

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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MASS TIMES

Mondays
5:30 pm

Tuesdays
8:15 am

Wednesdays
5:30 pm

Thursdays
8:15 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Saturdays
5:00 pm
(Sunday Vigil)

Sundays
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

ADORATION

Thursdays
following 8:15 am Mass
& Rosary, to 8:00 pm (Chapel)

ALL SAINTS DAY,

A Holy Day of Obligation,
Monday, October 31, 5:30
pm-Anticipatory; Tuesday,
Nov. 1, 8:15 am, 5:30 pm

ALL SOULS' DAY, Wed., Nov. 2,
5:30 pm

THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

The term "Communion of Saints" refers also to the communion of
"Holy Persons" (Sancti) in Christ who "died for all," so that
what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 961)



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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 30, 2022

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

This coming week are two very important feast days in the Church, the feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls.

The Feast of All Saints on November 1st is a beautiful celebration where we honor all the Saints of Heaven, especially those unnamed Saints. As you hear me say almost every homily, Heaven is our Mission and our Goal, and this is our chance to honor all of the Saints who have completed the mission and made it to the goal.

The Feast of All Souls on November 2nd is a chance for all of us to pray for those who have died. As I mentioned above, Heaven is the goal, but it's not an automatic free pass to Heaven. Sometimes there needs to be a stop along the way in Purgatory. It's so important that we pray for those who have died, and that they never be forgotten. It's by our prayers that we assist them, God willing, into Heavenly Glory.

Really, the whole month of November is dedicated to praying for All Souls. We will have our regular remembrance table in the church with pictures of our loved ones who have gone before us. I encourage all of us, each day if we are able, to offer a little prayer to God for those who have died. To pray for our family and friends who have gone before us, but also to remember all who have no one to pray for them. They can use our prayers too!

Remember, we are all on a common mission. Let's all pray for one another that we may ALL make it to Heaven. And God willing, years and years from now, when the church of St. John's celebrates All Saints, it may be honoring us.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



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

Pvt James Luigi Akin	Lt. Crystal Kotvan
SRA Francis Beifuss	Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski
Major John Berg	Sgt. David Lawless
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	SrA Robert Lawless
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Pvt Timothy Conley	Captain Matthew Luff
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	WO1 Jake Miller
Major Daniel Durbin	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Sgt Pamela Gray	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	Cpl Riley Santoyo
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
A1C Seth Kelley	AN Michael Schieve
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	2LT Allyson Serbick
	PFC Keegan Serbick
	Major Jim Smolucha
	Major Mike Smolucha
	SPC Thomas Stanhope
	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
	Lt. Keith Wolfe

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$23,457. Thank you for your generosity and support!

Oct. 9...\$19,406

Oct. 16...\$16,835

LECTORS NEEDED!

If you are interested in becoming a lector to proclaim the Word of the Lord at Mass, we would like to hear from you. We have scheduled a training class for new lectors on Sunday, November 13, at 1:00 pm in the Church. Please contact Tim Marden at hahagramps2002@yahoo.com or his cell, 630-995-0113.

ALL SOULS' DAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

On Wednesday, November 2, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, also known as All Souls' Day, when we pray for all who have died this year. At our 5:30 pm Mass on November 2, we will remember in prayer those who have died this past year by reading their names and lighting candles in their memory.

We encourage you to bring pictures to the Mass of your loved ones who have died. They will be placed on a table in the church and remain there until November 27th. The picture should be framed and have your name and phone number on the back to ensure it is returned.



please pray for

Joann Busch

who passed away on October 16, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to her husband, Russell, and to all of her family & friends.

Jennifer Bartoli Kalina

who passed away on October 18, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to her husband, Dan Kalina, and to all of her family & friends.

Marilyn Loechl

who passed away on October 11, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to her son and daughter-in-law, Rick & Patti Loechl, and to all of her family & friends.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In the month of November, the Book of Remembrance is on a stand in the Church near the Holy Family statue. You may write down the names of the deceased whom you would like in our prayers throughout this month.

CALLING ALL VETERANS.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is looking for veterans who would be interested in speaking to classes about their experiences serving our country on Veterans Day, November 11. If interested and available, please call or email principal, Joanne Policht at 630- 668-2625, extension 617 or jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 29, Vigil, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Fred Dusza (The Dusza Family)
 † Fr Arno Dennerlein
 † Sharon Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † John Pohodich (Maureen & Denny Brennan)
 † Sylvia Lonks (The Lonks Family)
 † Bartolomeo Picca (The Lonks Family)

Sunday, October 30, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥ Diana & Florian Szmurlo, 29th Wedding Anniversary
 9:30 a.m. † Brian Clement (Ellen & Michael McGrath)
 11:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish

Monday, October 31/Anticipatory All Saints Day

5:30 p.m. † A.J. Milder (Jim & Annie Milder)

Tuesday, November 1, All Saints Day, A Holy Day of Obligation

8:15 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish
 5:30 p.m. † Intention of the Priest

Wednesday, November 2, All Souls' Day

5:30 p.m. † All The Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 3

8:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Legion & All Poor Souls in Purgatory
 (SJB Fatima Persidium)

Friday, November 4

12:00 p.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak & Family)
 † Fr. Arno Dennerlein
 † Michael McPheters
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Vivian Bodi (Maureen Garro)
 † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Walz)
 † Lauren Schaeffel (Adrienne Rose)

Saturday, November 5, Vigil, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. ♥ † CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)
 † Ed Zelasko (Bernie & Chris Bartelli)
 † Florence Sykta (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)
 † Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Figiel Family (Meagan Figiel)

Sunday, November 6, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. ♥ † Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)
 11:30 a.m. † Rose Mostek (Melissa Wrenn)

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; the 5:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations. Please note: the 2023 Mass book is open.



Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

CHAPEL † Manuel Garza Sr. CHURCH † Jeanne Ptak & Family

*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.

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm,
Wednesday, November 9, 2022 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

*Daylight saving time ends on the first Sunday in November, November 6th.
 Move your clocks back an hour at 2:00 am local daylight time.*

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. The entire sick list will be featured on our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org.

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 at 630-668-0918, ext. 0

Michael Torri
 Erin Anderson Tugman
 Christina Belcher-Ugolini
 Benjamin Vargas
 Maria Vargas
 Martha Vescio
 Virginia Underwood
 Dolores Vasquez
 Genevieve Welch
 Emily Wilson
 Kylie Wells-Long
 Pat Waltz
 Paula Winterhalder
 Elizabeth Wood
 Susan Woodbury
 Lexie Youngberg
 Larry Zengri
 James Adduci
 Alisa Allen
 Sandy Anderson
 Jack Aylward
 Joseph Balek
 Dave Balseqiz
 Ada Bantola
 Hanns Bell
 Ella Bitterman
 Jennifer Bitterman
 Don Brach

Please keep in your prayers our Deacon and Seminarian who are preparing for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang
 Seminarian Sam Bergmann

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

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THANKSGIVING

GROCERY GIFT CARDS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



As we did last year, St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing gift cards to the needy in the Winfield, West Chicago, and Wheaton area. Approximately 70 families are helped through our SVDP each year.

If you would like to contribute to a family for Thanksgiving, please call the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0. You will be asked:

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

The gift card should be to a local grocery store, such as Aldi's, Jewel, Target 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, St. Vincent de Paul Society

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 6th
8:00 am until 11:00 am
Sebahar Hall



Our pancake breakfast includes delicious buttermilk pancakes, country sausage links, applewood smoked bacon, coffee and juice. Enjoy dine-in or carry-out.

Place advance orders starting Wed., 11/3 through Sun., at 10:00 am, on St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org or call on Sunday, 11/6: Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651 or Sean at 630-835-8225.

Pick-up at St. John's Sebahar Hall, Liberty St.

Donations accepted



ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH INVITED

Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:30 am, Sebahar Hall
Brunch, then a presentation by Dr. Joan Gorski
FOODS OF THE BIBLE,
Followed by a CCW General Meeting

Joan Gorski, director of the Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet and a great cook, will share her knowledge about food that was available to people 2,000 years ago and how these foods were gathered, preserved, cooked and served.

Come get a peek into our foremothers' lives
and maybe a recipe or two.

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Cub Scout
Pack 575

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Troop 575

THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

Society of
St. Vincent de Paul

FOOD DRIVE

November 6, 2022

- Help stock the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry with non-perishables.

- Food items (boxed or canned goods) and toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant).
- Place donations outside your front door in full view 12:00 pm.
- Donations need to be out by noon on Sunday, November 6th.
- Scouts will be by to pick up items throughout the afternoon.
- Collection is limited to Winfield addresses.
- Donations can also be dropped off Sunday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church parking lot at 0S233 Church St.
- Donations will benefit the needy in our community.
- Our goal is to collect 8,000 pounds of items.

Thank you for your support!



Bishop Hicks' Column

Marking 20 years of reforms to protect children



During a recent conversation with a longtime friend, she mentioned she had just signed up to volunteer at her parish by teaching religious education to fifth- and sixth- graders. I was overjoyed to hear that she was going to use her talent and time to pass on our faith to our youth.

When my friend told me of the multistep process she had to go through to be approved as a volunteer, I nodded my head in understanding – and waited for a complaint. Instead, she said she was impressed by and proud of her Church for its commitment to keeping children safe.

As a bishop, I was heartened to hear her words, especially when we in the Catholic Church are this year marking the 20th anniversary of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Known as the Charter, this document sets out a mandated blueprint for dioceses to follow to create a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults in our churches, schools and activities.

My friend, like all other volunteers who work with minors and vulnerable adults in the Catholic Church, had to submit to a criminal background check. She also created an account with the parish administrator of a national training program that combats child sexual abuse. She then took the training class, followed by a class on mandated reporting of child abuse or neglect required by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). She also was required to read the Diocese of Joliet's policy regarding sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults, in addition to the diocesan standards of behavior for those working with minors and vulnerable adults. She signed and dated forms stating she had read these policies and standards. She also filled out a volunteer application.

None of these steps is intended to discourage volunteers, but the Catholic Church is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for minors in all situations. All diocesan clergy and employees follow the same process, with the addition of reading monthly continuing education materials.

The Charter also puts in place a transparent and supportive process to receive and respond to allegations of sexual abuse by clergy of individuals when they were minors. The Catholic Church takes seriously every allegation that is brought forth, be it reported by an individual who suffered abuse or a third party. The first step is always the same: All allegations of abuse and/or neglect of minors are encouraged to be reported to the state child welfare agency – the DCFS hotline (1-800-25-ABUSE) here in Illinois – and the local civil authorities.

Dioceses also report the allegation to these agencies, and offer the help of a victim assistance coordinator to the individual who suffered the abuse. The victim assistance coordinator listens to, affirms and connects the individual with the appropriate services. This same pastoral care is offered when the alleged abuser is deceased.

Dioceses then undertake an investigation into the abuse allegation. The same investigative process is followed when the accused priest or deacon is deceased or already listed on the diocesan list of credible allegations of sexual misconduct with minors. If the priest or deacon is in active ministry, he is removed while the investigation is ongoing and advised of his right to counsel. If public authorities conduct a criminal investigation against the cleric, the diocese defers its own investigation until that public inquiry is concluded, and cooperates fully with civil authorities.

Following the diocesan investigation, allegations against clergy not on the diocesan public list go before the diocesan review board. The Charter requires this panel to be composed of a majority of lay people not employed by the diocese and to include a pastor and a person with expertise in the treatment of minors who have been sexually abused.

The review board advises the bishop in his assessment of the allegations and the cleric's suitability for ministry. Priests or deacons determined to have credible allegations are permanently removed from ministry and placed on the diocesan list, which is published on the diocesan website. When the allegation is found to be unsubstantiated, the cleric is returned to active ministry.

The most recent report on the implementation of the Charter – dated May 2022 – shows the impact of the Catholic Church's commitment to protecting minors and vulnerable adults. The number of credible allegations reported against clergy nationwide has decreased from a high of 162 in the five-year period from 1970-1974 to four in 2021. I encourage you to read the report at the following link: www.usccb.org/offices/child-and-youth-protection/audits

Policies, procedures and data inform our vigilance against abuse, yet we must always keep sight of the victim/survivors. Thankfully, no new credible allegations have surfaced during my time in the Diocese of Joliet, yet I hold in my heart a mantra I learned while serving as vicar general of the Archdiocese of Chicago: "Any decision we make should be made as if the child were in the center of the room." (dated August 2022)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I came to our Parish over two years ago, in the early months of the pandemic, I was welcomed and assisted by all of you and especially by our Parish Council. I am grateful for the work they have done over the years. I would especially like to thank Rick Loechl for his 13 years of service to the Parish Council.

Now that I've become familiar with our Parish and our ministries I have established a different form of Council, the Pastoral Advisory Council.

The Pastoral Advisory Council is composed of:

- *The Pastor, and our Parochial Vicar if we have one assigned;*
- *Staff Leaders: our Principal, Director of Religious Education, Director of Finance & Operations;*
- *Chair of the Finance Council;*
- *Commission Chairs from our Worship, Religious Education & Formation, Service & Outreach, and Parish Life Commissions; and,*
- *At-large members.*

These members have been discerned and appointed by me to use their gifts to provide me with counsel, advice, and vision as your Pastor. Bringing together people with these varied roles will help us all work and communicate together better for the glory of God, the growth of our Parish, and toward our goal of leading souls to Heaven.

Report from our first meeting

We met for the first time on September 12, 2022, and here is a summary of our meeting:

- *We began with Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel. Worship and prayer must be at the center of all we do as a Parish.*
- *We moved to Sebahar Hall and prayed in Lectio Divina, reading and reflecting on John 3:25-30, which culminates in our patron St. John the Baptist saying about Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease."*
- *Each Council member introduced themselves.*
- *I discussed my goals and hopes for this new Council.*
- *We reviewed our new Pastoral Advisory Council Bylaws.*
- *We discussed plans for continuing faith formation for the Council.*
- *I asked the Council to begin praying and discussing with their ministries the Sacred Liturgy: how can we improve upon our already beautiful celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist? This is especially important as we begin a Eucharistic Revival in the U.S. This will be the primary topic for our next meetings.*
- *We closed in prayer and a blessing. We will meet next on November 14.*

Please pray for our new Pastoral Advisory Council as we work together to lead souls to Heaven.

Father Chris

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Director: Maureen Brennan _____	Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation) _____	Ext 600
Parish Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides _____	Ext 0 or 600
Secretaria Hispana: _____	Ext 601
Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan _____	Ext 604
Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose _____	630-653-1489
Grade School Office: _____	Ext 618
Principal, Joanne Policht _____	
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St Vincent de Paul Society: _____	Ext 692
Church: www.stjohnwinfield.org School: www.sjbwinfield.org	
For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office. Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	

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