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 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH 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.



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!



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday's readings remind us of the importance of spending time with the Lord. Abraham welcomes 3 visitors, whom he recognizes as visitors from God. In the Gospel Martha and Mary both welcome the Lord, but it is Mary who sits at the Lord's feet, relishing Jesus' every word.

Spend some quality time with the Lord this week. In the quiet of your heart learn from the Master how to live as a missionary disciple who joyfully shares God's blessings.

- Will I make time this week to listen to Jesus?
- How will my listening spill into blest action?

By repeating snippets from scripture throughout the day, you can readily let go of negativity, and judgementalism as you consciously center your thoughts on Jesus.

Jesus, you are the way, the truth, and the life.
Lord, you are the healer of my soul.
You are my strength and my song.
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord.
Jesus, I trust in you.

Let us remember Jesus' words to Martha while we learn from Mary's example:

Mary has chosen the better part and she won't be denied.

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~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~ June 22, 2025

St. John: \$7,414.35 **St. Adalbert:** \$1,136.00

Online Giving: \$1,986.43

ST. ADALBERT CHURCH ROOF FUND

Cost is \$157,144.50

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



Saturday, July 26th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, July 27th., 2025 ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Andrew Lector: M. Saliga Eucharistic M: Jon Venegas, J. Venegas, E. Igras, S. Adam,

M. Hassen, T. Adam 10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Lilah, Jacob, Ben Lector: B. DeLatorre,

A. DeLatorre

Eucharistic M: O. Matushek, G. Kulas, L. Chocholek, T. Tabernacki, J. Coleman, B. Coleman, J. Kamisnky

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

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

July 20: Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. † Geraldine Schuhrke by Donna, Judi & families 10:30 a.m. WHITING/ROBERTSDALE FAITH COMMUNITY

July 21: Monday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of

the Church

7:00a.m. †George Curosh by Tom & Sue Adam

July 22: Tuesday: St. Mary Magdalene

7:00a.m. †Janet Brezene by Lawrence & Donna Koselke

July 23: Wednesday: St. Bridget, Religious
7:00 a.m. †Norbet & Duray Family by daughters

July 24: Thursday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

7:00 a.m. †Robert Samano by Nancy & Bernard Sterbavy

July 25: Friday: ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

7:00 a.m. †Rose Lubek by Terri Rossi

July 26: Saturday: STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SA 4:30 p.m. †John & Susan Perhach by Okerstrom family

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

†REST IN PEACE

Henry J. Timko



Partners in Christ's Mission

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2024

 GOAL
 PLEDGES
 PAID
 Balance Due

 SA
 \$ 9,872.30
 \$4,302.00
 \$3,802.00
 \$6,070.30

 SJB
 \$44,488.47
 \$21,961.00
 \$20,071.00
 \$24,417.47

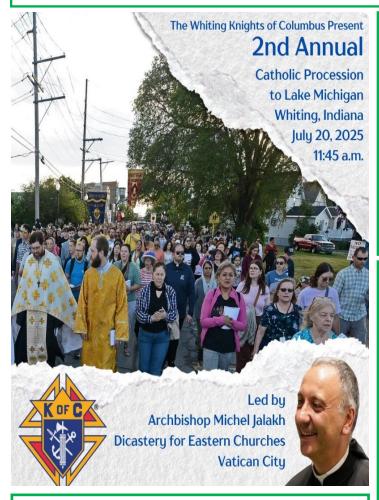


ST. JOHN CHURCH TOURS

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.





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:

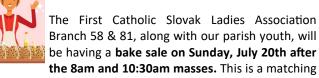
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094FABAB2FA0FB6-57047105-pierogi

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.

VOLUNTEER BAKERS NEEDED



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.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation 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.

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.

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. The Beginnings Groups

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	Fall Series
May 28	September 10
June 11	September 24
June 25	October 8
July 9	October 22
July 23	November 5
August 6	***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:



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Attention St. John the Baptist Alumni and Former Staff!Become a Pen Pal!

We are excited to launch a special opportunity for **St. John the Baptist Alumni/ Staff** to give back in a meaningful way—as **pen pals for our students!**

If you're a proud graduate or former employee of SJB and want to help enhance students' writing skills while sharing your own school memories, we would love your support.

The commitment is simple: You'll write five short letters to a class throughout the school year, each based on a fun, meaningful prompt. You will get your assigned class in August



Letter Schedule & Topics:

• September – Welcome Letter

Introduce yourself! Share your name, hobbies, and what you're excited about. Feel free to include a little about your life now!

• November - Favorite Memory of St. John

Tell us about your favorite memory from your time at SJB—events, games, projects, or anything special!

• January - Catholic Schools Week

Why was St. John important to you? What did you love about Catholic school or your faith journey there?

• March - Best Teacher and Why

Who was your favorite teacher at St. John? What made them memorable or impactful?

• May - Advice to Students

What words of encouragement or advice would you share with our current students? What helped you succeed?



Interested in participating?

Please fill out the google form using the QR Code by July 30, 2025

Let's connect generations of SJB Trojans—one letter at a time!
Principal, Michelle Ondas

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHOOSING THE BETTER PART

In today's Gospel, Martha's hospitality was made edgy because she became burdened with the cooking and serving. But do you notice that there is no rejection of Martha, no suggestion that she should not have been engaged in preparing the meal? Jesus merely underlines a truth, that they are blessed who hear the word of God and keep it. He is putting emphasis on a sense of attention to the word of God. Hearing the word of God in prayer through reflection is a condition for true selfless loving service, which is discipleship, to the body of Christ. Martha is settling to be a servant where Jesus is looking for disciples.

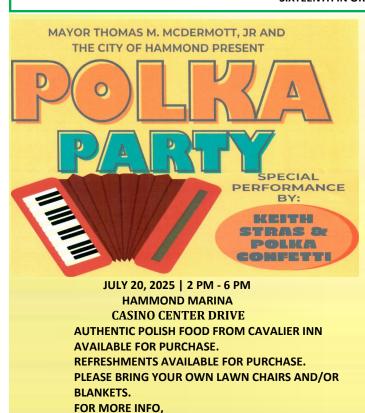
Mary's hospitality, on the other hand, is gracious because she has focused her attention on Jesus: "she sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak." The surprise is that Jesus affirms that the "better part" is to sit and listen, which are metaphors for discipleship. The "better part" is to be a disciple! But before we can carry on the mission of Jesus as disciples, we must become disciples by sitting at the feet of Jesus listening to him. Practically speaking, this means being attentive to the Scriptures during Mass. It also means taking the time to be with Jesus in prayer; not just saying prayers, but being quiet and listening to how Jesus speaks to our hearts.

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

St. Vincent DePaul Society Report for the 2nd Quarter (Apr. thru June) of 2025

Your generosity and support are making a difference. Over the past three months the St. Vincent DePaul Society was able to assist **54** needy families in our area by providing a total of **\$4753.76** in support. The money was used to help the families meet obligations and needs in the following ways: 13 with rent, 28 with utilities, 7 with food, 4 with water, and 2 with gas. Thank you to all the members of the Whiting Faith Community who support our ministry with your gifts and your prayers.





CALL (219) 659-7678





The SHARE Foundation's 31stAnnual Leprechaun Hunf™M is on Sunday, August 3, 2025, 11AM-6PM CDT at Sharing Meadows in La Porte, IN. The Leprechaun Hunf™M 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 1s". As always, children 13 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. The Leprechaun Hunt™M 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/.





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

<u>N:</u> 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

<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 <u>Z:</u> 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, <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

"I feel that we too often focus on the negative aspects of life, on what is bad. If we were more willing to see

the good and the beautiful things that surround us, we would be able to transform society. Once we take our eyes away from ourselves, from our interests, from our own rights, privileges, ambitions – then we will be able to see Jesus around us."

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

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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.

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**

Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy mountain?
Whoever walks without blame doing what is right.
Whoever, does no harm to another.

(Psalm 15:1-3)

