

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, OCTOBER 5, 2025 TWENTY-SEVENTH 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.**



**CELEBRATE
the feast of
OUR LADY
of
THE ROSARY**



Respect Life

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THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On this October Sunday, **"Respect Life Sunday"**, we are asked to consider the dignity of every human life, as we protect and defend the most vulnerable from life's beginning to its end. Today's Psalm 95 exhorts us:

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

(Psalm 95)

In a world that seems to have lost sight of the value of human life, we pray for those whose hearts have been hardened; may they hear the voice of God and see the humanity of every child growing in his or her mother's womb.

Sometimes we may find ourselves afraid to speak up and proclaim the Church's teaching about difficult issues. However, St. Paul reminds us that, **"God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but of power and love"** — which casts out fear. (2Tim1:6-8)

In today's Gospel the apostles ask that their faith be increased. Like the apostles, we ask God to increase our faith, as we proclaim the dignity of all life.

Jesus says that "faith the size of a mustard seed," enables us to do incredible things in service of the Gospel.

**ALL YE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS,
be our protection and guide as we uphold Jesus' teachings
and the teachings of His Church.**

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WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

October 5: Sunday: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:30 a.m. †Living & Deceased Members of the St. John Rosary Society

October 6: Monday: St. Bruno, Priest

7:00a.m. †George A. Baran

October 7: Tuesday: Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00a.m. †Paula Barko by Pat Summers

October 8: Wednesday:

7:00a.m. †The Workman Family by The Dobrowsky family

October 9: Thursday: St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs St. John Leonardi, Priest

7:00 a.m. †Andrew A. Dybel

October 10: Friday:

7:00 a.m. †Mark Kwasman by Tom Markovich

8:30 a.m. †Johanna Kostanczuk by sons & daughters

October 11: Saturday: St. John XXIII, Pope

SA 4:30 p.m. †Frank & Mamie Bonchik by family

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

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

10:30a.m. †Joseph Skvarek by family

~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ September 28, 2025

St. John: \$5,662.45

St. Adalbert: \$1,028.00

Online Giving: \$2,943.86

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 11th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Valentina

Lector:

Eucharistic M: J. Ballman, C. Mareta, G. Cusson

Sunday, October 12th ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew, Julian, Adriana

Lector:

Eucharistic M: T. Wargo, J. Venegas, M. Jakubielski, B. Behrens, J. Venegas

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Anthony, Jacob, Amelia

Lector:

Eucharistic M: D. Urbanik, B. Jerzyk, S. Tabernacki, O. Matushek, G. Kulas, L. Morandi, J. Coleman

† REST IN PEACE

John D. Boyle

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.****A Big "Thank You" to everyone who helped to make the St. Therese Novena a blessed time of spiritual enrichment:**

presiders, lectors, greeters, altar servers, musicians, school children, sacristans, those who prepared the shrine with beautiful roses, hospitality, and the designer of the prayer card mementos. In addition, the St. Vincent DePaul Society is most grateful for the financial generosity of everyone attending the final night. May St. Therese continue interceding for us as we strive to rebuild our Catholic Community while growing in our love for Jesus and one another.

SLOVAK

Dinner

Sunday

October 19

11:30am-2:00pm

\$20.00

Proceeds used to support
Capital Campaign projects

Dinner includes...

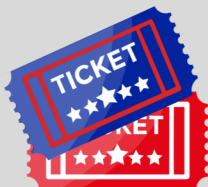
- 2 Homemade Stuffed Cabbage
- Polish Sausage
- Sauerkraut
- Mashed Potatoes, Bread, Butter
- Dessert



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



Today, Sunday, October 5th we will be having our annual St. John Rosary Society Corporate Communion at **10:30am Mass**. The right front section of church will be reserved for our members and their families.

Also, on **October 5th** an **outdoor rosary** will be prayed at Immaculate Conception Grotto at **2pm** for **Respect Life Sunday**.

Members and their families and friends are invited to attend. Bring your rosary!

ROSARY FOR LIFE

The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Enrichment Committee invites you to participate in praying the Rosary for Life at **Immaculate Conception Outdoor Grotto**, located on White Oak Ave. **Sunday, October 5th at 2:00 p.m.** You are encouraged to attend and join with others praying for peace and a renewed respect for life during **October, the Month of the Rosary**. Bring your rosary, a friend, a chair if you wish. All are Welcome. In the case of inclement weather, we will pray in St. Adalbert Church.

Questions: call Lucille Blasko 219-659-2949



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our Catholic Community has an additional opportunity to receive this important sacrament of healing at the **4:30 p.m. Mass on Oct., 4, at St. Adalbert Church**.

With holy oil and prayer, the Church continues Jesus' ministry of healing. This sacrament is an expression of compassion for those who suffer and a source of grace and spiritual healing so that eternal life may be within reach.

For emergency anointing contact Fr. Mark.

*** Who are the sick and suffering that I can pray for today?**

*** When I suffer in mind, body, or spirit, how can I seek to unite my suffering with that of Jesus?**

"Jesus merciful healer, you know human suffering in a way I can never know.

Let me be a sign of your compassion and healing to those who suffer around me."



The Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Community invites all pets and their owners to the St. John the Baptist Church "barking lot" for the **Annual Pet Blessing at 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 4th**, the Feast of St. Frances of Assisi, who loved all of creation and promoted the tender care of God's creatures. If you'd like, **bring a pet item to be shared with our Whiting pet shelter**. Certificates of blessing made by our school children will be presented to all participants.

Pets should be contained or on a leash.

All are welcome.



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Continuing the Dream Gala FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

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share@sharefoundation.org
sharefoundation.org/events/share-gala/

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**CHRIST OUR HOPE: IN EVERY SEASON OF LIFE**

From the time we are knit together in our mothers' wombs until we take our final breaths, each moment of our lives is a gift from God. While every season of life brings its own challenges and trials, each season also gives us new opportunities to grow in our relationship with God.

Today the gift of life is threatened in countless ways. Those who are most vulnerable, rather than receiving the protection they deserve, are all too often seen as a burden and as expendable. As new attacks on human life continue to emerge, we can be tempted to despair, but Christ instead offers us unfailing hope.

Hope is the virtue "by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC, 1817).

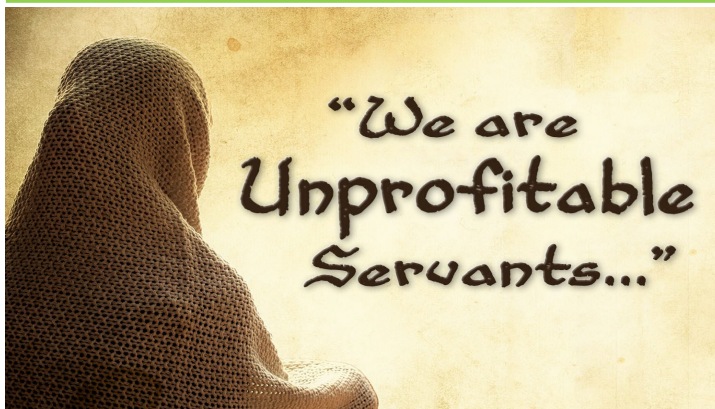
Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross in order that He might save us. Therefore, "God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end" (Spesalvi 31).

Christians know "they have a future: it is not that they know the details of what awaits them, but they know in general terms that their life will not end in emptiness" (SS 2).

For this reason, a woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy can find the strength to welcome her precious child into the world. A man facing a terminal diagnosis can see that the end of his earthly life is only the beginning of eternal life with Christ.

The Church teaches us, "the one who has hope lives differently" (SS 2). Christ's promise of salvation does not mean that we will be spared from suffering. Rather, the promise of salvation ensures that even in the darkest moments of our lives, we will be given the strength to persevere. By virtue of this Christian hope, we can face any challenge or trial. When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life until its end.

prolife@usccb.org

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

Respect Life Month is an annual observance in the Catholic Church, held each October to promote the value of human life from conception to natural death. This year's message, "LIFE Our Sign of Hope", reflects the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope. Through the gift of our Baptism, Our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to be members of his body thereby, demonstrating the invaluable dignity of every human person. This mystery invites us to be witnesses to the hope of the resurrection by promoting and defending the precious gift of life.



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

License #: 000787

IT'S BACK!

WHITING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL #1696
present

**MONDAY
NIGHT
BINGO**

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

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

BIBLE STUDY CALL OUT

You are invited to the **2025 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 resume meetings on **Tuesday, October 7th**. Please pre-read Matthew's Gospel chapter 4, and 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.

**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!

Saint John the Baptist
FALL
BINGO & TRIVIA
Night

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR SJB STUDENTS

Bingo (6:00-7:45) \$25/person
Trivia (8:15-10:00) \$30/team (6 player max per team)
DJ: 10:00 pm -12:00 am
Cash Bar
Chicken 'N Dumplings - Pulled Pork - Mac 'n Cheese -
Beef Sandwiches - Pierogi - Donuts

October 11, 2025
5 PM - 12 AM
SJB Cafeteria

Child care available from 5pm-10pm
\$10/per child
school-aged children only

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.

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., Tom Dal Corobbo, 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

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

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'Drobnak, 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, Danielle 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, Ron Turzzi

V: Pauline V.

W: Walter Watchel, Gina W., Terry W., Tucker W., Sadie Watson, Captoria Weems, Phil Wetnight, Evelyn White

Z: Margaret Zehner, Janel Zubeck, Ray Zubeck, Theresa Zvonar

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

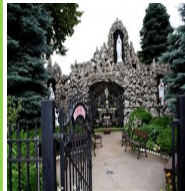
B: Matt Barbetta, **C:** Christina Campra, **E:** Victoria Franco, **G:** Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, John Gervais, Gerardo Gonzalez, James Grunhard Jr., **H:** Alex Gonzalo Hernandez, Elliot Hlavaty, Matthew Hlavaty, **J:** Justin Jansky, **K:** Thomas M. Kaminsky, Keith Kennedy, Jeff Klobucar, Jason 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 September & October all are invited to pray the rosary at **Immaculate Conception Grotto on White Oak Ave.**

**INSPIRATION from St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

"The rosary has been our strength from the very first days. Let us fervently and faithfully renew our devotion to this great prayer...Mary, the cause of our joy, is by our side."

(Do Something Beautiful for God, The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa)

Save the Date

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

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

*For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds,
the flock he guides.*

(Psalm 91:6-7)

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2026 OPENS OCTOBER 1, 2025.

Please recycle this bulletin

