#### **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, JULY 13, 2025** 

# FIFTEENTH 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.

# THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JULY 2025 FOR FORMATION IN DISCERNMENT

"Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel."





#### The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us of the great commandment, the Shema

Love the Lord your God with all your heart...being...strength...mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. (LK 10:25-37)

In order to explain, Jesus shares the parable of the "Good Samaritan". Thus, Jesus emphasizes that we must treat others with generous mercy and actively LIVE the GOSPEL. When hearing the Gospel of the "good Samaritan", we usually consider both the negligent passers-by as well as the generous Samaritan. However, let's also consider the needy person who is disregarded by members of his own culture, while receiving immediate care from a concerned outsider.

- Did the wounded man resent the negligent priest & Levite?
- Did he show gratitude to the Samaritan?
- When I needed assistance, did I receive help?
- How did I show my gratitude?
- Was I able to pay it forward when an opportunity arose?

July is the Month of the Precious Blood of Jesus. Among the Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Companions of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, we speak of the "Call of the Blood" and the "Cry of the Blood". Those who respond to God's invitation to love him whole heartedly have heard the "call of the blood of Jesus" to be his loving presence in our broken world. As we regard our broken world, we become very aware of the "cry of the blood" of innocent children, the homeless, the jobless, the elderly, the incarcerated, all who cry for God's mercy.

Looking within ourselves, we realize that we have each received God's merciful love on multiple occasions. Now in this Jubilee Year of HOPE, we recommit ourselves to living God's love. May we repent for the times we have neglected the needs of others; may we be grateful for the times we've been helped; may we be quick to respond to others' needs with generous hearts and hands.

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#### ~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ June 22, 2025

**St. John:** \$8,252.11 **St. Adalbert:** \$1,505

Online Giving: \$1,570.93

#### ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

Cost is \$157,144.50

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



Saturday, July 19th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, July 20th., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Julian, Adriana Lector: J. LeWan

**Eucharistic M:** J. Venegas, T. Rossi, M. Jakubielski, K. Behrens, J. Venegas, G. Mosoriak

#### 10:30 a.m.

**Altar Servers:** Paul, Nelly, Gianna **Lector:** M. Cornejo **Eucharistic M:** D. Urbanik, L. Chocholek, S. Tabernacki,

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

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.

#### **WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

#### July 13: Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Abildua & Zabrecky Family by family

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

July 14: Monday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00a.m. †Ben Likens by Maragaret Saliga & family

July 15: Tuesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the

Church

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

#### July 16: Wednesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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

July 17: Thursday:

7:00 a.m. †Walter Swierc by Mary Wiak & family

#### July 18: Friday: St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

7:00 a.m.  $\dagger$ John & Mary Mihalov by daughter Helen's children

#### July 19: Saturday:

SA 4:30 p.m. †Lillian E. Wierzbicki by Bernie & Gil Cusson

#### July 20: Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY 10:30 a.m. Geraldine Schuhrke by Donna Judi & families

### **†REST IN PEACE**

## Deceased members of our Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community



CATHOLIC CSA 2025 Impacts our local Catholic SERVICES Community. Please give generously. APPEAL

#### in Christ's Mission

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2025

	GOAL	PLEDGE	PAID	BAL DUE
<u>SA</u>	\$9,872.30	\$4,302	\$3,802	\$6,070.30
<u>SJB</u>	\$44,488.47	\$21,961	\$20,071	\$24,417.47



### JULY IS THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Since the early 20th century, St. John Church has been staffed by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

(C.PP.S.). As in past years we honor The Precious Blood of Jesus during the month of July by praying The Litany of the Precious Blood and alternately the Seven Offerings of the Precious Blood each morning at 6:55 a.m. before the 7:00 a.m. Mass.

Many find that Morning Mass attendance is a wonderful way to begin their summer days. Consider coming daily or periodically. The blessings are out of this world!



HAPPY 52<sub>ND</sub>
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
ED & SHIRLEY MARKOVICH

### The Whiting Knights of Columbus council invites you to the Second Annual Whiting Catholic Community Procession

Sunday, July 20, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor the second annual Catholic procession, this time in honor of the Mother of God. The procession will be at the conclusion of the Sunday liturgy of the North American Byzantine Catholic Assembly, which will be held in Whiting. Led by Archbishop Michel Jalakh Dicastery for Eastern Churches Vatican City.

The liturgy will be at 10 a.m., Sunday, July 20th. The Procession will follow at the conclusion of the liturgy, 11:45 a.m. We will then process to Whiting Lakefront Park, where a celebratory lunch awaits us at the pavilion.

All are welcome, but registration is required. For info and to register, see <a href="https://www.stmarywhiting.org">www.stmarywhiting.org</a>



**SUMMER FUNDRAISING** The Pierogi Fest will be held **July 25th-27th!!!** We will once again man the parking lots for St John the Baptist. If you are interested in working a shift, please sign up using the link. This is a physical job, walking and directing traffic in the lots. Children in 6th

grade and older are able to assist. Sign up here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FABAB2FA0FB6-57047105-pierogi

### **JULY 19**



#### Year 2:

ALPHA at the Symphony . . . Join your friends for a beautiful evening of music with the Whiting Park Festival Orchestra at the 2025 Season's Opening Night performance.

For all Alpha Alumni, arrive at 6 pm, as usual Menu: Tacos, Pizza, Salad. Water provided, fee is \$10 per person. RSVP is a must - by July 15. Please text to 219-588-3633; or email to: trossi1204@gmail.com / PS: Bring a chair!

More concert info at: https://www.whitingparkfestivalorchestra.com

#### **FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION**

is open for the next program year, which will begin on **September 14th**. Visit the parish website to register your child!



#### **RCIA-OCIA**

Are you or do you know someone interested in receiving the Sacraments of the Catholic Church? Please pick up a flyer at the doors of the church and share it with them.

We will have an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 pm at St John the Baptist School, Door A.



#### **BAKE SALE**

The young people attending NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in November will host bake sales each Sunday in July to support the cost of the Conference. We will be located in or near the garage. Please stop by and support the team if you are able.



#### **VOLUNTEER BAKERS NEEDED**

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 58 & 81, along with our parish youth, will be having a bake sale on Sunday, July 20th after the 8am and 10:30am masses. This is a matching

funds event and we will get an extra \$600, provided we can raise that amount. All funds go to support the NCYC youth, who are inspired to follow their faith. We are asking members, parents and parishioners to help by baking their ethnic specialties for this special fundraiser. Please bring your home baked goods, wrapped and ready to be sold. Monetary gifts are gratefully accepted. We appreciate your support helping our youth to raise much needed funds.



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY
THERESE BOSKOVICH
HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!



#### **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.

#### **SLOVAK DAY CELEBRATION**

Come and celebrate the annual Slovak Day Celebration on **Sunday, July 13, 2025.** Starting with a Catholic Mass at 11:00 am at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine, Merrillville, Indiana. Mass will be followed by ethnic food, drink, cash raffle and Slovak musicians. Cash Raffle ticket will be available day of.

Location: Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine 5755 Pennsylvania St. (Broadway) Merrillville, IN 46410

For more information visit:

www.facebook.com/SlovakDayCelebration

### Archdioceses of Indianapolis Office of Marriage and Family Life

Hope and healing after abortion can be found at the upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreat sponsored by the **Archdiocese of Indianapolis**, **July 25-27**, **2025**. For confidential help and to register call 317-452-0054 or email <a href="mailto:projectrachel@archindy.org">projectrachel@archindy.org</a>

July is the national USCCB Natural Family Planning celebration month. Here are a number of very short videos answering questions about NFP and giving reflections. These are from the Couple to Couple League, an organization that promotes and teaches NFP, and it is the method that our own diocesan teachers use:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist? list=PL0vbClYaYVxx5ss4vkC6WKXTm7e8wwVRf



HOPE AND HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat July 25-27 2025 Greater Indianapolis Area

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#### THE WOUNDED HEALERS®

**Grief Support Groups Program** 

ANNUAL SCHEDULES FOR <u>2025</u> – All Groups

#### All meetings are held at St. James (no charge)

9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, IN (At the corner of Kennedy and 45<sup>th</sup> Street)

## Scheduled Wednesdays – 7:00-8:30 p.m. The Beginnings Groups

Death of a Spouse or Significant Other

Death of a Parent, Sibling or Friend

Death of a Child or Grandchild

(The Child or Grandchild can be an Adult)

Those who have completed one of the above Beginnings Groups may join one of the two Advanced Groups (Parents Moving Forward or Coming Back) meeting on the same day and time.

Fall Series

May 28	September 10
June 11	September 24
June 25	October 8
July 9	October 22
July 23	November 5
August 6	***November 19

\*\*\*Healing Through the Holidays Program will be held on Wednesday, November19, 2025, 7:00-8:30pm

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC - No Charge** 

#### On FaceBook:

**Summer Series** 



#### Website:



#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



### Attention St. John the Baptist Alumni and Former Staff! ....Become a Pen Pal!

We are excited to launch a special opportunity for **St. John the Baptist Alumni/ Staff** to give back in a meaningful way—as **pen pals for our students!** 

If you're a proud graduate or former employee of SJB and want to help enhance students' writing skills while sharing your own school memories, we would love your support.

The commitment is simple: You'll write five short letters to a class throughout the school year, each based on a fun, meaningful prompt. You will get your assigned class in August



#### **Letter Schedule & Topics:**

#### • September – Welcome Letter

Introduce yourself! Share your name, hobbies, and what you're excited about. Feel free to include a little about your life now!

#### • November - Favorite Memory of St. John

Tell us about your favorite memory from your time at SJB—events, games, projects, or anything special!

#### • January – Catholic Schools Week

Why was St. John important to you? What did you love about Catholic school or your faith journey there?

#### • March - Best Teacher and Why

Who was your favorite teacher at St. John? What made them memorable or impactful?

#### • May – Advice to Students

What words of encouragement or advice would you share with our current students? What helped you succeed?



#### Interested in participating?

Please fill out the google form using the QR Code by July 30, 2025

Let's connect generations of SJB Trojans—one letter at a time! Principal, Michelle Ondas





The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

(Psalm 19:8)

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

#### THE GOOD SAMARITAN REVISITED

It's always the powerless one who gathers the community, the Church. I recently discovered a new way to read the story of the Good Samaritan. I had always assumed that the Good Samaritan was the Christ symbol – and that's certainly one way to understand the parable. But from another point of view the real Christ symbol is the man lying on the side of the road.

The man lying on the side of the road is the one doing all the converting. He is the one who forces a whole new agenda, who takes your head off, shakes it and turns it upside down, puts it back on says, "This is what reality means."

The things we can't do anything with (the useless) and the things we can't do anything about (the necessary) are always the things that connect us to the Real. We'd sooner just be Catholics; we don't want the Kingdom! We'd sooner just be Americans; we don't really want to be a global, universal people! We'd rather protect our boundaries here; we're not ready for the big boundaries that Jesus calls us to. I'd have to empty too much of myself and make space for the not me, the other, the enemy.

The price of peace is truth. And it is the people left for dead on the side of the road who teach us that.

Taken from: Kingdom Spirituality Is Global Spirituality by Richard Rohr, O.F.M.



#### A BIG THANK YOU

St John the Baptist would like to extend a very special thank you to Mr. Marty Dybel and the Baran Funeral Home for the ongoing support of parish evangelization.

We were gifted the parade float for this year's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, as well as the wonderful caps we all wore during the parade.

A sincere thank you for your continued support in helping us to become a more visible presence in our community.







July 15th 2:00pm - 6:00pm

Sacred Heart Church
Community Blood Drive

1731 LA PORTE AVE. WHITING, IN 46394 @ SACRED HEART CHURCH SCHOOL BASEMENT

To make an appt., call 1-800-786-4483 visit https://tinyurl.com/49mxs87p or scan the QR code ----->

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Presenting Donors will automatically be entered into a Pierogi Fest Basket! One Raffle Winner to be announced.

20 Donors needed at this drive! Donate blood and help 62% of local patients who require blood products at 80+ Chicago-area and NW IN.

1-800-786-4483









#### 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

<u>C:</u> Ben Cassoday, Jim Campbell, Maximiliano Chavez, Fr. Dennis Chriszt, C.PP.S. Abigail Coates, Rebbeca 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

<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., Justus Jones

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, Corky Kuipers, Joan Kurczek, Kathy Kustka

<u>L:</u> Carol Lukasik, Donna Lewandoski

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

<u>N:</u> 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

<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 <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 <u>Z:</u> Margaret Zehner, Janet Z., 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, <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.

### INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"There is so much suffering in the world – physical, material, mental. The suffering of some can be blamed on the greed of others. The material and physical suffering is suffering from hunger, from homelessness, from all kinds of diseases. Will we allow greed to rule our hearts or will we accept God's invitation to joyful generosity?"

(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.

#### ATTENTION RAFFLE WINNERS!

We still have (2) raffle winners who have not claimed their prize. Please call the rectory at 219-659-0023 and speak to Mrs. Flores. Winners are **Sandra Vega** and **Theresa Zanadski** 

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

(Psalm 15)

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."



