



**JOIN US FOR THE
VISIT OF THE FIRST-CLASS RELICS
OF THE BLOOD OF
ST. JOHN PAUL II and
ST. PADRE PIO DI PIETRELCINA**

at

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
320 S. Depot Street, Somonauk, IL (815)498 2010**

Friday, April 13, 2018

- 6:00 PM** Rosary in the parish Grotto
- 6:30 PM** Talk on Our Lady of Lourdes
- 7:30 PM** Veneration and healing prayer with the relics of St. John Paul II and St. Padre Pio

Sunday, April 15, 2018

- 6:30 PM** Rosary in the church
- 7:00 PM** Talk on Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 8:00 PM** Veneration and healing prayer with the relics of St. John Paul II and St. Padre Pio

Saturday, April 14, 2018

- 4:00 PM** Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration with the relics on the altar. Rosary meditations written by St. John Paul II to pray for priests.

Monday, April 16, 2018

- 6:30 PM** Rosary in the church
- 7:00 PM** Talk on Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 8:00 PM** Veneration and individual healing prayer with the relics of St. John Paul II and St. Padre Pio

What is a relic, and how are relics classified?

A first-class relic is a portion of the saint or blessed's physical body like a tiny fragment of bone, a cloth soaked in the saint's blood or strand of hair. A second-class relic is a physical object the saint used regularly. It could be a page from the saint's breviary, a scrap of his religious habit, an article of clothing, a rosary or a book from her library. A third-class relic is a piece of cloth that has been touched to a first-class relic. These are often embedded in a bookmark or as part of another devotional item. When we venerate a little fragment of bone, scraps of cloth with saints'

blood or keep a page from a prayer book, rosary or a scrap of a habit, we are connecting with the reality of their lives and their place in history. A relic is much more than the tiny fragment of bone or the blood-stained cloth. It is a reminder of the reality of the faith. It is believed that graces from God flow through these objects to devout souls who venerate them. In the end, relics of saints allow us to draw close to these holy men and women of the past, and God uses these material objects to impart special graces to faithful souls.