#### **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 31, 2025 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whiting/Robertsdale Faith
Community St. John the Baptist &
St. Adalbert

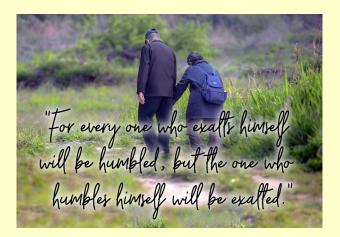
1849 Lincoln Ave. Whiting, IN 46394

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.





Monday, September 1, 2025 the rectory will be closed.

HAPPY LABOR DAY

#### 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday we are urged to **live lives of humility**, looking to God for a renewed vision of life's most important mission:

#### LOVING AS JESUS LOVES.

We must not seek honors for ourselves. Instead, we should look to Jesus' and his mother Mary's self-giving example. When Elizabeth calls Mary "most blessed among women", Mary's immediate reply is, "the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Lk 1:49).

Successes, wealth, triumphs, ultimately come from God, our creator and redeemer. Graced with talents and blessings, we are called to share God's blessings with others especially those most in need.

- In what ways can I be more humble?
- How will I reach out with humility to help someone this week?

M.S.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Monday, September 1st is a designated day to pray as you are able and act in positive ways which show both care and concern for the environment and all creation. By adding the September 1st day of prayer to the Catholic calendar in August of 2018, Pope Francis encouraged individuals and communities to implore God's help in protecting creation and to ask God's forgiveness for sins committed against the world in which we live.

Actually, the entire month of September extending to October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, is dedicated to growing in our personal as well as our communal awareness of the need to be good stewards of all of creation. Practicing the 3 R's as we recycle, reduce, and reuse, and going beyond by throwing trash in appropriate containers and picking up and disposing of trash when and wherever you see it carelessly strewn about our community is a helpful way to practice good stewardship of creation.

May we each grow in our attentiveness to the environmental needs surrounding us and develop thoughtful ways to participate in the care of our properties, neighborhoods, and communities. In doing so we become a good example to others. May our little community on the lake be blessed by our prayer and our care.

M.S.

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#### ~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ August 2025

**St. John:** \$6,224.50 **St. Adalbert:** \$

**Online Giving:** \$1,201.71

#### ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

Cost is \$157,144.50

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

#### **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2024**

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	Balance Due
<u>SA</u>	\$ 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



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

Altar Servers: Valentina Lector: G. Cusson

Eucharistic M: C. Mareta, R. Ciesla, J. Ballmann

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. DeLaTorre,

A. DeLaTorre

Eucharistic M: J. Kaminsky, B. Coleman, L. Chocholek,

L. Morandi, O. Matushek, G. Kulas, J. Coleman

#### **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

#### August 31: Sunday: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

September 1: Monday: Labor Day

7:00a.m. †Margaret Zimmerman by family

September 2: Tuesday:

7:00a.m. †John & Anna Vanek by daughter Lorraine

September 3: Wednesday: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

7:00 a.m. †Manuel Antonio Bencomo

September 4: Thursday:

7:00 a.m. †John & Ann Yacho by Stanley & Mary Ann (Yacho)

Warner

#### September 5: FRIDAY: ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA, VIRGIN

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

7:00 a.m. †Virginia Spak by Maey Jane Adam 8:30 a.m. †Eva Corina Puente by Puente family

September 6: Saturday

SA 4:30 p.m. †Adolph Schuhrke by Donna, Judi & families

September 7: Sunday: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

8:00 a.m. †Paul J. Miskus by family

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

## **† REST IN PEACE**

### Justus Jones Mason Markovich





#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday, September 5, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Retreat from the outside hubbub to the quiet, candle lit space of St.

John Church: a place to be still and know God's ever-

present love and mercy. Allow Jesus to speak to your heart, assuring you of his love and forgiveness. Rest in Jesus' embrace, and know his abiding presence. He is on the altar, longing for you to be with him.

Come as you are, stay as long as you are able. Be refreshed in this time of solitude with the Lord of Lords, the Savior of the world.

All are welcome.

In memory of
Otto and Patricia
we send out our prayers
to the family.



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



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 29**<sup>th</sup>. 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 worshiping with you this year.

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EVENTS:**

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

September 14<sup>th</sup>- 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 14<sup>th</sup> – ALL You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner- 3:30-7:30

January 16<sup>th</sup> - Mexican Dinner- 3:30-7:30

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

Watch the bulletin for sign-up opportunities.

#### **FCSLA MEMBERS**

BRANCH 81 is sponsoring the Pierogi booth at the parish **picnic** on **Sept 14**<sup>th</sup>. It is a matching funds event!

We need volunteers to helps us. If you are able to cook or serve pierogi... please call Becky Coleman at 219-801-6665 or Mary Beth Markovich 219-713-0991



On Sunday, September 7, these two amazing young men will be canonized by the Catholic Church at St. Peter's in Vatican City. Blessed Carlo Acutis was Born in 1991 and raised in Milan. Blessed Acutis used his tech skills to evangelize and is known for his devotion to the Eucharist and creating an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles. Noteworthy as well are His joyful faith and compassion for others before dying of leukemia in 2006 at age 15.

Blessed Giorgio Frassati, born in 1901 into a prominent family in Turin, Italy, was admired for his deep spirituality, love for the poor and enthusiasm for life. A member of the Dominican Third Order, he served the sick through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He died at age 24 after contracting polio, possibly from one of the people he assisted. His motto "Verso I'Alto" (to the heights) is inscribed on the photo of himself mountain climbing.

The two Italian laymen will be the first saints proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV. We ask that they pray for all of us as we center our lives on Jesus and aim for the heights "heavenly glory".

#### YOU ARE INVITED

COME, on **Tuesday September 2nd.**, 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** *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. Please 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.



**ROSARY SOCIETY UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER** 

September 15 (Monday) St.John Rosary Society will meet at 11:00 am. Hosted by Group 5, Susan Dybel Promoter. Group members should plan to be at the Senior Center at Pulaski Park by 9:30 am to help with the room set up.

Father Mark Peres, C.PP.S. will install the Officers/Publicity Chairperson:

President—Joyce Wagner
Vice President—Susan Dybel
Recording Secretary—Marion Vargo
Corresponding Secretary—Denyse Buck
Treasurer—Carol Vargo
Publicity Chairperson—Deborah Kolodziej

September 28 (Sunday) St. John Rosary Society will have a joint Rosary with St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church (weather permitting) at the Marian Prayer Garden next to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church - 2011 Clark Street in Whiting. It will be at 1:00 pm. Members and their relatives/friends are invited/encouraged to attend. An informal reception will follow. If it rains the rosary will be prayed in Church. Please invite family/friends to attend this special service. All are welcome!

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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Members of the Whiting Knights of Columbus will be conducting a membership drive on the weekend of September 20-21 after all masses. The invitation to join is open to all Catholic men 18 or older, in good

standing with the Catholic Church. Our order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 18823.

For additional information got to www.kofc.org/





## CALLING ALL YARD WORKERS, GARDENERS, AND GROUNDSKEEPERS

Churchyard 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!

#### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

All of us are reminded to **come to our weekly Eucharist hungry for Jesus' food/Jesus' very Body and Blood which is life giving**. Here is nourishment which provides the energy and inspiration we need to go about our daily lives, fortified with the life of Jesus the Christ. This is the spiritual food which empowers us to live each day well.

**NOTE:** Think about the responses you voice at every Mass. Let them be spoken from your heart, allowing your mind to absorb the dialogue that you and the priest share. Your positive attitude will enable you to be a fitting vessel in which our Lord Jesus wishes to reside.

M.S.

## SJB Picnic & School Fundraiser!

family fun, raffles, kids' games, music, bounce houses, fab food

1844 Lincoln Ave.
in front of church and school

Sun. 14 Sept. 2025

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Questions: 219-659-0023



#### **PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

#### People on the Margin, Who Are They?

#### THOSE WHO ARE:

- Hungry, poor, and don't have access to affordable housing, health care, decent schools, or clean water.
- Suffering the effects of environmental degradation, racism, sexism, or other forms of inequality.
- Refugees fleeing violence or persecution and cannot return to their homes.
- Undocumented immigrants seeking a better life for themselves and their children.
- Victims of human trafficking, gun violence and war.
- Prisoners serving unjust sentences and those condemned to death.
- Laborers not paid what they are due.
   All those without a voice, marginalized and "poor in spirit."

#### Yes. We Pray

I don't pretend to know much about what's going on in the world. But I know enough to realize our world is very broken. It always has been, but recently, I feel like our brokenness is showing more than ever.

I don't pretend to know much about prayer. I don't understand how it works, but I know it works. I have seen it. I don't understand why the creating God of the universe asks us to pray, but I know God does.

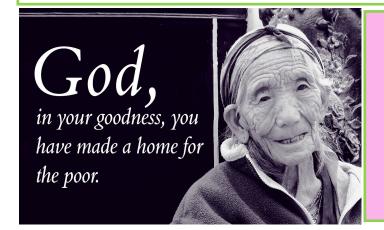
When the whole world is severely splintered and disintegrating right in front of us, it is hard to know how to respond. It is difficult to know what's actually helpful. This I know, even though I don't understand, we are to pray. We pray for the world. For all places God's image-bearers are sitting in terror, hurt, and confusion. We pray for the impossible. We pray for healing. We pray for peace that would completely pass understanding because in a way how could peace be understood here? We pray for comfort. We pray that somehow, there would be a stillness in the terror, some sort salve for their hurt, a bit of clarity for the confusion.

We continue praying for the impossible. We pray the people of God would rejoice in their sufferings, remembering that these sufferings, while unimaginably horrifying at times are temporary. We pray the rejoicing will lead to endurance, because endurance eventually leads to hope. Hope that will not disappoint. Hope. The impossible. We pray.

We pray for forgiveness, grace, and mercy to find their way into the hearts of so many. We pray love will win battles and not just the war. We pray that swords will be turned back into plowshares, that weapons will be laid down. We give thanks for those who are sacrificing their lives to provide aid. We give thanks for those who are working diligently to tell the stories, change the laws, heal the wounds, and share the love of Christ. We thank Jesus for them. We pray they will somehow be encouraged in the middle of any overwhelming disappointment.

Yes, we pray! That, somehow, in a way only God can accomplish, lives will turn to God. We pray that God will work with us to heal this broken world and set things right and new and beautiful again. **AMEN!** 

Elizabeth Hyndman



When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.

For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

(Luke 14:13-14)



mature, professional, joyful, passionate, and committed individual with excellent communication skills and a strong desire to work in a collaborative setting. Candidates must be a Catholic in good standing, possess a working knowledge of the Catholic faith, have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and a devotion to the Blessed Mother. Candidates o must be flexible in scheduling and have the ability to work some evenings and weekends.

Interested candidates can send a letter of

interest and/or resume to St. Matthias Church Attn: Jackie Gentry 101 W Burrell Drive

APPLY NOW

COORDINATOR

**Crown Point, Indiana 46307** or email jackiemgentry@yahoo.com.

## **FORMATION** SATURDAYS

For Parish Leaders & Volunteers

Diocese of Gary | 9292 Broadway | Merrillville, IN 46410

Saturday, September 13 | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join us for a dynamic morning of leadership training, faith, and fellowship for priests, deacons, parish leaders, and volunteers ministries by helping parishes recruit and place the right volunteers in the right roles.



**ENGLISH Ron Huntley** International Catholic Leadership coach and author

**SPANISH Javier Castillo** 

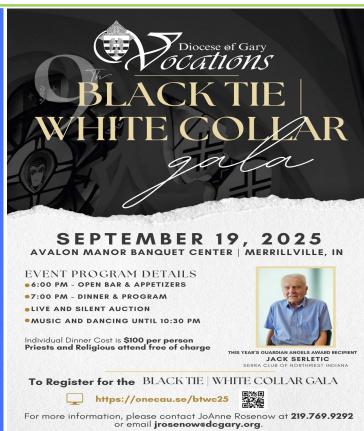
Senior Coordinator for Hispanic Formation Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago

Please register at:

https://dioceseofgary.jotform.com/252246282375156

Or you may register by scanning the QR code







#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A: Mary Jane Adam, Marie Anderson, Frank Angotti, Saul Arambula, Nancy Artim
B: Steve B., Matt Baccer, 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.PP.S. Abigail Coates,

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

Rebbeca Coates, Marlene

<u>F:</u> Jeanine Faulkner, Thomas Federenko, John M. Fedor, Bernice Fesko, Malia Fortunak, Dianna Fritz, Dave Furtak <u>G:</u> 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.,
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 Kurczek, Kathy Kutcka

<u>L:</u> 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 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 Ouiroz

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

<u>S:</u> 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, Morgan Sikora

<u>T:</u> 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 E: Margaret Zehner, Janel Zubeck, Ray Zubeck, Theresa Zvonar 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 Hernandez, Elliot Hlavaty, Matthew Hlavaty, <u>J:</u> Justin Jansky, <u>K:</u> Thomas M. Kaminsky, Keith Kennedy, Jeff Klobucar, Jason

Koscielski, Jeffery Koval, Mark Koval, <u>M:</u> Walter Malenki, Randall McAllister, Mike McCay, Hugh A. McNinch, Philip Mlynarski, Derek Monks, <u>N:</u> David Novotney, <u>O:</u> Zack O'Drobinak, Nicholas Okamura, Justus Oliver, Mark Opachan, <u>P:</u> Kenneth Petkunas, <u>R:</u> Robert Rodriguez, <u>S:</u> Eric Schaufele, Elliott Schultz, Natalie Serna, John Starzyk Jr, Alex Supergan, Jason Sutton, Szewczyk, <u>T:</u> Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, <u>V:</u> Samuel Valdyke, <u>W:</u> Ray Walsh.

#### SJB CIRCLE OF PRAYER

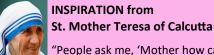
If you have an immediate need for prayer support, please consider calling Margaret at 219-659-4138. She will pray with you on the phone and then send your request to the volunteers in our circle of faith who will pray specifically for your intentions.

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.



"People ask me, 'Mother how can you remain so joyful surrounded by all this suffering'. The question always

makes me smile. Jesus is the source of my joy. I go to prayer every day so He can fill me with His joy. When I am weary and discouraged, I go and sit with Jesus. He invited us to do that: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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

HAPPY SEPTEMBER 5TH FEAST DAY
St. Mother Teresa

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance; you restored the land when it languished; in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy. (Psalm 68:10-11)

