

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Leading Souls to Heaven*

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**Parochial:** Fr. John Abulag

## MASS TIMES

### CHAPEL

Mondays, Wednesdays

5:30 pm

Tuesday, Thursday

8:15 am

Fridays

12:00 pm

Sundays

7:30 am

### CHURCH

Saturdays

5:00 pm

Sundays

9:30 am

11:30 am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays

3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

## ADORATION

Thursdays

9:00 am to 8:00 pm  
(Chapel)



# WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

**"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth."**

Acts 13:47



*Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 22, 2023*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends In Christ,

With the recent escalations of conflict, what appears to be a continued environment of divisiveness with little willingness to compromise, and all of the pain and suffering that goes with it, I've found myself asking for the Lord's help, that people may turn a compassionate heart for their brothers and sisters. To this end, I am reminded of quoted scripture and prayer from Saint and Pope John Paul II for peace.

### For Everlasting Peace

I will appoint peace your governor, and justice your ruler. No longer shall violence be heard of in your land, or plunder and ruin within your boundaries.

Isaiah 60:17-1

To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty, I pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to instill into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.

[L'Osservatore Romano, 3-9-81,14]

As a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre, it is also a personal mission to pray for the Holy Land. I ask that you keep the words above in mind, or others you already use, to pray for peace, and comfort for all of those who are suffering.

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris



## Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf  
Fall into giving

**MONDAY  
October**

**23**

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.



### SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8002 BLOOD DRIVE

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## Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of  
**October 8, 2023**, were \$20,806. We thank you for your  
support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal  
of \$24,600.



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## FREEDOM COMMISSARY WISH LIST

All items below are desperately needed for our veterans. If you can help in any way, we would greatly appreciate it. At this time, we are only accepting new items and we are not accepting gift cards. Thank you for your support!

### Bathroom:

- Bathroom Cleaner
- Towel Sets
- Bath Rugs

### Bedding:

- Comforter—All sizes
- Sheets—Queen
- Pillows

### Cleaning Supplies:

- Laundry Pods
- Dryer Sheets
- Disinfectant Spray (Lysol)
- All Purpose Liquid Cleaner/Spray
- Toilet Bowl cleaner
- Scrub Brush
- Bleach
- Scrub Brush
- Disinfectant Wipes
- SOS Pads
- Windex

### Household:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Garbage Bags (Kitchen)
- Garbage Cans (Kitchen and Bath)
- Mops (Swiffer) and Pads
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Brooms

### Kitchen:

- Microwaves
- Coffee Pots
- Toaster
- Dish Sets
- Pots and Pans
- Food Storage Containers
- Knife Sets
- Paper Plates

### Misc:

- Reusable Bags

### Personal Care Items:

- Lip Balm
- Dental Floss (Spools)
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Hand Soap
- Shampoo

For ease of shopping, also look for our Amazon Wish List at: <https://a.co/b3ifTXn>

When dropping off your donation items, please consider a financial donation to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans to help cover operational costs, allowing us to continue providing household & personal items free of charge to the Veterans and their families. Thank you!

Updated 8-9-23

For more information please visit our website at [helpaveteran.org](http://helpaveteran.org) or call us at 630-871-8387 ext. 617



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative and telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high - for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.

**What can you do to help?** Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
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+ *Louis Tylka*

Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Bishop of Peoria



# Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

## DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program. You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org)



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to [www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can](http://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can)



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## THANKSGIVING GROCERY GIFT CARDS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



As we did last year, St. Vincent DePaul will be distributing **Food Gift Cards** to the needy in the Winfield, West Chicago, and Wheaton areas. Approximately 70 families are helped through your generosity each year.

If you would like to contribute to a family for Thanksgiving, please call the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext 606. You will be asked:

- Your name, address, telephone number and email address.
- If you want to donate a \$60 minimum food gift card for a family of 3 or less, or an \$80 minimum food gift card for a family of 4 or more.

You will then be contacted by a SVDP volunteer by email who will let you know when and where to drop off your gift cards.

The gift card should be to a local grocery store, such as Aldi's, Jewel, Target, Walmart, or Mariano's. Thank you as always for your generous hearts. May God bless you and your families during the holidays and always.

Jim Effinger, President

## Women of the Parish and Beyond

Join us Saturday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> 10:30am

St. John the Baptist parish, Winfield-SCHOOL HALL

Presentation by Katie Choudhary on Virtues:

*The NOT so RANDOM Acts of Kindness that Flow from the Eucharist*

Katie will help us break open the pure gift of life-giving water that Jesus gives to us from Himself. We will take a look at how we inherit this life-giving water; receiving and sustaining it in the Sacraments, and then cooperating with God's grace, allowing it to flow from us so God may continue to bring life to the world through each of us.



Katie Choudhary formerly served in our diocese as Life Long Lay Formation Lead and also worked at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet and St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale in faith formation and evangelization. She currently is co-leading the *Be Formed* program here in the diocese, gives presentations to parishes and groups on various formation topics, and homeschools her three children. Katie attended Lewis University where she played centerfield, helping her team get to the Women's College World Series twice and earned her Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and her Bachelor's Degree in History and Education. Katie and her husband live with their three children in Joliet.

Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am - Join us for brunch followed by Katie's presentation. Afterwards we will hold our St. John's CCW General meeting. Enter the SCHOOL HALL at the back by the Ramp entrance. 0S259 Church St., Winfield  
Questions - contact Venessa Lopatka- 630-336-5414 [venessalopatka@gmail.com](mailto:venessalopatka@gmail.com)

## Donate Tax Free From Your IRA

Did you know you can give from your IRA to St. John the Baptist without having to pay income taxes on the money? This is called an IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Beginning in 2023, when you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). (In 2019, the trigger was set at the age of 72). Gifts of any value of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference in your parish. Contact your retirement provider to get started. Our finance director, Jim Nolan (630-668-0918 x604), will also be happy to answer questions you might have.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, October 21, Vigil, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Jozef Gil (*Adrienne Rose*)  
 † Rick Zagotta (*Gary & Mary Wagenseller*)  
 † Georgia Daly (*Ed, Bless & Stephanie Romero*)  
 † Armella & Vernon Vechart (*Renee & Helmut Groetzl*)  
 † Freida & Ludwig Groetzl (*Renee & Helmut Groetzl*)  
 † Constance M. Mazur (*St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*)

### Sunday, October 22, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † JoAnn DiNello (*Anne & Dave Larson*)  
 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish  
 11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

### Monday, October 23

5:30 p.m. † Patrick O'Sullivan (*Anne & Dave Larson*)

### Tuesday, October 24

8:15 a.m. † James Francias Wolter (*Bless, Ed & Stephanie Romero*)

### Wednesday, October 25

5:30 p.m. † Kevin Grieco (*Ralph & Linda Grieco*)

### Thursday, October 26

8:15 a.m. † Corliss Enders (*Bruce Enders*)

### Friday, October 27

12:00 p.m. † Kevin Grieco (*Ralph & Linda Grieco*)  
 † Bill Dixon (*Marianne & Jim Russell*)  
 † Marilyn Loechl (*The SJB Adult Choir*)  
 † Shirley Stachniak (*The Stachniak Family*)  
 † Dan McGrath (*Dan Conley*)  
 † Joan Murdock (*The Conley Family*)

**Mass Intentions:** The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10.00; the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations. Please note: the 2024 Mass book is open.



*Please pray for all first responders and for those in Active Duty, including our own:*

Pvt James Luigi Akin	Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski
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	Lt. Keith Wolfe

Please keep in your prayers all Deacons and Seminarians who are studying in the Diocese of Joliet including our own Seminarian Sam Bergmann



### Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps\* burn in Memory of (†) /Honor of (♥):

CHAPEL † **Kevin Grieco**  
 CHURCH † **Shirley Stachniak**

*\*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 \$10.00 per week.*

### Please pray for our sick

Praying for our sick is one of the most important things we can do as a parish community. Please pray for the following people:

Baby Luke Hougan  
 Ron Williams

The entire prayer list is on our website, at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org). Click on the heading, "Prayer Request", then scroll right underneath Prayer Request banner: to PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR CURRENT PRAY FOR OUR SICK LIST

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be included in this list or prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line, please contact the parish office.



Welcome to  
 Our Newly Baptized!

**September 2, 2023**

**Leonardo Mathias Docekal**

Child of Jonathan Docekal &

Gabriela Meza

**Ilianna Sophia Munoz**

Child of Jose Munoz & Dyana Castro

**September 16, 2023**

**Caleb Michael Zanoni**

Child of Peter Kuhlman &

Jessica Kuhlman

**October 6, 2023**

**Elliott James Witteman**

Child of Matthias Witteman &

Amanda Kuhn

**October 7, 2023**

**Charlee Rose Garcia**

Child of Greg Garcia & Ami Bukowski

**Camryn Hayes Garcia**

Child of Greg Garcia & Ami Bukowski

**Savannah Kai Kliebhan**

Child of Kyle Kliebhan & Margot Parrish

**October 8, 2023**

**Charles George Osleber VI**

Child of Charles Osleber & Kristi McGillis



### ALEX'S BLESSING BAGS

As you know, last year we had a very successful drive and supplied over 500 homeless people "care bags" containing hats, gloves, socks, hot hands, snacks, and other personal essentials.

We donated these bags to PADS, a couple of veteran's shelters, Hased House, the Winfield Police Department, the West Chicago Police Department, West Chicago Food Pantry, Wayne Township, Milton Township, and the DuPage County Sheriff. I am asking for any of the above items as a donation to support the "Alex Project" again this year. I really appreciate all of your support last year.

I would like to beat last year's count of 500 and with everyone's help, we will do it.

Thank you for helping out.

Alex McCall

*Please bring your donations to the Religious Education Office. In the past, the children of our parish have put the items together for Alex to deliver to the above people.*

### THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the rosary  
& stay for a get-together.

St. John's Fire Pit,

7:00 pm Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



### Cursillo Corner

*Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!*

### Upcoming Weekends

Are you interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend? Please contact our **Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella** at: [amythe1@att.net](mailto:amythe1@att.net). Additional information can be found by visiting our website at: [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org)

Men's Weekend: December 7-10, 2023

Women's Weekend April 4-7, 2024

### Cursillo Memorial Mass

In honor of our Cursillo brothers and sisters who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. Save the date: November 17, 7:30 pm. Our Lady of Peace Darien.



Please return your Baby Bottles this weekend, and place in the baskets located in the Narthex or at the west entrance of the Church.

Thank you for your generosity!



**CATHOLICS  
FOR LIFE**

"May the dignity of man according  
to the Creator's plan be spread" - Pope St. John Paul II

### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE FALL VIGIL runs

through Sunday, November 5th. As we have done in previous years, St. John's has signed up for praying at Waterleaf in front of

Planned Parenthood, **3055 E New York St. in Aurora**, every Wednesday from 10 am to noon. If possible we will have a sign-up for praying at Waterleaf during St. John's hours on the weekend of September 16th and 17th. If we cannot have the sign-up, please email Linda LeBreux at [rvlinda@comcast.net](mailto:rvlinda@comcast.net), or, call or text her at 331-218-9637 to sign up to pray at Waterleaf. Information will also be available on the bulletin board and posters.

### PRAYERS & 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.

#### Hospital Visits

To receive communion while in the hospital, please make the request to a hospital chaplain. Because of HIPPA laws, the hospital does not notify churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's parish office when a loved one is in the hospital so prayers can be offered. We want to do our best to minister to all who are hospitalized.

#### Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion should call the parish office and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

#### 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. Our next meeting is **November 2th, 2023, 7:00 pm**.

#### Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email [SJBBulletin@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:SJBBulletin@stjohnwinfield.org)

### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For Baptisms, Funerals and Wedding information, please contact the parish office.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main 630-668-0918 Ext 0

Parish Administrative Assistants:

Tammy Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 600

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ 630-668-1074

St. Vincent de Paul Society \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 692

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