

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.



THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Extravagant living vs a temperate life-style.

Keep the commandment
without stain or reproach
until the appearance
of our Lord Jesus Christ.
— 1 Timothy 6:14

While the prophet Amos warns against the prevailing wanton revelry of his time, St. Paul in his letter to Timothy advises his disciples to live righteously, keeping the commandments and making themselves ready to meet Jesus when he returns.

In today's gospel as he often does, Jesus uses a parable to teach: The rich and pompous Dives would not give the poor Lazarus mere table scraps to relieve his hunger. Although Dives knew who the poor man was and even referred to him by name, he remained indifferent to Lazarus' pleas for help. No eye contact, no kind word, no simple offer of food or consideration for the poor man's plight was offered.

On the contrary, Jesus is both compassionate and merciful; God never looks away as today's Psalm 146 reminds us: ***"The Lord raises up those who were bowed down."***

- * What is Jesus' parable saying to me?
- * Do I look away rather than meet the eyes of someone who is different than me?
- * How do I assist individuals hungering for help?

***O Lord, heal me
and the culture in which I live
from the sin of indifference.***

M.S.

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"Loving others is a spiritual force drawing us to union with God...When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts. Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God...We do not live better when we flee, hide, refuse to share, stop giving and lock ourselves up in our own comforts. Such a life is nothing less than slow suicide."

(from #272 *The Joy of the Gospel* by former Pope Francis)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 TWENTY-SIXTH 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.**

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~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ September 21, 2025

St. John: \$6,437.99 St. Adalbert: \$1,161.00
Online Giving: \$1,451.90

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

Altar Servers: Kasen Lector: G. Cusson
 Eucharistic M: B. Stanich, R. Ciesla, J. Ballmann
Sunday, October 5th ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Andrew Lector: M. Saliga
 Eucharistic M: G. Mosoriak, M. Hassen, M. Tonkovich,
 L. Elizalde, T. Rossi, D. Huizenga

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Lillian, Jacob Lector: A. DeLaTorre,
 B. DeLaTorre
 Eucharistic M: E. Igras, L. Chocholek, A. Alcala, B. Jerzyk,
 J. Coleman, B. Coleman, O. Matushek

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**IN LOVING MEMORY****September 28: Sunday: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

10:30 a.m. †Zebracki Family by family

September 29: Monday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:00a.m. †Helen Kulasak by Phil & Nicole

September 30: Tuesday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00a.m. †Gregory J. Zorich by John Saliga

October 1: Wednesday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00a.m. †Meron & Susan Monastyrski by Dave Lauryn

October 2: Thursday: The Holy Guardian Angels

7:00 a.m. †Mary Ann Zimmerman by family

October 3: Friday: First Friday of the Month

7:00 a.m. †Felix & Helen Lutz by daughter Lorraine

8:30 a.m. †Julie Geffert by Dave & Laurie Phelps

October 4: Saturday: St. Francis of Assisi

SA 4:30 p.m. †Cas & Lillian Wiak by Mary Wiak & family

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

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

10:30a.m. †Living & Deceased Members of the

St. John Rosary Society

† REST IN PEACE

Deceased members of our Whiting-Robertsdale
 Catholic Community

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, October 3, 1:00-6:00 p.m. (note the earlier time)
 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.



Today, Sunday September 28th St. John Rosary Society is having a joint rosary with St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church. The rosary will be prayed at **1pm at the Marian Prayer Garden** which is located next to St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church (2011 Clark Street in Whiting). Members and their

friends/relatives are welcome. An informal reception will follow. (If it rains we will pray inside the church).

On **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



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.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

The **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be offered at **St. John Church on Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.** Those in need of God's physical and spiritual healing are encouraged to receive this sacrament.

Our Catholic Community will have 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 5th**, 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.

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**THE FEAST DAY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

This **Saturday, September 27th**, is the feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. Vincent was canonized in 1737, and was renowned for his compassion, humility, and generosity earning him the title the "Great Apostle of Charity." During his life Vincent made a clear explicit choice for himself and his followers. While all Religious communities aim at loving Jesus, they love him in different ways; Carthusians by solitude, Capuchins by poverty, and others by singing his praises. For Vincentians it is by leading people to love God and their neighbor. The vision Vincent offered is not one of Christ as teacher, nor as healer, nor as "perfect adorer of the Father", nor perfect image of the divinity", but rather that of "Evangelizer of the Poor". Vincent's followers are called to enter into the following of Christ in the very terms described in Luke's Gospel, where Jesus opens his public ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; therefore he has anointed me. He has sent to bring glad tidings of joy to the poor...." In Luke's perspective, a new age is dawning. Jesus announces the good news of the kingdom to all, but especially to the poor, the weak, the lowly, and the outcasts of the world. It is this announcement of Jesus, from which Vincent's spirituality flows. The driving force that generates both the incredible activity and the gentle contemplation of this great saint was his vision of the "Evangelizer of the Poor." Vincent encouraged his followers to contemplate this vision of Christ again and Again. "O how happy they will be who can repeat at the hour of their death those beautiful words of our Lord: 'He sent me to bring good news to the poor.'" The vision of St Vincent de Paul continues today through The Society that bears his name. If you feel this is a ministry to which you have a calling, our Catholic community has a group, that meets on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 6:00pm in the School's Founders Room or Mural Room** and we enter through the school's 119th St. entrance, contact a member or call the Society's call-in phone line (219-659-1073) and leave your name and contact information.

(Parts taken from: The Way of Vincent de Paul by Robert Maloney, CM)



A Big Thank you to Father Andrew for the monetary collections made at St. Mary's Church and the **Knights of Columbus #1696** towards the purchase of a new Blessed Mother Statue to replace the two that were destroyed through possible vandalism in July and August 2025 at the Immaculate Conception Grotto in Whiting. Also, to several other individuals who made donations. In addition, enough was collected to put towards installation of a security system. It is with much appreciation the Grotto Committee thanks the generosity of everyone involved.

May Jesus and our Blessed Mother Bless all of you for your heart felt donations.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

Sincerely, The I.C. Grotto Committee

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 Dumplins - 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



SLOVAK DINNER**Sunday, October 19, 2025****11:30—2:00**

St. John the Baptist panel room
1844 Lincoln Ave. door A

Dinner includes 2 Halupki (stuffed cabbage),
Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut, mashed
potato and bread and butter.

Pierogi, Beverage, and desserts

Available for additional cost

**\$20— Tickets can be purchased at St. John
Rectory**

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (1182-1226)**October 4**

When Franco Zeffirelli's *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* was released (1972), people were shocked by the movie's graphic nudity in the dramatic conversion scene. Son of a wealthy merchant, Francis' aimless adolescence ended when a failed military expedition led to his imprisonment and complete breakdown. Once home, Francis rediscovered God in the beauty of nature and the ugliness of human suffering, caring for lepers, praying in the little church of San Damiano, whose crucified Jesus he heard calling, "Repair my house, Francis, which is falling into ruins." Francis sold his possessions—and his father's—to fulfill this command. When his father objected, Francis disrobed: "I return the clothes, your name, and all you gave me: God alone is my Father now." Later, the pope would dream of a ragged friar stretching forth a single hand to prop up the crumbling papal Cathedral of Saint John Lateran. Francis indeed helped rebuild the universal Church, founding the Friars Minor (Franciscans), dying at a young forty-four, bearing the stigmata of the Christ whose living icon he remains—in the Church and far beyond it.

—Peter Scagnelli

**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!

**YOU MAY NOW PURCHASE YOUR****ST. JOHN T-SHIRTS****AVAILABLE AT ST. JOHN RECTORY****\$15 EACH****S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 4XL****RED MASS**
for the Legal and Finance Community**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
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to register
online.

**Reserve Your Seat!**

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



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

The Pope's intention for September:

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

FUNDRAISING BENEFITING

THE WHITING PD K-9 UNIT

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPAGHETTI DINNER

OPTIMIST CLUB OF HAMMOND

7015 KENNEDY AVENUE HAMMOND IN

OCTOBER 24TH - 4:00-8:00 PM

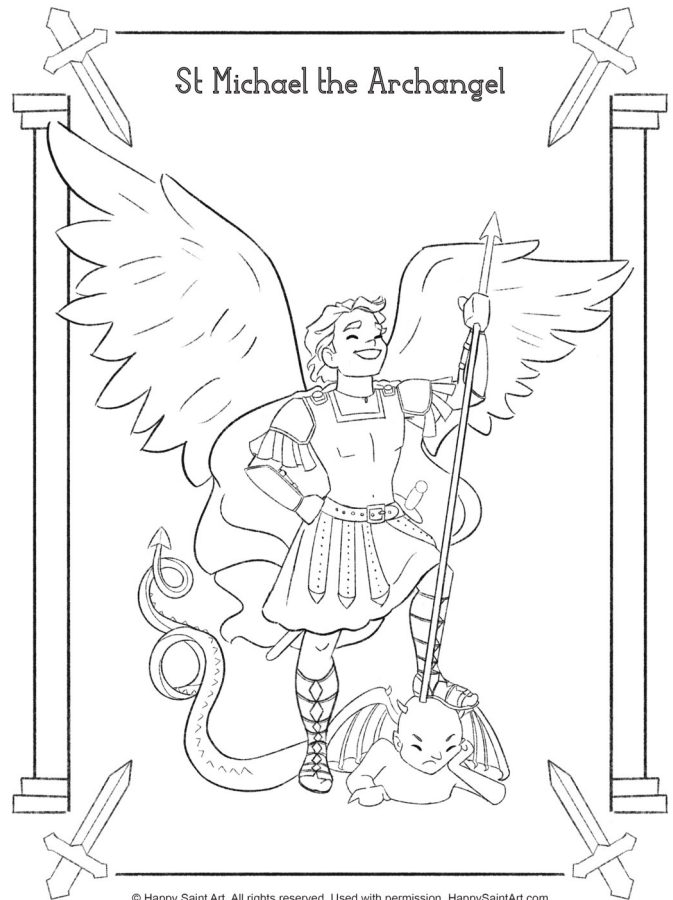
\$5 KIDS

\$15 ADULTS

BASKET RAFFLES, CASH BAR & MORE



**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER 4:30 P.M. AT ST.
ADALBERT CHURCH SEE LAURA WRIGHT**



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CONFERENCE '25

Heaven Wed To Earth: Celebrating Hope
Se Une El Cielo Con La Tierra: Celebrando La Esperanza

Diocese of Gary
Offices of Worship and Intercultural Ministry

Training and Renewal for Lectors
OCIA • EMHCs • Ministers of Care
Music Ministers • Art & Environment
Hospitality/Greeters • Sacristans

SAVE THE DATE
RESERVEN LA FECHA

SPREAD THE WORD
CORRAN LA VOZ

November 14-15
St. Michael the Archangel
Schererville, IN

Bishop Robert J. McClory
Friday
Night Prayer with Our Eucharistic Lord

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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., 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

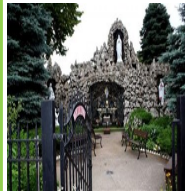
B: Matt Barbetta, **C:** Christina Campra, **E:** Victoria Franco, **F:** Victoria Franco, **G:** Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, John Gervais, Gerardo Gonzalez, James Grunhard Jr., **H:** Alex Gonzalo Hernandez, Elliot Hlavaty, Matthew Hlavaty, **J:** Justin Jansky, **K:** Thomas M. Kaminsky, Keith Kennedy,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

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

"Lord, Grant that I may always bear in mind the very great dignity of the life you have called me to and all its responsibilities. Never let me dishonor it by being cold, or unkind, or impatient."

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

ARCHANGELS:

STS. GABRIEL, MICHAEL, RAPHAEL

PRAY FOR US

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

PRAY FOR US

*"Praise the Lord, my sou!
Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry...*

The Lord raises up those who were bowed down.

(Psalm 146:7-8)

MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2026 OPENS OCTOBER 1, 2025.

Please recycle this bulletin

