

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 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:

Mon. 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.
or 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

**"MY SOUL IS THIRSTING FOR
YOU, OH LORD MY GOD"**
PSALMS 63



"We are called to
withdraw at certain
intervals into deeper
silence and aloneness
with God, together as a community
as well as personally. To be alone
with Him - not with our books,
thoughts, and memories but
completely stripped of everything -
to dwell lovingly in His presence.
Silent, empty, expectant, and
motionless."

*(Do Something Beautiful for God, The
Essential Teaching of M Teresa)*



DISCIPLESHIP

To be a disciple is to follow and listen to the master from whom the disciple wishes to learn in order to live like the one whom the disciple admires. As baptized disciples of our master teacher, Jesus, we must wisely observe His actions and words and follow "His Way" as the primary example for our lives.

The readings for this **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** give the apostles and us serious instruction about the cost of discipleship. The prophet Jeremiah bemoans the fact that, while following and proclaiming God's ways, he is ridiculed and mocked. He would like to give up, but a fire burning within him impels him to persist in delivering God's message to a people who refuse to heed God's words.

In the Gospel Jesus' says: **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."**

- Like Jeremiah, do I complain of my daily "crosses"?
- What is one cross I will embrace this week, as I seek Jesus' help to carry it?

St. Paul's instruction in Romans 12:2 is particularly meaningful for us today.

"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect."

Today I will turn to the Lord, praying that my life may be conformed to God's will. I will ask the Holy Spirit to guide me in right ways, as I accept my cross and walk in the light of Jesus, my Lord and Savior.

M.S.

EL DISCIPULADO

Ser discípulo significa seguir y escuchar al maestro de quien se desea aprender, con el fin de vivir como aquel a quien se admira. Como discípulos bautizados de nuestro Maestro, Jesús, debemos observar con sabiduría sus acciones y palabras, y seguir "su Camino" como el ejemplo principal para nuestras vidas.

Las lecturas de este **22.º domingo del Tiempo Ordinario** nos ofrecen, tanto a los apóstoles como a nosotros, una enseñanza seria sobre el costo del discipulado. El profeta Jeremías lamenta el hecho de ser objeto de burlas y escarnio por seguir y proclamar los caminos de Dios. Quisiera rendirse, pero un fuego que arde en su interior lo impulsa a persistir en la tarea de transmitir el mensaje divino a un pueblo que se niega a escuchar las palabras de Dios.

En el Evangelio, Jesús dice: **"El que quiera venir detrás de mí, que renuncie a sí mismo, que cargue con su cruz y me siga. Porque el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará."**

- Al igual que Jeremías, ¿me quejo de mis "cruces" cotidianas?
- ¿Qué cruz abrazaré esta semana, buscando la ayuda de Jesús para cargarla?

La enseñanza de san Pablo en Romanos 12, 2 cobra un sentido especial para nosotros hoy:

"No se amolden a este mundo, sino transfórmense mediante la renovación de su mente, para que puedan discernir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, lo bueno, lo agradable y lo perfecto."

Hoy me dirigiré al Señor, orando para que mi vida se ajuste a la voluntad de Dios. Pediré al Espíritu Santo que me guíe por el camino recto, mientras acepto mi cruz y camino a la luz de Jesús, mi Señor y Salvador.

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: \$5,320.00
 Online Giving: \$2,783.24; August 23, 2026 St. John/St. Adalbert:
 \$8,361.00 Online Giving: \$2,783.24
 August 16, 2026 **Sacred Heart**: \$1,219.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, August 30th 2026~**Sacred Heart**: 10:30 a.m.

Lectors: Francisco Romo; Marisol Munoz

Eucharist Ministers: Laura Salazar, Silvia Tobar, Rosario Reynoso

Saturday, September 5th 2026~St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: M. Dybel

Eucharist Ministers:

Sunday, September 6th 2026~St. John : 8:00 a.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: M. Saliga

Eucharist Ministers: T. Adam, S. Adam, E. Igras, M. Tonkovich, T. Rossi,
 M. Hassen

10:30 a.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: B. DeLaTorre

Eucharist Ministers: D. Urbanik, J. Coleman, S. Tabernacki, B. Jerzyk,
 O. Matushek, L. Morandi, B. Coleman

IN LOVING MEMORY

August 30: Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Margaret Abildua by family
 10:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Church
 SH 10:30 a.m. +Sigifredo Torres

August 31: Monday:

7:00 a.m. +Manuel Antonio Bancomo
 SH 8:30 a.m. +Joven Moises Villagome

September 1: Tuesday:

7:00 a.m. +Margaret Zimmerman by family

September 2: Wednesday:

7:00a.m. +Sophie & Michael Girman by Pat Summers

September 3: St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the

Church

7:00 a.m. +Joey Szafranski by Tony & Merribeth Paunicka
 SH 8:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Church

September 4: Friday: First Friday of the Month

7:00 a.m. +John & Ann Yacko by Mary Ann Yacko Warner
 8:30 a.m. +Richard Laurinec

September 5: Saturday: St. Teresa of Calcutta Virgin

SA 4:30 p.m. +Swierc Family by Mary Wiak & family

September 6: Sunday: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Jose Jacinto by Ava Pieracci
 10:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsdale Catholic Church
 SH 10:30 a.m. +Dolores Borgetti

†REST IN PEACE

David S. Furtak



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION You are invited to the peaceful interior of St. John Church, **Friday, September 4, from 1:00- 6:00p.m. for Eucharistic Adoration.**

Bring your worries, your sorrows and your joys as you enjoy the quiet and converse with our risen Lord. He awaits you.

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)

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. Further questions can be directed to 219-659-0023.

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

**SACRED HEART THRIFT SHOP**

Open

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

Thank you for shopping with us!



**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.



Recent severe weather events have left many of our Northwest Indiana neighbors facing significant challenges.

As the Body of Christ, we are called to walk alongside our neighbors in times of need. Through the Disaster Relief Fund, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary is providing direct assistance to residents as they recover and rebuild.

If you or someone you know needs help, we're here.

If you would like to help our neighbors who are struggling in the aftermath of the storms, please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities Disaster Relief Fund.

100% of gifts to the Disaster Relief Fund go directly to local residents recovering from the storms.

Visit our website



catholic-charities.org

**Alpha at the SYMPHONY Sunday, September 6th**

All Alpha Alumni and friends are invited to a beautiful evening of music with the **Whiting Park Festival Orchestra Sun., September 6th**. Labor Day Celebration with fire work following the concert. TEXT to 219-588-3633 or email to

trossi1204@gmail.com /PS: Bring a chair.. More concert info @ <https://www.whitingparkfestivalorchestra.com>

**MARRIAGE BANNS**

3rd Call

Jazlyn Cano

&

Roberto Alonzo

September 12th

1st Call

Jennifer Berrera

&

Steven Matura

September 19th

If you know of any impediment for them to marry.
Please contact the parish immediately

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.

**Save the Date...**

After a long hot summer the **Rosary Society will be meeting on September 21, 2026 at 11:00 am.** Hosted by Group 4, Promoter Denyse Buck. The meeting will be at the **Senior Center at Pulaski Park. Group 4 members should be there at 9:30 to set up the room.** All other members should be there by 10:30 so we can start the meeting on time.

**CALUMET COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS!**

Join us for Calumet College of St. Joseph's 75th Anniversary Birthday Bash on **Saturday, September 19, 2026!**

Everyone is welcome for an evening of great food, live music, family activities, campus tours, and fellowship as we celebrate 75 years of Catholic higher education and service in Northwest Indiana.

Event Details:

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Calumet College of St. Joseph Campus

Mass at 4:00 p.m. followed by the Birthday Bash from 5:00-10:00 p.m.

Cost: Individual tickets \$19.51/Family packages are \$40 (2 adults and 2 children)

For tickets and additional information, visit

<https://www.ccsj.edu/75th-anniversary/> or contact

Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S., at tmcfarland@ccsj.edu

**MARIAN THEATRE GUILD NEWS....**

The Guild announces its fall musical, Stephen Sondheim's Broadway hit, **"Company"**. The production is directed by veteran Northwest Indiana/ Chicagoland director, John Glover. **Production dates are November 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22, 2026.** For additional info visit our Facebook page or call (219) 659-2782.

For everyone's information, 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.

**The World Day of Prayer
for the Care of Creation**

Tuesday, September 1st is a designated day to pray as you are able and act in positive ways which show both care and concern for the environment and all creation. By adding the September 1st day of prayer to the Catholic calendar in August of 2018, Pope Francis encouraged individuals and communities to implore God's help in protecting creation and to ask God's forgiveness for sins committed against the world in which we live.

Actually, the **entire month of September extending from Sep. 1 to October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**, is dedicated to growing in our personal as well as our communal awareness of the need to be good stewards of all of creation. Practicing the 3 R's as we recycle, reduce, and reuse, and going beyond by throwing trash in appropriate containers and picking up and disposing of trash when and wherever we see it carelessly strewn about our community are helpful ways to practice good stewardship of creation.

May we each grow in our attentiveness to the environmental needs surrounding us and develop thoughtful ways to participate in the care of our properties, neighborhoods, and communities. By doing so we become a good example to others. May our little community on the lake be blessed by our prayer and our care.

M.S.

**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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A: Mary Jane Adam, Kim Alexander, Marie Anderson, Frank Angotti, Saul Arambula **B:** Steve B., Matt Baccar, Susan Bancroft, Wendy Bannerman, Rita Bais, Mary Lou Barcevac, Ben Basile, Ron Benko, Donna Bewley, Sue Bobalik, Adam Bona, Bob Bonchik, Thomas Brooks, John A. Burosh, Ruth Bzibziak, Marsha Banik, Josie Bolek, Jackie Bercik **C:** Ben Cassoday, Jim Campbell, Charlene Paulina, Laura Chavez, Maximiliano Chavez, Fr. Dennis Chriszt, C.P.P.S. Abigail Coates, Rebecca Coates, Marlene Cooney, Terri Cooper, Geraldine Cox, Olivia Crinion, Gloria Cruz, Bernadine Cusson, Larry Culp, Jeannine Cusson, Richard Cusson, Sharon Cusson, Kyle Cusson, Joe Czapkowicz **D:** Dave M., Jeff Delinck, Mary Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter, Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter, Gloria Dosen, Norb Dudzik, Lenore Duray, Don Domsich **E:** Oliver Edlin, Mallory Esquivel **F:** Dianna Francis, Jeanine Faulkner, Thomas Federenko, John M. Fedor, Bernice Fesko, Malia Fortunak, Joe Frechette, Dianna Fritz, Mary Ann Funchik **G:** Gallant Family, Nicholas Gallant, Andrea Gaynor, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Ann Guvo **H:** H. Haas, Shery & Jim H., Judy Harkenrider, 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., Carol Jacinto **K:** Danny K., Linda K, Gerry Kasarda, Diane Kaspar, Alex Kaleta, Samantha Kaminsky, Vitas Kazragys, Ryan Keelan, Mark Kobli, Lorraine Kobe

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



*O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts...
You are my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.*

(Psalm 63:2, 8)



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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