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Leading Souls to Heaven

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. John Abulag

MASS TIMES

CHAPEL

Mondays, Wednesdays

5:30 pm

Tuesday

8:15 am

Thursday (Thanksgiving)

9:00 am

Fridays

12:00 pm

Sundays

7:30 am

CHURCH

Saturdays

5:00 pm

Sundays

9:30 am

11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays

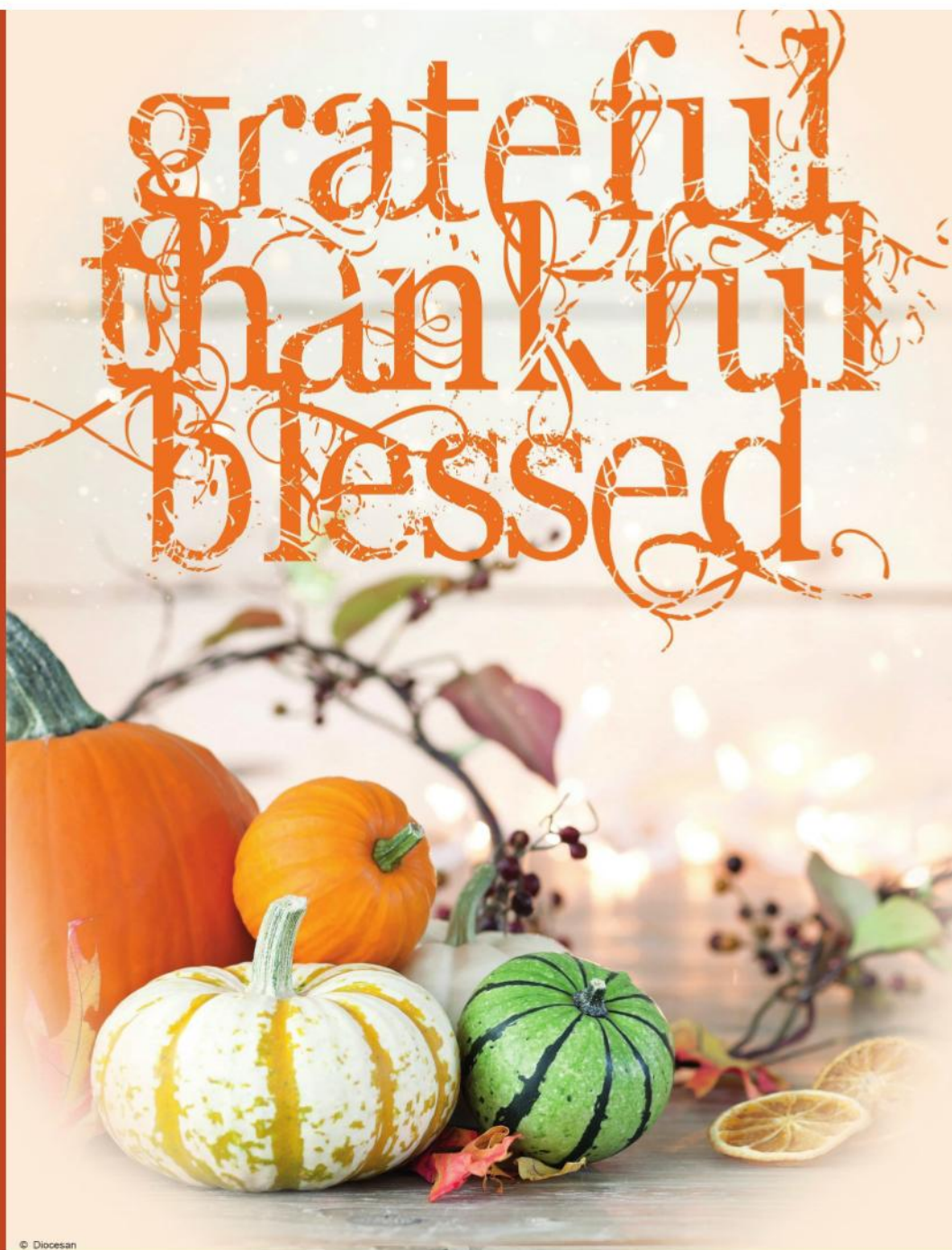
3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

ADORATION

There will be no Adoration on Thanksgiving Day. Will resume November 30th.

OFFICE CLOSED

Thurs., November 23
and Fri., November 24th



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 19, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

We have been blessed with truly wonderful weather this mid fall. I truly find myself seeing God's handiwork during times like these. I hope you have been able to enjoy it, whether it be end of the season chores or pleasant walks and activities. And, yes, I've even seen a few folks take advantage of the pleasant conditions by putting up early Christmas decorations.



That being said, we're still in November. Still fresh on my mind, are All Saints Day and All Souls Day. I know that many of you, as I do, often pray to a specific saint depending on what the circumstances are. Whether we are seeking a specific petition, or reaching out to our go to saint, or even our confirmation saint who we chose, all the saints have one thing in common. They died following the footsteps of Jesus Christ. For that reason, it is during this season of Thanksgiving that I hold all of our beloved saints in dear memory and gratitude. We should give praise to God for giving them to us as examples to follow.

I also find myself reflecting again on All Souls Day at this time of the year. Throughout the year I've seen the sadness that people feel when they lose loved ones. Invariably, I too have lost friends and family during the year. So, while All Souls Day is a day where we offer up prayers for all of those who have left this earthly world during the year, we should try to remember the loss to their loved ones continues. And, we should also continue to pray for those who have gone before us. That their souls are on their way to Heaven! This is why I'm particularly supportive of our Book of Remembrance during this month. I encourage you look at the book that is on display by the statue of the Holy Family, and also encourage you to add the names of your own loved ones that have passed during the year, if you haven't already. Prayers will continue for the remainder of the month.

I also ask that during this and any holiday season, you keep another group of people and their families in your prayers. As many of you know, I feel a special calling for the sick. When called upon by individuals or family members, I find anointing of the sick to be one of my responsibilities that brings me closest to our Lord. I ask that you keep friends and family members that are ill in your prayers, and their caregivers as well.

Finally, while it is a little bit out of the ministry category, I have one final thanks to make. I want to share with you that we have finally settled on a contractor to replace the church's air conditioning system. After a comprehensive review, an assessment by our outside facilities consultant, and unanimous approval by St. John's finance council, we selected a vendor for the project. I can't thank you enough for the incredibly generous support you have provided for this necessary replacement. Your kindness was beyond my wildest imagination! I continue to thank the Lord every day that I have your support and your generosity to make St. John's the best it can be. St. Dimitar pray for us!

Have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving holiday. Thanks be to God!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris

The 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.



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Questions?

Contact Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD

books will be available in the narthex of the church after all Masses on November 19th and for the next two weekends while supplies last.

The suggested donation is \$10.00.

Worship Commission

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of **November 5, 2023**, were **\$27,980**. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.

Preschool Open House

Wednesday, November 29
6:00 – 7:30 PM

Will your child be in preschool in 2024-25? If so, you are cordially invited to St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Open House for parents of preschool children new to our school on Wednesday, November 29, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM to learn more about our school and find out why St. John the Baptist is the place for your child (ren).

Please enter Door 1, our main door, and you will be led to our Preschool classrooms.

For more information, please contact principal, Joanne Policht, at

Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org

To RSVP, click here: <https://www.smores.com/vuxwr>





"Come, Follow Me"

Eucharistic Procession

Please Join us Sunday,
November 26th after the
11:30am Mass, as we walk
with Jesus on the feast of
Christ the King.

Contact Michael Berger at mberger@stjohnwinfield.org for more details.

The parish office will be CLOSED
November 23rd and 24th.

Thanksgiving Blessings to the entire community
of St. John the Baptist from Fr. Chris, Fr. John,
and all School and Parish Staff.

May your table be graced with abundance and
many blessings.



**To be GRATEFUL
is to recognize
the love
of God in
EVERYTHING**

Thomas Merton

Religious Education News

Fourth Grade Religious Education Students Presented at All Saints Day Mass, Wednesday November 1st

Thank you fourth graders for sharing the lives of the saints and for reminding us all of our mission and our goal...HEAVEN! Through the intercession of St. Patrick, St. Justin, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Benjamin, and all the saints may we be ever more united to **Jesus**, and be holy men and women.



Tuesday RE kindergartner's celebrating the ten wise and foolish virgins. We made play dough and we made paper lanterns. In addition our year long service project is making napkin rings for the Young at Heart monthly luncheon. We made Thanksgiving napkin rings for November.

Please keep us in your prayers as we journey together through the year. We promise to pray for you too.



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For more information, contact Jane Lager, Chief Development Officer, Diocese of Joliet at (815) 2221-6190 or jlager@dioceseofjoliet.org

Council of Catholic Women
Christmas Luncheon Reservation Form
Wednesday, December 6th
11:30am – 12pm - Social time Lunch served at NOON
Courtyard Banquets 3S200 IL 59 (Rt.59), Warrenville



Members and guests interested in joining us for our annual Christmas luncheon should complete the reservation form below. **Courtyard Banquets delicious choices for lunch are:**

Chicken Marsala—breast of chicken with mushrooms, Marsala wine & mashed potatoes

Roast Sirloin of Beef—tender slices of seasoned beef with mashed potatoes

Vegetarian—Vegetable Lasagna

All entrées include a Fresh Tossed Salad, Steamed Vegetables, Baked Breads with Butter, and Sherbert. Coffee and Tea will be served at the end of the meal.

Indicate your choice below. Cost is \$20. Turn reservation into the collection basket or the parish office through mail slot in the door by **Fri. Nov 24th**.

Contact Sheila at 630-234-3792 or Cecily at 630-408-2109 for further information.

Name _____		Phone# _____
_____		_____
_____		_____
Chicken Marsala _____	Roast Sirloin of Beef _____	Vegetable Lasagna _____
Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to St. John's CCW \$20 per person		

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, November 18, Vigil, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (*The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
 † Stanley Kalat (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)
 † Jozef Gil (*Adrienne Rose*)
 † Denise & Al Harvey
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes (*The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
 † Georgia Daly (*St. John's Religious Education*)

Sunday, November 19, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Anne O'Malley (*Eileen O'Malley*)
 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
 11:30 a.m. † The Faithful Departed of Our Parish

Monday, November 20

5:30 p.m. † Alice Barone (*The Barone Family*)

Tuesday, November 21

8:15 a.m. † Joe Perri (*Irma & Rick McCall*)

Wednesday, November 22

5:30 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary (*Fatima Persidium-Eng*)

Thursday, November 23

9:00 a.m. † Dolores & Eugene Vanco (*The Vanco Family*)

Friday, November 24

12:00 p.m. † Fr. Henry Franz, Anniversary of Death, 1942
 † Nick Larson (*Anne & Dave Larson*)
 † Marilyn Loechl (*The SJB Adult Choir*)
 ♥ Nichole Shipman, Health & Intentions (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)
 † Esther Hitchner (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)
 ♥† Living & Deceased Member of the Chavez & Flood Families

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 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
 Therese Martineau &
 NWM Surgical Team

The entire prayer list is on our website, at 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.



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

Pvt James Luigi Akin	Captain Matthew Luff
SRA Francis Beifuss	WO1 Jake Miller
Lt. Col. John Berg	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW)
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	Timothy A. Newell
Sgt Melissa Brooker	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Pvt Timothy Conley	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Lt. Commander Nicholas Daly	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Major Daniel Durbin	ATC Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman	Sgt Ian Sarlito
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	AN Michael Schieve
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Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	PFC Keegan Serbick
Sgt Pamela Gray	Lt. Col. James Smolucha
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Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	SPC Thomas Stanhope
ATC Seth Kelley	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	

Knights of Columbus and Versiti Blood center would like to thank everyone who helped and donated blood this fall. It is greatly appreciated, potentially saving up to 90 lives.

The next donation date will be
 April 22, 2024
 from 3 to 7pm.



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

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

CHAPEL † *Maria A. Garza*
 CHURCH ♥ *Rich Saul*



*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.

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

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

St. John's Fire Pit,
 7:00 pm Wednesday,
 November 22nd, 2023

Questions?
 Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

**Thank you parent club for hosting the Book Fair.
Family reading night was a hit!**



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, Hesus 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.

Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, December 13th



We will discuss the book,

Christmas Cupcake Murder

Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

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 **December 5, 2023, 7:00 pm.**

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email SJBBulletin@stjohnwinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

AA is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in Sodonna Hall, the basement of the parish office.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main 630-668-0918 Ext 0

Parish Administrative Assistants:

Tammy Miller _____ Ext 600

Rosa Benavides _____ Ext 601

Secretaria Hispana _____ Ext 601

Religious Education office _____ Ext 613

Director of Faith Formation & RCIA: Sarah Reznicek _____ Ext 612

Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan _____ Ext 604

Director of Liturgical Life: Michael Berger _____ Ext 607

Grade School Office:

Principal: Joanne Policht _____ 630-668-0918 Press 2

Fax: _____ 630-668-1074

St. Vincent de Paul Society _____ Ext 692

For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office.

Office Hours: Mon., Tues., and Thurs.: 09 am - 3 pm; Wed.: 12 pm - 3 pm; Friday: Closed

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