

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 a.m. Mass
& Saturdays 3- 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



**Pope Leo's Monthly
Intention for
October for Mental
Health Ministry**

"Let us pray that mental health
ministry be established
throughout the Church, helping
to overcome the stigma and
discriminate of persons with
mental illnesses".

Sacred Heart

**Confessions-Confesiones
Sun/Domingo:
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
or by appointment.
(y con cita previa)**



**WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION
Sacred Heart
Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament Thurs
after the 8:30 AM Mass until
noon.**



On this 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear 2 versions of the parable of the vineyard and its tenants. Isaiah speaks of a vineyard that has produced wild grapes unfit for eating.

- * We must each ask, "What kind of fruit is my life producing?"
- * Do my deeds promote justice, truth, and goodness?

To the surprise of his listeners, Jesus adjusts the parable's ending. Jesus rebukes the wicked tenants who have failed to give proper care to the vineyard, while commending those who have produced good fruit.

- * How am I using my God given gifts?"
- * What am I doing to build up the kingdom of God?
- * Do I reverence all life by helping someone who is struggling?

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**During RESPECT LIFE MONTH we recall some of
St. Mother Teresa's most life-affirming words.**



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1. "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself."
2. "And if we can accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"
3. "We must not be surprised when we hear of murders, of killings, of wars, of hatred. If a mother can kill her own child, what is left but for us to kill each other."
4. "By abortion the mother does not learn to love, but kills her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, that father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. The father is likely to put other women to the same trouble. Thus, abortion leads to more abortions."

**May we each accept the responsibility
of our Baptism, living each day as
missionary disciples.**

En este 27.^o domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, escuchamos dos versiones de la parábola de la viña y los viñadores. Isaías habla de una viña que ha producido uvas silvestres, no aptas para el consumo.

- * Cada uno de nosotros debe preguntarse: ¿Qué clase de fruto está produciendo mi vida
- * ¿Promueven mis acciones la justicia, la verdad y el bien?

Para sorpresa de quienes lo escuchaban, Jesús modifica el final de la parábola. Jesús reprende a los viñadores malvados que no cuidaron adecuadamente la viña, al tiempo que elogia a aquellos que han producido buenos frutos.

- ¿Cómo estoy utilizando los dones que Dios me ha dado?
- ¿Qué estoy haciendo para edificar el Reino de Dios?
- ¿Respeto toda vida ayudando a alguien que atraviesa dificultades?

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Durante el MES DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA, recordamos algunas de las palabras de Santa Madre Teresa que más exaltan el valor de la vida.

1. Siento que el mayor destructor de la paz hoy en día es el aborto, porque es una guerra contra el niño, una muerte directa del niño inocente, un asesinato cometido por la propia madre.
2. Y si podemos aceptar que una madre mate a su propio hijo, ¿cómo podemos decirles a los demás que no se maten entre sí?
3. No debemos sorprendernos cuando oímos hablar de asesinatos, matanzas, guerras y odio. Si una madre puede matar a su propio hijo, ¿qué nos queda sino matarnos unos a otros?
4. Con el aborto, la madre no aprende a amar, sino que mata a su propio hijo para resolver sus problemas. Y, mediante el aborto, se le dice al padre que no tiene que asumir ninguna responsabilidad por el hijo que ha traído al mundo. Es probable que ese padre cause el mismo problema a otras mujeres. Así, el aborto conduce a más abortos.

**Que cada uno de nosotros acepte la responsabilidad
de nuestro Bautismo, viviendo cada día como
discípulos misioneros.**

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

September 27, 2026 St. John the Baptist/St. Adalbert: \$9339.02

Online Giving: \$2,833.00

September 20, 2026 **Sacred Heart**: \$889.00; Second Collection: \$460

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, October 4th 2026~Sacred Heart: 10:30 a.m.

Lectors: F. Romo, E. Puentes

Eucharist Ministers: N/A

Saturday, October 10th 2026~St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Altar Servers: Lector: G. Cusson

Eucharist Ministers: B. Stanich, C. Mareta, J. Ballmann

Sunday, October 11th 2026~St. John : 8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Lector: R. Barany

Eucharist Ministers: K. Behrens, T. Rossi, G. Mosoriak, L. Elizalde
 M. Tonkovich, B. Behrens

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Lector: B. DeLaTorre

Eucharist Ministers: A. Alcala, L. Chocholek, G. Kulas, J. Coleman
 E. Reyes, L. Morandi, S. Tabernacki

IN LOVING MEMORY

October 4: Sunday: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. **SJB Rosary Society Corporate Communion**

Rosary Society Living & Deceased Members

SH 10:30 a.m. +Violet Orellana

October 5: Monday: St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin, Blessed

Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

7:00 a.m. +Joseph Dobrowski Sr. by family

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

October 6: Tuesday: St. Bruno, Priest Blessed Marie Rose

Durocher, Virgin

7:00 a.m. +Helen Kulasak by Phil & Nicole Kulasak

October 7: Wednesday: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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

October 8: Thursday:

7:00 a.m. +George A. Baran

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

October 9: Friday: St. Denis, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs,

St. John Leonardi, Priest

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

8:30 a.m. +Andrew A. Dybel

October 10: Saturday:

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

October 11: Sunday: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. +John J. & Stella R. Blasko by son & family

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

†REST IN PEACE

Deceased Members of Our Whiting Robertsedale
 Catholic Community

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2026 GOAL

Goal	Pledge	Paid	Bal Due
\$64,327.00	\$23,900.25	\$23,890.00	\$40,437.00

Sacred Heart

Goal— — — \$15,526.97

Amount Paid— \$20,531.97

vs. Paid— (\$5,005.00)



GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR 58TH

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BERNADINE &

GIL CUSSON

&

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BERNADINE CUSSON



*THE vineyard of THE Lord
 IS THE house of Israel.*



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Calumet College Pantry Support for Students

Throughout September and October, we are collecting food to help stock the pantry to support the students.

We are focusing on shelf-stable, easy-to-prepare options. Some suggestions:

Boxed Cereals, Mac and Cheese, Ramen Noodles, Soups, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Saltines, ravioli, and other canned pastas.

October delivery will be on **October 26th**. You may drop off your items at St. John's church by Center pews.



Family Mass and Hospitality

Family Mass resumed on **Sunday, Sept. 13th at the 10:30 am** Mass. Donuts, Coffee, milk, and juice are available after Mass. For the month of Sept. & possibly Oct., the Donuts after the Family Mass will be served in the Garage.

Faith Formation Program

The Faith Formation Program began on **September 13th**. Please use caution when coming down Lincoln Ave after the 8:00 am Mass and before the 10:30 am Mass. Registration remains open if you have not had the chance to register your children yet. Please visit www.stjohnbap.org.



OCTOBER 3, 4--RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY WEEKEND THE

Whiting Knights of Columbus Council No. 1696 will be accepting monetary donations **after the W/R**

Faith Community Church Services to help promote Pro-

Life Activities. Human Life is precious in all forms as a gift from God. Please accept a Rose representing **"One Life, One Rose"** as a thank you for your contribution.



El fin de semana del 3 y 4 de Octubre —coincidiendo con el Domingo en favor de la Vida—, el Consejo num. 1696 de los Caballeros de Colón de Whiting aceptará donaciones monetarias **después de los servicios de la Iglesia Comunitaria de Fe W/R** con el fin de apoyar Actividades en Defensa de la Vida. La Vida Humana es un don de Dios y es preciosa en todas sus formas. Por favor, acepte una rosa —símbolo de la iniciativa "Una vida, una rosa"— en agradecimiento por su contribución.



This year's Respect Life theme, **"Mary, Mother of Life,"**

Reflects on Our Lady's distinguished role as mother of all the living. The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. We ask her intercession in helping us to recognize the gift of human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

OFICINA DE FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Apoyo a la Despensa Estudiantil de Calumet College

Durante los meses de Septiembre y Octubre, estamos recolectando alimentos para abastecer la despensa y apoyar a los estudiantes.

Nos estamos centrando en productos no perecederos y fáciles de preparar. Algunas sugerencias:

Cereales en caja, macarrones con queso, fideos ramen, sopas, mantequilla de maní y mermelada, galletas saladas (tipo *saltine*), raviolos y otras pastas enlatadas.

La entrega en la universidad correspondiente a **Septiembre se realizará el día 28; la de Octubre será el día 26**. Puede dejar sus donaciones en la iglesia de St. John's, junto a los bancos centrales.



Misa Familiar y Convivencia

La Misa Familiar se reanudó el **Domingo 13 de Septiembre en la celebración de las 10:30 a. m.** Después de la Misa se ofrecen donas, café, leche y jugo. Durante el mes de Septiembre y posiblemente Octubre, las donas tras la Misa Familiar se servirán en el Garaje.

Programa de Formación en la Fe

El Programa de Formación en la Fe comenzó el 13 de Septiembre. Por favor, tenga precaución al transitar por Lincoln Ave después de la Misa de las 8:00 a. m. y antes de la Misa de las 10:30 a. m. Las inscripciones siguen abiertas si aún no ha tenido la oportunidad de inscribir a sus hijos; por favor, visite www.stjohnbap.org.

COME to our Tuesday, Oct. 6th Evening Bible Study Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the St. John Founders Room

(lower level of the school, enter 119th St). Using the Formed platform, Matthew series, we continue at Mt. 20. All are welcome to join the group at any time and attend as able. Please bring your Bible and an open heart, ready to listen to God's Holy Word and receive its message into your life. Questions or to order a Bible: M. Saliga, 219-659-4138.

RESPECT LIFE AT IC GROTTTO

You are invited to pray the Rosary for Life at **Immaculate Conception Outdoor Grotto, TODAY**

Sunday, Oct. 4th at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Robert McClory and the W/R Faith Community as we pray for peace and renewed Respect for Life during October, the Month of The Rosary. Bring your rosary, your family and friends. In the event of inclement weather, we will pray inside St. Adalbert Church, 121st & Indy Blvd. Questions: phone Lucille Blasko 219-659- 2949



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

WEDDING BANNES

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OLIVIA RIVICH

&

HAYDEN SHIMALA



The spacious "Barking Lot" in front of the St. John rectory garage will be the venue for **this year's Pet Blessing**. The Whiting/Robertsdale Faith Community invites all pets and their owners to this annual event on **Saturday, October 3rd at 12:00 noon**. The celebration coincides with the Oct. 4 Feast of St. Frances of Assisi, who loved all of creation and promoted the tender care of God's creatures. If you would like, bring a pet item to be shared with our Whiting Pet Shelter. Certificates of blessing made by our school children will be presented to all participants. Pets should be contained or on a leash.

All are welcome.

Bendicion de mascotas
Sabado 3 de Octubre
12:00 pm

El lugar de la bendición de mascotas de este año será
frente al garaje de la casa parroquial de San Juan

FCSLA Junior Branch District Bowling Party

SET 'Em Up Lanes, 135 North Broad Street,
Griffith. Sun, Oct. 4th, 11-1pm, Food, bowling & more.



Fun for the whole family! **RSVP** to your branch: 58-Becky Coleman 219-801-6665; 184-Lillian Zaborske 219-322-4709; 317-Agnes Chervanek 219-226-4204 348-Betty Ortiz 219-671-9278; 432-Alane Walk 219-696-6014, **before Sunday, Sept. 27th, to make your reservation.**

CALLING ALL BAKERS

The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch 81 will be sponsoring and baking for the upcoming **Slovak Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 25**, and we need your help. We are asking our members to help by baking for this fundraiser. **Please bring your baked goods to the Panel Room by 11am.** All proceeds go directly to the St. John Capital Fund. Thank you in advance for sharing your time and talents to benefit our parish. It would be wonderful to see FCSLA members at the Slovak Dinner supporting our parish!



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.

COME AND JOIN US
LITERACY BINGO
Pre-K - 4th Grade
October 7th
5:00-6:30
Everyone leaves with a book



Scan to register your family
by October 2

Win a new book

Hot dogs, chips, cookie, and water

St. John the Baptist Catholic School **Lunch with Someone Special** SJB

We are excited to welcome a Special Person to St. John the Baptist Catholic School for lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to share a special meal and create a lasting memory with someone important to them.

After lunch, students and their Special Person will have the opportunity to visit our **BOOK FAIR!**

Tuesday, October 6	Wednesday, October 7	Thursday, October 8
PreK - 12:00 p.m.	1st Grade - 11:00 a.m.	3rd Grade - 11:00 a.m.
Kindergarten - 11:00 a.m.	2nd Grade - 12:00 p.m.	4th Grade - 12:00 p.m.

We look forward to welcoming our grandparents, parents, family members, or another special person who makes a difference in your child's life!



Scan to Register Your Special Person

Thank you for helping us make these lunches a special SJB memory!

Forever Blue & Gold!

7th Annual Ice Cream Social – Gratitude & Appreciation

The 7th Ice Cream Social of Sacred Heart was a wonderful and successful event! We extend our sincere appreciation to Olivia Rhodehamel, who has faithfully served as chair for four consecutive years (2023–2026), following Rita Zubeck, who generously chaired the event from 2019–2022. Thank you to all members of the ICS Committee, our volunteers, sponsors, and donors for your dedicated stewardship. Your humble service does not go unnoticed. To all who joined us and enjoyed the delicious food, we are grateful for your presence.

*May God bless each of you abundantly
for your generosity and commitment
to our parish community.*

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

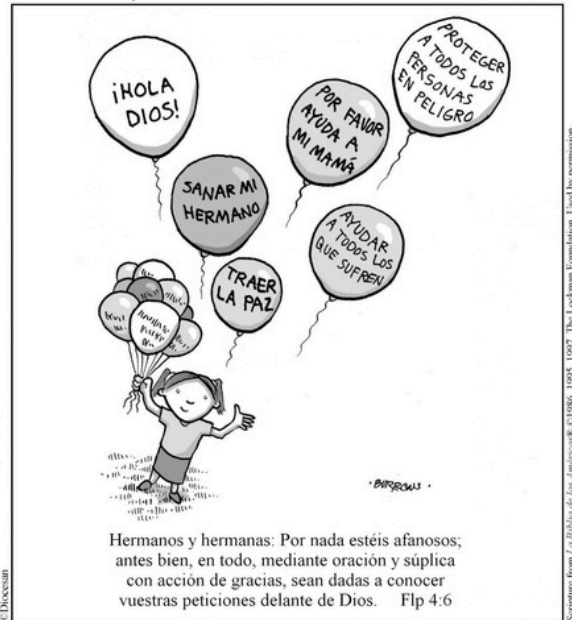
Barbara J. Korba, Patti Koopmans, Nancy Koselke, Marcia Krull, Joan Kruczek, Kathy Kutcka, Joanne Kuss **L:** Virginia Lakerdas, Doris Lawton, Carol Lukasik, Diane Losiniecki, Donna Lewandowski, **M:** Maria M, Mary Madejewski, Howard Marshall, Kristi Matalik, Sebastian, Jerry Matlon, Nancy Kramis McComb, Mendoza, Delaney McGinnis, Jerilyn Miller, Larry & Toni Milkowski, Jeane Mif, 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 Samam, 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

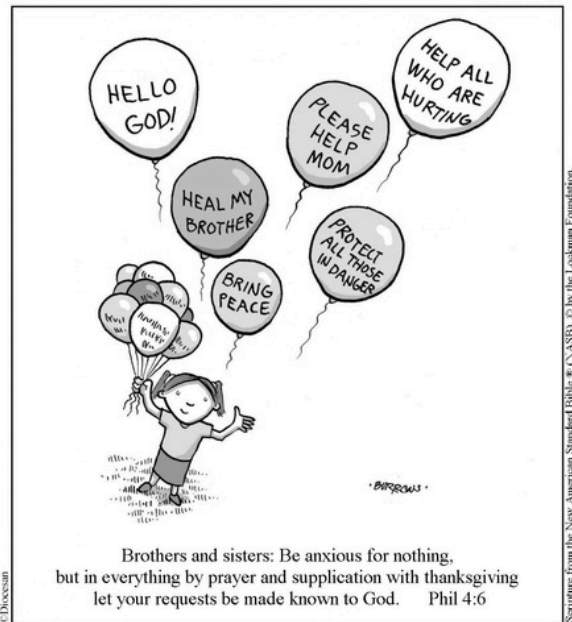
Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**O Lord, God of hosts, restore us;
if your face shines upon us,
then we shall be saved.**
(Psalm: 80:20)

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