

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We The people of the Whiting/Robertsedale 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.



If you are
willing to listen,
you can learn;
if you pay
attention,
you can be
instructed.

Sirach 6:33



The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today Jesus challenges us with the “narrow gate”. Will we be strong enough to enter? Today’s comfort culture and tendency toward taking the easy road may numb us into believing “We’ve got it made!” Interestingly Jesus paints a rather different picture of heaven, where people from all corners of the earth are enjoying the banquet, while those taking the easy road languish on the outside.

- How can I strengthen my ability to enter the narrow gate?
- I will bear my personal crosses without complaining.
- As a missionary disciple, I will ask the Holy Spirit to inspire me to speak openly and positively about Jesus as I acknowledge God’s blessings to me.

M.S.

In Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation, **The Joy of the Gospel**, we are encouraged to find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. “All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength and gives meaning to our lives...Our falling short of perfection should be no excuse; on the contrary, **mission is a constant stimulus not to remain mired in mediocrity but to continue growing.** (#121)

“God always invites us to take a step forward. He asks that we **sincerely look at our life and present ourselves honestly before him**, and that we **be willing to continue to grow**, asking from him what we ourselves cannot as yet achieve.” (#153)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

Whiting/Robertsedale 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 2025

St. John: \$7,833.21 St. Adalbert: \$1,159.00

Online Giving: \$740.35

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

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



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

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

Sunday, August 31st., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Julian, Adriana Lector: M. Saliga
 Eucharistic M: J. Venegas, E. Igras, M. Jakubielski, B. Behrens,
 Jon Venegas, K. Behrens

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Giuliana, Lilah, Angela Lector: B. DeLa Torre,
 A. DeLa Torre

Eucharistic M: J. Kaminsky, B. Coleman, L. Morandi,
 O. Matushek, G. Kulas, J. Coleman

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 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

August 25: Monday:

7:00a.m. †Joaquin Puente by Puente family

August 26: Tuesday:

7:00a.m. †Felix & Helen Lutz by daughter Lorraine

August 27: Wednesday:

7:00 a.m. †Miguel Rodriguez by daughter Elizabeth

August 28: Thursday:

7:00 a.m. †Lenore Lazur by Ed & Joann Bojda, Bob & Therese Boskovich

August 29: FRIDAY:

7:00 a.m. †Ben Likens by Joe & Tom Gregarovich

8:30 a.m. †Norbert Duray Family by daughters

August 30: Saturday

SA 4:30 p.m. †Margaret Abildua by family

August 31: Sunday: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. †Josephine Jacinto by Ava Pieracci

10:30 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

**REST IN PEACE**

Deceased members of our Catholic Community
 Whiting-Roberstdale

**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

YOU ARE INVITED

COME, join the conversation as we consider the many ways in which the gospel impacts our lives. with the **2025 Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the **St. John the Baptist Founders Room** (lower level of the school, enter 119th St). Using the **Formed** platform, **Matthew** series, we will discuss all 28 chapters. Thus, we are preparing ourselves to **better appreciate the featured Gospel of the 2025-26 Year A.**

All are welcome to join the group at any time and attend as able. **The only requirements are to bring your Bible and an open heart, ready to listen to God's Holy Word and receive its message into your life.**

Questions or to order a Bible, phone Margaret Saliga, facilitator, 219-659-4138.



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.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

SURRENDERING OURSELVES

Lose life and find life. Cross and glory. This is the paschal mystery in a nutshell. Sometimes our response to living the paschal mystery is enthusiastic because things are going well and we don't realize the demands. Then, when the going gets rough, we bog down. The challenge is to let go so God can lead us. We need to surrender ourselves. The paschal mystery isn't just a concept; it is a turning of the heart toward God's love working in us, but not without its demands. Even sharing in Jesus' divine glory means that we must share in his sufferings and death.

Christians must put aside their own prejudices, comfortable circumstances, and favorite ideas in order to do the will of God. This sort of discipline calls Christians to die to themselves in order to follow Christ. Dying to self, has sometimes become confused with self-hate, repression, or co-dependency. However, dying to self is a core value in the Christian Testament. With the grace of God, we can be willing to make the hard sacrifices that love demands. With God's help, we can detach ourselves from – or die – to all that is not Christ so that we can put on Jesus Christ.

Part taken from *Living Liturgy* by Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S.

Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, as a child, you increased in wisdom and stature as you listened to your teachers and asked them questions.

We now ask that you bless those who learn, that they may grow in the knowledge of their Maker, Redeemer, Life-giver, and of your glorious world we live in.

Bless those who teach, that they may share the wisdom they have received from above, and that they may do their work with patience and love reflecting your mercy.

You, Lord, are the Great Teacher.

Instruct all of us in your commandments:

to show love by glorifying you and serving our neighbors.

Disciple all of us with your holy Gospel: to be forgiven, renewed and empowered through your life, death, and resurrection.

Fill our hearts with wonder and excitement as we see your divine design in math and science, as we see your hand in history, as we learn to glorify you through art and music, as we learn to know our neighbors, their hopes, their hurts, their needs, that your love may flow through us to them.

Your holy Word tells us, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."

By your power, help us increase in wisdom, never ceasing to learn all the days of our lives until we sit at your feet in your Kingdom; where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.



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



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The Whiting-Robertsdale 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-Robertsdale 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

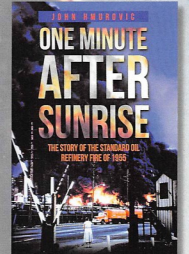
Admission is \$10 per person, with free entry for children 12 and under. Seating is limited.



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



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



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

BLACK TIE | WHITE COLLAR gala

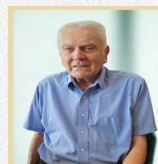
SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

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 jrosenow@dcgary.org.

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 Kospelke, Marcia Krull, Joan Kureczek, 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
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**

"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received, and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."

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

**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!

Praise the Lord, all you nations; glorify him, all you peoples!

**For steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the fidelity of the Lord endures forever.**

(Psalm 117:1,2)



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