop

Lunch is included.

LOCATION

Our Lady of Consolation
8303 Taft St.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Contact Us:

Catholic Diocese of Gary
9292 Broadway
Merrillville, IN 46410
Phone: 219-769-9292



Marriage Date Night

Saturday, February 17 from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Can your marriage save the world?

Find the answer at our Date Night.

Every couple needs special moments! Date nights with your spouse are a fun way to keeping the spark in your marriage alive. And what a nice Christmas gift!

Come and enjoy a fantastic meal featuring authentic Italian cuisine at the Gamba Ristorante in Merrillville. Be inspired in your faith and marriage by our special guest speakers. Theresa & Peter Martin

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