

OUR 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.



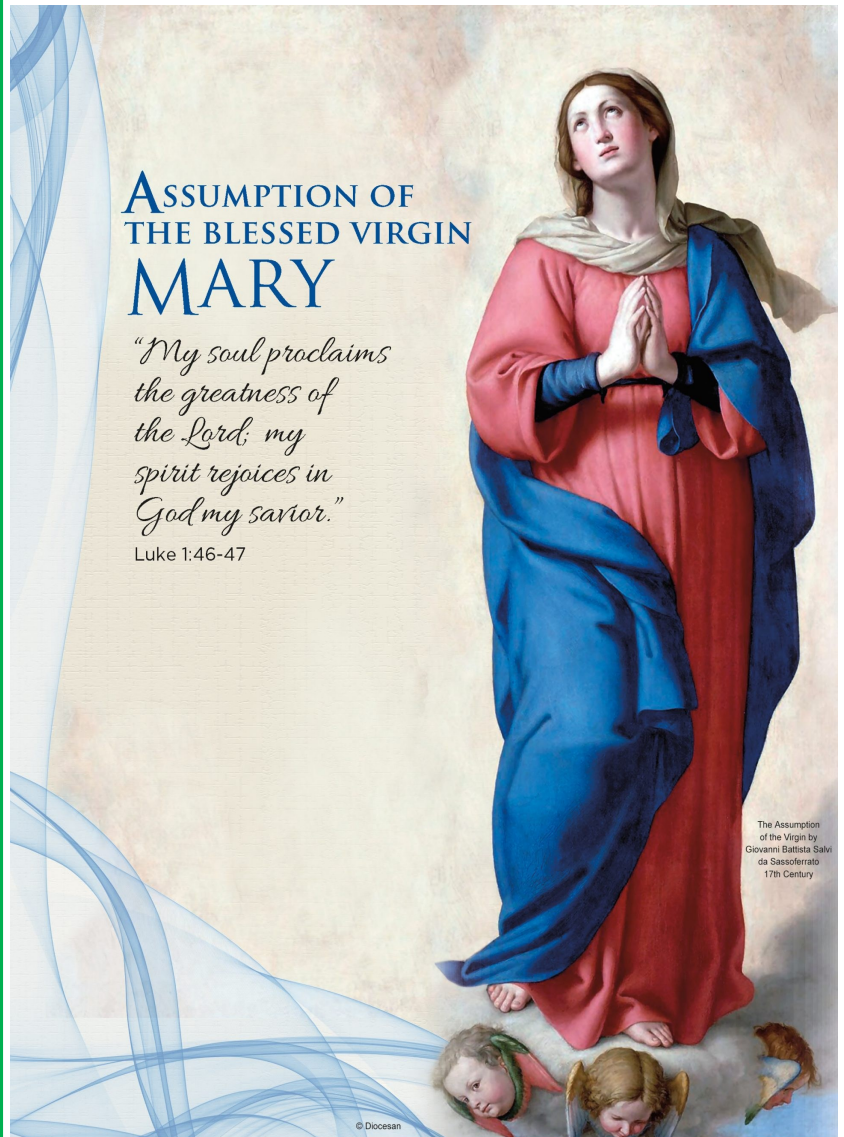
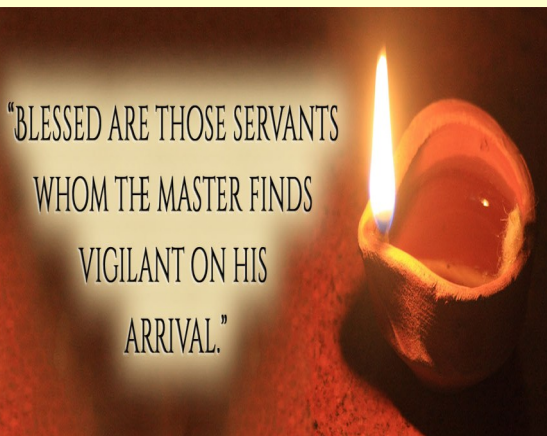
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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

Sacraments:
Please Call St. John Church Office:
219-659-0023

Rectory new Hours
Monday 8am-3:30pm
Tues-Fri 8am-4:00pm
Lunch hours 12pm-1pm

**Confessions after 7:00 a.m. Mass
and Saturdays 3:00–3:30 p.m.
in the SJB Centennial Room,
also by appointment.**



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*"My soul proclaims
the greatness of
the Lord; my
spirit rejoices in
God my savior."*

Luke 1:46-47

The Assumption
of the Virgin by
Giovanni Battista Salvi
da Sassoferrato
17th Century

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Today's scripture readings reveal Abraham's faith and the growing faith of Jesus' disciples. Rather than seeking wealth, power and pleasure offered by the world, the **"eyes of faith"** enable them and us to see that **true prosperity consists of love, service, and joy in the kingdom of God**, present everywhere when we see with the eyes of our heart. Let us remember that everything we have is temporary; in the end, we will have to account for our lives before God.

- Do I realize that all that I have is gift from God?
- Does my care for others outweigh my desire to cling to my possessions?
- How do I view my Christian mission?

Jesus says:

**Where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.**

(Lk 12:34)

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~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ August 3, 2025

St. John: \$8,887.25 St. Adalbert: \$1,293.00

Online Giving: \$859.21

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

Cost is \$157,144.50
 Collected as of June 23, 2025 is \$98,640.11



Saturday, August 16th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Valentina Lector: J. Ballman
 Eucharistic M: C. Mareta, R. Ciesla, G. Cusson

Sunday, August 17th., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Julian, Adriana Lector: J. Lewan
 Eucharistic M: M. Hassen, T. Wargo, S. Adam, T. Adam,
 T. Rossi, M. Jakubielski
10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Gianna, Jacob, Angela Lector: P. Rodriguez
 Eucharistic M: B. Behrens, B. Jersyk, L. Chocholek, L. Morandi,
 S. Tabernacki, K. Behrens, J. Kaminsky

THIS YEAR'S MASS INTENTION BOOK IS CLOSED. NO AVAILABLE
 DATES LEFT. NEXT YEAR'S 2026 MASS INTENTION BOOK WILL
OPEN OCTOBER 1, 2025.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**IN LOVING MEMORY**

August 10: Sunday: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. †Edward & Agnes Igras family
 10:30 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

August 11: Monday: ST. CLARE, VIRGIN

7:00a.m. †Paul Banik by John Saliga

August 12: Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

7:00a.m. †Barbara Wogelius by Nancy & Bernard Sterbavy

**August 13: Wednesday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,
 Priest, Martyrs**

7:00 a.m. †Rose Lubek by FCSLA #81

August 14: Thursday: St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

7:00 a.m. †George T. Gima by family
 SA 7:00 p.m. †Luelle M. Kutcka by Adrienne Smirga

**August 15: Friday: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
 MARY**

7:00 a.m. †Stephen Zabrecky by Dave Lauryn

August 16: Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary BVM

SA 4:30 p.m. †Joseph Zrnchik by Mike & Becky Flores

August 17: Sunday: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY
 10:30 a.m. †Edward "Butch" Vanek by wife Lorraine

 **REST IN PEACE**

Christopher B. Bobos

**Partners in Christ's Mission****CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2024**

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	Balance Due
SA	\$ 9,872.30	\$4,802.00	\$4,302.00	\$5,570.30
SJB	\$44,488.47	\$22,851.00	\$21,286.00	\$23,202.47

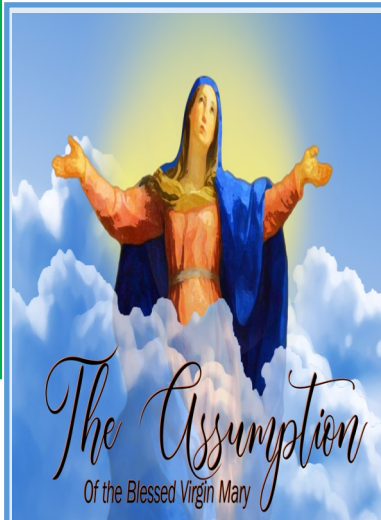
**THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY
 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Thursday, August 14, 2025 ~
 St. Adalbert: 7:00 p.m.**

Lector: L. Wright
 Eucharistic M: B. Stanich, R.
 Ciesla, G. Cusson

**Friday, August 15, 2025 ~
 St. John: 7:00 a.m.**

Lector: T. Markovich
 Eucharistic M: B. Stanich, R.
 Ciesla, G. Cusson



**BAPTISM FORMATION –**

If your child is 6 years or younger and you wish to have them baptized, please call the rectory to register for an upcoming formation session.

For children 7 and older, they have a different pathway to Baptism; more information can be obtained by contacting the rectory. Their programming begins in September for children attending public school.

The next Baptism Formation Session will take place on **August 14th at 6:00 pm in the Mural Room of the School. Enter Door A.** Pre-registration is required; call the rectory to register. Formation sessions are held every other month.

**OCIA- THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Do you know someone, or perhaps it is you, who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments? If needing all the sacraments from Baptism to Confirmation, or maybe just Communion or Confirmation. The OCIA program is for them. There is a flyer on the table near the church doors. Please take one and share it with people who might be interested.

The information meeting will be held on September 3rd in the Founders Room of the School, enter Door A. For more information, please call the rectory.



FAMILY MASS DIRECTOR is looking for additional Musicians and Vocalists. If interested in adding to this worship ministry please call the rectory for the contact number. Family Mass is held the 2nd Sunday of the month beginning in **September at 10:30 am**

As we enter into the final weeks before school begins for many children, I wanted to share some upcoming activities.

WEEKLY SCHOOL MASS DAY has been moved to **Fridays at 8:30 am.** The first mass will be held on **August 29th.** This mass is open to anyone who would like to attend. We ask that you sit on the sides or in the back of the church. We look forward to worshipping with you this year.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. As a Community of Faith, we celebrate Mary, our spiritual mother, who was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. It is a happy reminder that Heaven is real and Eternal Life is our destination. Let us live each day well as together we pray:

*Mary, Help of Christians,
intercede for us as we journey through life.
May your Son, Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit
be our strength and our peace.*

NOTE: Mass times are on page 2.

**FISH FRYS WERE A BIG SUCCESS!**

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of volunteers from across the parish: school, church, and rectory, we netted (pun intended) **\$17,320.34** on our second annual Lenten Fish Fry. The impact this event has on our fundraising efforts to replace the school's heating and ventilation system is enormous. We could not have done it without a team effort and the contributions of so many people. Special thanks to our patrons and to Marty Dybel for his ongoing support of this major fundraising event. We are forever grateful.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server training is held twice a year. **Our first session will be held on August 27th at 3:00 pm** in the Church, and the next session, if necessary, will be held in January. I encourage you to speak with your children about considering this ministry.

Altar Servers assist the priest, deacon, and community during the Mass. They are important servants and a necessary ministry.

Altar Servers must have received their 1st Communion, be male or female, and be available during weekend mass times: Saturday 4:30 and Sunday 8:00 and 10:30. Adults are also welcome to train and serve in this ministry. Contact the rectory to sign up for this training.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EVENTS:

We are so excited to announce the dates of our Fundraising Events this year.

September 14th - **Parish Picnic**- 11:30-4:00 pm on Lincoln Ave.

October 19th – **Our first Slovak Dinner**- 11:30-2:00. **Featuring Frank Rossi** as our entertainment. Advance ticket sales will begin at the Parish Picnic.

November 14th – **ALL You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner**- 3:30-7:30

January 16th - **Mexican Dinner**- 3:30-7:30

February 20th - March 27th on Fridays - **Fish Fry Dinners**- 3:30-7:30

Watch the bulletin for sign-up opportunities.

CALLING ALL YARD WORKERS, GARDENERS, AND GROUNDSKEEPERS

We're in need of a few more people to help us whack weeds, clean up litter, trim shrubs, and tidy up the grounds around the church, school, and rectory on Saturday mornings.

There's a core group of 4 to 5 of us who meet **Saturday mornings from 9:30 to around noon near the garage.**

Please stop by if you're able to help. You don't have to commit to working every Saturday, of course, and you don't need to do any kneeling, bending, or heavy lifting. Any time you can spare will be a big help. Coffee, donuts, and ginger chews will be available. ;-) Questions?

Call or text Tom Markovich: (219) 801-6952. Thank you!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Back to School Reminders from the Principal

Happy summer, St. John families! As we begin to prepare for a new school year, here are a few important dates to keep in mind:



Sunday, August 17 – Join us for **Family Mass at 10:30 AM** followed by **Supply Drop-Off**. This is a great opportunity for students

to meet their teachers and see their classrooms before the first day!



First Day of School (K-8) – Tuesday, August 19, 8:00 AM – 2:35 PM



First Day of Preschool – Thursday, August 21, 8:00 AM – 2:30 PM

We're excited to welcome everyone back for a joyful and faith-filled year of learning!

—Mrs. Michelle Ondas, Principal

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Is Tolerance a Substitute For Love?

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

-Matthew 22: 36-40

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians, we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is, tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and the outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross, we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.

Take time to name three people, in your life, whom you simply tolerate instead of love. How can you change your view of that person, so you see Jesus in him or her, allowing you to love them, just as Jesus loves you, just the way you are?

(Taken from: *Everyday Stewardship: Living an Extraordinary Life*, by Tracy E. Welliver, MTS)

RECYCLE YOUR RELIGIOUS ITEMS



St Mary's Recycle Mission Group will be stopping by to collect religious items that need a new home. Please note that there are specific items they take as well as items they DO NOT take. They can accept - anything Catholic such as Statues, Rosaries (Broken rosaries OK), Crucifixes, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Prayer Books and Bibles as well as used musical instruments.

They are NOT able to accept the following items - **Religious Books, Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Angel Figurines (Saint Angels are fine)**. Please place your items in the collection boxes located in the Vestibule of the church near the front doors.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A: Mary Jane Adam, Marie Anderson, Frank Angotti, Saul Arambula, Nancy Artim
B: Steve B., Matt Baccar, Susan Bancroft, Wendy Bannerman, Rita Bais, Mary Lou Barcevac, Ron Benko, Donna Bewley, Carol Bibat, Sue Bobalik, Bob Bonchik, Thomas Brooks, Ruth Bzibziak, John Boyle, Marsha Banik, Josie Bolek
C: Ben Cassoday, Jim Campbell, Maximiliano Chavez, Fr. Dennis Chriszt, C.P.P.S. Abigail Coates, Rebecca Coates, Marlene Cooney, Geraldine Cox, Olivia Crinion, Gloria Cruz, Bernadine Cusson, Larry Culp, Jeannine Cusson, Richard Cusson, Sharon Cusson, Sr. Ann Marie Caporale, Brian C.
D: Dave M., Jeff Delinck, Mary Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter, Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter, Norb Dudzik, Lenore Duray
E: Oliver Edlin
F: Jeanine Faulkner, Thomas Federenko, John M. Fedor, Bernice Fesko, Malia Fortunak, Dianna Fritz, Dave Furtak
G: Andrea Gaynor, Jacqueline Gonzalez
H: H. Haas, Shery & Jim H., Mariah Hayes, Debra Henderson, Kingston M. Hensley, Lorraine Homco, Betty Hunt, Sheila Huizzie, Bruce Hunt, Nellie Hunt, Dennis and Peggy Hyde, Judy Harkenrider
J: Mark J., Sheila J., Justus Jones
K: Danny K., Linda K, Gerry Kasarda, Diane Kaspar, Alex Kaleta, Ryan Keelan, Mark Kobli, Bernadine Kontrik, Barbara J. Korba, Patti Koopmans, Nancy Koselke, Marcia Krull, Joan Kureczek, Kathy Kustka

L: Carol Lukasik, Donna Lewandowski
M: Maria M, Mary Madejewski, Howard Marshall, Kristi Matalik, Sebastian, Jerry Matlon, Mendoza, Delaney McGinnis, Jerilyn Miller, Larry & Toni Milkowski, Andy Mueller
N: Ann Novotney, Linda N., Chloe N.
O: Bob Oliver, Selma O'Drobna, Joan Orosz
P: Anna E. Palomo, Pat, Donna Patton, Mike Pena, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Julie P., Pamela Puhek, Mary Puplava
Q: Christina Quiroz, Leonardo Quiroz
R: Lucretia R., Kathleen Radloff, David Reyes, Delia M. Reyes, Celeste Richardson, Sylvia Richardson, Joel Rivera, Dannielle Roszkowski, Ed Roszkowski, Eileen Ross, Randy & Luke Rycerz, Joyce Rybicki, Cris Rzonca
S: Arthur Salinas Jr., Robert & Phyllis Samano, Armando Sanchez, Linda Secviar, Lori Shaffer, K. Smith, R. Smith, M. Stimac, Judy Strisko, Deanna Stolarz, Renee Suma, Suzanne M. Swentko, Ann Swiatkowski
T: Frank Tarajack, Nancy Teles, Cindy Tokarz, Marilyn Tomko, Geraldine Tumidalsky
V: Pauline V.
W: Walter Watchel, Gina W., Terry W., Tucker W., Sadie Watson, Captoria Weems, Phil Wetnight, Evelyn White
Z: Margaret Zehner, Janel Zubeck, Ray Zubeck, Theresa Zvonar

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

B: Matt Barbetta, **C:** Christina Campra, **E:** 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, **R:** Robert Rodriguez, **S:** Eric Schaufele, Elliott Schultz, Natalie Serna, John Starzyk Jr, Alex Supergan, Jason Sutton, Szweczyk, **T:** Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, **V:** Samuel Valdyke, **W:** Ray Walsh.

**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.

COME TO THE GROTTO

The warm weather combined with the outdoor beauty of the **Immaculate Conception Grotto on White Oak Ave.** beckons us to gather and pray the rosary, **Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m.**

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

"Be careful what you become attached to. In the end we have to give it all up anyway. It is not true that we leave this world with nothing just as we came into the world with nothing. We cannot take things or money with us, but we take all the love we have allowed God to fill us with, enabling us to share it with others."

(Do Something Beautiful for God, The Essential Teaching of M Teresa)

**SUMMER SUNDAYS 2025**

Our SJB Parish invites you and your family and friends to **Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.** followed by coffee, cake, and conversation at St. John Church garage. All are welcome. Questions, call the parish office 219-659-0023.

***Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.
 May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us
 who have put our hope in you.***

(Psalm 33:20-22)



Please recycle this bulletin