

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We The people of the Whiting/Robertsedale 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, OCTOBER 12, 2025 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Whiting/Robertsedale 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 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's first reading from the 2nd Book of Kings relates the amazing story of skin infected Naaman, whom Elisha had told to plunge himself into the Jordan River seven times to be healed. This seemed much too simple to Naaman, who balked at the simplicity of the order probably thinking that something spectacular should be done. When Naaman finally obeyed, he was amazed with his healing and gratefully returned to the prophet Elisha wanting to gift him. Elisha, knowing that the healing had come from God, humbly refused any gifts or payment because he knew that all the glory and praise belonged to God alone.

In today's gospel, ten lepers, knowing their disease is highly contagious, call out to Jesus from a distance as they beg for his merciful healing. Compassionate Jesus seeing their distress tells them to go and show themselves to the priest. Obeying Jesus' command, one leper, who realizes he has been healed, turns and returns, loudly praising God while falling at Jesus' feet. He is overwhelmed with gratitude, for no longer would he be ostracized from the community, no longer would he have to cry out "unclean" so that people would keep their distance.

Surprisingly, only one of the ten, who had been healed, actually came back to express gratitude to Jesus, the divine healer.

- What about us?
- We are encouraged to come to God and pray for divine help with our problems, our concerns, and our serious needs.
- May we be just as quick to recognize and thank God for his merciful love, not always given in the way we had hoped but given none the less according to God's perfect will.

In addition to thanking God, may we also acknowledge and thank the many individuals whose generosity and kindness have benefitted us along life's way. God touches all our lives in mysterious ways through the power of his Holy Spirit. May we be grateful and "pay it forward".

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WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

October 12: Sunday: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. ST. JOHN/ST. ADALBERT CHURCH

10:30 a.m. †Joseph Skvarek by family

October 13: Monday: Columbus Day

7:00a.m. †Mary Skurka by daughter Karen

October 14: Tuesday: St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr

7:00a.m. †Adriana Figueroa by the Figueroa family

October 15: Wednesday: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

7:00a.m. †Jack Strisko by Dorothy Lambert

October 16: Thursday: St. Hedwig, Religious St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7:00 a.m. †Joseph Dobrowski Sr. by family

October 17: Friday: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

7:00 a.m. †Richard Mikola by family

8:30 a.m. †Paul & Mildred Zabrecky– Monastyrski by David & Gail Lauryn

October 18: Saturday: St. Luke, Evangelist

SA 4:30 p.m. †James Danielewski by Sylvia Danielewski

October 19: Sunday: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a.m. ST. JOHN/ST. ADALBERT CHURCH

10:30a.m. †Michael Dabertin by brother

~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ September 28, 2025

St. John: \$8,493.60

St. Adalbert: \$1,441.00

Online Giving: \$1,663.59

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
SA	\$ 9,872.30	\$4,852.00	\$4,352.00	\$5,520.00
SJB	\$44,488.47	\$25,031.00	\$24,006.00	\$20,482.47



Saturday, October 18th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kasen

Lector: L. Wright

Eucharistic M: B. Stanich, R. Ciesla, J. Ballmann

Sunday, October 19th ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Rebecca, Sofia

Lector: J. LeWan

Eucharistic M: J. Venegas, T. Wargo, M. Tonkovich, T. Rossi,
J. Venegas, G. Mosoriak

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Nelly, Angela, Giuliana Lector: J. DeLaTorre

Eucharistic M: J. Kaminsky, J. Coleman, B. Coleman,
L. Morandi, L. Chocholek, G. Kulas, A. Alcalá

† REST IN PEACE

Janel Zubeck

FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

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 volunteer opportunities.



BIBLE STUDY CALL OUT

You are invited to the **Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** at the lower level of **St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Founders Room**, as we continue Matthew's Gospel chapter 5; bring your Bible. Everyone is most welcome to participate in this weekly study group. If you need a Bible or have questions, phone Margaret Saliga, facilitator, 219-659-4138.

SLOVAK

Dinner

Sunday

October 19

11:30am-2:00pm

\$20.00

Proceeds used to support
Capital Campaign projects

Dinner includes...

- 2 Homemade Stuffed Cabbage
- Polish Sausage
- Sauerkraut
- Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Butter
- Dessert



St. John the Baptist - Panel Room
1844 Lincoln Ave., Whiting, IN



Live Music by Frank Rossi!



Advance ticket purchase

Limited tickets available

Call 219-659-0023 to purchase your tickets TODAY!

Pierogi and Beverages available for additional cost

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**GRATITUDE**

Gratitude is an expression of discipleship and a sign of God's reign. Today's gospel presents a Samaritan leper who asks for healing, obeys what is commanded, experiences healing, and then gives thanks to God. The faith that saves is the recognition that God acts in many ways on our behalf to bring us salvation. We are healed each time we come to the Eucharist to give praise and thanks to God and in this act of worship we become more perfect members of the body of Christ. We are healed each time we put others ahead of ourselves and in these simple acts we strengthen our faith. We are healed each time we pause to "give thanks to God" for the many blessings of each day because by giving thanks to God we acknowledge that God has acted in Christ. By giving thanks we acknowledge our own indebtedness; we are poor and everything we are and are becoming is because God has blessed us.

If we have a grateful heart, we will see everything as gifts from God. There is a beautiful prayer from St. Thomas More who, when he was rich and enjoyed much favor from King Henry VIII, always kept his heart detached from the things of life. The prayer goes:

"Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus Christ, for all that you have given me. Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus Christ, for all that you have taken away from me. Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus Christ, for all that You have left me."

May God give us the grace to be grateful for everything He has given us and to show that gratitude by generosity to others and to those who are poor.

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

One Can – Make a Difference

Next weekend (Oct. 18th & 19th) will be our Catholic community's monthly food collection. **This month's collection will support the Calumet College Food Pantry.** All donations (canned & boxed food products, paper products, and personal hygiene products) can be placed on the pews at the center of church. Every donation, big or small, helps make a difference for a person or family facing food insecurity.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH & OUR CHARACTER TRAIT – RESPECT**

During October, the Catholic Church celebrates **Respect Life Month**, reminding us that every person is created in the image and likeness of God and is a precious gift. From the very first moment of life until natural death, each person has dignity and deserves to be treated with love and care.

At St. John, our character trait for this month is **Respect**. Respect means seeing the value in others, honoring differences, and treating every person as a child of God. Respect Life Month challenges us to live this virtue in a very real way; by protecting the vulnerable, standing up for those in need, and showing kindness in our words and actions.

As we reflect on Respect this month, let us remember that respecting life isn't just about what we believe. It's about how we live each day. Whether it's being patient with a classmate, caring for someone who is lonely, or speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves, each act of respect shows our love for God's greatest gift: the gift of life.

We ask for your prayers and blessings this month as our students strive to grow in respect; for life, for one another, and for the Lord who created us all.



October 15th National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day

To honor the lives of the children who died too soon, parents, grandparents, siblings, family and friends are invited to participate in the *International Wave of Light Memorial Vigil*.

Wednesday, October 15th
Candlelight Vigil: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Calumet Park Funeral Chapel
7435 Taft Street
Merrillville, IN 46410
Doors open: 6:30 p.m.

To reserve a **FREE** memorial candle contract:
Miscarriage, Mothers & Others
P.O. Box 608, Crown Point, IN 46410
Phone/text: (219) 730-9199
E-mail: info@miscarriedbaby.com





CALLING ALL YARD WORKERS, GARDENERS, AND GROUNDSKEEPERS

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!



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RED MASS

for the Legal and Finance Community

Reserve Your Seat!

The Judicial Decision-Making
Process and the Importance
of an Independent Judiciary

October 15, 2025 at 8 a.m.

Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (formerly Our Lady of Consolation)
8303 Taft St., Merrillville, IN

All faiths are welcome. We invite all government officials, members of the bar, the judiciary, and the finance community, and all who work for justice.

Main Celebrant: Bishop Robert J. McClory.
Guest speaker: Honorable Thomas Kirsch,
7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.



Scan the
QR code
to register
online.



RSVP: 219-769-9292 x 88268 or jholicky@catholicfuture.org

Pope's intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions will work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.


SUNDAYKIDZ

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**EVERY MONDAY NIGHT!
DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM
PULL TAB SALES BEGIN AT 4:30PM**

**\$20 TABLE SET-UP
ATM AVAILABLE!
AMPLE PARKING!
ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION**

IT'S BACK!

WHITING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #1696
present

**MONDAY
NIGHT
BINGO**



**1120 - 119TH STREET
WHITING, IN 46394
219-659-1168**



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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

ISN'T IT GREAT WHEN
SOMEONE SAYS THANK YOU?
GOD LIKES IT, TOO!



"Was no one found who returned to give glory to God,
except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Stand up
and go; your faith has made you well." Lk 17:18-19

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, 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, Don Domsich

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, Jeanette Hawkins

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 Kospelke, Marcia Krull, Joan Kurczek, Kathy Kutcka

L: 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 Mueller

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

O: Bob Oliver, Selma O'Drob-nak, Joan Orosz

P: Anna E. Palomo, Pat, Donna Patton, Mike Pena, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Julie P., Pamela 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, Morgan Sikora

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, 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.

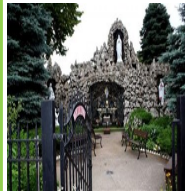


SJB CIRCLE OF PRAYER

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

Wednesdays at 2 p.m. throughout October all are invited to pray the rosary at **Immaculate Conception Grotto on White Oak Ave.**

INSPIRATION from
St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Mary has much to teach us about humility. She was full of grace, yet she was only the handmaid of the Lord. She was the Mother of God, yet served as a handmaid in the house of Elizabeth. She humbly met her son Jesus, himself humiliated, carrying his cross. Near the cross she stood as one of us in need of redemption.

"Like Mary, great are the graces we have received. Like her, let us always accept the cross in whatever way it comes. Like her, **let us with grace and delicacy touch the lonely and unwanted. Let us not be ashamed or slow to do humble works.**"

(Thirsting for God, Daily Meditations of Mother Theresa)

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation
by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;
break into song; sing praise.*

(Psalm 98:3-4)



Please recycle this bulletin

Save the Date

FCSLA Branch 81 Annual Fall Luncheon.
Sunday, November 2nd, more details to
come