

## 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.*

## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There is a definite urgency in the readings for this  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading the Ninevites heed Jonah's announcement of impending doom and immediately proclaim a fast, signifying their willingness to repent and seek the Lord.

With the psalmist we pray: ***"Teach me your ways, O Lord."***

St. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians 7:29-31 warns:

***"time is running out...for the world in its present form is passing away."***

The Readings reach a climax with the Gospel (Mk 1:14-20), as Jesus exhorts us :

***"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent, and believe in the gospel."***

Jesus invites would be followers and us:

***"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."***

We are told that each person immediately leaves his old way and follows Jesus.

The implication in each of today's readings is that we too are called to listen with fresh ears and positively respond to God's invitation to follow Jesus.

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- ◆ Like the apostles, am I willing to live in a "new way" this year?
- ◆ Am I ready to hear God's Word, to repent and to accept his invitation to follow without counting the cost?
- ◆ What are the "nets" of distraction that may be holding me back from fully following Jesus?

In this new year let us commit to the daily reading of God's Word. St. Augustine has told us that ***"when we pray we speak to God, but when we read the scriptures, God speaks to us"***.

We use cell phones, facebook, you tube, and TV for daily happenings.

How much more important it is to consult God in His written word, revealed in sacred scripture, for our life's direction

Daily Mass attendees are inspired by the scripture readings.

Others look to the Gospel delivered directly to their computers:

Bishop Barron's daily Gospel Reflection [wof@wordonfire.org](mailto:wof@wordonfire.org) or

Dr. Tim Grey's Daily Scripture [Reflection\\_watch@formed.org](mailto:Reflection_watch@formed.org) ;

**Google Fr. Mike Schmitz Bible in a Year.** Each of these provides inspirational helpmates.

Others read the daily scripture reflections in ***God's Word Among Us, God's Word Today***, or the ***Magnificat*** publications. The **USCCB Daily Reflection**, available on-line, also provides the day's scriptures and a brief commentary for spiritual nourishment.

- ◆ How is God calling me right now?
- ◆ In what ways is God encouraging me & giving me the grace to respond?

M.S.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 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**



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## WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Jan. 21: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

Jan. 22: Monday ~ Day of Prayer for the legal Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 a.m. † Paula Marie Dybel Zabrecky

Jan. 23: Tuesday: St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; St. Marianne Cope Virgin

7:00 a.m. † Jeanette Krcyston by Husband

8:30 a.m. † Rita Zabrecky by family

Jan. 24: Wednesday ~ St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Religious Founder & Doctor

7:00 a.m. † Jimmy McHale by Linda McHale

Jan. 25: Thursday: The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

7:00 a.m. † Mary Kozak by family

Jan. 26: Friday: St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

7:00 a.m. † Consuelo Robles by family

Jan. 27: Saturday: St. Angela Merici, Blessed Virgin Mary

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Living &amp; Deceased of the Edward Oblon Family by Mary Oblon

Jan. 28: FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:00 a.m.

WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY 10:30 a.m.. † George Baran by St. John Rectory

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ TBA ~

St. John: \$

St. Adalbert: \$

Online Giving: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



## REST IN PEACE

Joseph Hooker

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.



## 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. 27 ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Victoria &amp; Regan

Lector: M. Dybel

Eucharistic M: C. Mareta, J. Ballmann, B. Stanich

Sunday, Jan. 28 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Megan, Amelia, Anthony

Lector: M. Saliga

Eucharistic M: T. Adam, M. Tonkovich, G. Mosoriak,

D. Huizenga, K. Behrens, S. Adam

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Megan, Amelia, Anthony

Lector: M. Cornejo

Eucharistic M: J. Kaminsky, L. Elizalde, S. Rosendo,

S. Tabernacki, N. Perez, D. Urbanik



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 &amp; SA or on-line:

[www.stjohnbap.org/alpha](http://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

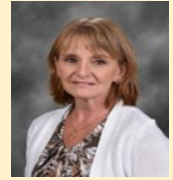
**2024 Respect Life Prayer Service****TODAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.****at St. Adalbert's Church.**

Together, we will reflect upon God's tremendous gift of LIFE with which we have all been blessed: 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.

**Please come ~ All are welcome**

**Welcome to St. John the Baptist  
Religious Education Program and Sacramental Preparation,  
RCIA, & RCIC**

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



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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



**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES**  
Every Sunday from 9:00—10:15 a.m.

**SACRAMENT FORMATION SESSIONS**

**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.



**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**

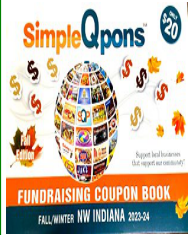


Lenten Fish Fry's will return to St John the Baptist this year. We are so very excited to offer this to our faith community. The Fish Fry's will be held all the Fridays of the Lent excluding Good Friday. **They will be from 4:00-8:00pm in the school cafeteria.** We will have **Lake Perch, Shrimp, Pierogi, 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.cognitofirms.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

### SHARING THE PIG

On his CD titled, "Letting Go: A Spirituality of Subtraction", Fr. Richard Rohr, O.F.M. tells the following story:

"I had an experience in Guatemala similar to many others I've had in other Third World countries: As soon as you come to the village, in a very short time you will hear the squeal of a pig or the squawk of a chicken. They're killing it for you. They've been saving it for you. And sometimes you find out afterward that it was the village's last pig or chicken.

The poor are so generous.....

After you're finished eating with the people who were originally invited to the meal, there's lots left over. What would we do in our country? We have Tupperware and refrigerators. To save it would be a good, responsible thing to do: Don't waste food is our commandment. And we have the technology to do just that. But here is the perfect example of the good and bad sides of technology. Where we store our leftovers for future use by ourselves. Guatemalans immediately have to share the pig or chicken with other people. Bringing food from one house to the next is a daily experience which creates family, community, interdependence and solidarity."

"Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage." St. Francis of Assisi

### St. Vincent DePaul Society Report

#### Report for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct. thru Dec. – 2024)

With the continued support of the Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Communities, the St. Vincent DePaul Society was able to assist **73** needy families in our area by providing a total of **\$7089.13** in support. The money was used to help the families meet obligations in the following ways: 15 with rent or mortgage payments, 44 with utilities, 4 with food, 4 with water bills, and 6 with various needs such as medicine, transportation or household needs.

### THANK YOU!

The members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank all the individuals and organizations who supported our ministry with their prayers and financial gifts this past year.

### WHO ARE WE?

The Society is a prayer-based ministry that reaches out to our neighbors in need. We meet at 6:00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month in the Founders Room of St. John's School (using the 119<sup>th</sup> St. entrance). **If you feel called to this ministry**, please phone our calling line (219-659-1073). A member will get back to you, to answer any questions.

## 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.GIVEMART.COM/EVENTS/ZRJ)

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

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



### Employment Opportunity

St John the Baptist is seeking a full-time 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Custodian. Applicant must be a self-driven team member, focused on detail and one who takes pride in their work. Benefits package available. Interested parties please call **219-659-0023** to set up an interview. Position is available immediately.



### 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.

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Candi Gard [candi.gard@gmail.com](mailto:candi.gard@gmail.com)

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>



**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:** Sue Babalik, 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, Malia Fortunak, Dianna Fritz,

**G:** Andrea Gaynor,

**H:** H. Haas, Shery & Jim H., Sophie Hatczel, Mariah Hayes, Debra Henderson, Kingston M. Hensley, Betty Hunt, Bruce Hunt, Nellie Hunt, 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:** Fr. Bill Nordenbrock, C.PP.S Ann Novotney, Linda N., Chloe N. .

**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:** Frank Tarajack, 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

**B:** Matt Barbetta, **C:** Christina Campa, **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 Lord, Remember that your compassion and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord."*

(Psalm 25: 6-7)

## ~ PARISH BLESSINGS ~

Frank Vargo is a St. John the Baptist Catholic Church parishioner who also taught in our SJB School for 42 years. Frank is a long-time member of the Whiting-Robertsdale Historical Society and currently is a board member and treasurer of this organization. Frank was awarded the Hubert Hawkins History Award by the Indiana Historical Society. Tamara Hemmerlein, Director of Local Services Indiana Historical Society of Indianapolis presented this prestigious award to Frank at the Historical Society's November meeting. Whiting Mayor Steve Spebar, a former student of "Mr. Vargo", congratulated him on behalf of the City of Whiting.

The Hubert Hawkins History Award is presented annually to a local historian for distinguished service and work in local history. Frank maintains all the paper files, obituaries, writes articles for the Historical Society's website, and manages their financial documents.

Frank has a long history of community service. In addition to teaching history at St. John School, he also coached girls' basketball for 30 years, but his love and knowledge of history, which he passed down to many of his students, has made him the perfect research person and volunteer for the new History Center in Whiting.

Upon receiving the award, Frank said "I was happy to receive the Hubert Hawkins History Award but I'm only one of the volunteers at the WRHS who would also be deserving of receiving it." Frank added that his wife, Carol, who also does a lot of work for the Museum, is sharing this award with him.

**CONGRATULATIONS FRANK...WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!**

## ~ PLAN AHEAD ~

## LENTEN FISH FRIES BEGIN

Friday, February 16, 23,

March 1, 8, 15, 22

4 - 8 P.M.

SJB ~ PANEL ROOM



## 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

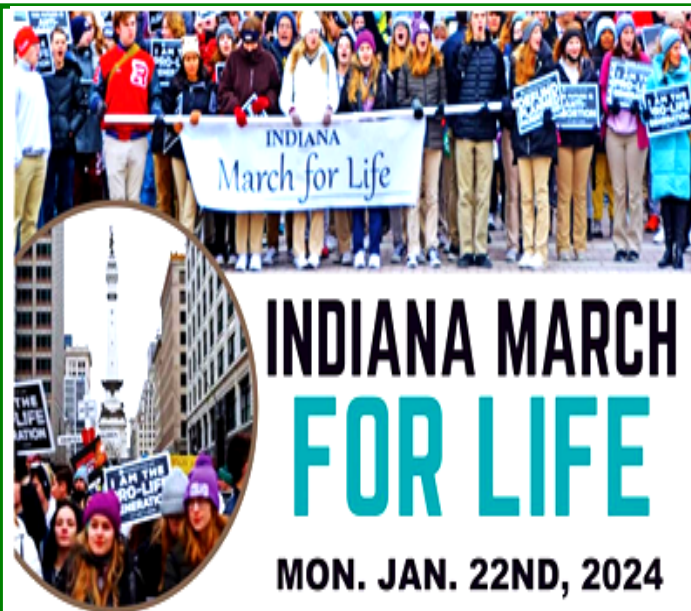
know that we will maintain your privacy with use of first names only. If you would like to join this steadfast community of prayer, please call the SJB rectory to add your name to the circle so that you too can pray for those who are in need of spiritual support.

## INSPIRATION from ~ St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts...I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God and silence are great friends. We need to listen to God, because it's not what we say, but what He says to us and through us that matters."

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





**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**



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INDIANAPOLIS



STUDENTS  
FOR LIFE  
OF AMERICA



Right to Life  
of Indianapolis



DIocese  
of  
LAfayette in INdiana

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