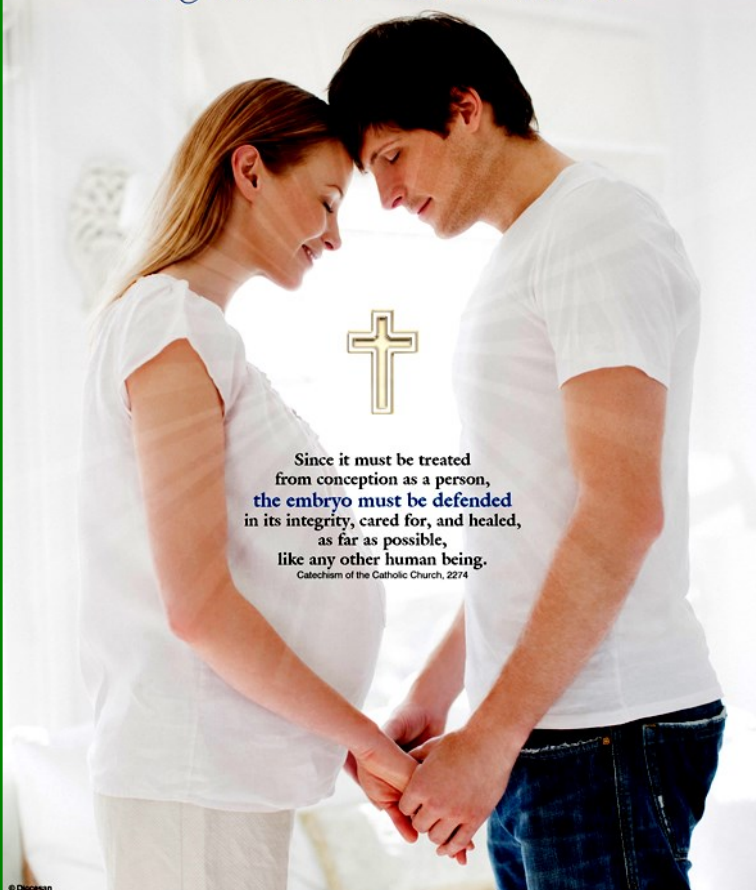


MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of

Unborn Children



Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2274

The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth." Is 49:6

As prophesied by Isaiah, God has gone beyond the Jewish nation, bringing salvation to everyone everywhere. In the Gospel John the Baptist recognizes Jesus is *"the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."* These familiar words, prayed at every Eucharistic Liturgy, remind us to look beyond the Passover lamb so important to the Jews, who after slaughtering it, sprinkling its blood over their doors, and roasting and eating its flesh, recognized that it had become their protection from the angel of death. The Old Testament lamb had liberated them from Egyptian oppression. Now **Jesus has come bringing forgiveness and eternal life.**

John's followers understood the lamb imagery in their yearly Passover celebration. John's present claim that Jesus is **THE LAMB** of God was amazing to them. John further explains that Jesus IS the long expected one, whose way he has been preparing. Jesus is ***"the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit for He is the Son of God."*** (Jn 1:33-34) Thus many of John's disciples began following Jesus.

We, the baptized, share John's mission of preparing the world for Jesus; **we likewise share Jesus' mission to be a light to all nations**, beginning in our families and extending beyond.

- ◆ Today's scriptures deserve my attention. Will I give them prayerful consideration?
- ◆ Am I attempting to grow in my personal relationship with Jesus?
- ◆ Have I established a regular daily prayer time?
- ◆ Will I share with others how God's blessings have graced my life?

Mass Schedules:

St. Adalbert:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Anticipated Mass

Confessions Saturday:

3:30 — 4:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Monday—Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Confessions: Weekdays:

Following the 7:00 a.m. Mass

Confessions

The Thursday before 1st. Friday of each Month

SJB 4:00 — 4:30 p.m.

Sacraments: Please Call St. John Church Office

***Whiting /Robertsdale
Faith Community***

St. John the Baptist

&

St. Adalbert

January 19, 2020

ENCOURAGEMENT from

Pope Francis



"When family members say something you disagree with — listen first to their frustration and concerns, and delay giving your opinion. Practice patience in listening, and engage with their feelings first."

Dialogue breaks down the walls of division and misunderstandings: it builds bridges of communication, and it does not allow anyone to isolate themselves, or withdraw into their own little world. Do not forget: dialogue means listening to what the other tells me, and saying what I think, with kindness. If things proceed in this way, the family, the neighborhood, the workplace will be better."

**(Pope Francis-WISDOM ON LOVE,
Practical Advice for Families)**

Saint John the Baptist Church ~ 1849 Lincoln Ave.**MAIN RECTORY NUMBER.....(219) 659-0023****RECTORY FAX NUMBER.....(219) 473-7551****E-Mail: Churchparishoffice@yahoo.com****Website: www.mysjb.org****Secretary, Becky Flores..... General Information
bflores@stjohnbap.org****PASTOR.....Rev. Mark Peres, C.P.P.S. Ext. 116****DEACONS.....Leo Barron & Joseph Manchak****HISPANIC MINISTRY/BULLETIN.....Nora Perez Ext. 105****FAITH FORMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY.....Jamie Sandona Ext. 106****ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT.....Margaret Saliga (219) 659-4138****MARRIAGE PREPARATION.....(219) 659-0023****ST. JOHN SCHOOL ~ Main Number..... (219) 659-3042****Principal.....Jessica Gonzalez Ext. 304****School Secretary, Jeanine Jones General Information****Banquet and Hall Rental.....Cathy Bryan 659-3041****ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.....(219) 659-1073****COMMUNITY CALENDAR****Sun., Jan. 19: 2:00 p.m. ST. AL'S RESPECT LIFE SERVICE****Mon., Jan 20: PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS****7:00 p.m. SJB ~ RCIA****Tues., Jan 21: PARISH DIRECTORY PHOTOS****11:00 a.m. Senior Center ~ Ron Novak,
Environmental Speaker****6:30 p.m. SJB ~ Bible Study/Bishop Barron Series****Wed., Jan. 22: 11:00 a.m. Lunch with Friends****Thurs., Jan. 23: 9-3:00 p.m. Senior Center****3:00 p.m. SJB ~ RCIC /Reconciliation/Cafeteria****3:05 p.m. SJB ~ Young Rembrandts/Cafeteria****6:00 p.m. SJB ~ Finance Council/Founders Rm.****6:30 p.m. SJB ~ Choir Practice****Fri., Jan. 24:****Sat., Jan. 25:****3:30 p.m. ST. AL'S ~ CONFESSIONS****Sun., Jan. 26: 9:00 a.m. SJB ~ Faith Formation Classes****Bible Study Call Out**

You are invited to join the conversation with the **2020 Tuesday Evening Bible Study Group, 6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the **St. John the Baptist Catholic School Founders Room.** Using Bishop Robert Barron's **Pivotal Players** series, which highlights the work of both modern and past evangelists, we will come to a deeper appreciation for God's presence in our daily lives. Everyone is most welcome to participate in this weekly **Tuesday study group, which resumes on January 21st.** Questions, phone Margaret Saliga, facilitator, 219-659-4138.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

**St. John Rectory will be closed on
Monday, January 20th, 2020**

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**IN LOVING MEMORY****January 20: Monday ~ St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr****7:00 a.m. 60th Wedding Anniversary; John & Mary Danko****January 21: Tuesday ~ St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr****7:00 a.m. † Ann Devoy by Family****January 22: Wednesday ~ DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN****7:00 a.m. † Paula Marie Dybel Zabrecky****January 23: Thursday ~ St. Marianne Cope, Virgin;
St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr****7:00 a.m. † Henrietta M. Gulley by Tom Gulley****8:30 a.m. † Jeanette Krzyston by Eddie****January 24: Friday ~ St. Francis de Sales, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church****7:00 a.m. † Mildred Klochan by Joe Kruczek****January 25: Saturday ~ Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle****(SA) 4:30 p.m. † Danny Cobb by Boland Family****January 26: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****8:00 a.m. † W/R Catholic Community****10:30 a.m. † James Poole by Kathy & Dave Johnson****01/12/2020****St. John****Regular Collection.....\$ 5, 516.25****Grade School.....37.00****High School.....6.00****Total.....\$5,559.25****St. Adalbert****\$ 1,870.00****CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL CAMPAIGN FOR 2019**

	GOAL	PLEDGES	PAID	Balance Due
SA	\$ 8,183.00	\$ 3,495.00	\$3,495.00	\$4,688.00
SJB	\$ 60,573.00	\$54,752.00	\$54,052.00	\$6,521.00

**A PRAYER FOR OUR NEW BISHOP**

O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have chosen your servant Monsignor Robert McClory as a successor to the Apostles, grant him, we pray, that as he is ordained to the Order Of Bishops he may manifest a spirit of counsel and fortitude, a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that, by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE ORDINATION MASS IS FEBRUARY 11, 2020.**INSPIRATION from****St. M. Theresa of Calcutta**

Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do nothing for you.

The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.

(Do Something Beautiful for God, pgs 34 & 38)

W/R CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

RESPECT
FOR LIFEANNUAL RESPECT LIFE
PRAYER SERVICE

TODAY Sunday, January 19,
2:00 p.m. at St. Adalbert
Church, 121st St & Indianapo-
lis Blvd. Together we will
reflect upon God's tremen-
dous gift of LIFE, shared by the

unborn, the aged, our youth, our families, those who struggle with various addictions, and those who are incarcerated.

While challenging circumstances often cause people to stumble on life's journey, our merciful God understands and reaches out to us in a variety of ways, helping us to survive and thrive. It is hoped that our shared prayer time will benefit the many whose lives are hurting. The 60 minute service is comprised of Sacred Scripture passages, prayerful music and time for reflection. It is hoped that you will note the date and make plans to attend.

St. ADALBERT NEWS



BE A VALENTINE!

This Valentine's Day (Friday, February 14th) be a Valentine to someone who can truly use one. St. Adalbert's Church will be open from 9:30am to 5pm collecting items for the Haven House. **"items may also be dropped at the available boxes at SJB parking lot entrance. The contents will then be delivered to SA's" on Feb. 15th.**

Haven House Inc., a 501(c)3 agency founded in 1983 and located in Hammond, Indiana, is a 24-hour emergency shelter for domestic violence victims and their dependents. Haven House provides services to Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting, Munster, Griffith, and Highland, which comprises a significant geographic area of Northwest Indiana. The facility is a three-story six bedroom house which can comfortably accommodate 21 people.

The purpose of Haven House is to provide safe housing, the essentials for everyday living, and support services to female adults and their children who are victims of domestic/sexual assault and to assist them in breaking the cycle of violence through education, counseling, advocacy, referral, and skill building techniques.

If you are unable to give something physical, you are always welcome to give the gift of prayer. The church will be open to collect donated items or for you to stop by and say a prayer or light a candle for those who suffer from domestic violence.

All are welcome!

Items being collected: Conditioner, Deodorant, Wash cloths, Bleach, Bathroom cleaning supplies, Garbage Bags, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Kitchen towels, Lotion, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Diapers – all sizes 4-6, Baby wipes, Female hygiene products, Gift Cards: Walmart, Target or Walgreens.

ST. ADALBERT HOLY NAME SOCIETY is now **collecting dues for 2019 & 2020.** Dues are \$5.00/ year and can be given to either Gil Cusson or Norb Dudzik or can be dropped in the collection basket. The St. Adalbert HNS is open to all men & women of our cluster parishes. **Any one wanting to join can contact Gil Cusson Pres. at 219-902-9463, or Norb Dudzik VP at 219-384-7147.**

!!!CHILDREN'S PICK-a-PRIZE!!!
The Children's Pick-a-Prize is the
HIGHLIGHT of the children's game!

Children pick a number, which corresponds to a prize. This booth is VERY popular with the children, as they are guaranteed a win every time! This is where we need **YOUR** help. The Children's Pick-a-Prize is in need of 100 Girl Items & 100 Boy items. These can be toys, electronics, (gaming systems), games, bicycles,

etc. A highlight of the Pick-a-Prize booth is the Gift Card Tree. This tree has an assortment of gift cards to restaurants, stores, and online games. Apple iTunes gift cards & Amazon are very popular. Any amount is gratefully appreciated! If you are interested in helping to support this booth, please reach out to Sara Vega, svega@stjohnbap.org, Chair of the Children's Pick-a-Prize Booth.

Winter Fest Raffle

Tickets are still available for the Grand Prize drawing on Sunday, March 3rd. Prizes are: Prize 1: \$5,000, Prize 2: \$5,000. Prizes 3, 4, & 5: \$500, Prizes 6, 7, & 8: \$100. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office: 659-3042.

TIP BOOTH/GAMES OF CHANCE

The Tip Booth is an adult favorite! Take your chance at winning one of the 100 fantastic prizes we have to offer. Throughout the three days of the festival, large items are tipped out, such as yard chairs, grills, coolers, electronics, etc. New this year....guess the briefcase combination! Solve the combination and win the prize!

If you would like to donate an item or support an item, please reach out. In total the Tip Booth last year brought in roughly \$8,000. We would like to exceed this amount but need your help.

TLDR: Donations are needed:

Alcoholic beverages, elections, household items.

Contact the Tip Booth Chairs: Sarah

Hyslop, svwillms@gmail.com, 708-214-4938, and Candi Gard candi.gard@gmail.com 219-201-6287.

Festival Donations

As noted in the past few weeks of bulletin articles, donations of all kinds are needed for a successful festival fundraiser. We will gladly accept any kind of donation. Soda, water, paper products, produce, meat, etc. Reach out if you are interested in donating. Festival Chairpersons – Kirsten Lund, kh1478@hotmail.com, 773 -206-2412, Candi Gard candi.gard@gmail.com, 219-201-6287 or the school office, 659-3042. The main goal of the Winter Festival is to help raise funds for the children of St. John School. Proceeds collected during the three-day event go directly to the school.

*Shop at Strack & Van Til
Send your store receipts to SJB!*

By submitting your Strack's receipts, you can help our students to earn valuable educational materials & equipment. It's easy. Submit your receipts at the rectory drop box or in the weekly collection soon. (ends March 2020)

PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**ORDINARY TIME**

Today is a Sunday of transition. Transition in nature, as we continue to move from the darkness of winter towards increasing amounts of daylight – and transition in the church, as we move from the close of the Christmas Season, last week with the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, to the beginning of Ordinary Time. It is a time when we move from celebrating the revealing of Christ to the world, to celebrating the beginning of Christ's ministry on earth.

In our first reading this Sunday, we hear in Isaiah, that it is in the eyes of the Lord that we will be made a light to the nations, so that God's salvation will reach the ends of the earth. This will be echoed in a few weeks, when we will hear the Gospel where Christ tells us, his followers, that we are the light of the world.

So as we transition to Ordinary Time, it is interesting to note that every year we begin with a Gospel from John. The Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke focus on the Kingdom or Reign of God, while the Gospel of John focuses on relationships – Christ's relationship with the Father, and our relationship with Christ. Only in John's account do we hear John the Baptist cry out, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." Imagine John the Baptist's excitement? He has been baptizing at the Jordan River day in and day out, with the faith that the Holy Spirit will enlighten him with the knowledge of who is the Christ. But up to this point there has been nothing. So John has been saying, "I didn't know him," or in other words....I don't see him.

How often have we said that to ourselves and others? The times in our lives that we don't feel connected....times of great difficulties....times of great conflict....times where we feel we are just not good enough....times of great darkness.

Tomorrow we celebrate the life of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, who spent a lifetime bringing light into the darkness of racial segregation and discrimination. **While sitting in jail in 1963, he wrote, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that."**

And so our journey through Ordinary Time begins, a journey where we may be faced with times when we cry out, "I don't see him." But know that he is always at our side, calling us to be light to others.

(Parts taken from a homily by Deacon Jim Knipper)

**FOREVER BLUE and GOLD**

PLEASE consider helping us... **Forever Blue and Gold** will be **collecting Coke Products Rebates**. The rebates are found in twist off caps of Coke Products and on the inside of 12 and 24 count cases. The rebates in the cartons are found near the opening perforation. There is a rectangle with a keyed number on it. That rectangle is what we need. Money redeemed goes directly to St. John School for various student projects. Drop them off in the back of church in the BOX TOP containers or send them to school. FB & G thanks you for your help with this simple project.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

For Sunday, January 19th, We have officially wrapped up our 2nd quarter of the academic school year. Hard to believe half of the year is complete and what a great experience this has been so far! Our students are continuing to grow physically, mentally, and closer in their relationship with God and I am so happy to be a part of this process. I am praying for a successful last half of the school year and I appreciate all of your continued prayers for our students, teachers, faculty, and parents. I would also like to take the time to share that we have a new website along with a new domain. Please check it out and share with your families and friends: www.stjohnbap.org. This new website includes both the parish and school information. Jamie Sandona, our Director of Religious Education, is managing the parish side of the website and I am managing the school site. Also, please take into consideration that this will be a work in progress and information will be updated as it is made available. Thank you so much for all of your support and I am so very excited to share this with all of you! I will continue to share new exciting news about the upcoming school year as the details become finalized; there are many great initiatives on the horizon.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, EDUCATOR AND PUBLIC SERVANT

The Whiting Robertsedale community will again acknowledge the service and commitment provided by local teachers and municipal employees by presenting awards to those who distinguish themselves in those fields. **The awards will be presented at the Whiting Robertsedale Chamber of Commerce's annual installation dinner on February 1st.**

The Public Servant of the Year will be awarded to an employee who works for either the City of Whiting or the City of Hammond. The Educator of the Year will be awarded to a faculty member chosen from nominees from Nathan Hale Elementary, Whiting Middle and Whiting High Schools, Clark Middle and High School, Franklin Elementary, St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Bishop Noll Institute and St. Casimir Elementary School.

In addition to the Public Servant and Educator Awards, each year, a local citizen is chosen as the recipient of the Carl A. Binhammer Award, recognizing that individual for tireless community service and volunteerism, and making Whiting-Robertsedale a better place in which to live. The award is presented to the winner at the annual Whiting-Robertsedale Chamber of Commerce Dinner (February 1st). The winner also serves as the Grand Marshal of Whiting's 4th of July Parade. The recipient is chosen by a committee of previous Binhammer Award winners.

If you have a person that you wish to nominate for any of these awards, please send that nomination to the Chamber of Commerce, Attn: **Tom Dabertin, 1417 119th Street, by no later than January 17, 2020.** Nominations should include the following information: The name of the nominee; the award that the person is being nominated for, and a letter explaining why the nominee deserves the award. It is requested, although not required that the person making the nomination sign the nomination letter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

B: Eleanor Biel, Steve B., Al & Dot Baker, Joseph Bibat, Betty Bonchik, Noel Bubala

C: Ben C., Jim Campbell, Abigail Coates, Rebecca Coates, Dorothy Chovan, Nancy Coleman, Olivia Crinion, Lavonne Curington, Jeannine Cusson, Sharon Cusson

D: Gloria Demeter

F: Jeanine Faulkner, Thomas Federenko, Judy Fernald, Audrey Filipek, George Fitzak, Malia Fortunak, Joseph Fortunak

G: Andrea Gaynor

H: H. Haas, Debra Henderson, Kingston M. Hensley, Dennis and Peggy Hyde

J:

K: Gloria A. Kaminsky, Leonard Kaminski, Gerry Kasarda, Ryan Keelan, Anne M. Kovach, Barbara J. Korba, Corky Kuipers

L: Lenore Lazur, Anita Le Claire, Les Le Claire, Donna Lewandowski, Helen Marie Lucasek

M: Adeline Matalik, Edward Matalik, Kristi Matalik, Mary Madejewski, Frank Matlon, Ginny McHale, Jerilyn Miller, Mary Anne Milkowski, Toni Milkowski, Mary Murzyn, Mimi Murzyn

N: Ann Novotney

O: Bob Oliver

P: Willie Parlor, Joan Peters, Virginia Piljak, Mary Puplava

Q: Leonardo Quiroz

R: Kathleen Radloff, Joel Rivera, Ed. Roszkowski, Linda Rokosz, Joyce Rybicki

S: Collette Santay, Aaron Smith, Deanna Stolarz, K. Smith, R. Smith, Jack Strisko

T: Nancy Teles, Sean Tennant, James Toth, Geraldine Tumidalsky

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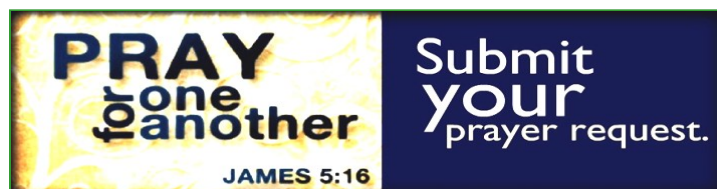
W: Terry W., Phil Wetnight, Marjorie Wohrle

I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth a hymn to our God.

(Psalm 40:2)



B: Matt Barbetta, Sean Bowman, **C:** Christina Campra, Sean Coleman, **E:** Victoria Franco, **G:** Larry Gazafy, Matthew Geffert, John Gervais, Gerardo Gonzalez, James Grunhard Jr., **H:** Alex Gonzalo Hernandez, Elliot Hlavaty, Matthew Hlavaty, **J:** Justin Jansky, **K:** 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'Drobina, Nicholas Okamura, Justus Oliver, Mark Opachan, **P:** Kenneth Petkunas, Thomas Puplava Jr., **R:** Robert Rodriguez, **S:** Antonio Salas, Eric Schaufele, Elliott Schultz, Natalie Serna, John Starzyk Jr, Alex Supergan, Jason Sutton, Szweczyk, **T:** Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, Christopher Trojnar, **V:** Samuel Valdyke, **W:** Ray Walsh.



SICK LIST Update

The bulletin "sick list" will be **refreshed at the end of January, 2020**. Retired names will be placed in the parish petition book, where individuals will continue to be prayed for when we process the book at the beginning of the weekend Masses. If a name is to remain on the list or a new name added, a request must be made to the rectory **by January 31st**. Your request may be written (placed in an envelope and dropped into the collection basket or rectory drop box), or emailed to nperez@stjohnbap.org. Please include the **correctly spelled name of the person in need of prayers along with your phone#** (in the event that we need to contact you).



GRATEFUL SENIORS

On Tuesday, Jan. 21st Mr. Ron Novak, City of Hammond Environmental guest speaker, will address our community concerns. You are encouraged to mark your calendars and plan to join the Grateful Seniors for an invigorating 2020!

FOOTBALL PARTY

The Knights of Columbus will **host a Football Party on Super Sunday, February 2, 2020 at the Council Hall located at 1120-119th Street in Hammond**. The doors will **open at 4:30 PM**. Buffet dinner – including chicken, beef, sausage, mostaccioli, meatballs, beer, wine and pop. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Open to the public. No reservation required. The party will end 30 minutes after the game ends.

St. Matthias

St. Matthias Parish in Crown Point, Indiana will host Mardi Gras, a Family Fun Fair on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event will feature games, prizes, a King and Queen Contest, and meals starting at \$ 5.00 Bring the family and enjoy Fat Tuesday! Inquiries are welcome by calling St. Matthias Parish at 219-663-2201 or by emailing familylife@stmatthiasparish.net

Northwest Indiana Rachel's Vineyard Retreats
March 6-8 and October 23-25, 2020

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. To register call 219-552-2944 or email nwinrv@outlook.com. All inquiries are completely confidential.

DISCOVER MASS If you would like to receive the weekly parish bulletin for our Whiting-Robertsedale Catholic Community via your emails, simply put discovermass@diocesan.com into your browser, click and follow the prompts and enter **St. John the Baptist Whiting, IN 46394**. Then, by entering your name and email address you should be able to receive a weekly email of the current bulletin and also the previous four weeks.



Rest In Peace

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Wilma L. Semancik