

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

WHITING/ROBERTSDALE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY

1849 LINCOLN AVE. WHITING, IN 46394



SACRAMENTS:

Please call St. John Church
Office: 219-659-0023
Confessions after 7:00 a.m.
Mass & Saturdays 3:00 - 3:30
p.m. in the SJB Centennial
Room, also by appointment

Rectory Hours:

Monday 9am - 3:30pm
Tues-Fri 9am-4:00pm
Lunch Hour 12pm-1pm

SACRED HEART

Confessions-Confesiones

Sun/Domingo: 10:00 a.m. to
10:30 a.m. & by
appointment. (y con cita
previa)

SUMMER SUNDAYS

Our SJB Parish invites you
and your family & friends to
Sunday Mass: 8:00 a.m. or
10:30 a.m. followed by
coffee, doughnuts, and
conversation at the St. John
Church garage throughout
June, July & August.
Questions, call the parish
office.

All are welcome

*Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the works
of your hands.*

Psalm 138:8

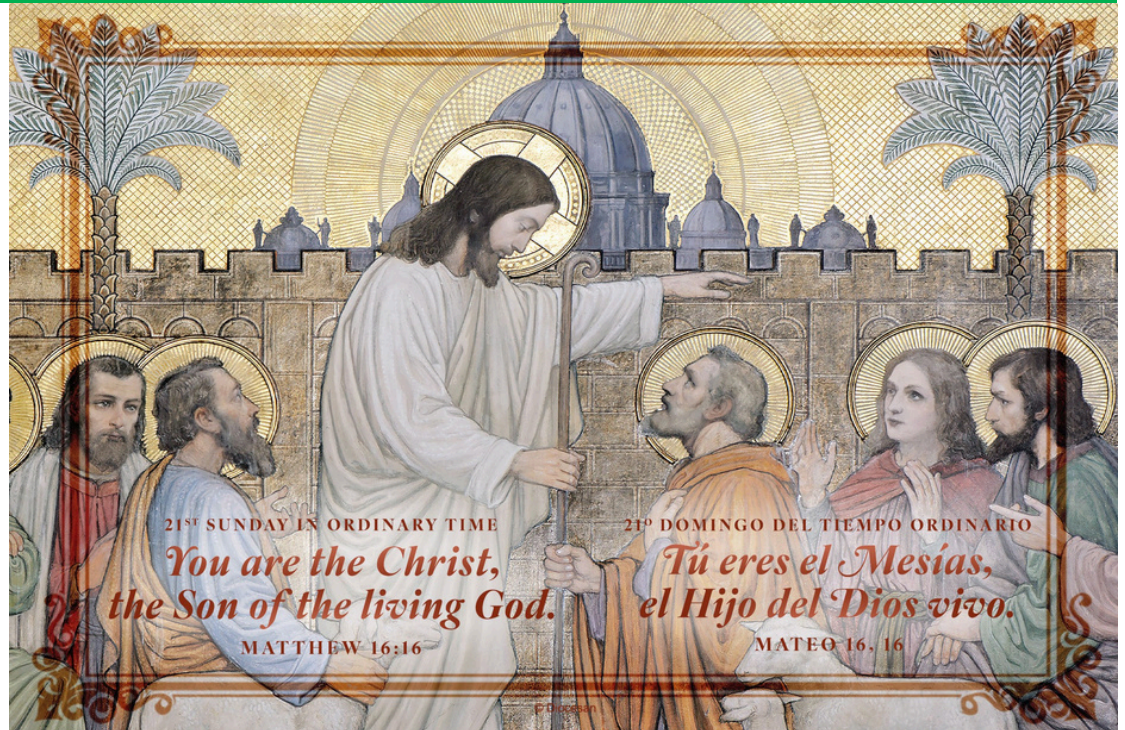


INSPIRATION from
St. Mother Teresa of
Calcutta

*"To love, it is necessary to give.
To give, it is necessary to be
free from selfishness, to have
the courage of poverty.*

*"Very often, small
misunderstandings become
the cause of so much suffering.
Bring love to all you do and
you will fulfill your vocation."*

*(Thirsting for God, daily meditations
of Mother Theresa)*



THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings encourage us to **deepen our relationship with Jesus**. By doing so, we recognize the riches of God's wisdom and his salvific plan to which St. Paul refers as he sings the praises of God, the source of all wisdom, knowledge and love. (Romans 11:33-36)

In the Gospel (Matthew 16:13-20) Jesus is curious to know who people say that he is because God's glorious plan of Salvation rests on that knowledge. Of the answers given, it is Peter who proclaims the truth:

"You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

We do well to ask & respond to Jesus' question ourselves.

- Who do I say Jesus is?
- Do my daily actions verify my belief?

As we further consider today's Gospel, we begin to understand how Jesus is calling us to unity within the family of God. He is carefully building his kingdom, which continues to progress here and now on earth. Its fulfillment depends upon God's grace and our accepting that grace in order to live **Jesus' gospel of humble mercy and loving unity**.

Let us pray that our Lord Jesus, the Way the Truth and the Life, will be proclaimed by what we say and do. Jesus, the Son of the Living God, has given us his example and the power of his Holy Spirit, received in the sacraments, to accomplish within each of our lives all that he has called us to be:

One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church.

XXI DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Las lecturas de hoy nos animan a **profundizar nuestra relación con Jesús**. Al hacerlo, reconocemos la riqueza de la sabiduría de Dios y su plan salvífico, al cual se refiere San Pablo mientras alaba a Dios, fuente de toda sabiduría, conocimiento y amor. (Romanos 11, 33-36).

En el Evangelio (Mateo 16, 13-20), Jesús desea saber quién dice la gente que es Él, pues el glorioso plan de salvación de Dios se fundamenta en ese conocimiento. Entre las respuestas dadas, es Pedro quien proclama la verdad:

"Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo."

Hacemos bien en plantearnos y responder nosotros mismos a la pregunta de Jesús:

- ¿Quién digo yo que es Jesús?
- ¿Confirman mis acciones cotidianas mi creencia?

Al reflexionar más a fondo sobre el Evangelio de hoy, comenzamos a comprender cómo Jesús nos llama a la unidad dentro de la familia de Dios. Él construye cuidadosamente su Reino, el cual sigue avanzando aquí y ahora en la tierra. Su plenitud depende de la gracia de Dios y de que aceptemos dicha gracia para vivir el evangelio de **Jesús, caracterizado por la humilde misericordia y la unidad amorosa**.

Oremos para que nuestro Señor Jesús —el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida— sea proclamado a través de nuestras palabras y acciones. Jesús, el Hijo de Dios vivo, nos ha dado su ejemplo y el poder de su Espíritu Santo —recibido en los sacramentos— para llevar a cabo en nuestras vidas todo aquello a lo que nos ha llamado a ser:

Una Iglesia una, Santa, Católica y Apostólica. M.S.

M.S.

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.

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

August 16, 2026 St. John the Baptist/St. Adalbert: \$

Online Giving: \$

August 9, 2026 Sacred Heart: \$1,265

Second Collection- Church Maintenance Fund: \$740

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, August 23rd 2026 ~Sacred Heart: 10:30 a.m.

Lectors: Jaime Torres; Erika Ledezma

Eucharist Ministers: Otilia Mendoza, Heriberto Sanchez, Leticia Arredondo

Saturday, August 29th 2026 St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Alter Servers: Valentina Lector: G. Cusson

Eucharist Ministers: R. Ciesla, C. Mareta, J. Ballmann

Sunday August 30th 2026~ St. John : 8:00 a.m.

Alter Servers: Emily Lector: J. LeWan

Eucharist Ministers: G. Mosoriak, B. Behrens, M. Jakubielski, T. Rossi
K. Behrens, M. Tonkovich10:30 a.m.

Alter Servers: Norlyn, Jacob, Giana Lector: M. Cornejo

Eucharist Ministers: L. Morandi, G. Kulas, L. Chocholek, O. Matushek
B. Coleman, E. Reyes, A. Alcala

IN LOVING MEMORY

August 23: Sunday: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. +Tony Sansone by Bea Sansone

SH 10:30 a.m. +Sra. Nicolasa Fabian

August 24: Monday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 a.m. +Anita Rosen by Br. Gregory A.

SH 8:30 a.m. +Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

August 25: Tuesday: St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

7:00 a.m. +John D. Boyle by family

August 26: Wednesday:

7:00a.m. +John & Mary Boyle by family

August 27: Thursday: St. Monica

7:00 a.m. +Joey Szafranski by Tony & Merribeth Paunicka

SH 8:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

August 28: Friday: St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. +

8:30 a.m. P.F.C. Reagan Klapak by Mom & Dad

August 29: Saturday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

SA 4:30 p.m. +Harald Stokke by Stokke Family

August 31: Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Margaret Abildua by family

10:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

SH 10:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

†REST IN PEACE

Barbara J. (Vucich) Hmurovich

UPDATED MASS SCHEDULE

~SACRED HEART~

SUNDAY 10:30 A.M. - SPANISH

MONDAY 8:30 A.M. - SPANISH

THURSDAY 8:30 A.M. - SPANISH

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2026 GOAL

Goal	Pledge	Paid	Bal Due
\$64,327.00	\$23,690.25	\$22,055.25	\$40,636.75

Sacred Heart

Goal— — — \$15,526.97

Amount Paid— \$20,411.97

vs. Paid— (\$4,885.00)



MARRIAGE BANNS

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JAZLYN CANO

&

ROBERTO ALONZO



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Faith Formation Program Registration is open. Please scan the QR code below to register your child

A reminder that children need to be re-registered each year. Programming is offered for children in Pre-K- Confirmation.

We also have programming available for children with special needs. This includes a special curriculum to support their learning.

Faith Formation Program begins on Sunday, September 13th at 9:00 am in the Panel Room of the School. Enter Door A or B. This session is for students and parents.



Adult Faith Journey to the Sacraments- OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program designed to walk with adults who are discerning initiation into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Our team is ready to answer any questions you may have about the OCIA program and the process of receiving those sacraments.

There will be a meet-and-greet following the 10:30 am Mass at St John the Baptist on Sunday, August 23rd, near the Centennial Room in the church. Please share this opportunity with those who may be interested. Further questions can be directed to 219-659-0023.



Baptism Formation Session

Our next **Baptismal Formation Session** is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 18th at 6:00 pm** in the school lower level. Enter Door A. Please call the rectory to pre-register for this session.

Parish Picnic

Our Church and School Family Picnic is right around the corner. Save the date of **Sunday, September 20th from 11:30-3:30**. We will have our wonderful barbecue, games and activities for children, bags for adults, cash bar, DJ, raffles, and 50/50.

If interested in having a table at the event, or volunteering to help, please contact: 219-659-0023.

Parish Picnic Wish List

Many have asked if they could support the upcoming Picnic with donations. I have created a wish list of items needed for the event. Any help is greatly appreciated.

There is a sign-up sheet for donations if you would like to visit that; please use this QR code or visit the parish website.

Ketchup & Mustard Bottles, Relish, Nacho Cheese Sauce, American Cheese Slices, Hot Sauce, Sour Cream, Pickles, Onions, Tomatoes, Jalapeno Pepper Jars, Bottled Water, Soda Cans, Hot Dog and Hamburger Buns, Butter, Napkins, 3lb. Paper Serving Trays, Plastic Forks



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Welcome Back, St. John the Baptist Catholic School Family!



As we begin a new school year, I am filled with gratitude, excitement, and great hope for all that God has in store for our St. John the Baptist Catholic School community.

To our **students and families**, welcome back! We are so blessed to partner with you in the education and formation of your children. Our mission extends far beyond academics—we are called to nurture the whole child, helping each student grow in faith, character, knowledge, and a love for Christ.

To our **teachers and staff**, thank you for answering God's call to serve our children. Your dedication, patience, and commitment make such a difference in the lives of our students. I am excited for another year of learning, growing, and building a strong Catholic community together.

To our **parish family**, thank you for your continued prayers, encouragement, and support of our school. St. John the Baptist Catholic School is truly a ministry of our parish, and we are grateful for the many ways you help us live out our mission.

We would also like to extend a very special welcome to Fr. Greg Evers! We are blessed to welcome him to the St. John the Baptist parish and school family. We look forward to getting to know Fr. Greg, working alongside him, and growing together in faith and service. We pray that his time with our parish and school community will be filled with many blessings, joyful moments, and opportunities to lead our children and families closer to Christ. **Welcome to SJB, Fr. Greg!** We are so happy to have you with us!

This year, let us remember that we are **one family, one community, united in Christ**. There will always be challenges, but there will also be countless opportunities to celebrate, grow, and witness God working through our students, families, staff, and parish.

May the Lord bless our students with curious minds and compassionate hearts, our teachers with wisdom and patience, our families with faith and strength, and Fr. Greg with grace as he begins this new chapter with us. May Mary, our Mother, guide us throughout the year, and may St. John the Baptist continue to intercede for our school and parish community.

Welcome back, Trojans!

Let's make this a wonderful year filled with faith, learning, friendship, and joy!

God bless St. John the Baptist Catholic School, our parish, and every family who calls SJB home!

With prayers and gratitude,

Michelle Ondas

Principal

St. John the Baptist Catholic School

COME TO THE GROTTO

The beautiful weather combined with the outdoor beauty of the Immaculate Conception Grotto on White Oak Ave. beckons us to gather to pray the rosary Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. Bring your rosary a chair & a friend if you'd like. Questions call Lucille, 219-659-2949.

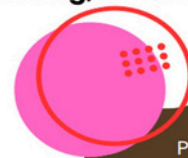


7th Annual Ice Cream Social

Join us at Sacred
Heart Church for
Food Games Bingo
Cake Walk and MORE!

SEPTEMBER 27 2026

11am - 3pm
1731 LaPorte Ave
Whiting, IN 46394



For more info call:
Olivia at 219-678-3700
Parish Office at 219-659-0733
www.sacredheartwhiting.com



The Ice Cream Social Committee is seeking volunteers and sponsors for our Taco/Tamale Booth. Any level of support is greatly appreciated. The next planning meeting will be held on Monday August 24 at 6:30 PM in the Rose Room.

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.

SACRED HEART THRIFT SHOP

Open

Tuesdays and Thursdays
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Thank you for shopping with us!

MARIAN THEATRE GUILD NEWS....

The Guild announces auditions for its fall musical, Stephen Sondheim's Broadway hit, "Company", **Sunday, August 23 from 2:00 to 5:00pm and Monday, August 24 from 7:00 to 9:00pm in Marian Memorial Auditorium (use rear parking lot entrance, Door C).** Directed by veteran Northwest Indiana/ Chicagoland director, John Glover, **production dates are November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22, 2026.** We are seeking 14 roles over the age of 18. Please be prepared with a vocal selection not from the show, but one that showcases the vocal ability. For additional info visit our Facebook page or call (219) 659-2782.

The Guild is finishing improvements to the auditorium. We are replacing the original stage floor (71 years old) and have redecorated the lobby. The two projects total \$15,779.00.

**POPE LEO'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR AUGUST FOR EVANGELIZATION IN THE CITY.**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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Barbara J. Korba, Patti Koopmans, Nancy Koselke, Marcia Krull, Joan Kruczek, Kathy Kutcka, Joanne Kuss **L:** Virginia Lakerdas, Doris Lawton, Carol Lukasik, Diane Losiniecki, Donna Lewandowski, **M:** Maria M, Mary Madejewski, Howard Marshall, Kristi Matalik, Sebastian, Jerry Matlon, Nancy Kramis McComb, Mendoza, Delaney McGinnis, Jerilyn Miller, Larry & Toni Milkowski, Jeane Mlif, Robert Mirandi, Andy Mueller **N:** Mary Nemeth, Ann Novotney, Linda N., Chloe N. **O:** Bob Oliver, Selma O'Drobnak, Michael Ortiz, Karen Opperman **P:** Anna E. Palomo, Donna Patton, Cathy Pavlina, Mike Pena, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Julie P., Charles Porras, 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, Joe Shaffer, Alma Sison, K. Smith, R. Smith, M. Stimac, Judy Strisko, Deanna Stolarz, Kristin St. John, Renee Suma, Suzanne M. Swentko, Ann Swiatkowski, Morgan Sikora **T:** Frank Tarajack, Nancy Teles, Cindy Tokarz, Marilyn Tomko, Geraldine Tumidalsky, George Toth **W:** Judy Wescott, Walter Wachel, Gina W., Terry W., Tucker W., Sadie Watson, Captoria Weems, Phil Wetnight, Evelyn White, Tom White, **Z:** Margaret Zehner, Ray Zubeck, Theresa Zvonar

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

B: Matt Barbetta, **C:** Christina Campra, **F:** Victoria Franco, **G:** Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, John Gervais, Gerardo Gonzalez, James Grunhard Jr., **H:** Alex Gonzalo Hernandez, Elliot Hlavaty, Matthew Hlavaty, Aamyah Hurt **J:** Justin Jansky, **K:** Reagan J. Klapak, 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, Szewczyk **T:** Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, **V:** Samuel Valdyke



COOK WANTED

We're searching for someone who loves to cook and can whip up some tasty and nourishing meals for our priest. **It's a part-time opportunity (twice a week).** If you're interested or have any questions please call the rectory office **219-659-0023**

Virtus- Protecting God's Children Program

Virtus is the Safe Environment Program for the Diocese of Gary. All adults who serve in ministry, work, or volunteer with children are required to attend a Virtus Session. If you have already attended a session, the Diocese has required everyone to be recertified. Please log into your account and follow the prompts. If you need assistance or a listing of upcoming training sessions, please contact Jamie Sandona at jsandona@stjohnbap.org



*I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise.*

(Psalm 138:1-2)



St. Francis De Sales High School
Class of 1976 ~ 50 Yr. Reunion

September 12, 2026 at 6pm for more info: Email Nancy at ragsgasser@aol.com OR Alicia at amtblznik@att.net
OR check Facebook under "SFDS Class of 1976"

Save the Date!

ST. JOHN CHURCH & SCHOOL

FAMILY PICNIC

September 20, 2026

11:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a great
family fun time
with our church
community!



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