


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 | TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



FORGIVE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S INJUSTICE;
THEN WHEN YOU PRAY, YOUR OWN SINS
WILL BE FORGIVEN.

~ Sirach 28:2

Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jean Bustamante
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Nick DuBay
Ralph Eckhoff
Joann Eggebrecht
Joan Enders
Jennifer Engeldahl
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patercinia Fernandez
Fr. Hilary Fischer
Marie Flores
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel

Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas
Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Daniel Guzman
Jim Hale
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Paul Isherwood
Edy Jacobs
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Charles Kadolph
David C. Kadolph
Lynn Kadolph
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Joe Konopka
Margaret Krisch
Gerry Krug
Korin Kupris

Ivanna Lamb
Ken Larson
Rick LeBreux
Dolores Lewandowski
Nancy Liden
Haley Lipnisky
Marilyn Loechl
Sam Mahre
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Bessy Miller
Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Rosa Mostek
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Lauren Mungo
Tim Murnane
John Naill
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North

Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin)
Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Bill Parker
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
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Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Olivia Soto
Diane Strachta
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Mary Tarchala
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Genevieve Welch
Kylie Wells-Long
Elizabeth Wood
Susan Woodbury
Lexie Youngberg
Larry Zengri
New this week

Welcome - Bienvenido

*Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the
one who sent me. (Mt 10:40)*

St. John the Baptist Church wishes to welcome everyone to our community as Jesus would. For information on joining St. John's, please call the parish office.

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor/Párroco: Fr. Christopher Lankford

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jim Olofson

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

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.....Ext 0 or 600.....

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.....Aaron Simpson.....Ext 603

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Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

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Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

Please keep in your prayers
our Seminarian who is preparing
for the Priesthood:

Brian Geary

Please pray for all the Seminarians
who are studying in
the Diocese of Joliet.

Mass Schedule

Public Sunday Masses have begun, as well as public daily Mass at 7am and Saturday at 8:30am. We will have a limited amount of available seats for Mass because of the policy of keeping households six feet apart; you must sign up through our parish website to reserve a seat for Sunday Masses, including the 5p on Saturday evening, at www.stjohnwinfield.org. You do not need to sign up for Daily Masses, including the 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning. The bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect. Masses and devotions will continue to be online on YouTube which can be accessed through our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, scroll down to Social Media.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm &
Sun. 7:30, 9:30 11:30 am
Misa En Español:
Domingo 1:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 am; Sat. 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confesión):

Sat. 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Adoration:

Thursday Evenings, 6:00 pm -9:00 pm



Please pray for
those who defend
our nation,
those who serve
in Active Duty

Pvt James Luigi Akin
SRA Francis Beifuss
Major John Berg
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army
Sgt Melissa Brooker
Pvt Timothy Conley
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly
Major Daniel Durbin
SA Dakota Enders
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
PFC Gerard Kostecka
Airman Nicholas Kostecka
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
PFC Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

THE PRIESTS' PAGE/LA PÁGINA DE LOS PADRES

This week, the Church celebrates two great feasts. September 14 is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and September 15 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. These two feast days draw our attention to the Cross of Christ and the sacrifice He made for our salvation. When I think of these feasts, what often comes to mind are two simple Latin phrases that give great insight into why we, like St. Paul, boast in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The first is the motto of the Carthusians, which is one of the most intense religious communities in the history of the Church. *Stat crux dum volvitur orbis.* (The Cross is steady while the world is turning.) The Carthusian vocation is dedicated to profound prayer, silence, and penance for the salvation of their souls and for the good of the Church. This very hidden life is one of stark contrast to what society offers today: progress, success, fame, comfort and technological advancement. The Carthusian monk can teach us that while our lives may evolve, while the world keeps turning, the human condition is always the same. And it is only by clinging to the Cross that we can make any sense of our lives in the world. The second comes from a traditional Holy Week hymn from the 6th century, the *Vexilla Regis*. In this hymn, we hear *O Crux ave, spes unica* (Hail, Oh Cross, Our only hope). Especially as we enter into a crazy political time, we need to constantly remind ourselves that we cannot place our hope in anything earthly. Frequently, we fall into the trap of thinking that better politicians, leaders, or a miraculous vaccine will solve our problems. We can hope for good leaders or for an end to the pandemic, but in reality, the only place that hope can be perfectly fulfilled is in the Cross of Christ. By conforming our lives to the mystery of His Cross, we have hope of experiencing the glories of His Resurrection. This points to the incredible reality that Christ wants to live His mysteries in you. By willingly uniting yourself to the Cross, whatever those crosses look like in your life, you can be confident that, just like for Christ, the Cross is not the end of the story. So let us love the Cross and give ourselves to Jesus, with the unwavering hope of experiencing the glory of His Resurrection.

In Christ,
Fr Jim

Esta semana, la Iglesia celebra dos grandes fiestas. El 14 de septiembre es la Fiesta de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz y el 15 de septiembre es el Memorial de Nuestra Señora de los Tristezas. Estos dos días festivos llaman nuestra atención sobre la Cruz de Cristo y el sacrificio que Él hizo por nuestra salvación. Cuando pienso en estas fiestas, lo que a menudo me viene a la mente son dos simples frases Latinas que dan una gran visión de por qué nosotros, como San Pablo, nos jactamos en la Cruz de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo. El primero es el lema de los Cartujos, que es una de las comunidades religiosas más intensas de la historia de la Iglesia. *Stat crux dum volvitur orbis.* (La cruz es firme mientras el mundo es girando.) La vocación cartusiana está dedicada a la oración profunda, silencio y a la penitencia por la salvación de sus almas y por el bien de la Iglesia. Esta vida muy escondida es una de marcado contraste con lo que la sociedad ofrece hoy: progreso, éxito, fama, comodidad y avance tecnológico. El monje de la Cartuja puede enseñarnos que mientras nuestras vidas pueden evolucionar, mientras el mundo sigue girando, la condición humana es siempre la misma. Y es sólo aferrándonos a la Cruz que podemos entender nuestras vidas en el mundo. El segundo proviene de un himno tradicional de la Semana Santadel siglo 6, el *Vexilla Regis*. En este himno, escuchamos *O Crux ave, spes unica* (Salve, Oh Cruz, Nuestra única esperanza). Especialmente cuando entramos en un momento político loco, tenemos que recordarnos constantemente que no podemos poner nuestra esperanza en nada terrenal. Con frecuencia, caemos en la trampa de pensar que mejores políticos, líderes o una vacuna milagrosa resolverán nuestros problemas. Podemos esperar buenos líderes o poner fin a la pandemia, pero en realidad, el único lugar donde la esperanza se puede cumplir perfectamente es en la Cruz de Cristo. Al conformar nuestra vida al misterio de Su Cruz, tenemos la esperanza de experimentar las glorias de Su resurrección. Esto apunta a la increíble realidad de que Cristo quiere vivir Sus misterios en ti. Al unírte voluntariamente a la cruz, cualquiera que sea la apariencia de esas cruces en tu vida, puedes estar seguro de que, al igual como para Cristo, la cruz no es el final de la historia. Así vamos a amar la Cruz y darnos a Jesús, con la esperanza constante de experimentar la gloria de Su Resurrección.

En Cristo,
Padre Jim

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2020**

Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins will be forgiven.
— *Sirach 28:2*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



(The 7:50a Masses are offered privately for the intentions that have been promised; there are no public 7:50a Masses)*

Saturday, September 12

8:30 a.m. † Fidela Villa (*Michael McGrath*)

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. ♥ All Catechists

† Thomas Starck, Anniv. of Birthday (*Jim & Marianne Russell*)

† Arely Conley (*The Conley Family*)

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (*Colette Miller*)

♥ The Hanlock Family (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Rosealie Mulinex

Sunday, September 13, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Pagliughi Family (*The Lonks Family*)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † William Zapletal, Deceased (*Larry Zengri*)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † La intención del sacerdote

Monday, September 14

7:00 a.m. † Sr. Margaret Mary Mazgelis, SSM (*Connie Jesukaitis*)

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 a.m. † Judy Hartigan (*The Maier Family*)

*7:50 a.m. † Father Martin Kirk (*Lois & Chuck Kirk*)

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 a.m. † For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Anonymous*)

Thursday, September 17

7:00 a.m. † Joseph, Timothy & Randy Lambert (*Rose Marie Lambert*)

Friday, September 18

7:00 a.m. † Bill Rose (*The Rose Family*)

Saturday, September 19

8:30 a.m. † Cynthia Jean Cordell (*Monica Rundell*)

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

† Rosemary Burke (*The Burke Family*)

† Thomas Hanlock (*The Hanlock Family*)

† The Eder Family (*The Hanlock Family*)

♥ The Chase Hanlock Family, Health & Intentions (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Debby Juzwiak (*The John Dusza Family*)

Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † John, Kathleen & Patrick Dooley (*Mary L'Hotta*)

9:30 a.m. † Virginia Zelasko (*The Bartelli Family*)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) ♥ All Catechists on Catechetical Sunday

Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps* burn in
Memory of/Honor of:

Chapel † *Giuliana Capigatti*
Church ♥ *For Our College Students*



*If you would like to request a sanctuary lamp to burn in memory of/in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office. The cost is five dollars per week.

SIGNING UP FOR MASSES-UPDATE

Parishioners do not have to sign up in advance for daily Mass, including Saturday morning 8:30a Mass. **Sign-up is still required for Sunday Mass, including Saturday at 5p.** To register for Sunday Mass, including the vigil Mass on Saturday at 5p, go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, or phone the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. **The capacity at Masses has been increased to 100 parishioners.**

**OUTDOOR MASS-
“MASS IN THE GRASS” MOVED
TO RAIN DATE, SATURDAY, 5P,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

Due to inclement weather forecast for Sat., 9/12/2020, Mass in the Grass has been moved to Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 5p will be outdoors. Please sign up on our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org. Please check our website if the Outdoor Mass is cancelled due to inclement weather. Please bring a lawn chair for your seating.

SACRAMENT OF Penance & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance and Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Please wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the church on the most outer aisle, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, maintaining a six-foot distance. To maintain confidentiality and privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, and asked to socially distance while waiting.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, September 12, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, September 19, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim

Online prayers, reflections, &devotions

<https://mycatholic.life>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com>

<https://www.catholic.org/lent>

Breviary (Liturgy of the Hours) on IBreviary App & Website
Apps & Websites for Relevant Radio, Word on Fire, & Formed

**Welcome and Installation of
Bishop Ronald Hicks-Sixth Bishop of Joliet
September 29, 2020**

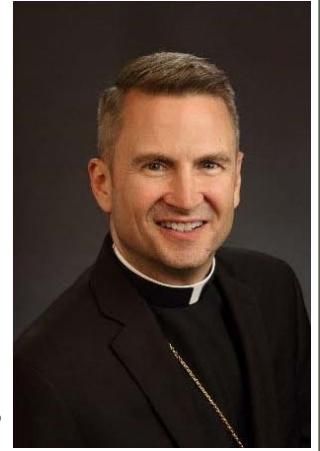
St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish and the Diocese of Joliet are overjoyed to invite all the people of the Diocese of Joliet and throughout the Church to join us in celebrating the installation of our new bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, later this month.

On the eve of the Installation, Bishop Hicks will join our priests for a **Vespers Service of Welcome** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. This will begin at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020.**

Bishop Hicks will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Joliet by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the Most Reverend Archbishop Christophe Pierre, on **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** The **Installation Mass** will also take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

Due to the gathering limitations in place during COVID-19, participation will be by invitation only. **Both events will be livestreamed for all to join us virtually at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/> or <http://www.youtube.com/DioceseofJolietIL>.**

The continued prayers of all in the Joliet Diocesan Community are welcome as we rejoice in the unfolding of our history.



New Meal Ministry:

Would you like to prepare a meal for our Priests/Seminarians? Please go to this website for more information and to sign up for a specific date:

<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=PGYY7083>

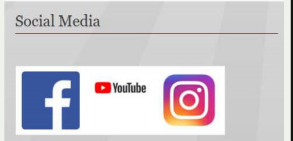


**ST. JOHN'S MASSES-
LIVE STREAMED**

St. John's has set up a YouTube channel where Masses and devotions are posted. Currently, two weekend Masses will be live streamed, the 9:30a and the 1:30p in Spanish. You can watch them live or you can go on YouTube anytime and watch the saved Masses.

Two ways to find the Live Streamed Masses:

1. St. John the Baptist Website now has direct links to our YouTube Channel, Instagram, and Facebook. Go to **www.stjohnwinfield.org**, scroll down to Social Media, and click on YouTube; or,



1. Go to YouTube;
2. Search for St. John the Baptist Winfield
3. Click on our St. John's Church logo:



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Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said "If you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your ..."

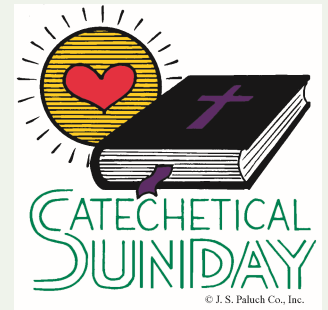
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Answer: *transgressions*

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Catechetical Sunday
September 20, 2020, at
9:30 AM Mass



Attention all Religious Education Catechists, Aides, Catholic School Teachers, Baptism Preparation Teachers:

Please sign-up and attend the 9:30a Mass on Sunday, September 20, 2020. You will receive a special blessing from our pastor, Father Chris Lankford.

Please know you are appreciated beyond measure for all you do to bring God's love and word to our youth and our parishioners.

See you at Mass on September 20th!

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021 NEWS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW
 BEING ACCEPTED!**

Registrations are being taken for Religious Education Sessions 2020-2021 [ONLINE](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org). Please see our website for all necessary forms at www.stjohnwinfield.org, then click on Religious Education Parent Information.

However, if you prefer, print out the forms and drop off at the RE Office **Monday through Thursday 8:30-3PM, Door 11**.

Or, stop in at Door 11 and we will give you the necessary paperwork. Please wear a mask.

Please note, due to COVID-19, we have changed some of the RE class times and days we meet. And seating is limited, so do not wait!

TUESDAY SESSIONS: 4-5:15PM and 5:45-7PM English Only 1st-5th grade (4th and 5th grades will meet on campus one week and eLearn the opposite week.)

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS: 5:45-7PM – Spanish Sessions (Second year)
 6:00-8:00PM -6th grade alternates with Confirmation I and Confirmation II

Session Dates can be found on the last page of the Family Handbook 2020-2021 on the St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Remember the commandments and hate not your neighbor (Sirach 27:30 — 28:7).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — Whether we live, or whether we die, we do so for the Lord (Romans 14:7-9).

Gospel — Forgive one another from your heart (Matthew 18:21-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine
Friday: Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 5781
Saturday: St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary

OUR LADY OF SORROWS



We congratulate

*Emily Lynn Tennant &
Christopher Michael Pierce*

who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage
on September 4, 2020

Best Wishes to You!

FAITH

Faith is the union of God with the soul.

—St. John of the Cross

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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saint snippets

I give thanks
to the Divine Majesty
for graces, gifts, and
goodness given to me
with great generosity.

St. Stanislaus Papczyński
17th-century Polish priest and Founder of the
Marians of the Immaculate Conception

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September 17

**WHEN YOU HAVE A CAR TO DONATE, YOU
"AUTO THINK"...SVDP!**

When you hear those radio ads encouraging the donation of your used car, please keep in mind that your car will most likely NOT be given to someone who can use it. Such cars are usually sold at auction or dismantled for the resale of their parts. That may serve the profit-purposes of a charitable organization. Yet it's not very practical for people who have serious transportation needs, but can't afford to buy a car.



On the other hand, when you donate your car to St. Vincent de Paul, once we have determined that it is safe and functional, we put it directly into the hands of a needy person or family, so it can be used...to drive to work, to go on family errands, or to meet the many other practical needs for getting around. We have no paper-work complications. And we have no large management salaries or administrative costs to pay. We simply serve the needy.

So when you're ready to surrender your car, keep St. Vincent de Paul first on your list of options. Call **630-293-9755**. We'll pick up the car and get it into the hands of someone who can really use it.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR
SCHOOL, DIOCESE OF JOLIET &
SURROUNDING PARISHES**

**PART-TIME HELP WANTED AT ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Two part-time positions are available at St. John the Baptist Catholic School:

Instructional Assistant – Preschool 3 year olds – works M-F, 7:15 – 1:00 PM

Technology Teacher – works two days, 7:00 – 3:15 PM – Monday and Tuesday

For more information, please contact Principal, Joanne Policht at 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org.

Our Diocese of Joliet and surrounding parishes have job opportunities, as well. To view full job descriptions and other opportunities, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/sectioncontent.php?secid=1>

***Annual Knights of Columbus
Tootsie Roll Drive to help those
in need***

Your Knights will be collecting for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive after **every Mass on Saturday & Sunday, Sept 18th & 19th**.

All contributions will be given to the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Charities. Our Council then nominates donations to our local area. Last year we provided funds to these organizations:



- Catholic Charities
- Clare Woods Academy
- Donka—DPCC
- Misericordia
- Mt St. Josephs
- People's Alliance
- Prader Willi Society of America
- Special Camps

In these most difficult and trying times, these organizations are in great need. Please help if you can, as we are all,

In Service to One, In Service to All

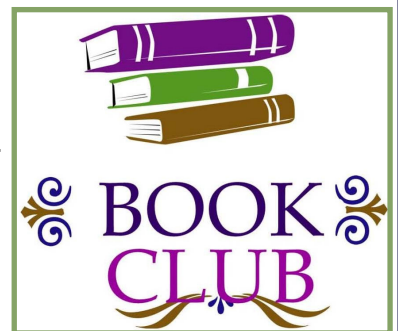
Vivat Jesus

St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus, Council 8002

Please join the St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday September 23rd at 6:30 PM at Karen Tsaparis' home.

We will discuss the book, *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens. Please RSVP or contact Jean with any questions at tjdaniell@att.net.

Upcoming book club dates: Wed., Oct 21.





Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- 1 You can share your gifts...** Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- 2 Leave your checkbook at home.** Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 3 Your funds are protected.** Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.
- 4 Support our parish consistently,** even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- 5 Give on-the-go!** Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

- 1 Visit your church website and click Give Online.**
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.**
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!**

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with our business manager, Mike Vallaro 630-668-0918, ext. 616.

Please remember St. John's by dropping off or mailing envelopes or by giving electronically through WeShare, which can be accessed on our website.

Sacrificial Giving-We are ever grateful for your loving generosity & sharing in the Ministries of serving the Lord at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Parish Collections-Abram tithed (giving at least 10%) as a symbol that he depended totally on God. Moses said tithing was holy and an act of worship. Yes, even Jesus talked about money because money is a necessary part of our lives and it is also a necessary part of the viability of the church. Our tithe is merely a way to recognize that. Each family should prayerfully discern their own situation and understand that tithing is God's plan for supporting the church and the poor. We are ever grateful for your generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here at St. John the Baptist. **Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$22,941.**

August 9.....\$16,840
August 16.....\$18,013
August 23.....\$21,036
August 30.....\$17,898

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Help a child receive a Catholic education at St. John the Baptist, and you can receive a 75% tax credit on your state income taxes.

WHY IS A TAX CREDIT BETTER THAN A DEDUCTION?

A tax credit is always better than a tax deduction because a credit lowers your tax bill directly. A deduction lowers your adjusted gross income on your IRS Form 1040, so the amount you get reduced off your tax bill is directly tied to your tax bracket.

Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

For example, if you make a \$1,000 Tax Credit Scholarship donation you receive a \$750 tax credit which lowers your tax owed to Illinois by \$750. Simple as that. If your tax bill was going to be \$3,000, you just reduced it to \$2,250.

However, what would happen if that was a deduction on your IRS Form 1040 and not a tax credit? A \$1,000 deduction, if you are in the 22% tax bracket, will lower your adjusted gross income by \$1,000, thereby lowering your tax bill by about \$220. In this scenario, we also assume that the taxpayer is itemizing their deductions. If the taxpayer takes the standard deduction (\$12,400 if filing single or \$24,800 if married filing jointly), then the \$1,000 donation would not provide any tax benefit.

Donate through Empower Illinois (empowerillinois.org), designating St. John the Baptist Catholic School as the recipient of the scholarship. Contact the school office or the parish business manager for more information.

Council of Catholic Women



Dear Women of the Parish:

Another year is beginning with CCW meetings and activities. We invite you to join our organization and become as involved as you choose. All women of St. John's are really CCW members, but by joining and paying dues, you will be more aware of what we are about. By attending CCW activities as well as the events we assist the parish with, you will have the opportunity to get to know the people of this great community here at St. John's. Below is a list of upcoming meetings and activities for September. Stop by any of these events to get to know us. You can also send in a dues payment with the pink envelope that was included with the July-August parish envelopes. Any envelope will do, just include your name, address, phone number and email, if you like, and drop off at the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Indicate CCW on the envelope.

Sat-Sun, Sept. 12th-13th

**MUM Sale-Outside Church, East Entrance-
after All Masses**



Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 CCW General Meeting 9:30a Sebahar Hall
**All women of the parish invited & welcome! Installation of Officers by our pastor,
Fr Chris Lankford, followed by program & meeting**

Young at Hearts We do not have a date yet when Young at Hearts will resume.
We will gather as soon as possible.

**Young
at Hearts**



Thursday, Sept. 24th CCW Board Meeting 7:00pm. Sebahar Hall

BI-MONTHLY-- THURSDAY EVENING MEN'S ROSARY AT MARY GARDEN **TIME 7 PM...EVERY OTHER THURSDAY. NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

Sponsored by the Men of St John's & the Knights of Columbus

A pandemic is sweeping the nation...the world. Thousands have died...Devastating fires, triggered by innumerable lightning strikes, rip through the forests and homes of northern California...Hurricane season bodes fierce winds and flood-surge destruction...Thugs rampage in the streets of many cities--including Minneapolis, Portland, St. Louis, Chicago, Seattle, New York, Philadelphia, and, most recently, Kenosha-- smashing, setting fires, beating, killing, looting, for joy and profit, and the media responds anemically, deceptively, referring to the thugs simply as "protestors." Statues of saints are being torn down. Churches are being set afire. Priests are being attacked. Where it is not ignored or bypassed, the Catholic faith is attacked and ridiculed. Fear and hatred press upon the hearts of many of us...Abortion...Family Dissolution...Pornography...

What is the meaning of all this? What is God telling us? How many of us are even speaking to Him about it? We--Men of St. John and the Knights of Columbus--think these are matters that we need to pray about, to ask Our Lord and Our Lady for restoration of public order, faith, morality, and amity among peoples.

Please join us every other Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., in the Mary Garden-next meeting September 17th, immediately east of the Church, where we will pray the Rosary for the well-being of our families, our Church, our nation, and ourselves. Afterwards, we will gather for fellowship and good conversation, enriched by liquid refreshments and snacks. Please join us.

The Men of St. John's & Knights of Columbus Council 8002



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Peter asked,
“Lord,
how often
must I forgive?
As many as
seven times?”

MATTHEW 18:21

GOD’S MERCY

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week’s readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today’s Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive “seventy-seven” times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus’ parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew’s Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week’s Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus’ vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

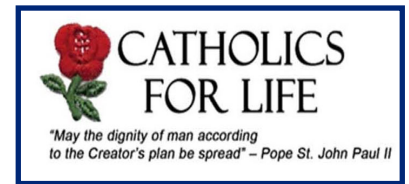
TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 27:30 — 28:7
Psalm 103:1–4, 9–12
Romans 14:7–9
Matthew 18:21–35

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CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

On Sunday September 20th we celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The 2020 theme is *I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you*. Thank you to all who fulfill this role in our parish.



Priesthood Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, September 27th. Please remember to thank our priests for their service, by card, email, in person, or whatever way you choose. They have unselfishly answered God's call to serve his people and help them on their journey to heaven.

Sr. Dede Byrne is a medical provider with the Abortion Pill Rescue Network (APRN). She is a general surgeon, a retired U.S. Army colonel, and a missionary. Sr. Byrne entered religious life in 2002, working to serve the poor and the sick in Haiti, Sudan, Kenya, Iraq and in Washington, D.C. Recently, she was asked to speak at the RNC. In her remarks, she mentioned having recently prayed, "begging God to allow me to be a voice, an instrument for human life", and then she received a call to speak at the convention. In her speech she said "As a physician, I can say without hesitation: Life begins at conception. While what I have to say may be difficult for some to hear, I am saying it because I'm not just pro-life, I'm pro-eternal life. I want all of us to end up in heaven together someday." Her complete speech (text and video) can be found on the National Catholic Register website ncregister.com. The text can also be found at www.pregnancyhelpnews.com. Take the opportunity to read or listen to it. It is such a great testimony for Life.

On September 8th, Our Lady's birthday, Relevant Radio began a 54-day Novena for the needs of the Church and the Nation. Another organization started one for our Nation's elections and peace on the feast of the Assumption, August 15th. Visit www.romancatholicman.com/the-miraculous-54-day-rosary-novena/ for instructions on how to pray a 54-day rosary novena.

Dear Blessed Mother, please hear our prayers for our country, for peace, and for the unborn, and intercede for us with your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



"And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive your brother from your heart." Mt 18:34-35

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Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!



September 5, 2020

Alan Garcia

Child of
Wendy Sanchez & Jesus Garcia

Olivia Faith Hernandez

Child of
Kassandra Galvan & Israel Hernandez

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Until further notice, baptisms will be held on Saturdays, practicing social distancing. Parents need to be registered parishioners and parents and godparents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! Please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our RCIA classes are for any adult wanting to become Catholic. This is the time when questions are answered and formation begins. So, whether you are answering God's call to join the church, seeking to participate fully in the sacraments, or looking to find answers about the Catholic faith, RCIA is for you. RCIA sessions meet weekly from September until Easter. Jim and Rosanne Druckemiller are co-directors and they can be reached by contacting the church office at 630-668-0918. Call soon and get excited about the Catholic faith. We can't wait to meet you!



Wedding Information

Getting married? Give us a ring! Please contact one of the parish priests as soon as you become engaged and at least six months before the wedding date. Spiritual preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Catholics need to be attending church every Sunday. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

Give one of our priests a call PRIOR to your surgery, so that anointing can be given at a time when you are less stressed. Call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, & set a time to come in BEFORE your surgery for anointing.

Hospital Visits

Our priests are available to make hospital visits. Because of HIPAA Laws the Hospital does not notify churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's Parish Office when a loved one is there giving us the name and room number. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized!

Homebound-Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry. *Please note: due to the coronavirus, no communion taken to homebound; instead, Homebound Ministers praying over the telephone with homebound.*

Prayers of the Faithful

If you or someone in your family is sick and would like to be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Masses, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the Sick of the Church bulletin, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Please note: **Grief Support will meet on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Sebahar Hall.** Please register beforehand; call the parish office for information at 630-668-0918, ext. 0

24-Hour Adoration: Adoration has begun on Thursday evenings from 6p-9p. You do not need to pre-register. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-Until further notice, AA is not meeting at St. John's, per State of Illinois guidelines.



Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting at St. John's due to COVID-19.

MASS INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: Please call or email the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. Donation is \$10; 5p & 1:30p Masses-free-will donation. 630-668-0918, ext 0 or jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. We can mail the Mass card for you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open, 8:00 am-4:00 p.m. We ask that you wear a mask and refrain from coming into office if you do not feel well. You are always welcome to call or email the parish office, as well, and we will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible. Please call 630-668-0918, ext 0 for the parish office, or email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org

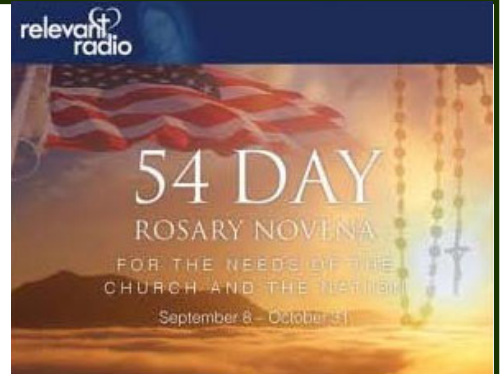
Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the Usher's Room in the Church.

Bulletin Articles: Submissions are due by noon on Thurs., 10 days prior to the Sunday on which you wish the article to appear. . Include the name & phone number of the person submitting the article. Please email as an attachment using Microsoft Word or Publisher. Please do not include article in the body of the email.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church/Iglesia Católica de San Juan Bautista

FROM RELEVANT RADIO-54 DAY ROSARY NOVENA

Right now our country needs our prayers. It is vitally important that we pray for our nation, our Church, and our upcoming elections. We must pray that peace and unity will prevail. That is why Relevant Radio® and their listeners will be praying a 54-day Rosary Novena for the needs of the Church and the nation beginning September 8th. And everyone is invited! Every day from September 8th (Our Lady's birthday) until just before the election, October 31, we will pray the Holy Rosary together for the Church and the nation. Here is how it works:



- Sign up to pray at relevantradio.com/novena
- Receive a daily email with that day's Teaching Munite from Father Rocky, which will focus on a different title of Our Lady from the Litany of Loreto
- Tune in each evening at 7 PM CT to pray the Family Rosary Across America® with us, or pray the Rosary on your own.

St. John the Baptist Parishioners reminder: the Rosary is prayed after daily Masses in our Mary Garden-all are welcome!