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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

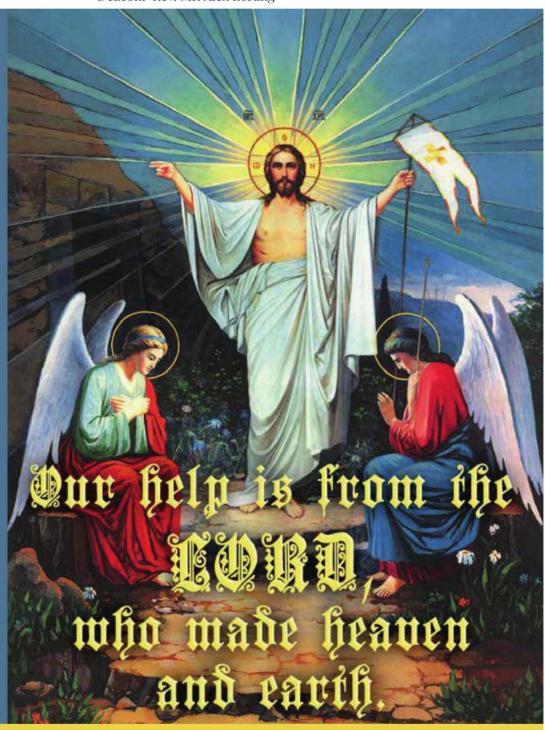
## CONFESSIONS

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

#### **ADORATION**

**Thursdays** 

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



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 16, 2022

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Later today, I get to do something very special. I get to baptize a friend's child! Every baptism is special, but to exercise priestly ministry for a friend means so much too.

I know for myself, it can be easy to forget how important and how powerful baptism is! I would like to share a few highlights of why it is so important and why it is such a powerful gift EVERYONE should receive.

In holy baptism you and I receive our true identity. We become beloved sons and daughters of Almighty God. Truly we are children of God after being baptized, thus heirs to the Promises of Christ, eternal life in Heaven, our mission and our goal.

The most pure our soul ever is happens right after Baptism. Original sin is washed away, and if we have any actual sin on our soul, that too is washed away. We are as perfect as we can be this side of Heaven in that moment. Thanks be to God, if we sin, the Sacrament of Reconciliation can bring us back to the purity of our Baptism Day.

We become temples of the Holy Spirit. We are washed clean and truly become a dwelling place for God. We carry Him wherever we go, and the Light of Christ shines forth from us.

Friends, this truly is an amazing Sacrament, and I'm only scratching the surface! Please, please, please have your children baptized and please encourage others to get baptized if they have not been already. It's not something to force down someone, but rather invite them to the good things they are missing out on!

I also encourage everyone to know and learn their baptism promises. That's something those of us above the age of reason (7 years old) are responsible for before God. To reject Satan, and all his works and empty promises, and all his show, and to believe in God the Father Almighty, His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the Resurrection of the Body and Life everlasting. This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

In Christ, Fr. Chris



#### SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

While you are out shopping, consider picking up any of the items listed on the St. Vincent de Paul grocery list included here. You can

bring the item to Mass and place it in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule.

Questions? 630-668-0918, ext. 692.

Thank you!

White rice	
Pasta	
Sugar	
Flour	
Laundry Soap	
Dishwashing Soap	
Cooking Oil	
Dry Beans-Any Kind	

# SPECIAL COLLECTION-WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

On October 23, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Your donations and prayers support priests, religious and lay pastoral leaders in more than 1,100 mission dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin American and Europe as they proclaim the Gospel, build the Church, and serve the poor. If you are able to donate, there is an envelope in your contribution envelopes, or go to our website, stjohnwinfield.org. Scroll to Giving Online and click on Special Collections.

#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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

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

September 25...\$15, 519

October...\$24,213

# THANK YOU! YOUR CARING HELPED MANY PEOPLE IN NEED OF BLOOD

Our recent blood drive on October 3rd was a great success! A total of 59 people scheduled and/or walked in to donate blood resulting in 53 blood pints being collected. This means up to 159 people in need of blood may benefit. Your Knights of Columbus thanks you! If you have any suggestions on how we can improve this effort, please email Knight Al Kalitzky at agkchief@gmail.com.



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized! October 1, 2022

# Theodore Joseph Keller

Child of Carmela Lisa Iovane & Andrew Joseph Keller

# **Noah James Kiebles**

Child of Amanda Margaret Ingram & Curtis Jacob Richard Kiebles

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 15, Vigil, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Jackie Morey (John Dusza & Family) † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

† Ida Perri (Irma & Rick McCall)

† Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)

† Tylar Everhart (The Marasco Family) † Dr. Michael Hussey (The Borow Family)

Sunday, October 16, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † The People of the Parish † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak)

11:30 a.m. ♥ † John Pohodich (The Bartko Family)

Monday, October 17

5:30 p.m. † Doris Morrissey (The Morrissey Family)

Tuesday, October 18

8:15 a.m. † The Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 19

5:30 p.m. † Bill Brach (The Brach Family)

Thursday, October 20

8:15 a.m. † Ada Fritz (Maureen & Denny Brennan)

Friday, October 21

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein

† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz) † Elizabeth M. Doyle (The Arnold Pins Family)

† Dino Pizzoferrato (Dan Conley)

† Mary "Mickey" Meyer (Edward "Skip" Meyer) † Dr. Michael Hussey (The Borow Family)

Saturday, October 22, Vigil, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Jackie Morey (The Ushman Family)

† JoAnn DiNello (Anne & Dave Larson)

† Roman "Ray" Vanagunas (The Vanagunas Family) † Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)

† Laura DiCristofano (Sharon Ushman) † Edward Meyer, Sr. (Edward "Skip" Meyer)

Sunday, October 23, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Patrick O'Sullivan (Anne & Dave Larson)

9:30 a.m. The People of the Parish to John Pohodich (John Pelican)

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 † Scott Weber CHURCH ♥ Fr. Don McLaughlin, Health & Intentions

\*If you would like to request a sanctuary lamp to burn inmemory 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, October 19.

Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



please pray for

#### Daniel & Rosemarie O'Hara

who passed away

December 23, 2021 & February 7, 2022, respectively. Our sympathies are extended to all of their family & friends.

#### 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

\*Danna Rouse Larry Orni

Joan Pacer

Lori Pacer

Charlie Parisi

Bill Parker

Bill Paschke

Josie Pasciak

Jim Paulissen

Owen Payton

Bane Petrov

Joseph Pirofalo

Brittney Prehn Ian Prosser

Al Ptak

Tim Ptak

Mary Rauch

Sam Reyes

Alicia Ricciardi

Paul Ricciardi

Katherine Ricciardi

Cooper Rojas

Gertie Romero

Monica Romero

Kelli Rooney

Katherine Rose

John Rossi

Larry Zengri

\*New

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

# JOIN THE DIOCESAN MISSION TRIP TO SUCRE, BOLIVIA, IN APRIL 2023

The Diocese of Joliet will make a two-week mission trip to Sucre, Bolivia, during April 15 through April 29.

Located in the southern highlands, Sucre is the constitutional capital of Bolivia, serving as the home of the country's supreme court.

The April 15-29 trip will focus on medical needs and construction projects for residents, according to Deacon Bruce Carlson, diocesan missions coordinator.

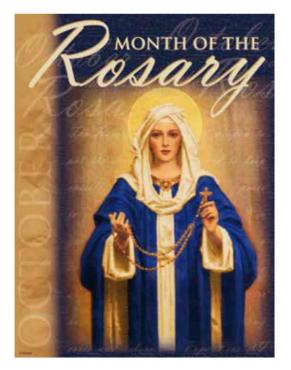
Carlson is recruiting a variety of medical personnel, including surgeons – general, plastic, orthopedic, gynecological, pediatric, and ear-nose-and-throat – along with operating room, recovery room and staff nurses. He also needs a diversity of physicians, including family practitioners, pediatricians, internists, and emergency room doctors, as well as dentists.

He is also looking for individuals willing to help local area families with construction work and needed structural repairs.

"It's not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture," he said.

The diocese has organized mission trips to Sucre, Bolivia, since 1994.

Informational meetings on the trip will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 25 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, email bcarslon@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.



All Welcome! Family Rosary Night, Monday, October 17th, 6:30 pm, in our Church, sponsored by our Grade School and Religious Education program. Everyone is invited. Bring your rosary!

# Ein Prosit der Gemütlichkeit. (A Toast to Cheer and Good Times)!

Join Young at Hearts for our Oktoberfest Luncheon on Wednesday,

October 19th @ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall

Enjoy old favorites like stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut, Polish sausage and German potato salad.

Young at Hearts is open to anyone 55 or better.

If you have any questions, please call Harriett @ 630-682-1218.

# 2nd Annual Halloween Party for people with intellectual disabilities and family. FREE FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

TRUNK OR TREATING, COSTUME CONTESTS (no scary costumes, please), GAMES, KING COBRAS DRUMLINE LESSONS, BBQ WITH THE KNIGHTS







October 23rd, 3 - 5:30 pm
Outside St John's Church
O S 233 Church Street, Winfield
Please call or text Colleen with #of guests or to volunteer.
(630) 212-1565. Sponsored by the Knights and Special Camps.



Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 pm at the home of Carol Vigsnes. We will discuss the book, *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir.

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

Upcoming dates and titles: Nov.16th *A Girl Like You* by Michelle Cox; Dec 21st TBA



#### Knights of Columbus 8002 Sixth Annual Reverse Raffle Fundraiser Sebahar Hall, St John the Baptist, Winfield, IL 6:30pm – Cocktails–7:00pm – Dinner Wednesday, October 26th, 2022

Reverse Raffle tickets are available for purchase @ \$150. Ticket includes: Reverse Raffle Entry Ticket, steak dinner and open bar (Beer and Wine). Raffle only Tickets are available at a cost of \$100.

\*\$5,000 Grand Prize from the sale of the Reverse Raffle tickets will be awarded with remaining proceeds from Reverse Raffle funding KOC 8002 Charites. (\*Grand Prize will be based on a minimum of 100 tickets sold or Grand Prize will be prorated based on total tickets sold\*)

Dinner only tickets are available at a nominal cost of \$75 per person. (Advanced registration preferred). Dinner only tickets will be available at door.

#### **Raffle Details:**

The Raffle commences after dinner. Numbered balls are pulled one at a time. When a number is called, it is considered "out". Numbers are eliminated one by one as the Raffle progresses.

The Players with the final 10 numbers will be called to the front of the room. Each remaining player will have the option to split the Grand prize equally or continue in the Raffle. To split Grand prize all remaining players must be in agreement. If all do not agree, Raffle continues until there is agreement among remaining players to split the Grand prize or until there is one Winner.

A few other things to note:

- Every 10th number pulled will be returned to the Raffle pool and continue.
- Numbers can be sold to another player at any point in the game. Cost negotiations are solely between the seller and player.

#### To purchase Raffle Tickets:

Contact Jeff Lyngaas, Treasurer KOC 8002 - <u>jeflyn66@hotmail.com</u> or 630-327-6066 or by mail please send your check payable to <u>Knights of Columbus 8002</u>, <u>oS233Church Street</u>, <u>Winfield</u>, <u>Il 60190</u>. <u>Please indicate Rev Raffle in memo area of you check</u>.

Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most requested, but least donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty.

St. John the Baptist Parish and School are helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by collecting the following NEW items for children and adults living in low-income households:

Socks; underwear-girls, boys, adult; tee shirts-all sizes; pajamas; diapers

Bins are in the narthex for your donation and on the stage in the school!

Collection will be delivered Monday, October 24th

If you would prefer to send a monetary donation, please mail it to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403 Catholic charities
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Monetary donations can also be made online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

Thank you for always having a generous heart. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community!



# **Bishop Hicks' Column**

#### October 2022 | Pruning our diocesan tree so that we may thrive and grow



For anyone who lives in the Midwest or northern regions of the United States, news of consolidations, mergers and closings of Catholic parishes and schools has become a frequent reality. Across the country, Catholic dioceses and archdioceses are implementing or have completed restructuring processes, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Boston, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Closer to home, our neighbors on our diocesan borders also have begun or have been attending to these same issues. Specifically, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been engaged in a seven-year, proactive process of structural and spiritual renewal known as "Renew My Church." Also, just recently, the Diocese of Peoria announced its two-year process of pastoral planning called "Growing Disciples."

When I was installed as the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet two years ago, I was immediately inundated with statistics of too few pastors to cover too many parishes, especially as we project the numbers into the near future. I was also confronted with declining Mass attendance and budgetary issues, all exacerbated by the pandemic.

Many people have continued to ask me, "Bishop, are you planning on running a 'Renew My Church' in our diocese?" My answer has been consistent and constant: "Our parishes and schools will need to be looked at. However, before that, I need to get my own house in order." "My own house" refers to the diocesan offices and the Catholic Schools Office, which are housed in the Blanchette Catholic Center (BCC.)

To do so, I hired consultants known as The Reid Group. They are practicing Catholics who know and love the Church. They are also excellent at intensive listening, identifying issues and making recommendations to help dioceses change in order to thrive. Following their recommendations, we have streamlined the BCC's staffing from 99 to 70 employees and updated our organizational chart to reflect an approach that is outward-focused, effective and efficient. While this change has been successful in reducing our operating deficit and achieving a balanced budget, I am also keenly aware of the real-life impact of this process. Severance packages and an extremely healthy job market may have eased the transition for the affected individuals, yet this type of change is never easy. Please join me in my continuing prayers for the individuals impacted by the changes.

The Reid Group also recommended that after getting "my house in order," we should embark on a second phase to review diocesan parishes and schools. They emphasized that if we are going to ensure continued vitality in our diocese, then we would need to consider possible mergers, consolidations, or closures.

To begin this process, since July, I have gathered my senior staff at the BCC with the eight pastors who serve as deans -- or leaders -- of the eight deaneries -- geographic regions -- of the diocese. So far, we have met

to listen to facts and trends, and have had discussions about potential parishes and schools that may need to merge, consolidate or close. At these initial meetings, I have been clear that I will NOT ask all our parishes and schools to participate in this process. Instead, we will focus on specific areas in the Diocese of Joliet to address specific situations. To reiterate, phase two will NOT be a diocesan-wide process. Instead, it will occur over the next two to three years in what I am calling a targeted restructuring.

Some people have already asked me -- some jokingly and some seriously -- if I already have a secret list in a vault in my office containing the names of the parishes and schools that will be affected. The answer to that question is an emphatic "No!" My senior staff and the deans will discern and collaborate to create a list of parishes and schools whose futures will need to be addressed in three stages: urgent; in the next year; and in two to three years. When we have reached consensus on what parishes and schools will be affected by this targeted restructuring process, we will continue to share and publish the information through various channels, including our diocesan website.

Once specific parishes and schools are informed they will be engaged in targeted restructuring, they will begin a process of preparation, assessment and discernment before final decisions are made or changes implemented. Please know we are committed to actively listening to the voices of the pastors, principals, parishioners, parish employees and volunteers.

During these past two years, you have often heard me praise the Diocese of Joliet. We are a great diocese filled with amazing laity, religious and priests. We are experiencing so much success implementing my vision of catechesis, evangelization and faith into action. Why, then, am I leading us into this targeted restructuring? It is because most of us want to see a Church that is focused on the mission of Jesus Christ and not on the preservation of our buildings. As missionary disciples, we should all desire a Church that is thriving, growing and following the Gospel. In other words, everything we do as a Church needs to be about the salvation of souls.

At the end of the day, I do not want us to be viewed as a diocese that buried its head in the sand or kicked the can down the road. Instead, with deep faith in God, we need to prune some of the structural branches, so that our Church can continue to produce great fruit.

Soon, we will announce which parishes and schools in our diocese will participate in the urgent phase of the targeted restructuring process. We ask that you receive this news with an open, collaborative heart focused on the common good of our diocese. Please join me in praying for this process so that we all may seek and hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin this journey together.

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Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan	
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Principal, Joanne Policht	
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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: Monday - Friday, 8	3:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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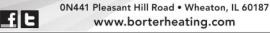
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