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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

## ADORATION

### **Thursdays**

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

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

GOD BLESS AMERICA



*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 3, 2022*

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Daily Mass on Mon., July 4th will be at 8:30 am. There will not be a 5:30 pm Mass on 7/4.  
All parish offices will be closed on July 4th and will re-open on Tuesday, July 5th at 8:00 am.



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 Pastor: Fr. Christopher Lankford      Deacon: Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang  
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*For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office.*



June 24, 2022

**Statement of Bishop Ronald A. Hicks of the Diocese of Joliet  
on the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade***

The U.S. Supreme Court decision issued today in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* overturns the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling that legalized abortion across the country. Today's decision is an answer to decades of prayer and upholds the protection of the most innocent of all human life – the child in the mother's womb – which has long been a tenet of Catholic social teaching. I celebrate this ruling yet mourn the fact that here, in our home state of Illinois, it will have no immediate impact given the state's 2019 enshrinement into law of abortion as a misguided fundamental right. Perhaps the court's ruling and recent public conversations, coupled with our own prayers, will stir within the hearts, minds and souls of our elected political leaders a greater respect for the beauty and dignity of human life from conception to natural death. I ask that you join me in earnest and fervent prayer for not only the conversion of those in civic leadership, but for those in our own homes, families and communities who need the light of Christ to see clearly how all are made in the image and likeness of God.

I also ask that you support *Walking with Moms in Need*, an initiative of the U.S. bishops to aid and encourage women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies. Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis has urged us to embrace the “culture of encounter” by pausing, meeting with, and accompanying those in need on their journey. What is a more promising example of such an encounter than expectant and new moms and their babies?

Finally, I implore all to receive today's ruling with peace toward their neighbors and animus toward none. We are all called to see the face of God in our neighbor, regardless of any strong disagreements on issues as significant as the sanctity of life. As a missionary people seeking to draw others into an encounter with the risen Lord, how we react to the court's ruling or any other matter of political, moral or social concern can leave a lasting impression upon others as to what it means to follow Christ. We must always speak the truth in charity and be willing to accompany one another in patience, humility and gentleness. Through the peace we extend others, the goodness of our God will surely shine through.





*please pray for*  
**Jerome James Buck**

*who passed away on October 23, 2021.*

Our sympathies are extended to his daughter & son-in-law,  
Colleen & Glenn Gaffney, and all of his family & friends.

### Our Sanctuary Lamps



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

**Chapel † John & Sophie Kohut**  
**Church ♥ Vocations**

\*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.

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

**Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang**

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

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm.  
All Confessions are in the Church.



Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting,  
Wednesday, July 20th at 7pm at the home of Jean Daniell.

We will discuss the book, *The Only Woman in the Room* by  
Marie Benedict. Please inquire for directions or with any  
questions & RSVP, Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net)

Upcoming dates and title:

August 17th: *Back of the Yard* by Meg Lelvis  
Sept 21st: *Princess Daisy* by Judith Kranz



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, July 2, Vigil, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. ♥ † CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)  
† Stephanie Morey (The Dusza Family)  
† Angeline Dusza (The Dusza Family)  
† Isabelle Martineau (Walter & Therese Martineau)  
† Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)  
† Lucille Vogt (The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)

### Sunday, July 3, Fourteenth 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. † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

### Monday, July 4, Happy 4th of July

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for all who fought for our  
Religious Freedom

### Tuesday, July 5

8:15 a.m. † Brian Clement (Ralph & Linda Grieco)

### Wednesday, July 6

5:30 p.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Rich & Mary Arola)

### Thursday, July 7

8:15 a.m. Doris Morrissey (The Morrissey Family)

### Friday, July 8

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein  
† Rose Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)  
♥ Kevin Noonan, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)  
† Beatrice Tarmichael (Ellen Tarmichael)  
† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)  
† Dianne Wood (Dan Conley)

### Saturday, July 9, Vigil, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Joseph Bolek (Marva Vickers)  
† Mark Davis (The John Dusza Family)  
† Sandra Marshal (The John Dusza Family)  
† Patricia Griffin (Friends)  
† Lucille Vogt (The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)  
♥ Carlito & Amor Gabas

### Sunday, July 10, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Fr Henry Puetz, Anniversary of Death  
9:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish  
11:30 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

\*Previously-scheduled 7:00 am Mass Intentions automatically moved to the revised Mass time.





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**QUESTIONS?** Contact our parish office to speak with Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations 630-668-0918, ext. 604

## 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

Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$22,941.  
Thank you for your generosity and support!

June 12.....\$24,847    June 19.....\$13,952

## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

I am happy to let you know that we have awarded 39 tax credit scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year which is 13 more since the last update. We are about \$1,000 away from the awarding the 40th scholarship. Thanks to the generosity of 29 donors, over \$202,000 has been donated for scholarships for St. John's students. Please know how grateful we are for these donations. They truly make a difference for our students and families. Thank you, thank you!

If you haven't made a contribution yet, please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the tax credit scholarship program and receive a tax credit on your 2022 state taxes while making it possible for eligible current and new students to attend our school. We have 24 students on our waitlist and we would love to help them. Taking advantage of this opportunity yields a tax credit of 75% of the donation on Illinois state income taxes. If you have questions about the tax credit scholarship program, contact Principal Joanne Policht, at [Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org) or Fr. Jeff Putthoff at [jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org). You can also text Fr. Jeff at 347-788-8463. With a text or an email you can direct your 2022 state income taxes to our school!





## **CURSILLO CORNER - MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST!**

### **Ultreya**

Join us for the next Ultreya on **Saturday, July 9**. Rosary will **begin in the St. John the Baptist Chapel at 9:00 a.m.** Immediately following, we will walk down to Sebahar Hall. **The Ultreya will begin at 9:30** and run for approximately 1 hr. and 15 minutes. Continental breakfast will be available. Guests are always encouraged and welcome!

### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Our Cursillo Community will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month on-line. Due to the holiday weekend, the Chaplet will be moved this month only to the second **Sunday, July 10 at 8:00 pm**. Friends and family are welcome. **The Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.**

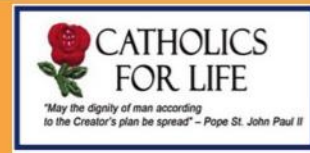
### **New to Cursillo?**

For additional information about this movement, please pick up a copy of the **"Why Cursillo?"** pamphlet which can be found in the narthex of our church, or visit the Joliet Cursillo website at **[www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org)**

If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our **Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella** at: **[amythe1@att.net](mailto:amythe1@att.net)**

## **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEEDS A NERD!**

St. John's St. Vincent DePaul Conference serves hundreds of local people who are in need of financial assistance and food. We do this through your kind and generous donations. Since we are a part of a national organization and we are also a 501(c)(3) entity we have a variety of requirements to keep good records, produce reports to donors and the national St. Vincent DePaul conference as well as file various tax forms. Currently our processes are very manual. We are looking to automate these to reduce errors and the work effort it takes to comply with these requirements. We are building a database in Microsoft Access and we are in need of someone who is skilled in using this software and also has working knowledge of Structured Query Language (SQL). If you, or someone you know has these skills and are willing to donate a few hours of time to help us do our job better, we would greatly appreciate it. This would be a great way for someone to give back to our community and also a great way for a technically-inclined teen to get some service hours. Please contact Bernie Bartelli 331-202-7326 or Joe Amodeo 630-781-2008 with questions or to learn how you can help.



This article was submitted prior to learning the Supreme Court decision which could overturn Roe v. Wade and put the decision of abortion in the hands of the state. In the weeks leading up to an announcement there have been numerous attacks on organizations that support life; namely faith-based organizations and pregnancy resource centers. With all the violence and hate speech around it seems the value of a human life is hanging by a thread. But with God's grace we can see small rays of hope during this dark time:

- South Dakota is abortion-free, following Oklahoma as the second abortion-free state.
- Texas was the first state to ban abortions, when a heartbeat is detected.
- The one abortion clinic in Missouri is booked and not accepting new appointments.
- Wisconsin clinics will not schedule abortions after the Supreme Court's term ends in June.
- Abortions in some states have become scarce. Planned Parenthood, Boise, closed June 1.
- South Dakota has a law in place that would ban abortions if the Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade. (Life News)

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY**

*O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection. Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of marriage and family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen*



## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

### Baptisms

Baptisms are held on Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners for at least six months and parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! If Godparents are married, their marriage needs to be blessed by the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, 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

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our priests are unable to make a hospital visit unless the situation is dire. 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 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.

### 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 Please Pray for the Sick in 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. The next Grief Support meeting will be in September. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration hours are expanded to 12 hours every Thursday, immediately following 8:15 AM Mass & Rosary, until 8:00 pm in the Chapel. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.

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

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report his/her suspicions to civil authorities. Contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Mass Intentions:** The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; The 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are Free-will donations.

**Parish Office Hours:** Our parish office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. 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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) or [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@stjohnwinfield.org).

**Lost and Found:** Please check the Lost and Found box in the Parish Office Vestibule.

**Bulletin Articles:** Submissions are due by noon on Tuesday, 12 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. Email to: [jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) and [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@stjohnwinfield.org).



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