



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)

THANK YOU ~ THANK YOU...

Summer Sundays Team who
provided generous hospitality
to all who enjoyed coffee and
donuts at the parish garage
each week.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

As we celebrate Labor Day,
we thank God for our ability to
work, and we pray that those
looking for employment will
find work soon.

JESUS WE TRUST IN YOU.

Monday, September 7, 2026
the rectory will be closed.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!



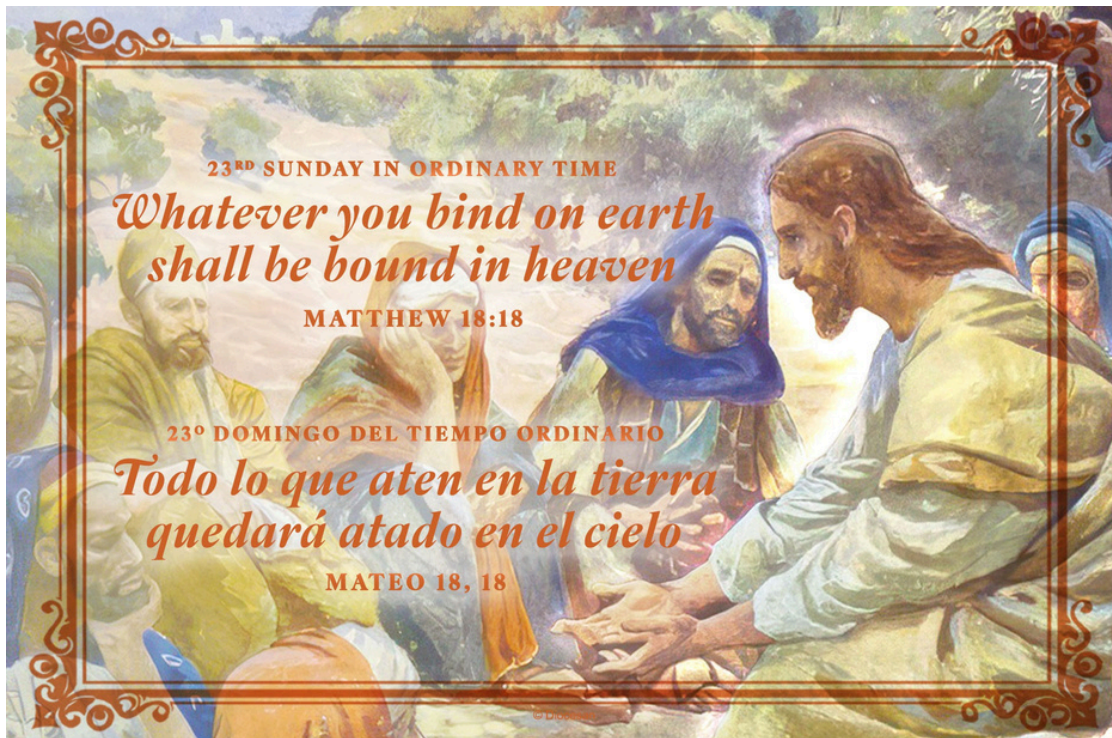
**Saturday,
September 5**
Feast Day of St.
Mother Teresa

INSPIRATION FROM

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

*"Jesus loves you tenderly,
you are precious to Him.
Turn to Jesus with great trust
and allow yourself
to be loved by Him."*

(Jesus is My All in All, by M Teresa)



On the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time the readings beckon us to be true disciples who share the "good news" of God's merciful love and forgiveness. Beginning with the O.T. prophet Ezekiel, to St. Paul, to Jesus, we are reminded of the need to be patient with others and help them to turn to the Lord. We are encouraged to work toward peaceful resolutions to our differences, while asking God for divine assistance.

- This week I will endeavor to curb my comments and pray for opponents.
- I will not participate in gossip.
- I will seek the Holy Spirit's help in every situation.

Today's gospel gives us Jesus' assurance: *"Amen, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* (Mt 18:19-20)

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On Tuesday, Sept. 8th, we celebrate the **Birthday of our Blessed Mother**. On Saturday, Sept. 12th we celebrate the **Most Holy Name of Mary**.

- I will pray the rosary this week, to express my gratitude for Mary's love, as I seek my heavenly Mother's help.

M.S.

En el 23 Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, las lecturas nos invitan a ser verdaderos discípulos que comparten la "buena nueva" del amor misericordioso y el perdón de Dios. Desde el profeta Ezequiel (del Antiguo Testamento) y San Pablo hasta Jesús, se nos recuerda la necesidad de ser pacientes con los demás mientras les ayudamos a volverse hacia el Señor. Se nos anima a trabajar para resolver nuestras diferencias de manera pacífica, al tiempo que pedimos a Dios su asistencia divina.

- Esta semana me esforzaré por moderar mis comentarios y rezar por quienes se oponen a mí.
- No participaré en chismes.
- Buscaré la ayuda del Espíritu Santo en cada situación.

El Evangelio de hoy nos ofrece la seguridad que nos da Jesús: *"En verdad, en verdad les digo: si dos de ustedes se ponen de acuerdo en la tierra para pedir cualquier cosa, mi Padre celestial se la concederá. Porque donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos."* (Mt 18, 19-20).

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El Martes, 8 de Septiembre celebramos la **Natividad de nuestra Santísima Madre**. El Sábado 12 de Septiembre celebramos el **Santísimo Nombre de María**.

- Rezaré el rosario esta semana para expresar mi gratitud por el amor de María, mientras busco la ayuda de mi Madre celestial.

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: \$9,583.20
 Online Giving: \$3,240.73
 August 23, 2026 **Sacred Heart**: \$1,527.28

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, September 6th 2026~Sacred Heart: 10:30 a.m.

Lectors: Nicolas Del Real, Monica Munoz

Eucharist Ministers: O. Mendoza, R. Reynoso, L. Arredondo

Saturday, September 12th 2026~St. Adalbert: 4:30 p.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: J. Filipek

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

Sunday, September 13th 2026~St. John : 8:00 a.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: R. Barany

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

10:30 a.m.

Alter Servers: Lector: M. Gonzalez

Eucharist Ministers: B. Coleman, L. Chocholek, K. Wood, J. Coleman
 E. Reyes, G. Kulas, M. Progar

IN LOVING MEMORY

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

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

September 7: Monday: Labor Day

7:00 a.m. +Thomas J. Miklusak by Marina
 SH 8:30 a.m. +Yolanda Gonzalez

September 8: Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. +Bernacki & Pasyk Family

September 9: Wednesday: ST. Peter Claver, Priest

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

September 10: Thursday

7:00 a.m. +Barbara Hmurovich by Margaret Saliga
 SH 8:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

September 11: Friday:

7:00 a.m. +Paul Banik by family & friends
 8:30 a.m. +Barbara Hmurovich by St. John Rosary Society

September 12: Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary

1:00 p.m. Jazlyn Cano & Robert Alonzo
 SA 4:30 p.m. +Pamela Puhek by Margaret Saliga

September 13: Sunday: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:00 a.m. +Joseph & Anna Markovich by sons John's children
 10:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church
 SH 10:30 a.m. Whiting Robertsedale Catholic Church

†REST IN PEACE

George Justak

Dorothy Bezler



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION You are invited to
Sacred Heart Church every Thursday, starting
September 10th after 8:30 a.m. Mass for
 Eucharist Adoration until 12:00 p.m.

Will you sit with our Lord?



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)	

MARRIAGE BANNS

2nd Call

Jennifer Berrera

&

Steven Matura

September 19th



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

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

**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.

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, September 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.



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.

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.

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.



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.



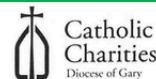
THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

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 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.



IMPACTED BY THE AUGUST STORMS?

Storm Relief Assistance is available.



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary has funds available to help local residents with storm-related expenses.

ASSISTANCE MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Insurance deductibles
- Essential home repairs
- Household appliance replacement
- Food replacement
- Other storm-related needs

WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Contact us to learn more about available Storm Relief assistance and begin the application process.



CALL
219-886-3549
Option 2



EMAIL
Outreach@catholic-charities.org



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STORM RELIEF ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE REGARDLESS OF RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.

RESPECT LIFE

Building a culture that cherishes
and protects every human life.



Diocese of Gary
dgary.org

Diocesan Pro-life Meeting

Monday, September 14, 6:30 PM

Pastoral Center, 9292 Broadway, Merrillville

You are invited to attend the diocesan meeting for pro-life leaders and for those interested in helping with pro-life.

Special guest speaker will be from Nightlight Christian Adoption

Join in the conversation on how to build a culture of life.

Learn about upcoming events in the diocese, parishes, and elsewhere.

Be a voice for the voiceless.

For more information call Rosanne at 219-769-9292

Mass Book for 2026 Intentions

begin on October 1st.

Please call our office with any questions.

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 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



*If today you hear God's voice harden not your heart.
Come let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds.*

(Psalm 95:1, 6-7)



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 amtbliznik@att.net
OR check Facebook under "SFDS Class of 1976"



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