#### 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.

# I SUNDAY

On this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time the readings remind us of our responsibility to observe and listen to God's message, which is meant to help us on our earthly pilgrimage to our heavenly home.

The First Reading from Deut. 18:15-20, reveals God's promise to send prophets who will speak in God's name for the benefit of His people.

- Do I realize that sacred scripture offers God's help for my life?
- Will I make time each week to reflect on the Sunday readings?

Our Responsorial Psalm 95 sounds a warning meant for all of us:

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts."

- Am I willing to surrender my pride and accept God's instruction?
- St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians exhorts us to stay focused on the Lord so that, free from distractions and anxiety, we will enter into a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.
- Many voices clamor for my attention; I will prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to help me discern God's message for

Today's Gospel from Mark 1:21-28 shows us Jesus' charismatic authority. People are "astonished" by the healing power which accompanies his teaching. Onlookers may not know who Jesus is, but they see for themselves that indeed the kingdom is at hand.

- What amazes me the most about Jesus?
- Today I will thank Jesus, my Lord, for the gift of his Word revealed in the sacred scriptures.
- I will pray for Jesus' amazing grace to settle on my soul.

M.S.

## HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK



Your path. Your connection. Our journey.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

Psalm 32:8

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 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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#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ Jan. 21

St. John: \$7,057.25 St. Adalbert: \$1,016 **Online Giving:** Online Giving: \$10.00 St. Adalbert: \$1,012.00 1-14-24: St. John: \$6,207.09

**Online Giving:** \$1,295.00 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 and follow directions



#### **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2023**

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	<b>Balance Due</b>
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 Feb. 3 ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kasen & Reagan Lector: L. Wright

Eucharistic M: Brezene, Cusson, Mareta

Sunday, Feb.. 4 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m. Altar Servers: Megan & Paul Lector: R. Barany

Eucharistic M:

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Giuliana, Kosta, Sofia Lector: P. Rodriguez

**Eucharistic M:** 

#### **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

#### 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

Jan. 29: Monday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Frank Dombrowski by Jackie Dombrowski

Jan. 30:Tuesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Mary Tolin by St. John Rosary Society

8:30 a.m. † Abildua/Zabrecky Families

Jan. 31: Wednesday ~ St. John Bosco, Priest

7:00 a.m. † The Souls in Purgatory

Feb.1: Thursday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Mary O'Donell by Joan Rzonca

Feb. 2: First Friday of the Month: The Presentation of the Lord

7:00 a.m. † Richard Huss by Therese Rossi Feb. 3: Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr,

St. Ansgar, Bishop

SA: 4:30 p.m. † Norbert Duray Sr. by Mary & Bob Poppen family

Feb. 4: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY 10:30 a.m.. † Mimi Murzyn by Robert & Christine Vanek

#### REST IN PEACE

#### Michael R. Arnold

Note: Contributions letters for 2023 were mailed out on the week of January 22, 2024. If you did 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:

SCAN ME

#### Adoration of the

## **Blessed Sacrament**

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Come away to a peaceful place at St. John Church apart from the hustle bustle and noise of daily life.

#### Friday, February 2, 2:00-6:00p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration offers every individual silent time with our Risen Lord. Bring your worries, your concerns, your sorrows and your joys before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Savor the quiet time as you calm yourself, relax, and converse with God.

# 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)



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



Mrs. Jamie Sandona
Director of
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&
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### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES Every Sunday from 9:00—10:15 a.m. SACRAMENT FORMATION SESSIONS

Confirmation 2nd year, February 22nd at 6:00pm. Please mark your calendars.

**1st Communion Formation Session is on February 8th at 6:00 p.m.** 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**

Practices will take place on **Wednesdays from 2:00 –3:30 p.m. January 31, until Good Friday, excluding vacation days.** There are a total of 30-50 participants in this service so much help is needed. 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 the Ash Wednesday signing of the cross on each person'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. <u>MUCH HELP IS NEEDED</u> 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 sup-

port 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.



SCAN ME

#### **BLESSED CANDLES**

It has been a centuries old tradition of the Catholic Church to celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Infant Jesus, 40 days after his birth (Lk 2:22). The February 2<sup>nd</sup> Feast has been referred to as *Candlemas*, and candles to be used in the homes of the faithful are blessed on that day.

Like the tradition of Blessing Homes, the tradition of burning blessed candles provides an opportunity for all the faithful to enter more fully into the universal prayer of the Church, as we rededicate our homes and our families to living in the "light of Christ".

Candles blest on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> will be available at St. John and St. Adalbert Churches. Every family is encouraged to take a blessed candle home and use it in times of storm, strife, and calamity. With the Church's blessing the votive candle is meant to remind us of Christ's ever-present light, a beacon of hope whenever trouble lurks. An appropriate prayer, which may be prayed when the candle is lit is included with the candle.

#### THROAT BLESSING

Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Feast of St. Blaise, a 4<sup>th</sup> century martyred bishop. While in prison, Blaise miraculously healed a young boy who was choking from a fish bone, lodged in his throat. Some say St. Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop. During the Middle Ages devotion to St. Blaise grew in popularity as individuals asked his intercession for ailments of the throat. Thus, the tradition of blessing throats has endured through the ages.

Those attending the weekend Masses on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> at St. John and St. Adalbert Churches will have the opportunity to have their throats blessed.

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may the Lord free you from evils of the throat and from any other evil."

## BLESSING of ST BLAISE 3 February Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

#### PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### **CASTING OUT "DEMONS"**

In today's Gospel, Jesus is confronted by a man with convulsions. His sickness is attributed to a "unclean spirit" or a "demon." The man was thought to be possessed by the devil.

So a classic confrontation is set up between goodness (Jesus) and evil (Satan). Jesus proves his power over evil by a simple word of command to be silent and come out of him. Immediately the man is cured!

In our own personal lives, there's a need to get rid of certain "demons" that may possess us! Demons, which make us less human! Demons, which can break down, or even destroy our relationships! Demons, which separate us from each other by building up walls of fear and hate.

Nineteen-year-old Keshia Thomas didn't intend to become a hero on that June afternoon in 1996. An African-American teenager, she was one of 300 protestors who assembled in downtown Ann Arbor, Michigan to protest a rally of the "Ku-Klux-Klan."

The anti-Klan protestors spotted a white male spectator wearing a Confederate flag on his T-shirt. Keshia wanted to yell at him. "What did I ever do to you?" but before she did, one of her fellow protestors hit him with a sign and a swarm of angry demonstrators began beating on him. Appalled, Keshia threw herself over the fallen man, shielding him from the kicks and punches.

Thanks to Keshia, the police were able to step in and rescue the man, who suffered only a bloody nose. It was learned later that the man was not even a member of the Klan. Keshia told the angry crowd, "You don't beat up a man just because he doesn't believe the same things you do."

A nineteen-year-old student changed a lot of minds and hearts that day, even including some members of the Ku-Klux-Klan.

As Jesus casts out the "unclean spirit" from the poor man with a word of compassion, Keshia Thomas cast out some "demons" of racism and violence by her act of bravery.

(Taken in part from a homily by Fr. George Rink)

#### 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.

#### **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 his/her work.

Benefits package available. Interested parties please call 219-659-0023 to set up an interview. Position is available immediately.

# L JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOO

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the last week of January, I am delighted to share with you the upcoming celebration of Catholic Schools Week within our school. This annual event holds great significance as we come together to reflect upon and appreciate the invaluable contribution of Catholic education to the lives of our students.

Catholic Schools Week is not merely a week on the calendar; it is a celebration of the values, teachings, and sense of community that define our Catholic schools. It serves as a reminder of the dedication and hard work of our educators, the enthusiasm and curiosity of our students, and the unwavering support of our parents and parishioners. As a product of the Catholic Schools K-12; I cannot stress enough the profound impact it has made in my life in strengthening my relationship with God.

Throughout this special week, our school will be organizing various activities to highlight the distinctive qualities of Catholic education. For our school service project, we will be collecting blankets of all shapes and sizes for Haven House. Haven House NWI provides emergency shelter and support services for domestic violence survivors and their children in Northwest Indiana. We are also having a family mass on Tuesday, where we will hear from students, parents, teachers and parishioners about how St. John the Baptist School is significant in their life.

I encourage and welcome each and every one of you to come to our Tuesday mass. It's an opportunity for us to come together as a parish community, to witness the impact of Catholic education, and to celebrate the bonds that strengthen us as a faith-filled family.

Let us take this moment to express our gratitude to the dedicated teachers and staff who tirelessly work to instill not only academic knowledge but also the values of compassion, respect, and love in our students. Your continued support plays a crucial role in nurturing the spiritual and educational growth of our children.

May this Catholic Schools Week be a time of reflection, gratitude, and celebration for our parish community. Blessings to you all. **Principal Ondas** 

Michelle Ondas, Ed.S

Principal St. John the Baptist Catholic School 1844 Lincoln Ave. Whiting, IN 46394 219-659-3042 mondas@stjohnbap.org

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL WINTER FEST 2024 There's no place like...

Planning for a Spring Fest is in the works!

The \$5,000 parish raffle will continue to take place on Sunday, January 28 following the 10:30am mass. Additional tickets are available by calling the school, 219-659-3042.





#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter,
Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter,
Norb Dudzik

<u>F:</u> 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.

<u>K:</u>Gerry Kasarda, Ryan Keelan, Bernadine Kontrik, Barbara J. Korba, Patti Koopmans, Corky Kuipers, Joan Kurczek, Kathy Kustka

<u>L:</u> Lenore Lazur, Nancy Legg, Donna Lewandowski, Carol Lukasik <u>M:</u> Maria M, Mary Madejewski, Kristi Matalik, Sebastian Mendoza, Ann Matusik, Delaney McGinnis, Steve Mihalso, Jerilyn Miller, Larry & Toni Milkowski

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<u>T:</u> Frank Tarajack, Nancy Teles, Geraldine Tumidalsky <u>V:</u> Pauline V.

<u>W:</u> Gina W., Evelyn White Terry W., Tucker W., Sadie Watson, Captoria Weems, Phil Wetnight **Z:** Janel Zubeck

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

<u>B:</u> Matt Barbetta, <u>C:</u> Christina Campra, <u>E:</u> <u>F:</u> Victoria Franco, <u>G:</u> Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, John Gervais, Gerardo Gonzalez, James Grunhard Jr., <u>H:</u> Alex Gonzalo Hernan-

dez, 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, Szewczyk, T. Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, Christopher Trojnar, V. Samuel Valdyke, W. Ray Walsh.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

(Psalm 95:1-2)



#### **LENT - 2024**

The many activities of winter give way to the Lenten Season (Ash Wed., Feb. 14 – Holy Thurs., March 28), a time for spiritual inventory and personal growth. Within our Whiting/Robertsdale community there are a variety of ways individuals can make a conscientious effort to become their best selves. Daily prayer, thanking God for lifetime blessings and seeking God's help; community services, including reflective opportunities to better appreciate the example Jesus has given us through his life, suffering, death and resurrection; opportunities for assisting those in need by contributing to our Whiting Food Pantry or our Whiting St. Vincent DePaul outreach. All of the above help us to do a better job of journeying through 2024.

It is hoped that each person, whether affiliated with a church or just trying to live life in the best and most wholesome ways, will value this six-week period called LENT. The time and energy invested in your spiritual life on a daily basis reaps wonderful rewards. Why not talk to Jesus. Ask Him to help you make this Lent a time of personal betterment, which may become a blessing to all those with whom you associate as well.

#### 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.

### ~ PLAN AHEAD ~

LENTEN FISH FRIES BEGIN Friday, February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 4 - 8 P.M.



## INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Forgiveness is at the heart of healthy relationships. Excuse rather than accuse. Forgive and ask to be forgiven. Forgiveness is a beautiful gift to give to those who hurt us."

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



# 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 Founders of the Wojtyła Community & Institute.

Cost: \$85.00

**LOCATION:** Gamba Ristotante 455 E 84th Dr. Merrillville, IN 46410

**EVENT CONTACT:** Rosanne Kouris 2197699292 or rkouris@dcgary.org

Catechetical Conference Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM "Eucharistic Renewal"

Date: Saturday March 2, 2024
Time: 9am-2:30pm
Location:
St. Patrick Catholic Church, Chesterton
Cost: \$25



#### Theme: On the Holy Eucharist

"By standing before the Eucharistic Christ, we become holy." – Blessed Carlo Acutis

#### Presented by: Dr. Scott Sollon

Dr. Scott Sollom has worked in the field of evangelization and catechesis for 25 years, including parishes, dioceses, and schools. He is a Professor of Theology and the Associate Chair of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University, where he also directs the Catechetical Institute. Scott and his wife, Mary, live in Steubenville with their five children.

#### Schedule:

8:45am Check-in

9:00am Liturgy and Catechesis: how to teach toward active participation

10:15am The Eucharist is the source and summit

11:30am Mass with Bishop McClory

12:30am Lunch

1:30pm Jesus the New and Eternal High Priest: our participation in the Holy Mass

2:30pm Closing

#### **Registration Link:**

https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ek3izh24c54b5db7&oseq=&c=&ch=

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May we courageously give witness to our faith.

St. John the Baptist, pray for us.

#### ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH-SCHERERVILLE, IN 2024

Lenten Mission St. Michael Catholic Church will be having a Parish Mission March 3rd, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 2024, featuring Catholic Speaker Paul Koleske. All Mission Sessions will be in the church.

Paul is a contemporary Catholic Christian Inspirational Speaker, Musician, Composer & Recording Artist from Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Theme of the Mission "Igniting the Light of Christ with in You"

Paul's ministry teaches the listeners how and why they are already wired to succeed in building themselves and the church while discovering God's purpose for their lives. He shares practical techniques people can use to increase their connection with the Presence of the Holy Spirit, the Risen Christ's gift to His disciples.

Paul will sing and speak at all weekend Masses!

**Sunday March 3rd**: "Connecting with the Light of Christ" Paul will tell us his story, his conversion from lukewarm-ness as a Catholic to a believer in miracles. He'll discuss the True Presence! He discuss the necessity of Mass attendance for your life. Bringing your Fallen-away loved ones back to the church! Then he'll teach you about the miracle of you! 7:00 PM

Monday March 4th: "Experiencing the Light of Christ" Paul will teach us as Catholics to trust in God. He'll share practical ideas on what we can do to break the mental cycles of anxiety, fear, doubt, worry, and guilt! He'll discuss the importance of prayer in a busy world.7:00 PM

Tuesday March 5th: "Living the Light of Christ" What you can do when things go terribly wrong! Identifying attitudes that limit our willingness and energy to fully-live our Christian faith within the Catholic Church! Truly Living the Light of Christ with in you, no matter what happens to you or within the church. The Real Mission of the church! 7:00 PM

As with all Paul's spoken word presentations, he selects songs from his own music that will illumine the topics discussed and help you have a deeper Mission Experience! His music, with its clear messages, will act as a lasting reminder that you can use long after the Mission to lift-up your spirits and vision of the Light of Christ within you .Paul has shared his ministry from the East Coast to Hawaii in 121dioceses in50states. He has appeared on EWTN with his music. This mission will empower you to live a more successful spiritual life. Paul will speak and sing at all masses the weekend before the Mission. All are invited and this Mission is free.

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