

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 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

1849 Lincoln Ave. Whiting, IN 46394

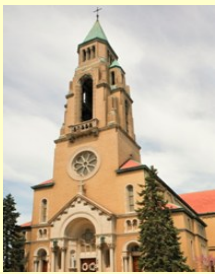
Sacraments:

**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.**



ST. JOHN CHURCH TOURS

Saturday, July 26th St. John Church is offering tours at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for Pirogi Fest visitors and anyone interested in growing in an appreciation of our beautiful edifice, its altars, stained glass windows and statuary. The tour begins outside at the front of the church.

All are welcome to come and see.

Questions, phone Margaret, 219-659-4138.

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel emphasizes the intimacy we share with God when we call him Father. Jesus invites his apostles and us into a deep and personal relationship with our heavenly Father. We are encouraged to trust that our heavenly Father, who has begotten us, wants the very best for each of us.

Like the man in today's parable, we should persist in calling on our heavenly Father in every situation especially at the most inconvenient times. We have Jesus' assurance that our Father's love will win out and provide for our needs.

- Will I resolve to pray with persistence each day?
- Will I allow God's love to help me forgive injuries and bear wrongs patiently?

M.S.

Lord teach us how to
PRAY

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~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ July 20, 2025

St. John: \$6,881.00 St. Adalbert: \$928.00

Online Giving: \$1,053.01

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

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

**Saturday, August 2nd ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.**

Altar Servers: Valentina **Lector:** B. Boyle
Eucharistic M: J. Ballman, R. Ciesla, G. Cusson

Sunday, August 3rd., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew, Rebecca **Lector:** M. Saliga
Eucharistic M: Jon Venegas, J. Venegas, E. Igras, S. Adam,
 M. Hassen, T. Adam
10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Anthony, Mili, Jose **Lector:** B. DeLaTorre,
 A. DeLaTorre

Eucharistic M: O. Matushek, G. Kulas, L. Chocholek, S. Tabernacki,
 J. Coleman, B. Coleman, J. Kamisky

EUCCHARISTIC BENEFITS

Whenever we receive the Eucharist, we partake in the Body and Blood of Jesus. Here, we encounter the Lord most intimately, tasting his goodness. Give thanks to the Lord today for allowing us to taste his goodness through the Eucharist.

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**IN LOVING MEMORY****July 27: Sunday: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

10:30 a.m. †Paul & Elizabeth Banik by family

July 28: Monday:

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

July 29: Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

7:00a.m. †Deceased Member of the Staucet Family

July 30: Wednesday: Sat. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. †Italia Bompastore by Jackie Dombrowski

July 31: Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 a.m. †Father Stan Dominick by Linda McHale

August 1: Friday: St. Alponus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of The Church, First Friday of the Month

7:00 a.m. †Stephen Mihalso by Jen Klapak

August 2: Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest BVM

SA 4:30 p.m. †Living & Deceased of Savastano Family by John & Lucille Blasko

August 3: Sunday: EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. †Gregory J. Zorich by family

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

†REST IN PEACE

Deceased members of our Whiting-Robertsdale
 Catholic Community

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

| | <u>GOAL</u> | <u>PLEDGES</u> | <u>PAID</u> | <u>Balance Due</u> |
|------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 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 |

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday, August 1, 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.

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

NCYC - Thank you to all!

Our Bake Sales, held on the Sundays of July, have helped offset the cost of NCYC for our group of 25 (yes, the number increased by 2) and have been extremely helpful in planning the NCYC trip. Thank you for stopping by the table and supporting our efforts.

In addition, a special thank you to the FCSLA Branches who have continuously supported PHYRE Ministry extensively over the last year. Most recently, with the matching funds Bake Sale on July 20th. I am grateful for the ongoing support and collaboration.

July Baptisms- Welcome to the family of faith

Jacob Coleman

Max Coleman

Aiden Tosseng

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.

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**



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.

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!"

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**"LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"**

Jesus teaches us that in our prayer God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so also God's love and care for us is unlimited. Jesus further teaches that prayer unfolds in the context of this special relationship of "Our Father," but it is not a kinship or progeny. "Father" is a metaphor used to describe our unique, intimate relationship with God. This relationship inspires in us confidence, with the realization that what we pray for is not as important as the fact that we address God in such intimate terms. Prayer always deepens our relationship with God and this is already an answer to what we need.

St. Teresa of Avila often could not finish the "Our Father" because she found that the first few words said everything. **"Father,"** what a rich word! When you say "father," you think of one who provides, and the great provider for all of us is God: **"Our Father, Who is in heaven."** We can see many things wrong with the world, but it is good to think of what is right in the world. Who made the sun to rise this morning? Who gives us the fruits of the earth and the rain to soften the soil? Who feeds the birds of the air and clothes the lilies of the field? **God our Father.** We could continue making a long list of the good and beautiful things that we can see with our eyes or hear with our ears in this world of ours, and all of them come from God: **"Our Father, Who is in heaven." Who told us all this?** Jesus Christ. There are people who say that the most important truth that Jesus has taught us in the Gospels is that we have a Father in heaven and He is God.

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

Take Time and Reflect. **How have you found in your life that indeed God is your "Father?"**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

John Boyle (97 yrs)

Ann Kruszynski (90 yrs)

HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY!



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>

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work here, We give you all the children who study here. We pray our school would be place of great discovery, adventure and creativity. May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love, A place where every one is respected and all are deeply valued. We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(A modern prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com)



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.



WE'RE HIRING!
JOIN OUR TEAM



OPEN POSITIONS

- Full time Music Teacher
- Part time Art Teacher



send your resume to us : mondas@stjohnbap.org

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.

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:

marcie.stellamaristours@gmail.com

www.stellamaristours.us



**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 projectrachel@archindy.org

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?](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0vbCIYaYVxx5ss4vkC6WKXTm7e8wwVRf)

[list=PL0vbCIYaYVxx5ss4vkC6WKXTm7e8wwVRf](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0vbCIYaYVxx5ss4vkC6WKXTm7e8wwVRf)



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/emmas



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/.



Diocese of Gary
dcgary.org



JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS 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



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:** **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**

"Riches can suffocate if they are not used in the right way, whether they are spiritual riches or material... Let us insist more and more on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come. If we seek first the kingdom of God – the rest will be given."

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

*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,
 for you have heard the words of my mouth;
 When I called you answered me;
 you built up strength within me.*

(Psalm 138:1, 3)

Please recycle this bulletin

