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 6, 2025

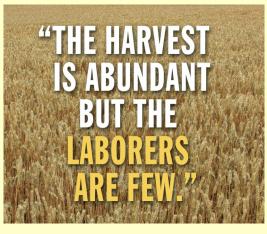
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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." Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

> "Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves." Luke 10:3



The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus sends 72 disciples on mission: the number is indicative of Jesus' Gospel being proclaimed to all nations. They return from their journey overjoyed at their success. Jesus explains that the joy they have experienced cannot compare with the JOY which awaits them in heaven.

- How & when do I experience the JOY of the Gospel?
- How do earthly cares rob me of joy?

In his document *The Joy of the Gospel,* Pope Francis invites all Christians everywhere to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ as we make time to talk with him each day. Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms. Now is the time to say to Jesus: "Lord in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more. I need you. Save me once again, take me once more into your redeeming embrace." With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew...let us never give up."

(The Joy of the Gospel, paragraph 3)

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MAIN RECTORY NUMBER(219) 659-0023	WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY
RECTORY FAX NUMBER	IN LOVING MEMORY July 6: Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 a.m. † Gregory J. Zorich by John & Mary Danko 10:30 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY July 7: Monday: 7:00a.m. †Carol Stepanian by Charles Bucsany July 8: Tuesday: 7:00a.m. †Miguel Rodriguez by Daughter Elizabeth July 9: Wednesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs 7:00 a.m. †Janet Brezene by Lawrence & Donna Koselke July 10: Thursday: 7:00 a.m. †Mary Ann Miskus by family July 11: Friday: St. Benedict, Abbot 7:00 a.m. †Tomera Family by family July 12: Saturday: SA 4:30 p.m. †James Duha by Brian & Laura Nolan 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
St. John: \$5,825.85 St. Adalbert: \$1,007.00	TREST IN PEACE
<u>Online Giving:</u> \$2,645.27	Deceased members of our Catholic Community Whiting-Robertsdale
ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND	CATHOLIC CSA 2025 Impacts our local Catholic
Cost is \$157,144.50	SERVICES Community. Please give generously.
Collected as of June 23, 2025 is \$98,640.11	
	CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2025 GOAL PLEDGE PAID BAL DUE
Liturgical Ministers	<u>SA</u> \$9,872.30 \$4,302 \$3,802 \$6,070.30
Saturday, July 12th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.	<u>SJB</u> \$44,488.47 \$21,961 \$20,071 \$24,417.47
Altar Servers: Valentina Lector: L. Wright Eucharistic M: B. Stanich, R. Ciesla, J. Ballmann	
Sunday, July 13th., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.	
 Altar Servers: Julian, Adriana Lector: A. Bucher Eucharistic M: S. Adam, T. Wargo, T. Adam, J. Venegas, K. Behrens, M. Jakubielski 10:30 a.m. Altar Servers: Paul, Jose, Mili Lector: P. Rodriguez Eucharistic M: J. Kamisnky, G. Kulas, A. Alcala, L. Morandi, B. Coleman, J. Coleman, D. Urbanik 	INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta "The best way to show gratitude to God and to others is to accept everything with joy. One day, people brought us a man from the streets. After we had washed him and given him a ticket to St. Peter, he said, 'Sisters, I am going to God.' That is JOY."
THIS YEAR'S MASS INTENTION BOOK IS CLOSED. NO AVAILABLE DATES LEFT. <u>NEXT YEAR'S 2026</u> MASS INTENTION BOOK WILL OPEN <u>OCTOBER 1, 2025.</u>	"If our work is done with joy, we will have no reason to be unhappy." (Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations, Mother Teresa)

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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.



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:

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



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.



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!



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/



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.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE Attention St. John the Baptist Alumni and Former TO HAVE HOPE Staff!Become a Pen Pal! \sim To Have Hope – Is to believe that history continues open, to the dream of God and to human creativity. We are excited to launch a special opportunity for St. John the To Have Hope – Is to continue affirming that it is possible to Baptist Alumni/ Staff to give back in a meaningful way—as pen dream a different world, without hunger, without injustice, pals for our students! without discrimination. If you're a proud graduate or former employee of SJB and want to help enhance students' writing skills while sharing your own To Have Hope – Is to be a courier of God and a courier of men and women of good will, tearing down walls, destroying borders, school memories, we would love your support. The commitment is simple: You'll write five short letters to a building bridges. class throughout the school year, each based on a fun, To Have Hope – Is to believe in the revolutionary potential of meaningful prompt. You will get your assigned class in August faith, is to leave the door open so that the Spirit can enter and make all things anew. Letter Schedule & Topics: To Have Hope - Is to believe that life wins over death. To Have Hope – Is to begin again as many times as necessary. September – Welcome Letter **To Have Hope** – Is to believe that hope is not the last thing that Introduce yourself! Share your name, hobbies, and dies. what you're excited about. Feel free to include a little To Have Hope – Is to believe that hope cannot die, that hope no about your life now! longer dies. To Have Hope – Is to live. November – Favorite Memory of St. John Tell us about your favorite memory from your time at - Missionary Sisters of SJB—events, games, projects, or anything special! St. Charles Borromeo (Scalabrinians) – Honduras -Reflection- January – Catholic Schools Week Why was St. John important to you? What did you Hope is active. It does not sit idly by, but sustains us in the love about Catholic school or your faith journey present while reaching expectantly toward the future. To have there? hope is to live, as the prayer asserts. In these difficult times in which we are now living, what do you March – Best Teacher and Why most hope for? Who was your favorite teacher at St. John? What Who in your life is most in need of hope, and how can you help made them memorable or impactful? them find it? May – Advice to Students What words of encouragement or advice would you share with our current students? What helped you succeed? **WE'RE** HIRING! Interested in participating? JOIN OUR TEAM Please fill out the google form using the QR Code by July 30, 2025 **OPEN POSITIONS** Let's connect generations of SJB Trojans—one letter at a time! Principal, Michelle Ondas · Full time Music Teacher SCHOOL OFFICE REOPENS JULY 29 Part time Art Teacher New School Website Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness! WWW.STJOHNBAPSCHOOL.ORG (Psalm 66: 20) send your resume to us : mondas@stjohnbap.org

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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 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? list=PL0vbClYaYVxx5ss4vkC6WKXTm7e8wwVRf



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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 45th Street) Scheduled Wednesdays – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

<u>The Beginnings Groups</u> 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.

Summer Series
May 28
June 11
June 25
July 9
July 23
August 6

Fall Series

September 10 September 24 October 8 October 22 November 5 ***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:

Website:





♥ The WOUNDED HEALERS® Grief Support Program is Non-Denominational ♥



A WOUNDED HEALERS[®] NEWS UPDATE Summer 2025 Grief Support Groups

The Wounded Healers will again offer a Summer series in 2025. We are grateful for the opportunity to accompany those suffering significant losses as they go through their grief journey. Our Summer series will begin on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at **St. James the Less Parish**. The address of St. James is 9640 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN—the corner of Kennedy Ave. and 45th Street. All Wounded Healers meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.

We ask that you check our website <u>www.woundedhealers-</u> <u>nwi.com</u> or our phone line (219-924-5577) for the Wounded Healers meeting dates. We meet at a Catholic church

and rent their facilities, but The WOUNDED HEALERS[®] is Non-Denominational in its approach. It is also free of charge. Donations are always welcome to help cover the cost of rent, refreshments, and handouts. If you would like to donate in honor of your loved one,

envelopes will be available. Your name and the name of your loved one will be included in the *In Memoriam* section of our website. Thank you so much!

Summer is coming

In your grief journey, time is of the essence. And what you do with that time is very important. The Wounded Healers offer support, education, and companionship. Someone who has had a recent loss understands. You will be with others who are struggling with similar thoughts and feelings. The facilitators have all had significant losses.

As the Spring Wounded Healers series comes to an end, we move into the summer. The days are again growing longer and the sun shines brightly on us! Our gardens will grow and we will see nature blossom and bloom. The trees are green and the birds have returned. There is great wisdom in nature. We see the cycle of life before our eyes, and we can appreciate the beautiful regeneration of life that transforms the spring and summer. Life is not static-there is permanence, yet there is change. The leaves on the trees are different than those of last year, and the birds seeking seeds at our birdfeeders may be the grown up chicks of those who fed there the summer before. Those who grieve will change too. We did not ask for this burden, but we can choose to be transformed by it. But in order to do so, we must not avoid our grief, we must lean into it. We grieve because we have loved. By giving you the opportunity to share your heartache, fears, and yes, the joy you experienced with your loved one, we hope the Wounded Healers can help you on the road to your own transformation.

We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival. Winston Churchill

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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 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, 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. <u>D:</u> Dave M., Jeff Delinck, Mary Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter, Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter, Norb Dudzik, Lenore Duray <u>E</u> 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: 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 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.

<u>O:</u> Bob Oliver, Selma O'Drobnak, Joan Orosz

<u>P:</u> Anna E. Palomo, Pat, Donna Patton, Mike Pena, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Julie P., Pammela Puhek, Mary Puplava <u>Q:</u> Christina Quiroz, Leonardo Quiroz

<u>R:</u> 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 Z: Margaret Zehner, Janet Z., Janel Zubeck, Ray Zubeck, Theresa Zvonar

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

(Psalm 66:1-3)



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

B: 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.**

INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"This being the month of the Precious Blood, increase

your love for Holy Mass and the passion of Christ by accepting with joy all the little sacrifices that come daily. Do not bypass the small gifts, for they are very precious for yourself and for others. During this month, we shall often pray this prayer: 'In union with all the Masses being offered throughout the world, I offer you my heart, Jesus. Make it meek and humble like yours."

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Teresa)

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**

Please recycle this bulletin