



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.

Sacred Heart CONFESSIONS- CONFESIONES
Sunday/ Domingo: 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and by Appointment (y con cita previa).

Rectory Hours:

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

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.



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

“Riches can suffocate if they are not used in the right way, whether they are spiritual riches or material... Let us insist more and more on raising funds of love, of kindness, of understanding, of peace. Money will come. If we seek first the kingdom of God – the rest will be given.”

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday we are reminded that God’s wisdom is more important than gold or silver. In the first reading God commends the young King Solomon for seeking wisdom rather than power and wealth.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches about the kingdom of God through parables. He encourages his disciples and us to value his Kingdom above all else. According to Jesus, the kingdom is like a great treasure buried in a field. When a person finds it, he sells all that he has in order to purchase the field. Similarly, the Kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great price. When the merchant finds it, he goes and sells all that he has in order to buy it.

Because of its great value, the Kingdom comes at an incredible price, and we must be willing to give up everything in order to get it! Be advised that when we die, we cannot take our wealth with us. Conversely, the Kingdom of heaven lasts forever!

Jesus’ final parable compares the Kingdom of heaven to a net thrown into the sea. When brought ashore, it contains both good and bad: at the end of the age, the good is kept but the bad is thrown away.

Jesus asks: *Do you understand all these things?* We, his disciples, are being challenged to want the Kingdom more than the goods of this world, because only God’s Kingdom endures forever.

- Will I treasure God’s Wisdom rather than the fleeting treasures of the world?
- What am I willing to give up for the love of Jesus and a share in his Kingdom?

M.S.

Decimoséptimo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Este domingo se nos recuerda que la sabiduría de Dios es más importante que el oro o la plata. En la primera lectura, Dios elogia al joven rey Salomón por buscar la sabiduría en lugar del poder y la riqueza.

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús enseña sobre el Reino de Dios mediante parábolas. Él nos anima, a nosotros y a sus discípulos, a valorar su Reino por encima de todo. Según Jesús, el Reino es como un gran tesoro escondido en un campo. Cuando una persona lo encuentra, vende todo lo que tiene para comprar el campo. Del mismo modo, el Reino de los Cielos es como una perla de gran valor. Cuando el comerciante la encuentra, va y vende todo lo que tiene para comprarla.

Debido a su gran valor, el Reino tiene un precio increíble, ¡y debemos estar dispuestos a renunciar a todo para conseguirlo! Tengamos presente que, al morir, no podemos llevarnos nuestras riquezas con nosotros. En cambio, ¡el Reino de los Cielos dura para siempre!

La última parábola de Jesús compara el Reino de los Cielos con una red echada al mar. Al sacarla a la orilla, contiene tanto cosas buenas como malas: al final de los tiempos, lo bueno se conserva, pero lo malo se desecha.

Jesús pregunta: *¿Entienden todas estas cosas?* A nosotros, sus discípulos, se nos desafía a desear el Reino más que los bienes de este mundo, porque solo el Reino de Dios perdura para siempre.

- ¿Valoraré la sabiduría de Dios por encima de los tesoros pasajeros del mundo?
- ¿A qué estoy dispuesto a renunciar por amor a Jesús y para participar en su Reino?

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.

MAIN RECTORY NUMBER.....(219) 659-0023

RECTORY FAX NUMBER.....(219) 473-7551

E-Mail: churchparishoffice@stjohnbap.org

WEBSITE: www.stjohnbap.org

SACRED HEART.....(219) 659-0733

WEBSITE: sacredheartwhiting.com
sacredheart1889@gmail.com

RECTORY STAFF

PASTOR.....Rev. Mark Peres, C.P.P.S. Ext. 116

DEACONS.....Leo Barron & Joseph Manchak &
 Paul Progar

FAITH ENRICHMENT/Adult.....Margaret Saliga (219) 659-4138

FAITH & SACRAMENTAL FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Jamie Sandona Ext. 106

MARRIAGE PREPARATION.....(219) 659-0023

OFFICE MANAGER.....Becky Flores Ext. 100

OFFICE ASSISTANT Sacred Heart.....Melinda Guzman

PARISH SECRETARY/BULLETIN EDITOR....Edna Alvarez Ext. 105

Spanish Music Director Sacred Heart....Rosa Romo Camarena

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.....(219) 659-1073

ST. JOHN SCHOOL

Main Number.....(219) 659-3042

PRINCIPAL.....Michelle Ondas Ext. 304

SCHOOL SECRETARY.....Ashley Roldan Ext. 301

BULLETIN ARTICLES: elalvarez@stjohnbap.org

Articles deadline: Thursdays @10:00 a.m.

WEBSITE INFORMATION: jsandona@stjohnbap.org

~ SACRIFICIAL GIVING ~

July 12, 2026: St. John the Baptist/St. Adalbert: \$9,176.66

Online Giving: \$1,156.55

July 12, 2026: Sacred Heart: Ordinary Collection- \$1,399.00



For Online Giving:
stjohnbap.org and follow directions



CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2026 GOAL

Goal	Pledge	Paid	Bal Due
\$64,327.00	\$17,010.25	\$16,395.25	\$47,931.75

Sacred Heart

Goal— — — \$15,526.97

Amount Paid— \$17,961.97

vs. Paid— (\$2,435.00)

Welcome

Fr. Greg Evers C.P.P.S

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY

IN LOVING MEMORY

July 26: Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. +Ray Kaminsky by Nancy Trgovac

SH 10:30 a.m.

July 27: Monday:

7:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of the Staucet Family

July 28: Tuesday:

7:00 a.m. +John & Mary Kudroch by Mary Ann Yacko Warner

July 29: Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

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

July 30: Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. +Joseph Bernicky by Gregory Rosen

July 31: Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

7:00 a.m. +Robert Bernicky by Gregory Rosen

August 1: Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

SA 4:30 p.m. +Pat Arteaga by Delinck family

August 2: Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. +John & Helen Markovich by children

SH 10:30 a.m. Ebaristo San Roman

†REST IN PEACE

Deceased Members of Our Whiting Robertsedale
 Catholic Community



Saturday, August 1st ~ St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Valentina

Lector: J. Filipek

Eucharistic M: C. Mareta, R. Ciesla, G. Cusson

Sunday, August 2nd ~ St. John: 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Emily

Lector: A. Bucher

Eucharistic M: B. Behrens, K. Behrens, E. Igras,
 M. Tonkovich, M. Jakubielski, M. Hassen

10:30 a.m.

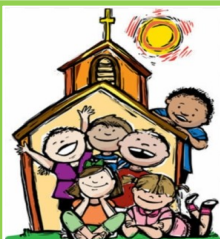
Altar Servers: Kosta, Sofia, Rebecca Lector: P. Rodriguez

Eucharistic M: A. Alcala, B. Coleman, L. Morandi,
 O. Matushek, L. Chocholek, G. Kulas, J. Coleman

July 26th ~ Sacred Heart: 10:30 a.m.

Lectors: Ernestina Martinez, Jaime Torres

Eucharistic Ministers: Otilia Mendoza, Leticia Arrdondo,
 Silvia Tobar

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**

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 of sign your name on the sheet available in the church. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

Parish Picnic is currently scheduled for September 20th 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 the 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

**HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Michael & Betty Benko July 27th

Michael & Veronica Cornejo July 28th

May the Lord continue to bless you & keep your Faith & Love strong for many years!

**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.

**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.

**DUE TO CONSTRUCTION DELAYS AT THE SCHOOL
TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

FREE SEMINAR

Creating Wealth, Establishing a Legacy,
Responsible Estate Planning

*Sponsored by the Catholic Foundation for
Northwest Indiana*

**Presenters:**

Garrett Bonk
Estate Lawyer
Bonk Law Offices



Daniel Rodriguez
Regional Director
Notre Dame Federal
Credit Union

Aug. 12 at 6 p.m.

St. Matthias Hall
101 W. Burrell Dr,
Crown Point

Questions?

jholicky@catholicfuture.org
219-769-9292 ext.88268

*Door prizes and
Q&A at all sessions*

Register today

catholicfuture.org/
events



MAINTENANCE: Sacred Heart Parish is seeking a Maintenance Worker to assist with the daily care, cleanliness, and general upkeep of our church and parish facilities. Interested applicants may inquire at the Parish Office.

**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.

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.

For more information, please contact Olivia at 219.678.3700 or the Parish Office @219.659.0733

SACRED HEART THRIFT SHOP

Open

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

Thank you for shopping with us!

DIOCESE OF GARY

Rachel's Vineyard

*Healing the pain of abortion –
one weekend at a time.*

Northwest Indiana Retreats for 2026
April 17-19 and September 25-27
Confidential registration
219-552-2944 or nwinrv@outlook.com
www.helpafterabortion.net

**EMMAUS**

MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP CONFERENCE

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!
- Walking with Purpose -

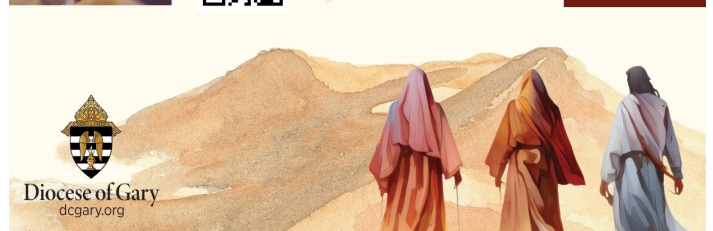
Keynote Speakers

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



SIGN UP HERE!
dcgary.org/emmaus

**¡También
en
Español!**



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, Dianna Fritz, Mary Ann Funchik, Dave Furtak
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 Kruzcek

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 Mif, Robert Mirandi, Andy Mueller

N: Mary Nemeth, Ann Novotney, Linda N., Chloe N.

O: Bob Oliver, Selma O'Drob-nak, Joan Orosz, Michael Ortiz, Karen Opperman

P: Anna E. Palomo, Donna Patton, Cathy Pavlina, Mike Pena, Eric Pieters Jr., Virginia Piljac, Julie P., Charles Porras, 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

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

V: Pauline V.

W: Judy Wescott, Walter Wachel, Gina W., Terry W., Tucker W., Sadie Watson, Captoria Weems, Phil Wetnight, Evelyn White

Z: Margaret Zehner, Ray Zubeck, Theresa Zvonar

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

B: Matt Barbetta, **C:** Christina Campa, **E:** 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, Szweczyk **T:** Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, **V:** Samuel Valdyke

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



Sacred Heart of Jesus
we trust and adore you.
Please Bless all of our
families abundantly.
Holy Mary Mother of Christ
ask your son to grant peace and mercy
on us.

*Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.
Let your compassion come to me
that I may live,
for your law is my delight.*
(Psalm 119:76-77)

Please recycle this bulletin

