

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 3, 2025

**EIGHTEENTH 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.**



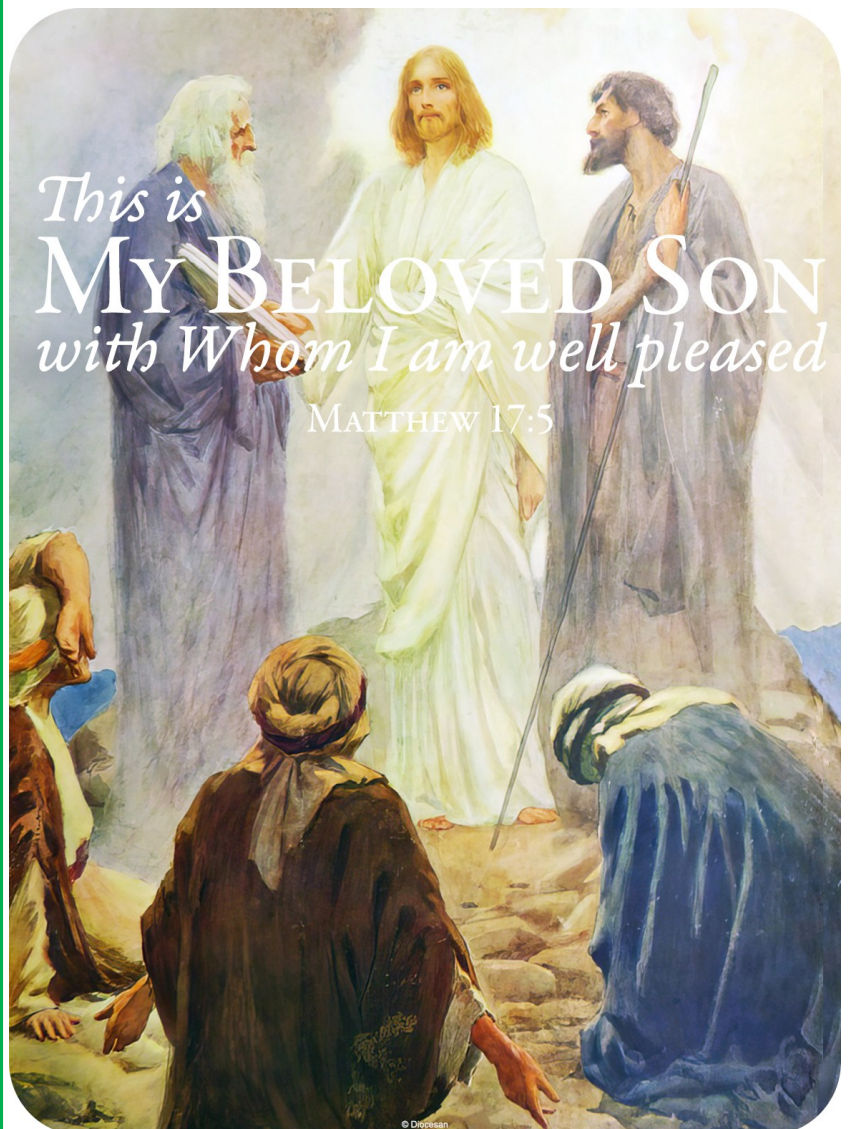
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THE 18 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings warn against greed, which is totally opposed to discipleship. A bystander, demanding that his brother share his inheritance, receives Jesus' instruction via a parable. Riches and possessions are temporary; you die and someone else gets the fruits of your labor. Jesus then exhorts his listeners and us to examine our attitude towards earthly "success" and "wealth". We are encouraged to invest in the things that will yield eternal rewards. Since all of us are doomed to die, and nothing in this world lasts forever, Jesus gives us his divine perspective: get rich toward God ~ give to the poor ~ only LOVE lasts.

- Will I invest in time, talent & treasure that will yield eternal dividends?
- Will I adjust my thoughts and actions so that I am ready to meet Jesus, should my life on earth end today?

M.S.



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~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ July 20, 2025

St. John: \$7,247.00 St. Adalbert: \$970.00

Online Giving: \$3,144.44

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

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



Saturday, August 9th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, August 10th., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew Lector: A. Bucher
 Eucharistic M: G. Mosoriak, M. Tonkovich, L. Elizalde,
 M. Hassen, T. Wargo

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Paul, Kosta, Sofia Lector: T. Markovich
 Eucharistic M: D. Urbanik, L. Chocholek, J. Coleman, E. Igras,
 A. Alcala, B. Coleman, 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 3: Sunday: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:30 a.m. †Gregory J. Zorich by family

August 4: Monday: St. John Vianney, Priest

7:00a.m. †George J. Saliga by wife Margaret Saliga

August 5: Tuesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

7:00a.m. †Barbara Poppen by St. John Rosary Society

August 6: Wednesday: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

7:00 a.m. †Mary Christine Puente by Puente family

August 7: Thursday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, & Companions, Martyrs St. Cajetan, Priest

7:00 a.m. †John & Mildred Saliga by John Saliga

August 8: Friday: ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST

7:00 a.m. †Mildred Monastyrski by David Lauryn

August 9: Saturday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr BVM

SA 4:30 p.m. †Lillian Wierzbicki by St. Adalbert Parishioners

August 10: Sunday: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. †Edward & Agnes Igras by Igras family

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

†REST IN PEACE

Jeffrey E. Justak

Kathryn S. Brtko

Ilene Haluska

Richard G. Mikola

Luelle M. Kutcka

**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

**INSPIRATION from**

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Many People who have many possessions, who have many goods and riches, are obsessed with them. They think that the only thing that counts is possessing wealth. That is why it is so difficult for them to walk each moment of each day with God. Too many of their moments are spent preoccupied with money and things."

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

**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.



The Executive Board of the St. John Rosary Society will meet on Monday, August 4 at 10:00am at the Whiting Public Library. Among other business items, the board will set the Calendar of Meetings/ Special Events for the Rosary Society starting in September 2025 through June 2026. When prepared and finalized, each member will receive a copy of this document.

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.

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**THE VIRTUE OF SIMPLICITY**

In his teachings Jesus always put an emphasis on the importance of developing the virtue of simplicity in one's life. Simplicity is speaking and acting always with God alone in view. God is touching our lives at every moment of the day, and we are touching Him. He is particularly close to us in the Church, in the Sacraments and in the poor. If we wish to be sensitive to the presence of God in our lives, we have to recall His presence frequently. We have to give ourselves moments of stillness and reflection in the midst of our work and our lives, so that we can become more conscious that it is in God that we live and move and have our being at all times.

We tend to think that we can provide for our own future, but the Gospel reminds us that the future is God's. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. We belong to God and He can demand an accounting of us at any time. The only security we truly possess is a loving relationship with God.

(Parts taken from *Living Liturgy* by Joyce Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. & *Deep Down Things* by Richard McCullen, CM.)

IT'S BACK!**ONE CAN – MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Next weekend (**August 9th & 10th**) there will be our monthly food collection in support of the Whiting Food Pantry. Your donations of canned and boxed food products, paper products and personal hygiene products can be placed on the pews or in the baskets at the center of church.

Thank you to all, for your continued support of this much needed ministry.

PROPER POSTURE FOR RECEIVING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST

- Bow as you approach the minister to receive Jesus in the host and/or the cup.
- As you look at the Eucharist speak an audible, deliberate **"AMEN"**, thereby professing your belief in the real presence of Jesus. "AMEN" is the response, not "thank you".
- Receiving the Eucharist in your hands or on your tongue are options.
- Make a throne of your hands, lifting your hands to receive Jesus' in the host.
- Hold the chalice with reverence, drink, and then present it back to the minister.
- If you are not able to receive Eucharist, but want to receive a blessing, step forward with your arms crossed over your chest and the minister will extend a hand of blessing.

At the Consecration of the Mass the priest first prays that the power of the Holy Spirit will transform the elements of bread and wine. Then the priest elevates the sacred host followed by the chalice while saying Jesus' words: *"Do this in memory of me."* **Through the power of the Holy Spirit, simple elements of bread and wine have become the body and blood of Jesus.** It is important to look up at this time and adore our Living God, hidden under the forms of bread and wine, as we silently pray,

"My Lord and my God!"

**NOT ALL SUPPORT INVOLVES
MONEY. SOMETIMES, THE MOST
VALUABLE SUPPORT COMES IN
THE FORM OF TIME,
ENCOURAGEMENT, A LISTENING
EAR, OR SIMPLY SHOWING UP
WHEN IT MATTERS MOST.**

REFLECT & BE REFRESHED

The summer months call us to recognize the importance of Jesus and Mary in our lives: June the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, July The Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus, and August with two Marian feasts worthy of celebration: **The Assumption of Mary on Friday, August 15; the Queenship of Mary on Friday, August 22.**

Within every season honor is given to Mary, our heavenly Mother and advocate. A recent article by a Missionary of the Precious Blood shares wisdom with us.

"The Blessed Mother allowed the Word of God to be implanted within her; allowed the Word [Jesus] to grow within her; and then she gave birth and brought the Word [Jesus] into the world. Like Mary, we are asked to receive the word of God. We are asked to give it a special place within our souls. We are asked to nurture and allow that word to grow and become strong within us. And then we are asked to give birth to the presence of God in the world by how we live our lives.

"Just as the Word became flesh in the womb of Mary, the word of God becomes flesh in our lives when we observe the teachings of Jesus. Then we can proclaim with Mary: *My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed.*"

M.S.

Diocese of Gary
dgary.orgJUBILEE 2025
PILRIMS OF HOPE

MASS

for Youth & Young Adults

Please join us!

- Middle and High School Youth
- Young Adults age 18-39
- Families are welcome
- Cookout to follow

Ministry Opportunities:

- Altar Serve • Lector
- Lead Music • And More

Sunday, August 3 at 2 p.m.

Cathedral of the Holy Angels
640 Tyler St, Gary, IN 46402

Scan or visit garyoyya.org/jubilee to RSVP and volunteer for ministry opportunities

The SHARE Foundation's 31st Annual Leprechaun Hunt™ is on Sunday, August 3, 2025, 11AM-6PM CDT at Sharing Meadows in La Porte, IN. The Leprechaun Hunt™ is our Irish-themed family festival where participants hunt for leprechauns with pots of gold worth \$50- \$1500, enjoy all-you-can-eat barbecued ribs, chicken, corned beef, hotdogs, pulled pork, hamburgers, tacos, roasted corn, drinks, & desserts, live Irish music along with our kid-zone featuring a magician, face painters, games, and bounce houses. All proceeds support our mission to serve our adult friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Ages 14-64 are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the gate the day of the event. Adults 65+ are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the gate. You will save \$10 on each ticket by purchasing in advance through August 1st. As always, children 13 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. The Leprechaun Hunt™ is a wonderful family event and we'd like you to invite others to join in the fun. Purchase tickets by calling our office, 219.778.2585, or visiting our website, sharefoundation.org/events/.

The SHARE Foundation Leprechaun Hunt™

31ST ANNUAL LEPRECHAUN HUNT - IRISH THEMED FESTIVAL OF FAMILY FUN!
SUNDAY AUG. 3, 2025
11AM-6PM CST

Family Fun: Kid-Zone with Magician, Face Painting, Games, & Bounce Houses
Live Irish Music: Celtic Roots, Doolin' Clan, Kennedy's Kitchen
Food & Drink: All You Can Eat Barbecued Ribs, Chicken, Corned Beef, Hotdogs, Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Tacos, Roasted Corn, Beer, Wine, Soda, & Desserts



NEED TICKETS?

\$50*/\$60 ages 14-64

\$40*/\$50 ages 65+

13 & Under FREE w/accompanying adult

*In Advance before August 1st



Scan QR code, visit ShareFoundation.org, or call 219.778.2585
Join us at Sharing Meadows 6357 N 300 E La Porte, IN

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.

EMMAUS

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

you are witnesses of these things. -Lk 24:48

AUGUST 9th 2025

Porter County Expo Center

English Breakout Sessions

Adam Antone - *Mental Health*

Meg Hunter-Kilmer - *The Saints*

Dr. Mary Healy - *Healing*

Dr. Edward Sri - *Missionary Discipleship and Evangelization*

Don't miss this chance to grow in faith and be part of a vibrant community of believers dedicated to living and sharing the Good News!



Dr. Edward Sri



Dr. Mary Healy

SIGN UP HERE



También hay sesiones en español. Para más información: dcgary.org/emmaus



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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U M Y T E A C H E R D U T M

SUNDAY KIDZ

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

KNOCK? I'M GONNA POUND ON THE DOOR OF HEAVEN

“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. Lk 11:9

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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, Corky Kuipers, Joan Kurczek, Kathy Kustka

L: Carol Lukasik, Donna Lewandowski

M: Maria M, Mary Madejewski, Howard Marshall, Kristi Matalik, Sebastian, Jerry Matlon, Mendoza, Delaney McGinnis, Richard Mikola, Jerilyn Miller, Larry & Toni Milkowski, Andy Muellar

N: Ann Novotney, Linda N., Chloe N.

O: Bob Oliver, Selma O'Drobnak, Joan Orosz

P: Anna E. Palomo, Pat, Donna Patton, Mike Pena, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Julie P., Pammela 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, Janet Z., 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.**

**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.

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the Lord our God be ours.*

(Psalm 90:12-13,14)



Please recycle this bulletin