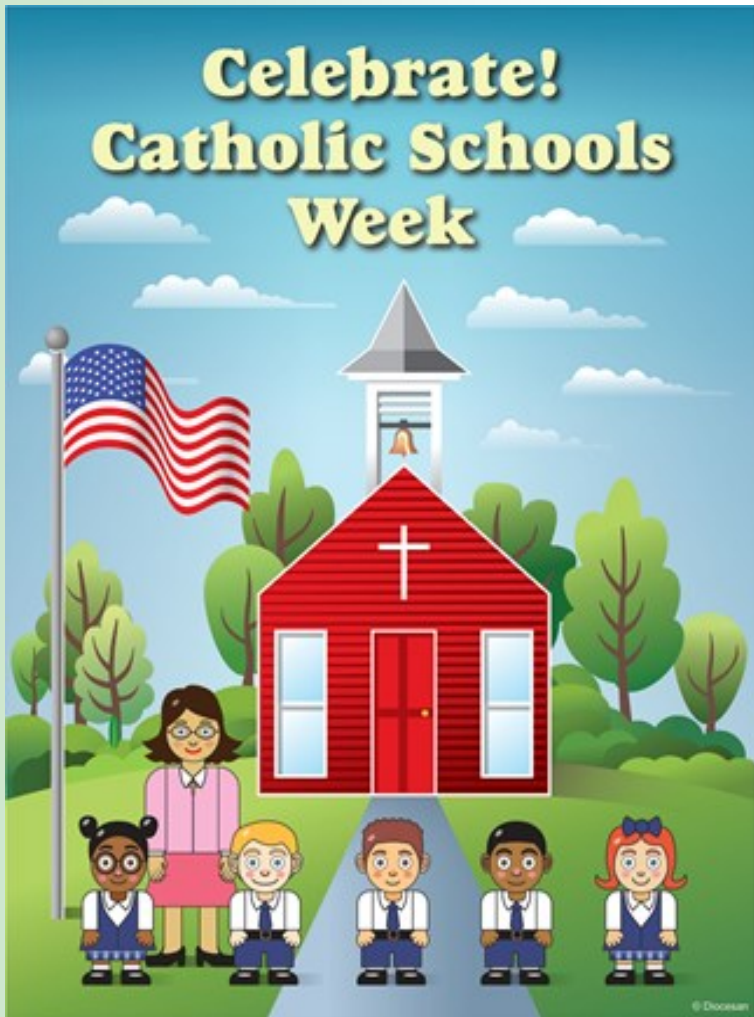


MISSION STATEMENT

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.



The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time THE WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis published his Apostolic Letter establishing that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God".

It's not coincidental that today's Gospel relates Jesus' initial call to two sets of brothers, Peter and Andrew and James and John. They immediately leave their fishing industry to embark on a new vocation as "fishers of men" accepting, living and sharing the Word of God. No excuses, no hesitation, just abrupt attention to the one who would completely change their lives and the lives of those to follow.

What about us? We come to Sunday Mass. We support a Catholic School where Gospel values are shared and lived, and we try to live as Jesus would have us live. Is there more that we can do?

In his apostolic letter Pope Francis invites us **never to take God's Word for granted**, "but instead to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to live fully our relationship with [God] and with our brothers and sisters".

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 26, 2020

ENCOURAGEMENT from Pope Francis

God's Word has the power to open our eyes and enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity.

It is Our Lady, who accompanies us on the journey of welcoming the Word of God, teaching us the joy of those who listen to that Word — and keep it.

Prayer before reading Sacred Scripture:

"Holy Spirit, come into my heart and help me to understand Your Word."



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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

- Mon., Jan 27:** 3:05 p.m. SJB ~ Bricks 4 kidz/Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. SJB ~ RCIA
- Tues., Jan 28:** 3:00 p.m. SJB ~ Girls Scouts/Founders & Mural Rm.
9-3:00 p.m. Senior Center
6:30 p.m. SJB ~ Bible Study/Bishop Barron Series
- Wed., Jan. 29:** 11:00 a.m. Lunch with Friends
3:00 p.m. SJB ~ PHYRE Ministry/Youth Room
- Thurs., Jan. 30:** 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. 31:**
- Sat., Feb. 1:** SOUPER BOWL OF CARING/COLLECTION
3:30 p.m. ST. AL'S ~ CONFESSIONS
- Sun., Feb. 2:** 9:00 a.m. SJB ~ Faith Formation Classes
SOUPER BOWL OF CARING/COLLECTION
6:30 p.m. SJB ~ CPPS. Companion Mtg.

**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. On Tues., Jan. 28 we will look at the life of St. Francis of Assisi and his radical relationship with Jesus and the Gospel, as related in Bishop Barron's Pivotal

Players series. Come and see as we deepen our appreciation for God's presence in our daily lives.

Questions, phone Margaret Saliga, facilitator, 219-659-4138.

**HAPPY 60 ANNIVERSARY****John & Mary Danko**

May the Lord continue
To bless your
Marriage with
love and wisdom!

WORSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY**IN LOVING MEMORY**

January 27: Monday ~ St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

7:00 a.m. † Genie Wojdyla by Kathy Duray

January 28: Tuesday ~ St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. † Richard Kovach by Mother Anne Kovach

January 29: Wednesday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Marjorie M. Strbjak by St. John Rosary Society

January 30: Thursday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. † Helen Markovich by Irene Mateja

8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

January 31: Friday ~ St. John Bosco, Priest

7:00 a.m. † Donnie Sabol by Family

February 1: Saturday in Ordinary Time

(SA) 4:30 p.m. † W/R Catholic Community

February 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. † Robert Desatnick by Wife Margo Bennett

10:30 a.m. † Palko Family Deceased Members by Pat

01/19/2020**St. John**

Regular Collection.....\$ 6, 436.48

Grade School.....43.00

High School.....1.00

Total.....\$6,480.48

St. Adalbert

\$ 1,361.00

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

Note: Contributions letters for 2019 have been mailed out. If you do not receive one by February 3rd, please call the Rectory (219) 659-0023.

**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 Teresa of Calcutta**

We must be like St. Paul [feast is Jan. 25]. Once he realized Jesus' love for him, he no longer cared about anything else. He didn't care if he was scourged or put into prison. Only one thing was important to him: Jesus Christ.

W/R CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The St. John Rosary Society recently donated a new dryer for the "laundry angels" who volunteer to do the weekly washing/drying of items used for liturgical services. Besides being grateful for this generous donation from the St. John Rosary Society, our parish is very grateful for the "laundry angels" who gather in the church basement each week to wash and iron the various linens used at liturgy. May God continue to bless all their work, from which we benefit.

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 games

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**ANSWERING JESUS' CALL**

Every encounter with Jesus provokes a response; today's Gospel shows a response of discipleship that is quick and decisive. Our own call to discipleship comes at our baptism, but unlike the disciples in the Gospel our response isn't usually so quick and decisive. We spend our whole life trying to see the great Light that is the Savior of the world. But we practice the following of Jesus in the simple, everyday things that come our way: the friend who needs a listening ear, the elderly parent who needs a comforting phone call, the sick child who interrupts our sleep. In all of these instances do we hear Jesus' refrain, "Repent! Turn from ourselves, toward those in need. Turn from darkness to light."

(Taken from *Living Liturgy* by Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S., et al)

GIVING THANKS

I give you thanks, Lord,
For my perfect arms, when so many have suffered mutilation.
For my perfect eyes, when so many cannot see.
For my voice that sings, when so many are reduced to silence.
For my hands that work, when so many beg.

O wondrous Lord,
To have a home to return to, when so many have nowhere to go.
To smile, to dream, to love, when so many cry and so many hate each other.

Above all, To have little to ask you for, and so much to thank you for. Amen.

- Diocese of Juigalpa Nicaragua

THE ST. JOHN ADULT CHOIR

Like to sing? The St. John Adult Choir is looking for members. The Choir **rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 8:00pm weekly and most often sing the 10:30am Sunday Mass.** We do sing mostly 4 part arrangements (soprano, alto, tenor, bass). Now would be a great time to join as we will be going into the Lent/Easter season. **For further information, contact Brian Marciniak, director at (312) 810-0400.**

MARIAN THEATRE GUILD

Marian Theatre Guild announces auditions for its spring comedy, "Southern Fried Funeral" directed by Jayma Kay Emerson. Auditions will be held on **Sunday, February 16 at 2:00pm and Monday, February 17 at 7:30pm in Marian Memorial Auditorium. (either 119th St. entrance or the stage door off of the school parking lot).** Needed are six adult women and 5 adult men of varying ages. We are always in need of stage people (carpenters, painters, seamstresses, box office, ushers etc.) , stop in and say hello during auditions so we can contact you when needed. **Production dates are April, 18, 19, 25 & 26. For further information or questions contact Marty Dybel at (219) 659-2782.**

DISCOVER MASS If you would like to receive the weekly parish bulletin for our Whiting-Robertsdale Catholic Community via your emails, simply put discovermass@diocesan.com into your browser, click and follow the prompts and enter **St. Adalbert OR 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Last week we finished up the Reading portion of our NWEA test for students and this week we will begin the Math portion of NWEA. I am proud to say that almost all of our students have shown significant growth since the first time taking the test in September. Students are always working hard in the classroom and our teachers are the best teachers ever! Our teachers put in countless hours in preparation for their students and give their students the one on one attention they need to be successful. In addition to our awesome teachers we are blessed with wonderful teacher aides. These aides assist the teachers in the classroom and also pull students out for individual help in reading or math. Without the dedication of the teachers and teachers aides we would not be as academically successful as we are. I am so thankful for all that they do and I know together we will continue to provide our students with the best education possible. This Sunday is also our Open House! I invite everyone to stop by after Mass and see all of the great things St. John the Baptist has to offer. This Sunday also kicks off Catholic Schools Week! Our students are so excited to celebrate Catholic Schools Week and participate in all of the exciting fun events this week. Take a look at our Facebook page St. John the Baptist Grade School- Whiting, In, for updates and pictures of our students.

**FOREVER BLUE and GOLD**

PLEASE consider helping us... **Forever Blue and Gold is 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.

**GRATEFUL SENIORS ENJOY FEBRUARY FUN**

Offset the winter blahs with the Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 a.m. chair exercise. Meet some happy hearts, who like to converse; play cards & bunco each Tues. & Thurs. at noon; learn new techniques with "Simply Stitching" every Thurs. from 1:00-3:00, and/or "Simply Planning" on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The on-going puzzle construction always presents a challenge. Each activity seems to ignite sparks of joy and enthusiasm among the participants.

February Birthdays are celebrated on Tues., Feb. 11 along with Birthday Bingo and Bunco-Pinochle. **On Thurs., Feb. 13 we will enjoy St. Michael's speaker, Kathryn Jablonski.** You are invited and always most welcome to come and experience the friends and fun at the Senior Center at Pulaski Park.

EARLY BIRD RAFFLE

We congratulate the following winners: **Mr. Richard A. Bobos and Doug Jones.** Be sure to **purchase your tickets** for the Grand Prize drawing on Sunday, February 23rd!

Tickets can be purchased by calling the school office, 659-3042.

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 Ptoplava

Q: Leonardo Quiroz

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

S: Robert & Phyllis Samano, Collette Santay, Aaron Smith, Deanna Stolarz, K. Smith, R. Smith, Jack Strisko

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

V:

W: Terry W., Phil Wetnight, Marjorie Wohlr

Z:

“He [Jesus] went around all of Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.”

Matthew 4:17



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 Ptoplava Jr., **R:** Robert Rodriguez, **S:** Antonio Salas, Eric Schaufele, Elliott Schultz, Natalie Serna, John Starzyk Jr, Alex Supergan, Jason Sutton, Szewczyk, **T:** Stephen Taylor, Jeffrey Thormeyer, Christopher Trojnar, **V:** Samuel Valdyke, **W:** Ray Walsh.

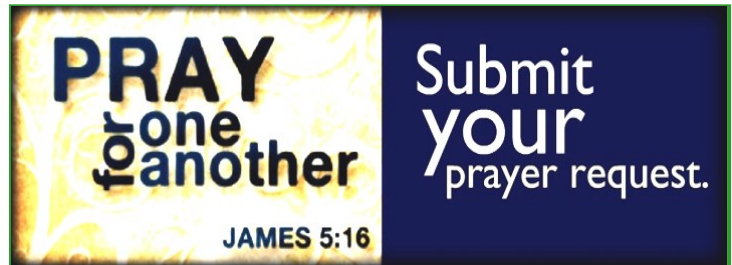
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Rest In Peace

REST IN PEACE

Deceased members of our Catholic Community



JAMES 5:16

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).

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-abortive 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.

NEWS ALERT

Our leaders in the U.S. Congress will once again have an opportunity to vote for a **"Born Alive" bill, which would require that babies who survive an abortion be provided with life-saving treatment**. We pray for the passing of this bill meant to insure the safety of the unwanted infant.

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, published an article on the **importance of the Born Alive bill**. Please read the article at the following site:

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2020/01/18/father-pavone-born-alive-act-is-compassion-bill/>