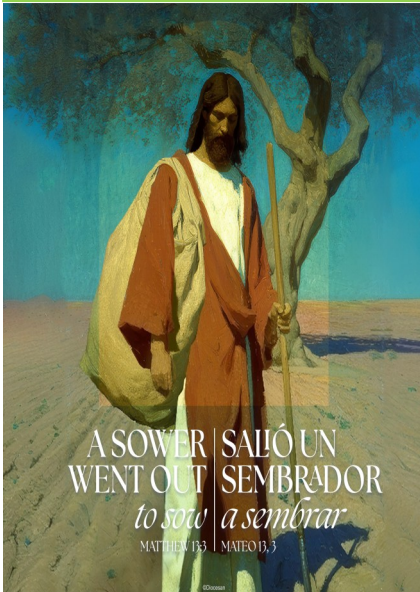


SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026
Whiting/Robertsdale Catholic Faith Community
1849 Lincoln Ave. Whiting, IN 46394



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 appoint-
ment.**

Rectory Hours:

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

SUMMER SUNDAYS 2026

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

All are welcome.

Questions, call the parish office



INSPIRATION FROM

**St. Mother Teresa of
Calcutta**

"Let us thank Jesus for all his goodness to us. Let us make a special point of giving others a living example of charity. We must unite in getting rid of all uncharitable remarks, thoughts and actions."

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

THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The seed that fell on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Luke 8:8)

Jesus often taught, using parables, (stories with familiar people and images, which included a surprise meant to get the listener's attention). This Sunday's parable, an agricultural one, is appropriate to our summer growing season. Whether or not we are gardeners, the imagery of such random seed sowing may appear puzzling to one who plants in a well-prepared garden space.

It's no surprise that some seed falls on the path, where it gets trampled underfoot; some on rocky ground, where its roots have no chance to take hold and grow; and some among weeds, where it gets choked out. Thankfully some seed falls on good soil, where it thrives, and produces an abundant yield.

Jesus' hearers probably wondered about throwing seed so indiscriminately. Here the surprise is that the sower is our extravagant God! He intends the seed for everyone no matter where they are on life's journey. Thus, He sends the seed of His word everywhere! Within the soil of our hearts, we are meant to be hearers and doers of God's word; however, do we take time to listen, to see, and to actively accept and nurture the seed of God's Word in our lives?

- Is the soil of my heart barren, dry, lacking nutrients?
- In what ways can I enrich the soil of my heart and nurture the seed of God's word in my life?
- Will I welcome God's love and a healthy interaction with family and friends nourish the soil of my heart?
- Will I yield the fruit of peace, patience, kindness and joy this week?

The choice is mine and the rewards are out of this world!

M.S.

15 DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"La semilla que cayó en buena tierra dará una cosecha abundante". (Lucas 8:8)

Jesús a veces enseñaba, usando parábolas (historias con personajes e imágenes familiares que incluían un elemento de sorpresa destinado a captar la atención del oyente). La parábola de este domingo, de temática agrícola, resulta muy apropiada para la temporada de cultivo estival. Seamos o no jardineros, la imagen de una siembra tan aleatoria puede resultar desconcertante para quien planta en un huerto o jardín bien preparado.

No es ninguna sorpresa que parte de la semilla caiga en el camino y sea pisoteada; otra parte, en terreno pedregoso, donde las raíces no tienen oportunidad de arraigar y crecer; y otra, entre la maleza, donde termina ahogada. Afortunadamente, parte de la semilla cae en buena tierra, donde prospera y produce una cosecha abundante.

Quienes escuchaban a Jesús probablemente se preguntaban por qué se esparcía la semilla de manera tan indiscriminada. ¡Aquí la sorpresa es que el sembrador es nuestro Dios generoso y pródigo! Él destina la semilla a todos, sin importar en qué punto del camino de la vida se encuentren. ¡Por eso envía la semilla de su Palabra a todas partes! En la tierra de nuestros corazones, estamos llamados a escuchar y poner en práctica la Palabra de Dios; sin embargo, ¿nos tomamos el tiempo para escuchar, ver y aceptar activamente —y cultivar— la semilla de la Palabra de Dios en nuestras vidas?

- ¿Es la tierra de mi corazón estéril, seca o falta de nutrientes?
- ¿De qué manera puedo enriquecer la tierra de mi corazón y cultivar la semilla de la Palabra de Dios en mi vida?
- ¿Daré la bienvenida al amor de Dios y permitiré que una relación sana con familiares y amigos nutra la tierra de mi corazón?
- ¿Daré frutos de paz, paciencia, bondad, y alegría esta semana?

La elección es mía, y las recompensas son extraordinarias!

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 ~

July 5, 2026: St. John the Baptist/St. Adalbert: \$9,685.35

Online Giving: \$2,020.98

June 28, 2026: Sacred Heart: \$1,995.00 Online Giving: \$2,230.00



CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2026 GOAL

Goal	Pledge	Paid	Bal Due
\$64,327.00	\$23,570.25	\$21,915.00	\$42,412.00

Sacred Heart

Goal— — —\$15,526.97

Amount Paid—\$17,961.97

vs. Paid— (\$2,435.00)

HAPPY 55th ANNIVERSARY
July 15th

RONALD & BARBARA ANN
JERZYK



*May the LORD bless you all the
days of your life. Psalm 128:5*

*You have crowned the year with your bounty;
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
The untilled meadows overflow with it.*

(Psalm 65:12)

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

July 12: Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. +C.P.P.S Members Companions living & deceased by
C.P.P.S. members companions

10:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

SH 10:30 a.m. TBA

July 13: Monday: St. Henry

7:00 a.m. +Edward Niksic by Jackie Dombrowski

July 14: Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

7:00 a.m. +Thomas J. Miklusak by Marina

July 15: Wednesday: St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Geffert Family by Ellen

July 16: Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00 a.m. +Joey Szafranski by Tom

July 17: Friday:

7:00 a.m. +Henry J. Timko by Margaret Saliga

July 18: Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis

SA 4:30 p.m. +Matalik Family by family

July 19: Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. +Paul & Elizabeth Banik by children

SH 10:30 a.m. TBA

†REST IN PEACE

Deceased Members of Our Whiting Robertsedale
Catholic Community



Saturday, July 18th ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Valentina

Lector: G. Cusson

Eucharistic M: B. Stanich, R. Ciesla, J. Ballmann

Sunday, July 19th ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Julian, Addy

Lector: M. Saliga

Eucharistic M: E. Igras, Jon Venegas, M. Jakubielski, B. Behrens
J. Venegas, K. Behrens

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Sofia, Kosta, Amelia

Lector: M. Gonzalez

Eucharistic M: J. Kaminsky, B. Jerzyk, G. Kulas, L. Morandi
O. Matushek, J. Coleman, B. Coleman

Sunday, July 19th ~ Sacred Heart: 10:30 a.m.

TBA

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Hello Families,

The **Pierogi Fest** is a great opportunity to meet the community and begin service hours for the year for parents and students. Parking lot workers must be 6th grade or older. This is the major fundraiser for the parish ministries that serve children. Please come and help us direct cars and meet people from all over the United States! Pierogi Fest Sign up link > please scan the **Q&R code**

Parish Picnic is currently scheduled for September 13th from 11:30 to 3:30. We are always looking for opportunities to include our families. If you have ideas for activities or would like to join the planning team, please reach out to my office.

Faith Formation updates- A reminder that **you must re-register your child for classes each year**. Please use the link below to register them. When asked what grade level, please use the grade level they will be entering when school starts in August. If you have already provided Sacramental Certificates, you do not need to resubmit them. Faith Formation is the ongoing formation of faith for our children. Children can begin attending in Pre-K and continue through Confirmation, which is not received until the student is in at least 8th grade. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 13th, at 9:00 am with a parent and student session in the cafeteria.

Please help us spread the word that we also have a program specifically created for the children who need special support. Our Support class children can attend independently or with the support of their parent or guardian. Faith Formation Registration 2026 2027 - please scan the **Q&R code**

There is always a need for additional teachers for the Sunday Faith Formation Program. If you are interested in joining the team, please reach out to my office so we can schedule a meeting to discuss the Catechist role in more detail.

On behalf of the Faith Formation team, we would like to thank you for allowing us to walk this journey of faith with you and your children. It is truly an honor to have been chosen. We look forward to seeing you over the summer.



Parish Website

**SJB CHURCH OPEN HOUSE**

During Pirogi Fest on **Sat., July 26**

from 11:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. festival visitors and those interested are welcome to step inside St. John Church and view its altars, stained glass windows, and statuary.

Parish docents will welcome you and answer questions you may have. Your reverence is appreciated as you experience the inner beauty of the 97year old edifice.

All are welcome.

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU

The Sunday, June 28th after Mass presentations and reception explaining the need for and various aspects of the Capital Campaign have been well received. It is hoped that the entire parish will read and reflect on our personal responsibility to give generous support to the financial plan stated in the campaign brochure, which everyone should have received.

Additional copies are available at the church entrances.

The vitality of St. John Church depends on everyone's prayerful consideration and contributions. **We, the parish, are grateful for the diligent efforts of the Capital Campaign Committee**, whose work has been essential to the success of this financial appeal. May we show our gratitude to God for our vibrant St. John Parish by offering our generous support.

We extend a special THANKS to the Campaign Committee for their labor of love that has preceded the June 28th Capital Campaign announcement:

Fr. Mark Peres, C.P.P.S.	Milan Kruszynski
Tom Brooks	Andrea Lucas
Becky Coleman	Tom Markovich, chairman
Tom Dabertin	Michelle Ondas
Marty Dybel	Jamie Sandona
Becky Flores	Joe Shimala
Linda Gajewski	

7th Annual Ice Cream Social

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

SEPTEMBER 13 2026

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

www.sacredheartwhiting.com

Ice Cream Social Committee is looking for volunteers. If you can spare some time to help out, it would be greatly appreciated. **The next planning meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. in Sacred Heart Hall.** For more information, please contact Olivia at 219. 678. 3700 or the Parish Office at 219.659.0733

SACRED HEART THRIFT SHOP

Open

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

Thank you for shopping with us!

Volunteers Needed– Parking Attendants for Pierogi Fest (July 24,25,26)

Sacred Heart is looking for volunteers to serve as Parking Attendants for the upcoming Pierogi Fest. If you are interested in helping, please call the Parish Office or sign your name on the sheet available in the church. Thank you for your willingness to serve

SACRAMENT INFORMATION SACRED HEART

BAPTISM: Parents and sponsors must be active, registered member of the parish and are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class before a baptism date can be scheduled. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Couples must be active, registered members of the parish before a wedding date can be reserved. Marriage arrangements must be made at least nine months prior to the desired wedding date to allow for proper personal, spiritual, and, liturgical preparation. The Sacrament of Confirmation is required.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our study of St. Matthew's Gospel Chap. 18 continues on Tuesday, July 14th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at SJB Founders Room (lower level of school). Enter at the 119th St. entrance.

All are welcome.

Questions, phone Margaret Saliga, facilitator, 219-659-4138.

Alpha at the SYMPHONY JULY 18



All Alpha Alumni and friends are invited to a beautiful evening of music with the Whiting Park Festival Orchestra Sat., July 18. Arrive at 6:00pm to enjoy tacos, pizza, salad, water **NO FEE but you MUST RSVP by July 12.**

TEXT to 219-588-3633 or email to trossi1204@gmail.com / PS: Bring a chair.. More concert info @ <https://www.whitingparkfestivalorchestra.com>



POPE LEO'S MONTHLY INTENTION FOR JULY FOR RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary has established a Tornado Relief Fund and stands ready to assist individuals and families experiencing hardship due to the storms. Through their Community Outreach program, support is being provided for essential needs including food

and household items, housing and utility concerns, insurance deductibles, and other financial burdens resulting from the storm damage. At this time, I would like to invite the faithful to direct financial to direct financial support toward the Catholic Charities Tornado Relief Fund. More information can be found on the [Catholic Charities – Diocese of Gary website](#) or by calling them directly at (219) 886-3549, Option #2.

Donations may also be made directly to Andrean High School through [the school website](#). There are currently no other official fundraisers connected to the school. Daily updates regarding the campus and recovery efforts will be shared on their webpage: [Campus Updates](#).

While there will be opportunities to provide support to Andrean High School directly in the coming weeks and months ahead, the campus remains closed for safety reasons.

I ask that you continue to remember all those affected by these storms in your prayers in the days ahead. As we move forward together, let us remain united in faith, trusting in the Lord's providence.

Most Reverend Robert J. McClory



**Missionaries of the
Precious Blood**
UNITED STATES PROVINCE

NEW VOCATIONS WEBSITE LAUNCH

July 1, 2026 the Missionaries of the Precious Blood will launch a newly redesigned vocations webpage to assist young adults in discerning God's Call in their life, particularly those drawn to be a priest or brother in their congregation. Living the gift of the Precious Blood of Jesus calls us to be instruments of reconciliation, healing, and hope. The site features information about Precious Blood spirituality, community life, ministries, prayer resources, videos, and opportunities to connect directly with Vocation Director Fr. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S. You will also find lesson plans for those who are teachers, mentors, and catechists assisting young people in growing their faith, and guidelines for those who would like to establish a Parish Vocation Team.

Visit us at www.preciousbloodus.org/vocation and discover where God may be calling you.

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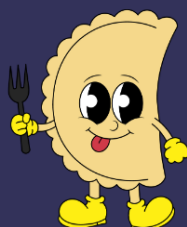
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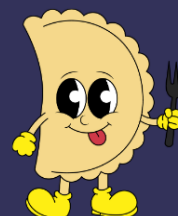


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AUGUST 22, 2026

Porter County Expo Center

Come for a day of **inspiring speakers** and **Eucharistic Adoration**, closing with a **Vigil Mass**. Lunch is included! **For details, visit the website.**

Hearts on Fire!
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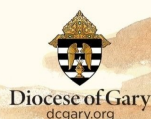
Keynote Speakers

- Jason Evert: Hearts on Fire
- Liz Kelly: Walking with Purpose



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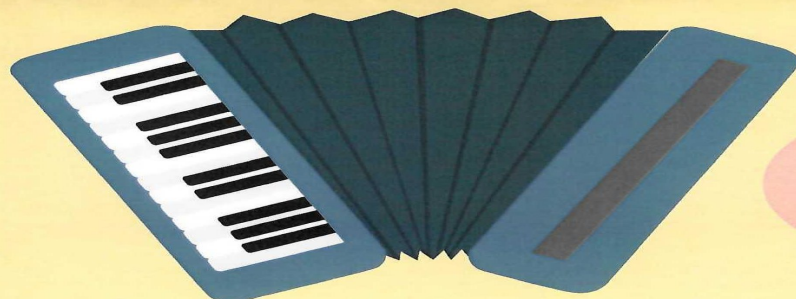


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D: Dave M., Jeff Delinck, Mary Ann Delinck, Ernie Demeter, Peggy Demeter, Kevin Dexter, Gloria Dosen, Norb Dudzik, Lenore Duray, Don Domsich

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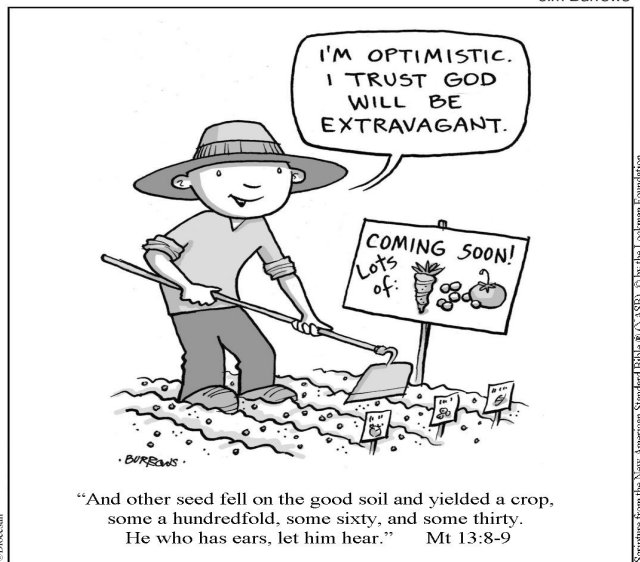
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



*My word shall not return to me void,
but shall do my will,
achieving the end for which I sent it.
(Isaiah 55:11)*

Please recycle this bulletin

