

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Leading Souls to Heaven*

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**Pastor:** Rev. Christopher Lankford **Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

## 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)



## WE SHALL NEVER FORGET.



9.11.2001



*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 11, 2022*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we recall one of the worst days in American History, the Terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001.

Many of us remember where we were when we heard the news, and enough time has passed that many among us were not alive yet for this tragedy.

I recall being in my 6th grade class when they brought us in to church, "to pray for those in New York." Since that day I've had the privilege of visiting the 9/11 memorial many times and it is quite a powerful place.

Some of you may know, but the first official death recorded from the attacks was a Roman Catholic priest named Fr. Michael Judge. He and countless first responders and so many other innocent people were lost that day.

Today reminds us that we should never forget. We should pray for the repose of the souls of those who lost their lives and for world peace. We should also remember to always be prepared, for we never know the time or hour and every moment is a gift we should use to help Lead Our Souls to Heaven!

I'm so thankful for all our service men and women, our first responders and those who have given their lives for us so you and I can worship almighty God here in Winfield in freedom and peace.

May God bless us all and may God bless the United States of America!

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris





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

Pvt James Luigi Akin  
SRA Francis Beifuss  
Major John Berg  
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army  
Sgt Melissa Brooker  
Pvt Timothy Conley  
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly  
Major Daniel Durbin  
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.  
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas  
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman  
Sgt Pamela Gray  
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army  
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF  
A1C Seth Kelley  
Airman Nicholas Kostecka

Lt. Crystal Kotvan  
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski  
Sgt. David Lawless  
SrA Robert Lawless  
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao  
Commander Matthew Luff  
WO1 Jake Miller  
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell  
ABH2 Sean Phillips  
Captain Colleen Rezabek  
Captain Kevin Rezabek  
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez  
Cpl Riley Santoyo  
Sgt Ian Sarlitto  
AN Michael Schieve  
2LT Allyson Serbick  
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Retreat day – Saturday, October 22

**Winfield's "Good Old Days"** is Fri., Sept. 9 thru Sun., Sept. 11. Church Street will be closed between Liberty & Beecher Streets. St. John's parishioners are required to enter and exit from the south using Sunnyside. Also, Good Old Days will be using our Liberty Street parking lot for the festivities. **Parade Details:** The parade is Sun., Sept 11 at 1:00 pm, beginning on Sunnyside. Following our 11:30 am Mass, please exit Sunnyside west to Winfield Road as the parade marchers will be lining up east of Forest on Sunnyside.

#### KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm, to Wed., September 21.  
**Questions?** Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

### Attention: 5th Graders & Above ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

#### Two Sessions Required

Session 1: September 12 OR September 14  
Session 2: September 26 OR September 28

**6:30 pm-7:30 pm, Church**

Questions?

Contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0

### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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### EMERGENCY BLOOD SHORTAGE



RESERVE OCTOBER 3rd TO GIVE BLOOD IN SEBAHAR HALL FROM 3-7PM WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. CALL ALAN KALITZKYAT 630-240-5301 TO RESERVE TO A TIME. THANK YOU!



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



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, September 10, Vigil, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. † Phil Wengren (Maryann Dusza)  
 † Mary Kalat (Walter & Therese Martineau)  
 † Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)  
 † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)  
 † Ben Sikorski  
 † Bill Conlin (Bob & Val Ward)

**Sunday, September 11, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. † Nick Larson (Maureen & Denny Brennan)  
 9:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish  
 11:30 a.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (Andrew Capigatti)

**Monday, September 12**

5:30 p.m. † Tom Stark, Birthday Anniversary (Marianne & Jim Russell)

**Tuesday, September 13**

8:15 a.m. † Fred Dusza (The Dusza Family)

**Wednesday, September 14**

5:30 p.m. † Rudy Wilke (Rita Wilke)

**Thursday, September 15**

8:15 a.m. † Fr. Martin Kirk (Lois & Chuck Kirk)

**Friday, September 16**

12:00 p.m. † Doris Morrissey (The Morrissey Family)  
 † Fr. Arlo Dennerlein  
 † Hitcher Family (Maureen Garro)  
 † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)  
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Sr. Alexine Knotek (Barb Zeiler)  
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Men's Cursillo Weekend

**Saturday, September 17, Vigil, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. † Phil Wengren (John Dusza & Family)  
 † Stephanie Morey (The Dusza Family)  
 † John Pohodich (The Bartko Family)  
 † Abe Rundell (Monica Rundell)  
 † Lorrie Bernard (Debbie Moore)  
 † Bengt & Dorothea Persson (Monika Kostecka)

**Sunday, September 18, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish  
 9:30 a.m. † Virginia Zelasko (Bernie & Chris Bartelli)  
 11:30 a.m. † William Zapletal, Deceased (Larry Zengri)

**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 † *Giuliana Capigatti* CHURCH ♥ *Joseph Pirofalo*

\*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 DIOCESE OF JOLIET PRESENTS A MASS CELEBRATING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES WITH BISHOP RON HICKS

**Sunday, September 18, 12:30 pm, Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet, IL.**  
 Register by September 12th at <https://forms.office.com/r/RaySC43JLt> or call  
 815-221-6245/Renata at the Diocese of Joliet

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## 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](http://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

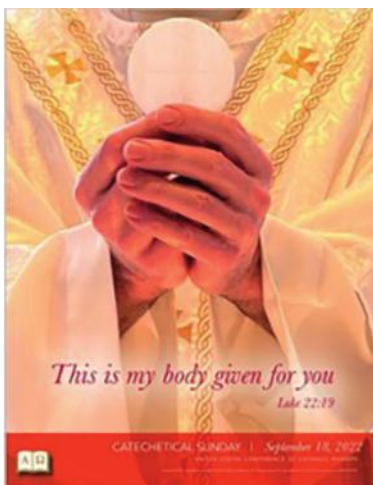
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 Dolores Vasquez  
 Genevieve Welch  
 Emily Wilson  
 Kylie Wells-Long  
 Pat Waltz  
 Paula Winterhalder  
 Elizabeth Wood  
 Susan Woodbury  
 Lexie Youngberg  
 Larry Zengri

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.





## Catechetical Sunday, September 18

The word "CATECHIST" means echo. Every catechist echoes the Good News of Jesus Christ to students and their families. Such a commitment to help "LEAD SOULS TO HEAVEN" deserves recognition from the larger church. Each year, on the 3rd Sunday of September CATECHETICAL SUNDAY. The women and men who share their faith with students are recognized for their ministry.

All Catechists and Catholic School teachers are invited to attend the **9:30am Mass on Sunday, September 18th**. You will be recognized by the parish and receive a special blessing. Afterward, please join us in Sebahar Hall for doughnuts, coffee and conversation

## SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL NEWS WELCOME BACK!

Sunday Morning Preschool sessions begin again on Sunday, September 18th in Sebahar Hall at 9:30 am, while Mass is going on in Church. We share stories, games, videos, and science experiments, all with the goal of teaching your little one(s) about God. In addition to class, we share enhancement materials with you via email immediately after each session. It is a way to extend the lesson through the week.

To get you to TRY it, we will do this as a drop in for the months of September and October. Beginning in November we will ask for you to formally register. The fee for the balance of the year will be \$40.

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, please contact me at [sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com) or my cell (630) 926-7864. ~Jeanne Hess

## FALL BAZAAR OCTOBER 8-9, 2022 SEBAHAR HALL

Annual Event sponsored by Council of Catholic Women

We need donations of handmade crafts and needlework, gently used items in good condition such as housewares, decorative accessories, paintings, jewelry, religious items, toys and books are greatly appreciated.

Please do not donate religious items you receive in the mail for free.

*Donations can be dropped in the vestibule of the parish office.*

Volunteers are needed at the weekend sale and Thurs-Fri, Oct. 6-7 with setting up and pricing.

*All women of the parish are considered CCW members. This event is a great way to become involved.*

**Questions?** Please contact: Venessa Lopatka [venessalopatka@gmail.com](mailto:venessalopatka@gmail.com) or 630-336-5414

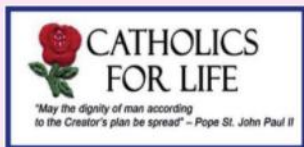


## NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

I am happy to let you know that we have awarded 53 tax credit scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year. Thanks to the generosity of 42 donors, over \$284,000 has been donated for scholarships for St. John's students. We are now \$16,000 away from clearing our waitlist. 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 2 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!





The 40 Days for Life Fall Vigil will take place at Waterleaf in Aurora from 9/28 through 11/6 between 7am and 7pm every day except Sundays. St. John's hours are every Monday between 10 and noon. Please join me and sign up during those hours, or for any other time you can come, to pray and witness for Life. Please sign up for the Aurora Vigil at [40daysforlife.com/aurora/il](http://40daysforlife.com/aurora/il).

We're planning a Baby Shower to assist Birthright in Joliet on 10/1 and 10/2. This is Right to Life Sunday and the annual Life Chain will be held between 2:30 and 3:30 pm at 1186 Roosevelt Rd. in Glen Ellyn, and 520 E. Roosevelt Rd. in Wheaton in the Compass Church Parking lot. Please choose either location to come and silently pray for one hour as a witness for Life.



## Mama Mia!

Join Young at Hearts for our September Italian-themed Luncheon on Wednesday, September 21st @ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall.

*Mangia!*

Young at Hearts is open to anyone 55 or better.



St. John's Book Club: All are welcome at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 17th, 7:00 pm at the home of Jean Daniell. We will discuss the book, *Back of the Yard* by Meg Lelvis.

Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net). Upcoming dates and title: Oct 19th *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir; Nov 16th TBA

## SAVE THE DATES:

Life Line Screening at St. John's on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. To register & to receive the special discount, call 877-754-9648 or visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HS](http://LLSA.SOCIAL/HS)

8th Annual St. John's School Tailgate for Education, Sunday, October 2, 9:00 am SJB School Parking Lot, Bears vs NY Giants at 12:00 pm. More info to follow...

## Summer Will Soon Be Over, So How About Diving into Scripture Instead of a Pool! BE FORMED - An Adult Education Small Group Experience

- Want to be a part of a small group who wants to learn more about our faith?
- Want to see daily videos by Fr. Burke Masters explaining the Gospel for the day and then reflect on them?
- Want to see a weekly presentation on a topic of our faith by one of our diocesan priests?
- Want to recognize and share your graced moments?
- How about choosing a prayer partner?

The above are some of the great ways you can deepen your faith on a **Wednesday Morning at 9-10AM in Sodonna Hall, lower level of the parish offices!** This may sound a bit daunting, but it really is an opportunity to "dive into topics" that maybe you have not had the opportunity to explore before, or maybe it has been a while and you want a refresher. And if your life spins out of control, not to worry about any suggested assignments; as adults, we can just show up and take part in the session without guilt. The topics for fall of 2022 are The Sacraments and The Church Fathers. If you would like more information on Be Formed, go to the Diocese of Joliet website; click on offices, drop down to Christian Formation, the Adult Education, it will bring you to the **BE FORMED** page to see an introduction by Fr. Burke. And check out what other options you can do during our time together.



## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Directory: _____	630-668-0918
Religious Education Office: _____	Ext 613
Director: Maureen Brennan _____	Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation) _____	Ext 600
Parish Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides _____	Ext 0 or 600
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*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.*

## Bulletin Articles

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

## SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For Baptisms, RCIA, and Wedding information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

## 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.

### 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 October. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

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

## A prayer for good health.

*Lord, today I offer You my mind. May I seek the mind of Christ in all things, freed from anxiety and fear, filled with wholeness and wellness. Today I offer You my spirit which dwells deeply within me. My spirit is alive in You, freed from depressive thoughts and critical thinking. Today I offer You my body. May it be a temple dedicated to You, O Lord, a place for you to live and reign. May I be mindful of what I eat and drink. May I be watchful of my sleep and rest. Lord, right now I offer you my whole being. I present my mind, spirit and body to You. This day and every day, may I ever glorify and worship You. Amen.*

[https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/family/prayer\\_for\\_good\\_health.html](https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/family/prayer_for_good_health.html)



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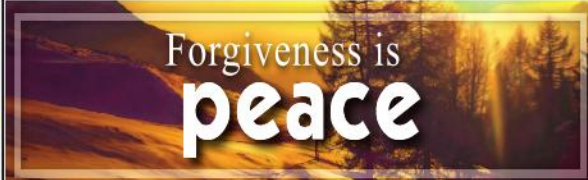


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