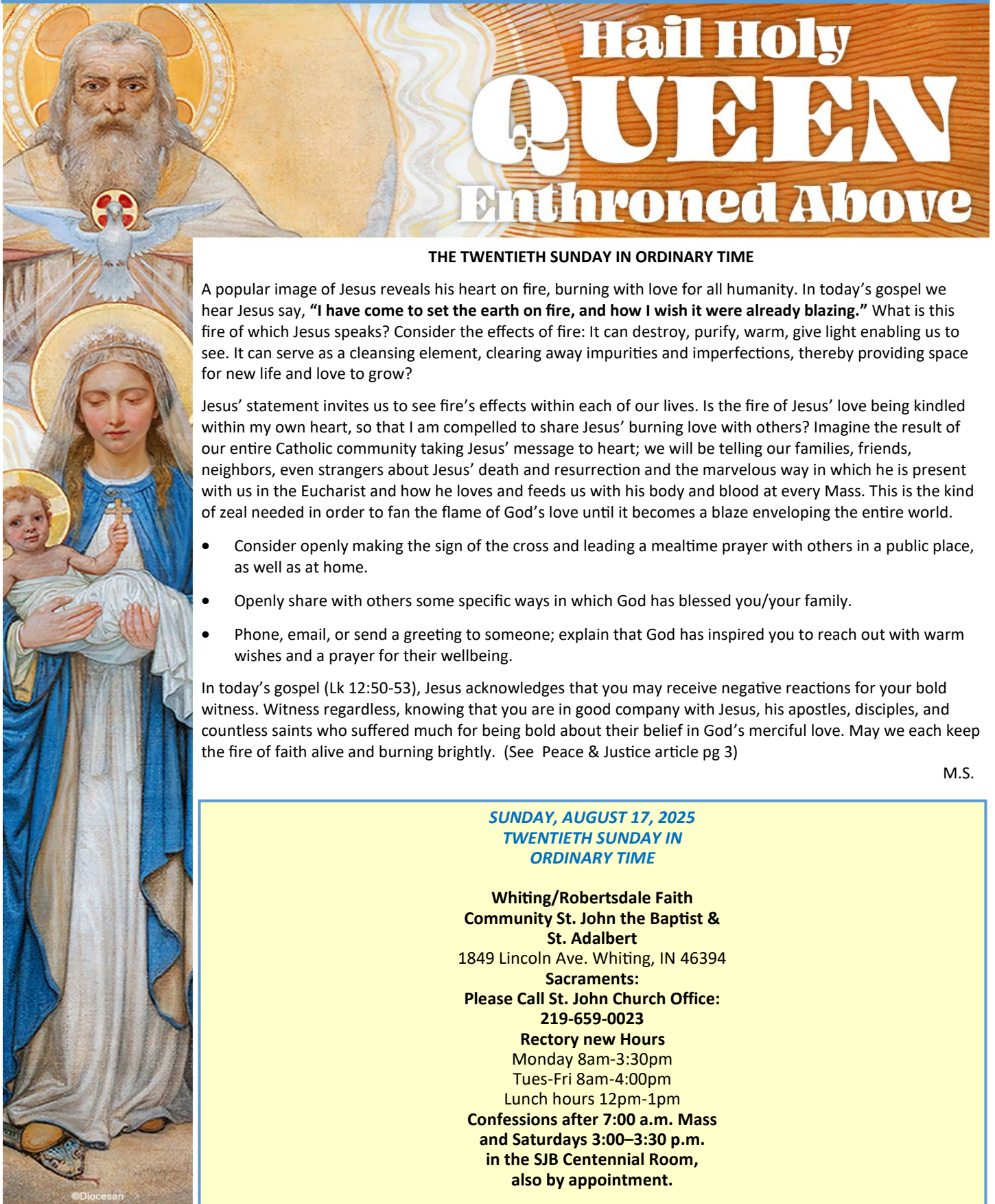


OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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.



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A popular image of Jesus reveals his heart on fire, burning with love for all humanity. In today's gospel we hear Jesus say, **"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing."** What is this fire of which Jesus speaks? Consider the effects of fire: It can destroy, purify, warm, give light enabling us to see. It can serve as a cleansing element, clearing away impurities and imperfections, thereby providing space for new life and love to grow?

Jesus' statement invites us to see fire's effects within each of our lives. Is the fire of Jesus' love being kindled within my own heart, so that I am compelled to share Jesus' burning love with others? Imagine the result of our entire Catholic community taking Jesus' message to heart; we will be telling our families, friends, neighbors, even strangers about Jesus' death and resurrection and the marvelous way in which he is present with us in the Eucharist and how he loves and feeds us with his body and blood at every Mass. This is the kind of zeal needed in order to fan the flame of God's love until it becomes a blaze enveloping the entire world.

- Consider openly making the sign of the cross and leading a mealtime prayer with others in a public place, as well as at home.
- Openly share with others some specific ways in which God has blessed you/your family.
- Phone, email, or send a greeting to someone; explain that God has inspired you to reach out with warm wishes and a prayer for their wellbeing.

In today's gospel (Lk 12:50-53), Jesus acknowledges that you may receive negative reactions for your bold witness. Witness regardless, knowing that you are in good company with Jesus, his apostles, disciples, and countless saints who suffered much for being bold about their belief in God's merciful love. May we each keep the fire of faith alive and burning brightly. (See Peace & Justice article pg 3)

M.S.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025
TWENTIETH 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.

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~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ August 10, 2025

St. John: \$7,506.10 St. Adalbert: \$1,406.00

Online Giving: \$2,430.53

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

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



Saturday, August 23rd ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Valentina, Reagan Lector: B. Boyle
 Eucharistic M: J. Ballman, B. Stanich, G. Cusson

Sunday, August 24th., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew Lector: R. Matlon
 Eucharistic M: G. Mosoriak, T. Rossi, E. Igras, M. Tonkovich,
 L. Elizalde, M. Hassen
10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jose, Mili, Rebecca Lector: M. Cornejo

Eucharistic M: D. Urbanik, J. Coleman, S. Tabernacki,
 O. Matushek, G. Kulas, B. Coleman, A. Alcala

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 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

August 18: Monday:

7:00a.m. †Mary Adam by Tom & Sue Adam

August 19: Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

7:00a.m. †George Baran by Jim & Helen Staley

August 20: Wednesday: ST. BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:00 a.m. †Mary Brenkus Staucet

August 21: Thursday: St. PIUS X, POPE

7:00 a.m. †Jack Strisko by Jim & Helen Staley

August 22: FRIDAY: THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 a.m. †John & Adele Blastick & Family by John & Becky Coleman

8:30 a.m. †George Baran

August 23: Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin BVM

SA 4:30 p.m. †Patrick Schuljak by Pat Summers

August 24: Sunday: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY
 10:30 a.m. †Kathryn Brtko by Judy Taylor

✠ **REST IN PEACE**

Janice Pazanin

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

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	Balance Due
SA	\$ 9,872.30	\$4,852.00	\$4,352.00	\$5,520.00
SJB	\$44,488.47	\$24,721.00	\$23,596.00	\$20,892.00



**CONGRATULATIONS
 ON YOUR WEDDING
 VICTOR & KRISTEN
 MARTINEZ**

A SINCERE THANK YOU for the donations to the Immaculate Conception Grotto and other donations to the Charity of your choice and also Planting of a tree in memory of Kathy Ann Bachleitner. It is with much appreciation. God's Blessings to all who made donations.



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

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
BACK to
SCHOOL
17 AUGUST 2025
SUPPLY DROP OFF**

10:30AM FAMILY MASS
11:30AM-1:00PM SUPPLY DROP OFF

JOIN THE HSA
2025-26 ATHLETIC INFORMATION
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

1844 Lincoln Ave. Whiting, IN 219-659-3042
Check our our NEW WEBSITE www.stjohnbapschool.org

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

FRANZ JAGERSTATTER
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

In matters of war and peace, August 9, 1945, is commonly remembered as the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki that killed 74,000 persons in the cradle of Japanese Catholicism. But the Catholic Church now should also remember August 9 as the day in 1943 on which Franz Jagerstatter was executed by guillotine in the Brandenburg-Gorden prison in Germany. It should command the attention of the Church today as it grapples anew with the morality of war and the rise of authoritarian nationalism.

Some martyrs blaze across history and instantly change hearts and minds. Jagerstatter's martyrdom was all the more heroic for being almost entirely obscure. His fate was known by few beyond his family and those in his small farming village of St. Rategund. At a time when the Catholic bishops of Germany and Austria encouraged military service for the sake of Hitler's wars, Jagerstatter stood almost entirely alone in refusing to go along.

Not long before his death, Jagerstatter took courage from learning of Austrian Catholic priest Franz Reinisch's refusal to take the oath to Hitler – a refusal that cost Reinisch his life.

Jagerstatter was 36 at the time of his execution. He was married with four children. His wife, Franziska, remained steadfast to the end, including an agonizing final visit to him in Tegel Prison. He was declared a martyr by Pope Benedict XVI in June 2007 and beatified in October 2007 at the cathedral in Linz, Austria in a service attended by his wife and children.

Jagerstatter heroic life and death first emerged from obscurity with the work in the 1960's of American sociologist Gordon Zahn. In 2019 noted Hollywood director Terrence Malick released the movie "A Hidden Life" one more step in bringing Jagerstatter's story to a broader public.

As evident in books like Erna Putz's edited volume, *Franz Jagerstatter: Letters and Writings from Prison*. He was motivated by a vivid sense of acting for the sake of the love of God and neighbor and of doing so together with the communion of saints. In his last recorded words before his death, Jagerstatter said: "I am completely bound in inner union with the Lord."

(Parts taken from an article by: David E. DeCrosse)





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.

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!



SUNDAYKIDZ

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

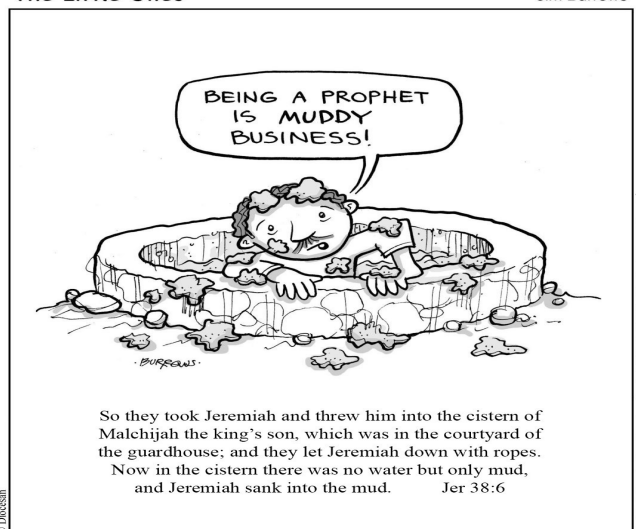
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Earth Fire Baptism Great Peace
Divide Father Mother Daughter Son

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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VIRTUS AWARENESS SESSION

The Diocese of Gary is committed to protecting the most vulnerable, our children, young people, and vulnerable adults, through education, awareness, and procedures.

Our Diocese began the work of addressing the issue of child sexual abuse in the early 1990s. Bishop Melczek and the clergy of our Diocese at the time established the Sexual Misconduct Toward Minors and Others at Risk in July of 1993. To implement this policy and its revisions, a Safe Environment has been established to:

- Provide a safe and secure environment for children and young people in the faith communities within our Diocese of Gary
- Assist the Diocese in evaluating a person's suitability to work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults
- Satisfy the concerns of parents and staff members with a screening process
- Provide a system to respond to the victims and their families, as well as the accused
- Reduce the possibility of false accusations against clergy, employees, and volunteers

Requirements:

Our Diocese requires that all diocesan clergy, religious, international priests, employees, and volunteers who have contact with children, young people, and vulnerable adults complete the following requirements:

1. Register with VIRTUS Online
2. Attend a Safe Environment Training Session
3. Background check and required document renewal every five years
4. Complete 24 ongoing monthly VIRTUS online informational bulletins

Our sessions are posted in the Virtus Database- August 21st at 9:00 am and August 26th at 6:00 pm. More sessions will be added.

The Pope's intention for August:

For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies will work together for wisdom and peace.

THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

Mary's Queenship is a share in Jesus' Kingship. In Luke 1:32-33 the Angel Gabriel tells Mary that the son she will conceive through the power of the Holy Spirit, "will be great, the son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever; of his kingdom there will be no end."

In the Old Testament it is the king's mother who has great influence on the court and on the king. The king's wives, often he had many, were not the queen! His mother was the Queen Mother and she was highly respected and valued for her wisdom.

The **August 22nd Marian feast**, this year celebrated on Friday the octave day of the Assumption of Mary, is important because Mary is the Mother of God. In the Dogmatic Constitution on The Church at #69 we read:

"Let the entire body of the faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God and Mother of mankind. Let them implore that she who aided the beginnings of the Church by her prayers may now, exalted as she is in heaven above all the saints and angels, intercede with her Son Jesus in the fellowship of all the saints. May she do so until all the peoples of the human family, whether they are honored with the name of Christian or whether they still do not know their Savior, are happily gathered together in peace and harmony into the one People of God, for the glory of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity."

"Hail Holy Queen enthroned above, Salve Regina"

M.S.

GOOD NEWS

"The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. **Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we are missionary disciples. (#120)**

"There is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbors or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching, which takes place in the middle of a conversation, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home. Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others, and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place; on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. (#127)

"Jesus did not tell the apostles to form an exclusive and elite group. He said: **'Go and make disciples of all nations.'**" (Mt 28:19) (#113)

(Taken from Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, ***The Joy of the Gospel.***)

JOIN FR. DECLAN

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF POPE LEO

SEPTEMBER 12TH 2025

SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
SCAN TO REGISTER



CHICAGO DAY TRIP

Join Fr. Declan on an amazing one-day pilgrimage to walk in the footsteps of Pope Leo, our first American Pope! We will visit many sites surrounding his life in the Chicago area: his childhood home, where he was born, his parish and the schools he attended, where he taught and said Mass, where he was head of the Augustinians, and more!

STELLA MARIS TOURS

Register today online or email Marcie for questions:

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Diocese of Gary
Vocations
BLACK TIE | WHITE COLLAR
gala

SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
 AVALON MANOR BANQUET CENTER | MERRILLVILLE, IN

EVENT PROGRAM DETAILS

- 6:00 PM - OPEN BAR & APPETIZERS
- 7:00 PM - DINNER & PROGRAM
- LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION
- MUSIC AND DANCING UNTIL 10:30 PM

Individual Dinner Cost is **\$100 per person**
Priests and Religious attend free of charge



THIS YEAR'S GUARDIAN ANGELS AWARD RECIPIENT
JACK SERLETIC
 SERRA CLUB OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

To Register for the BLACK TIE | WHITE COLLAR GALA

🖨 <https://onecau.se/btwc25> 

For more information, please contact JoAnne Rosenow at **219.769.9292** or email jrosenowdegary.org.

PICNIC

St. John Bosco
Community Picnic
Sunday August 24th Noon ~ 5pm

Come spend your Sunday with the community ~ with good priced eats and all types of fun for you and the family!

Food
 (Polish, Mexican, & Grill)

Live Music & Dj

Bingo

Bake Goods

Kid Games

Beer Garden

Raffles

7113 COLUMBIA AVE HAMMOND, INDIANA 46324



The Whiting-Robertsedale Historical Society
Presents

ONE MINUTE AFTER SUNRISE

The Story of the Standard Oil Refinery Fire of 1955

On the morning of August 27, 1955, a massive explosion rocked the Standard Oil Refinery in Whiting. The blast, which occurred just one minute after sunrise, triggered a catastrophic fire that raged for eight days that caused widespread devastation and left an indelible mark on the community.

Join the Whiting-Robertsedale Historical Society for a special event to mark the 70th anniversary of the tragedy.

Tuesday
August 26, 2025

5:00 PM: Doors Open; Author Meet & Greet Book Signing; Historical Exhibit

6:00 PM: Presentation and Panel Discussion

Optional visit to 7th-floor lookout to view refinery explosion site



Screening of "One Minute After Sunrise" video

Calumet College of Saint Joseph
 2400 New York Avenue
 Room 200

Admission is \$10 per person, with free entry for children 12 and under. Seating is limited.

Local historian and author **John Hmurovic** will present stories and insights from his book and documentary film.

SCAN HERE FOR TICKETS
 or Buy in Person at
 WR Chamber of Commerce
 and Select Locations After
 August 1st

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A: Mary Jane Adam, Marie Anderson, Frank Angotti, Saul Arambula, Nancy Artim
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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
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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 Kospelke, Marcia Krull, Joan Kuczek, Kathy Kutcka

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
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Z: Margaret Zehner, Janel Zubeck, Ray Zubeck, Theresa Zvonar

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, **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**

"Joy is infectious. We will never know just how much good a simple smile can do. Smile at the people who cross your path. You have a beautiful smile. Don't waste it. Live beautifully. Smile at life. Smile everywhere you go. Smile at everyone you meet."

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

**The Lord heard my cry;
 He drew me out of the pit of destruction...
 Many shall look on in awe and trust in the Lord.**
(Psalm 40:3, 4)



Please recycle this bulletin