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MASS TIMES

Mondays, Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Tuesdays, **Thursdays** 8:15 am

Fridays 12:00 pm

Saturdays 5:00 pm

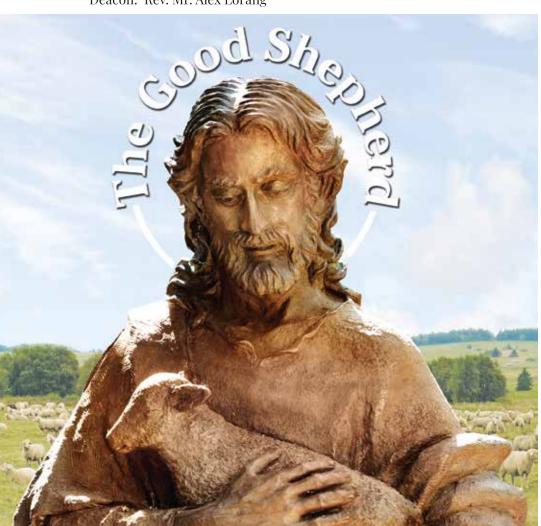
Sundays 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

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



World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 30, 2023

2023 marks the **60th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ.

As I mentioned in my letter last week, the Mass is the most powerful prayer we have as Catholics! It is where we receive the Eucharist, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ! And, how beautiful it was to see our second graders make their First Holy Communion this week.

Last week I also stated that I want to continue to make the Sacred Liturgy the most important, most meaningful, and most beautiful thing we do at St. John the Baptist, and to focus on the Eucharistic Revival for the Church in the United States. Therefore, I decided to distribute a survey that seeks your input. Everybody's input is so important to me that I am redistributing the survey this week. Keep in mind that although all responses are valuable, surveys without a name on them, will not be recorded. You will have the option to submit your responses in writing by completing the attached survey and returning it right here at Church in a basket in the Narthex or by scanning the QR code below and submitting your responses digitally.

Baskets for returned surveys will be put in the Narthex until Sunday, May 7th. You can also return a completed survey to the parish office. After May 7th, responses will no longer be accepted. I will then review these responses along with our Pastoral Advisory Council. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey! May we continue to approach the Eucharist with the utmost love, respect, and reverence, and by our participation in the Mass be strengthened to Lead Souls to Heaven!

In Christ, Fr. Chris

Sacred Liturgy Survey

2) What age group do I fall into?

Name:

1) How often do I attend Sunday Mass at St. John the Baptist?

a. Weekly a. o-20 years old Monthly b. 21-40 years old b. Less than once a month 41-60 years old c. c. Christmas and Easter only d. 61-80 years old d. 81-100 years old e. Rarely e. Beyond 101 years old 3) When looking at the celebration of Mass at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel is done well? 4) When looking at the celebration of Mass at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel needs improvement? 5) When looking at the Sacred Music at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel is done well?

6) When looking at the Sacred Music at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel needs improvement?



- 7) When looking at the physical church building that Mass is celebrated in at St. John the Baptist, what do I like about the space (ex: lighting, sound, carpeting, altar furnishings / decor, etc.)?
- 8) When looking at the physical church building that Mass is celebrated in at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel needs improvement in the space (ex: lighting, sound, carpeting, altar furnishings / decor, etc.)?

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last weekend, our second graders celebrated their First Communion and for the first time, received the Holy Eucharist, Jesus's body, blood, soul and divinity. Here at St. John's, our mission is to lead souls to Heaven, and the Holy Eucharist is the spiritual food to achieve our mission. Congratulations to all of our First Communicants as they begin their life-long mission here on Earth through the Eucharist, and to their families. We are so happy for you! Below is a list of those who received the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christ, Fr Chris

2023 First Communicants

Cesar Aguilar Sofia Aguilar Isael Alanis Guadalupe Alcantar Hannah Allen Yasmin Blanco Sadie Buchbinder Katherine Campbell Paloma Click Uriel Coss Alanis Lionel Cuevas Hailey Curk Cole Fahev Cooper Fahey Christopher Garcia Christopher Garcia Julianna Garcia Alessandra Gonzalez Yadhira Guevara Alvssa Hernandez John Thang Khai Samte Athena Kimmel Benjamin Knutson Jose Marquez, Jr. Mary Mawi Daniel Mendez Jasmine Montenegro **Emiliano Morales Audrey Murray** Andrea Olague Scarlett Payton Alexander Poblete Iamie Poblete

Julian Proa

Alanah Reese **Achilles Reves** Yoselyn Rodriguez Melany Romero Stephanie Romero Aaliyah Servin Luke Spans Alora Stratton Isabella Sumano Alex Terrazas Jared Vargas Devonte Valentine Lucia Vicenzi Dylan Villegas Isabella Villegas Mariah Willimson-Ortiz

Receiving at an earlier date: Ayleen Garcia

Receiving at another date: Philomena Barzyk Ayleen Hernandez

Receiving at a different church: Szymon Mikrut



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of April 16, 2023 were \$15,301. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$23,450 in these challenging times.

Religious Education 2023-24 Registration Dates:

Tues. May 2, 4:30-7:00pm open registration for all grades Registration will be held in the gym. Please enter the door #5 on the west side of the gym.



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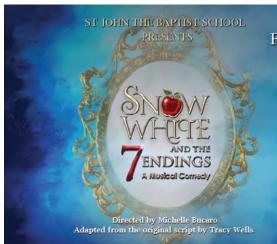
Questions? Contact Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Children's Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal, The Children's Fund, has been so successful thus far this year. The appeal is one of the school's most important fundraising tools to help the school meet its operating expenses. Thanks to those who have already responded...we are almost to our goal of \$40,000! Your generosity is invaluable and we indeed are grateful for each of you. If you haven't donated yet, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the school today. All donations are accepted and truly appreciated. To donate, you can make a donation through We Share Online Giving on the parish website or by using this link:

https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001304?tab=home

Click on Special Funds to donate. Checks can be made out to St. John the Baptist. Please put Annual Children's Appeal in the memo section. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated.



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The Illinois' Invest In Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program (ITCSP) is an amazing opportunity to support catholic education, where every dollar you contribute is quadrupled in scholarship funds to SJB. That is 4x!!! to the benefit of SJB. For example, your \$1,000 purchase of Illinois tax credits results in \$4,000 of scholarship funds to SJB. A contribution this year will come back as a tax credit on your 2023 Illinois state income taxes. There is no better way to support a catholic education in the state! In 2022, we supported 63 scholarships and we are aiming to fund 75 this year. You are going to pay 2023 taxes, so why not have them support Catholic scholarships this year at SJB? Help us make a difference in 2023!

In addition, SJB has a generous contributor who is willing to match donations to SJB dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000, when a new donor contributes to the state's program on behalf of SJB. Help us to maximize this opportunity! Make your contribution today!

If you want assistance in how the program works, Fr. Jeff from the diocese helps donors with the donation process for our families. He is available to assist you with making a donation. He has helped so many donors. Fr. Jeff can be reached by email at jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org, or you can call him at 347-788-8463.



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For other inquiries, contact Viking Travel: (630) 321-1664 OR msanto@vikingtvl.com



EASTER VIGIL MEMORIES, APRIL 8, 2023











St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women May Crowning and End of Year Luncheon Saturday, May 6th 10:30am

Join us in the Church at 10:30am for our annual May Crowning. Our Woman of the Year, Judy Valentine will be crowning the Blessed Mother.

Afterwards, come down to Sebahar Hall for a delicious Chinese lunch from Ye's in Carol Stream. There is no charge, but you must reserve by Tuesday, May 2nd.

Following lunch, our officers for 2023-2024 will be installed and we will vote on donations to make from our Treasury.

Contact Sheila Hornyak by May 2nd, if you plan to attend the Lunch so we know how much food to order.

Bring a friend or spouse if you wish.

Email: hornyak921@gmail.com or phone: 630-234-3792



The Worship Commission would like to thank Boy Scout Troop #525 for always being there to light our fire for the Easter Vigil!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 29, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Al Christoffer (Rita Grabowski)

- † Eileen Kissane (Joanne Rinella)
- † Jozef Gil (Adrienne Rose)
- † Deceased Members of the McKee Family (Linda McKee)
- † Al & Denise Harvey (Kathie & Jim Brewer)
- † Charles Roloff (Arlene Reichert)

Sunday, April 30, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † Joan Sells (Sue & Rich Starzec)

† Jennifer Bartoli Kalina (Rita Grabowski) 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's

Monday, May 1

5:30 p.m. † Mildred Ronaldson (Jack Aylward)

Tuesday, May 2

8:15 a.m. Health & Intentions, Jack Aylward (Jack Aylward)

Wednesday, May 3

5:30 p.m. † Doyle Family (Jack Aylward)

Thursday, May 4

† Rita Bevilacqua (Donna Gacek) 8:15 a.m.

Friday, May 5

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions

- CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)
- † Florence Hrynko (Irene Sonevitsky)
- † Stanley Zawislak (Lois & Chuck Kirk)
- ◆† Health & Intentions, Mark Noonan (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 - † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)

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 † Alejandro Angel Altamirano

CHURCH ♥ Health & Intentions of Genevieve Rohr

*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.

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Ouestions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



SAVE THE DATE!

Life Line Screening coming to St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Wednesday, June 7, 2023. If you wish to register for the screening online go to https://llsa.social/HSC, enter zip code 60190.

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 Miké Klein

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 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

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

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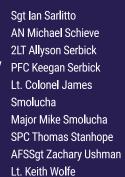
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Secretaria Hispana:	Ext 601
Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan	Ext 604
Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose	630-653-1489
Grade School Office:	Ext 618
Principal, Joanne Policht	
Phone 630-668-0918 Press 2	Fax: 630-668-1074
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Church: 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: Mond	day - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Cursillo Corner

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sunday, May 7

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **May 7 from 8:00-8:15 pm**. What **better way** to wind down your busy week than to pray this beautiful prayer recognizing our merciful Lord. Friends and family are welcome. Prayer intentions are taken prior to the start of the Chaplet. **Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.**

Ultreya -

The next Ultreya will be on Saturday May 13 at St. John the Baptist in Winfield. Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Ultreya which will begin at 9:30 in Sebahar Hall.

ALEX'S BLESSING BAGS

Dear St. John's Parish Family,

Thank you for your generous donations to The Alex Project. As of March 30, we have distributed 250 care bags to the needy. The DuPage County Sherriff's office has been extremely helpful in this process by getting the bags to the organizations that help the homeless, refugees, and those in need in our community. We have given bags and items to the veterans' shelter.

Now I am filling bags for the summer season. These will include socks, water, snacks, hand sanitizer, toothbrush and tooth paste, and various hygiene products. When you are out shopping and want to pick some up to donate, that would be helpful. Items can be dropped off at the RE office. If you don't have time to shop, but want to make a monetary donation, that will also be appreciated. Please make checks payable to Alex McCall, and in the memo line write "The Alex Project."

Again, thank you for your generosity and God bless you. Sincerely,
Alex McCall

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 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 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 Thursday, May 4, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

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



54TH ANNUAL LEADERS FOR LIFE BANQUET

May 5, 2023, 6PM – Cocktail Hour, 7PM - Dinner The Carlisle - 435 E Butterfield Rd, Lombard, IL

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