

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 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

SACRED HEART

Confessions-Confesiones

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



POPE LEO'S MONTHLY
INTENTION FOR
SEPTEMBER FOR THE
CARE OF WATER.

Let us pray for just and suitable
management of water, a vital
resource, so that everyone may
have equal access to it.



WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION

You are invited to **Sacred
Heart Church** Thursdays after
8:30 a.m. Mass for Eucharist
Adoration until noon.



INSPIRATION from
St. Mother Teresa of
Calcutta

"Thoughtfulness is the
beginning of great sanctity. If
you learn to art of
thoughtfulness, you will
become more and more Christ-
like. His heart was meek and he
always thought of the needs of
others. Our vocation (religious,
married, or single) to be
beautiful must be full of
thought for others. The
thoughtfulness of Mary and
Joseph was so great that it
made Nazareth the abode of
the Most High."



On this **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus compares God's ways with our ways. We
tend to have a narrow view of what is good and
our own self-righteousness. The 1st reading from
Isaiah warns us that God's ways are not our ways.
He also encourages us to seek the Lord and call
upon Him, for He alone has the answers for each
person's life.

- Do I remember a time that I thought God
didn't understand me/my situation?
- Am I willing to trust in God's ways rather than
my own?

St. Paul in his famous letter to the Philippians
exhorts us: **"conduct yourselves in a way worthy
of the gospel of Christ."** When we do so,
acknowledging that we are citizens of heaven, the
Gospel becomes the standard for our life.

- I will recommit myself to following Jesus and
His ways.
- Today I will seek the Holy Spirit's help.

We have heard the parable of the workers many
times and have probably had mixed reactions:
everything from judging the landowner to be
unjust, to feeling that the early workers were
slighted. Jesus' point is that God is the landowner
and he is extravagantly generous in paying all the
workers equally. He does not operate by the rules
of society. Jesus teaches that the jealous attitude
of the early workers is where the real injustice
lies.

- Does anyone have the right to judge the
owner's generosity?
- Today I will express my sincere gratitude for
my heavenly Father's generosity.
- I will turn from jealousy and embrace mercy
and love instead.

**"Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call on him while he is near." Isaiah 55:6** M.S.

En este **Vigesimoquinto Domingo del Tiempo**

Ordinario, Jesús compara los caminos de Dios con los
nuestros. Solemos tener una visión limitada de lo
que es bueno y tendemos a creernos justos por
mérito propio. La primera lectura, tomada de Isaías,
nos advierte que los caminos de Dios no son los
nuestros. También nos anima a buscar al Señor e
invocarlo, pues solo Él tiene las respuestas para la
vida de cada persona.

- ¿Recuerdo alguna ocasión en la que pensé que
Dios no me comprendía a mí o a mi situación?
- ¿Estoy dispuesto a confiar en los caminos de
Dios en lugar de en los míos propios?

San Pablo, en su famosa carta a los Filipenses, nos
exhorta: **"Compórtense de una manera digna del
Evangelio de Cristo"**. Cuando lo hacemos,
reconociendo que somos ciudadanos del cielo, el
Evangelio se convierte en la norma de nuestra vida.

- Renovaré mi compromiso de seguir a Jesús y sus
caminos.
- Hoy buscaré la ayuda del Espíritu Santo.

Hemos escuchado muchas veces la parábola de los
trabajadores y probablemente hemos tenido
reacciones encontradas: desde juzgar injusto al
propietario hasta sentir que los primeros
trabajadores fueron menospreciados. El mensaje de
Jesús es que Dios es el propietario y se muestra
extraordinariamente generoso al pagar a todos los
trabajadores por igual. Él no se rige por las normas
de la sociedad. Jesús enseña que la verdadera
injusticia reside en la actitud envidiosa de los
primeros trabajadores.

- ¿Tiene alguien derecho a juzgar la generosidad
del propietario?
- Hoy expresaré mi sincera gratitud por la
generosidad de mi Padre celestial.
- Me apartaré de la envidia y, en su lugar, abrazaré
la misericordia y el amor.

**"Busquen al Señor mientras se deja encontrar,
invóquenlo mientras está cerca". Isaías 55, 6**

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 13, 2026 St. John the Baptist/St. Adalbert: \$9,169.35
 Online Giving: \$1,531.98
 September 6, 2026 **Sacred Heart**: \$1,239; Online: \$542.08

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 20th 2026~Sacred Heart: 10:30 a.m.

Lectors: E. Ledezma

Eucharist Ministers: S. Tobar, R. Reynoso, H. Sanchez

Saturday, September 26th 2026~St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: L. Wright

Eucharist Ministers: B. Stanich, G. Cusson, J. Ballmann

Sunday, September 27th 2026~St. John : 8:00 a.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: J. LeWan

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

10:30 a.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: P. Rodriguez

Eucharist Ministers: D. Urbanik, A. Alcala, J. Coleman, B. Jerzyk
 B. Coleman, E. Igras, L. Morandi

IN LOVING MEMORY

Sept. 20: Sunday: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catechetical Sun a Special Blessing will be given at all

Weekend Mass

8:00 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. +Badnarik Family by Renee Bondi

SH 10:30 a.m. +Dolores Borgetti

September 21: Monday: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

7:00 a.m. +Janet Walsh by M.E. Boyle

September 22: Tuesday:

7:00 a.m. +George Justak by Jeff Myers

September 23: Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00a.m. +David Furtak by Mike & Jane Shimala

September 24: Thursday

7:00 a.m. +Julia Kaminsky by Theresa Kaminsky & family

SH 8:30 a.m.

September 25: Friday:

7:00 a.m. +Margaret Myers by son Jeff Myers

8:30 a.m. +Pamela M. Puhek by Puhek Family

September 26: Saturday: Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

SA 4:30 p.m. +Carl & Stephanie Cada by Gil & Bernadine Cusson

September 27: Sun: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. +Rodney Pol Sr. by Mike & Becky Flores

SJB 10:30 a.m. *Communal Anointing of the Sick*

SH 10:30 a.m. +Sigifredo Torres

†REST IN PEACE

Deceased Members of Our Whiting Robertsdale
 Catholic Community

Monday, September 21

There will NOT be 8:30 a.m. Mass at **Sacred Heart**

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—	\$20,531.97		
vs. Paid—	(\$5,005.00)		



ATTN: Catholic Faith Community

There will be a second collection on Sept. 20th to help support those affected by the August storms. Please consider helping local recovery efforts as you are able. It is a loose collection. Your prayers and financial assistance are deeply appreciated.



COME PRAY the St. Therese Novena

Nine evenings, 6:30-7:05 pm

Wed., Sept. 23rd thru Thurs., Oct. 1st

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.

September delivery to the college will be on **September 28th**; **October delivery** will be on **October 26th**. You may drop off your items at St. John's church by Center pews.

NWI Disaster Collection

There will be a second collection for Catholic Charities on September 20th to support the recovery efforts from the August Disaster that impacted our communities. This will be a loose collection.

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 September and possibly October, 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.

Parish Picnic

Reminder that Lincoln Ave between 119th St. & Benedict Ave will be closed by police order to traffic Saturday, Sep. 19th through Sunday, Sep. 20th at 6:00 pm.

Women's Ministry Program

St. John the Baptist is thrilled to introduce a **NEW Women's Bible Study on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm**, beginning with an Open House on October 1st (1844 Lincoln Ave, Whiting, IN 46394 - Please enter through Door A.) The Bible study is called Ordering Your Priorities through Walking with Purpose, a Catholic women's ministry. A series of talks accompanies this eight-lesson Bible study. If you are interested in joining the Bible study, please plan to attend the Open House on **Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 pm**. We will have a limited number of books available upon registration. Can't attend the Open House? Please email Alivia Brooks at aliviaannbrooks@gmail.com.

**Meet Alivia Brooks, the Walking with Purpose
Women's Bible Study Facilitator**

Alivia Brooks will be the facilitator for this new Women's Bible Study. Her powerful conversion to Catholicism has led her to want to help women come to understand that they are beloved daughters of God. She believes having a strong community of Christ-centered families can change the world. Alivia and her husband Jacob are the parents of three children, James, Alena, and John. She enjoys volunteering her time with the School City of Music department, taking her children to local nature events, and participating in and leading book clubs and Bible studies. One of her favorite quotes is from St. Catherine of Siena, who said, "Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire." She is excited to bring Walking with Purpose to St. John the Baptist!



FCSLA Supports Parish Picnic

All are invited to attend the St John Parish Picnic TODAY Sunday, Sept. 20. FCSLA will be sponsoring and preparing dozens of potato pierogi and selling them at the picnic. Please come join us for delicious food and fun activities immediately after 10:30 mass.

YOU ARE INVITED



COME to our Tuesday, Sept. 22nd 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. 19. 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.

The Rosary Society will meet **MODAY**

September 21, 2026 at 11:00 am. Hosted by

Group 4, Promoters Carol Vargo and Marian Vargo. **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.



Come to the Grotto

The I.C. Grotto committee is delighted to announce that the engraved bricks have been installed. We would like to thank all who have contributed to our successful campaign.

Come, view and reflect



**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

From the Principal's Desk

St. John the Baptist Novena

In Honor of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower of Jesus
September 23 – October 1

Dear SJB Families,

We invite our St. John the Baptist families to join us for a special **Novena in honor of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, "The Little Flower of Jesus."** Each evening, we will gather in church to pray the Novena together as a school and parish community.

What is a Novena?

A **novena** is a Catholic tradition of prayer that takes place over **nine days**, usually asking for the intercession of a saint and bringing our intentions before God. This special Novena will give our students and families an opportunity to grow in faith and learn from the example of St. Thérèse, who taught us to love God through the "little things" we do each day.

How It Will Work

Each evening, the designated grade-level students are encouraged to attend with their families.

- **Students should meet in the back of the church at 6:15 p.m.**
- At the beginning of the Novena, the students will **process forward and bring up a flower** in honor of St. Thérèse, the Little Flower.
- After placing their flowers, students will return to sit with their families.
- We will then pray the Novena together.

The entire prayer service will take approximately 35 minutes.

Grade-Level Schedule

Wednesday, September 23 – 4th Grade

Students who have made their First Holy Communion are encouraged to wear their **First Communion attire**.

Thursday, September 24 – Kindergarten & 1st Grade

Friday, September 25 – 2nd & 3rd Grade

Monday, September 28 – 5th Grade

Tuesday, September 29 – 6th Grade

Wednesday, September 30 – 7th Grade

Thursday, October 1 – 8th Grade

We encourage all of our SJB families to participate in this beautiful tradition. Let us come together in prayer and ask **St. Thérèse, the Little Flower, to intercede for our students, families, school, and parish.** As a token of appreciation, students who attend one night will earn a dress down day pass for Friday October 2.

"I will spend my Heaven doing good on earth." – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

St. Thérèse, Little Flower of Jesus, pray for us!

St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

Michelle Ondas, Ed.S

Principal

St. John the Baptist Catholic School



ST. THERESE NOVENA

You are invited to the St. John The Baptist Catholic Church St. Therese Novena at 6:30 p.m. for nine consecutive evenings of prayer, beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 23rd** through **Thursday, October 1**, the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux.

Our SJB St. Therese shrine honors the French cloistered nun who interceded for St. John Church when the building of our present church was severely challenged by the 1929 stock market crash and Great Depression. Shortly before her death in 1897, at just 24 years of age, Therese said that she would spend eternity praying for anyone in need, and that God's blessings would shower us like a cascade of roses.

As in past years, we continue to ask St. Therese to intercede for our current parish projects and the many needs of our parishioners and Catholic Community. **Novena prayer booklets are available Sept. 19th & 20th at SJB, SA & Sacred Heart church doors** and at the side door of the St. John Rectory. Everyone is encouraged to pray the novena at church and/or at home, asking St. Therese of Lisieux to intercede for the success of our Capital Campaign and all our personal needs during these challenging times.

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.



FCSLA Junior Branch District Bowling Party

SET 'Em Up Lanes, 135 North Broad Street, Griffith. Sunday, October 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.**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH & SCHOOL PICNIC FOOD - MUSIC - FUN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

11:30 AM - 3:30 PM

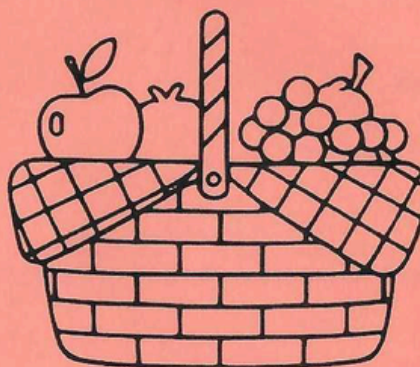
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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***ALL ARE
WELCOME!***

HIGHLIGHTS

- BOUNCE HOUSES
- FACE PAINTING
- CHILDREN'S GAMES
- PIEROGI
- BBQ
- TIPS & 50/50



This is a Capital Campaign fundraising event



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

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 good stewards of creation and a good example others. May our little community on the lake be blessed by our prayer and our care.

M.S.



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.



Mosaic and Outdoor Shrine of the Protection of the Mother of God, St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, Whiting, Indiana

More Info & Registration Here



Midwest Marian Pilgrimage Oct. 2-4, 2026

For those who are burdened, come take rest under the veil of the Protection of the Mother of God.

A three-day pilgrimage for the whole family to grow in faith and fellowship with Bishop Robert Pipta of Parma, Ohio, at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church.

Come pray at the main shrines of the Protection of the Mother of God and Mother of God Searcher for the Lost, as well as many smaller shrines dedicated to Mary.

Admission is free. Meals are \$10 per person. Children under age 5 eat free. Please register.

Friday, October 2

6 p.m.-7 p.m.: Candlelight Compline
7 p.m.-9 p.m.: Bonfire chat with Bishop Robert

Saturday, October 3

9 a.m.-10 a.m.: Moleben to the Mother of God
10 a.m.-12 p.m.: Fr. Michael Lee (adult program)
Children's activities (parish hall)

12 p.m.: Lunch
1 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: Confessions
2 p.m.-4 p.m.: Nathan Eubank (adult program)
Children's Activities (parish hall)
4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: All Night Vigil (Vespers & Matins)
6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.: Family Ethnic Dinner & Dance

Sunday, October 4

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: Confessions
9:45 a.m.: Akathist to the Mother of God
10:30 a.m.: Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
12:30 p.m.: Brunch

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Blue Mass

A CATHOLIC MASS HONORING
Those Who Serve and Protect

Join us as we come together in prayer to honor and give thanks for the men and women who selflessly serve our communities.

POLICE OFFICERS

FIRE FIGHTERS

911 OPERATORS

EMTs & PARAMEDICS

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

AND ALL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

11:00 AM

St. James the Less Catholic Church
9640 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322

All Are Welcome! ♥
PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
— MATTHEW 5:9

♥ THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE, YOUR SERVICE, AND YOUR SACRIFICE. ♥

We Appreciate You!

Lunch Provided
FOLLOWING MASS

PLEASE RSVP BY
September 20

OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
(219) 924-4220



COME TO THE GROTTTO

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 p.m. Bring your rosary a chair and a friend if you'd like. Questions call Lucille, 219-659-2949.



A WOUNDED HEALERS' NEWS UPDATE September 2026

Grief Support Groups

The Wounded Healers meet for our Summer series beginning in May 2026. We were grateful to be able to again offer our support to people suffering significant losses. Our Fall series will begin at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at St. James the Less church. We meet at a Catholic church and use their facilities, but The Wounded Healers is non-denominational in its approach. The address at St. James is 9640 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN—the corner of Kennedy Ave. and 45th Street.

We ask that you check our website www.woundedhealers.org or our phone line (219-924-5577) for more information. The Wounded Healers grief support group is free of charge. Donations are always welcome to help cover the cost of rent, refreshments, and handouts. If you would like to donate in honor of your loved one, envelopes will be available. Your name and the name of your loved one will be included on our Memorial Book on our website. Thank you so much!

In your grief journey, time is of the essence and what you do with that time is very important. The Wounded Healers offer support, education, and companionship. Our group offers from other grief support groups in that we offer three groups for specific issues: Child/Grandchild, Spouse/Significant Other, and Parent/Sibling Friend.

The Holidays are Coming

During the fall, the days get shorter and the weather turns colder. It reminds us of the inevitability of the circle of life. Missing a loved one during the holidays is especially painful. At Wounded Healers, we strive to give you the tools to help you make decisions for the holidays that are appropriate for you and your family.

Our Holiday Help program will be held at our both meetings, November 18th at 7:00pm. All are welcome. There is no charge.

The Wounded Healers volunteer their time and talents in an effort to bring hope to the newly grieving. But we are not professional counselors. We encourage grievers who are having significant issues dealing with their grief to also seek professional help.

HOPE, PEACE and COMFORT are wonderful gifts to bring to the bereaved. May the holidays bless you with all that's good!

"We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival."
— Winston Churchill

THE WOUNDED HEALERS® Grief Support Group Program

ANNUAL SCHEDULES FOR 2026 – All Groups

All meetings are held at St. James (no charge)

9640 Kennedy Avenue, Highland, IN

(At the corner of Kennedy and 45th Street)

Scheduled Wednesdays – 7:00-8:30 p.m.

The Beginnings Groups

Death of a Spouse or Significant Other

Death of a Parent, Sibling or Friend

Death of a Child or Grandchild

(The Child or Grandchild may be Adult)

For information, call or text 219-924-5577

Those who have completed one of the above Beginnings Groups may join one of the two Advanced Groups (Parents Moving Forward or Coming Back) meeting on the same day and time.

Spring Series	Summer Series	Fall Series
February 11	May 27	September 9
February 25	June 10	September 23
March 11	June 24	October 7
March 25	July 8	October 21
April 8	July 22	November 4
April 22	August 5	November 18

*The Holiday Help Program will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, 7:00-8:30pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No Charge

On Facebook:

Website:

♥ THE WOUNDED HEALERS® Grief Support Program is Non-Denominational ♥

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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.

Respect Life at IC Grotto

You are invited to pray the Rosary for Life at Immaculate Conception Outdoor Grotto, **Sunday, Oct. 4th at 2:00 p.m.** We will gather with Gary Diocese 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



The Beatification of Bishop Sheen
September 24, 2026
Bishop Sheen, please pray for us.



Save the Date: December 12- Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We invite our parish family to support the upcoming OLG Feast through donations and sponsorships. Your generosity helps us honor Our Blessed Mother with beauty, joy, and hospitality. Offerings may be placed in the collection baskets during Mass or brought to the Parish Office during regular hours. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



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I shall praise the Lord all my life;
Sing praise to my God while I live."*

(Psalm 146: 2)

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