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## **MASS TIMES**

**Mondays** 5:30 pm

**Tuesdays** 8:15 am

Wednesdays 5:30 pm

**Thursdays** 8:15 am

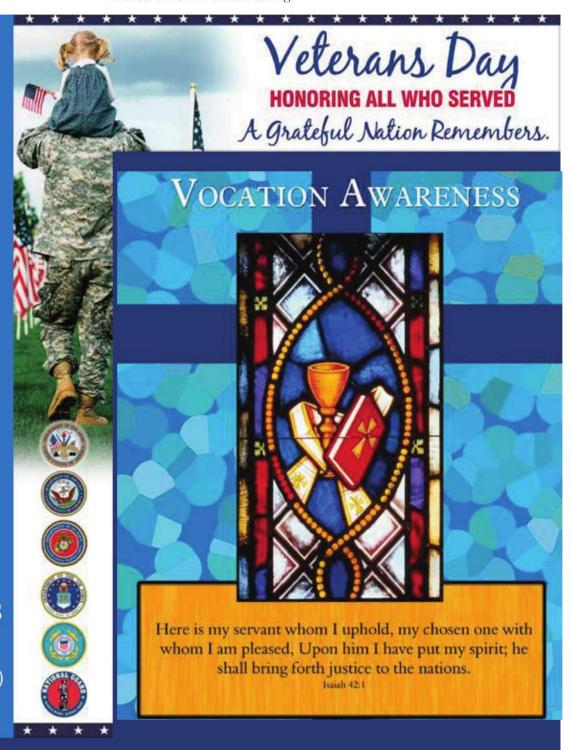
**Fridays** 12:00 pm

**Saturdays** 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

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

## **CONFESSIONS**

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



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 6, 2022

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope everyone is well rested from the extra hour of sleep they got with the end of daylight savings time today! Full transparency, this is one of my favorite days of the year! I think it's a well-known fact that I'm not a morning person, but rather a night owl, so I'll take all the extra sleep I can get.

This reminds me of an important spiritual principle, and that is to take time to rest in the Lord. You may be wondering, what does that mean? Well, it means don't forget to take time to rest and relax with Jesus.

You and I are very busy people. In fact, it's drilled into us as Americans to be constantly on the go and constantly taking in from the world around us. Yet we need to recall the model of Jesus in the Gospel. In the midst of being busy, He always found time to go up the mountain and be with His Father in prayer, and rest a bit from His labors.

You and I need the same thing in our lives. We need to carve out time each and every day just to sit in the silence, put the electronics down, disconnect from the world, and unite our hearts with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To just take a few deep breaths and relate all on our heart to His.

This is so good for us to do. It helps us not only spiritually, but physically and mentally as well. Even pausing to do this for two minutes a day is of great benefit. A little does so much!

May all of us, myself included (I need to practice what I preach), take some time each day to rest in the Lord.

In Christ, Fr. Chris

#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the parish were \$15,623 for the weekend of October 23, 2022. For the current fiscal year, collections were \$336,830 or about \$32,000 below our expected cost of operations. We know the economy has been a difficult one for all this year, as we too have felt the impact of significant cost increases during the year. Your continued support, sacrifice and prayers are truly appreciated.

## SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS THROUGH THE *I WILL GIVE YOU SHEPHERDS* CAMPAIGN

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and

wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. Although the number of priests has been on the decline for decades, the Diocese of Joliet has been blessed with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 23 men in seminary formation, which costs \$50,000 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has launched the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign.

At Masses next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for this campaign. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education, and your support directly impacts our own Deacon Alex and Seminarian Sam.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to make a gift online, please go to jolietdioceseappeal.org.

### CALLING ALL VETERANS.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is looking for veterans who would be interested in speaking to classes about their experiences serving our country on Veterans Day, November 11. If interested and available, please call or email principal, Joanne Policht at 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org.

## **LECTORS NEEDED!**

If you are interested in becoming a lector to proclaim the Word of the Lord at Mass, we would like to hear from you. We have scheduled a training class for new lectors on Sunday, November 13, at 1:00 pm in the Church. Please contact Tim Marden at hahagramps2002@yahoo.com or his cell, 630-995-0113.

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

Captain Matthew Luff

W01 Jake Miller

CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell



## please pray for David Sekulski

ABH2 Sean Phillips

Cpl Riley Santoyo

AN Michael Schieve

**2LT Allyson Serbick** 

PFC Keegan Serbick

Major Jim Smolucha

Major Mike Smolucha

SPC Thomas Stanhope

Lt. Keith Wolfe

AFSSqt Zachary Ushman

Sqt Ian Sarlitto

Captain Colleen Rezabek

A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez

Captain Kevin Rezabek

who passed away on October 23, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to all of his family & friends.

## **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.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 5, Vigil, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. • † CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)

† Ed Zelasko (Bernie & Chris Bartelli)

† Florence Sykta (Walter & Therese Martineau)

† Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)

† Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)

† Figiel Family (Meagan Figiel)

Sunday, November 6, Thirty-Second 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. † Rose Mostek (Melissa Wrenn)

Monday, November 7

5:30 p.m. † Nick Larson (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday, November 9

5:30 p.m. † Nick Larson (Anne & Dave Larson)

Thursday, November 10

8:15 a.m. † Fr Frank Vitus (Larry Zengri)

Friday, November 11, Veterans Day

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein

† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)

† Dennis Wicker (Leslie Wicker)

† Leslie Wolters & Hollie Wicker, Jr. (Leslie Wicker)

† Deceased Members, Legion of Mary, Spanish (Margarita Jimenez)

† Robin Wehling (Edward "Skip" Meyer)

Saturday, November 12, Vigil, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Edward Kalat (Walter & Therese Martineau)

† Robert & Illa Venard (Joe & Lynn Kadolph)

† Abe Rundell (Monica Rundell)

† Giovanna Picca (The Lonks Family) † Harold Lonks (The Lonks Family)

† Pietra Pagliughi (The Lonks Family)

Sunday, November 13, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Corliss Enders

9:30 a.m. 

† The People of the Parish
† Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

**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 † Nick Larson. CHURCH † Picca Family

\*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, November 9, 2022 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

Daylight saving time ends on the first Sunday in November, November 6th. Move your clocks back an hour at 2:00 am local daylight time.

### 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

\*Will Janowick

Brian Burke

Allison Lamberts Burns

Jim Cabrera, Sr.

Lawrence Campbell

Cyndi Casanova

Maria Elena Castro

Karen Cervenka

Lisa Cicero

Al Cieslik

Patricia Clifford

Kathy Connor

Georgene Cook

Julio Correa

Rita Cross

Mary Elaine Cruz

Linda Dameron

Anetta Derango

Krystyna Derecki

Jason DeZutel

Kathe Doremus

wathe borem

Nick DuBay

Karen Durbin

Ralph Eckhoff

Concepion Edaño

Joan Enders

Aaron Erickson

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



As we did last year, St. Vincent de Paul will be distributing gift cards to the needy in the Winfield, West Chicago, and Wheaton area. Approximately 70 families are helped through our SVDP each year.

If you would like to contribute to a family for Thanksgiving, please call the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. o. You will be asked:

- Your name, address, telephone number and email address.
- If you want to donate a \$60 minimum gift card for a family of 3 or less, or an \$80 minimum gift card for a family of 4 or more.

You will then be contacted by a SVDP volunteer by email who will let you know when and where to drop off the gift card.

The gift card should be to a local grocery store, such as Aldi's, Jewel, Target or Mariano's.

Thank you as always for your generous hearts. May God bless you and your families during the holidays and always.

Jim Effinger, St. Vincent de Paul Society





# **FOOD DRIVE**

November 6, 2022



Help stock the St. Vincent de Paul food
 St. Vincent de Paul pantry with non-perishables.

- Food items (boxed or canned goods) and toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant).
- Place donations outside your front door in full view 12:00 pm.
- · Donations need to be out by noon on Sunday, November 6th.
- · Scouts will be by to pick up items throughout the afternoon.
- · Collection is limited to Winfield addresses.
- Donations can also be dropped off Sunday 1:00 pm-4:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church parking lot at 0S233 Church St.
- · Donations will benefit the needy in our community.
- Our goal is to collect 8,000 pounds of items.

Thank you for your support!

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 6th 8:00 am until 11:00 am Sebahar Hall



Our pancake breakfast includes delicious buttermilk pancakes, country sausage links, applewood smoked bacon, coffee and juice. Enjoy dine-in or carry-out.

Place advance orders starting Wed., 11/3 through Sun., at 10:00 am, on St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org or call on Sunday, 11/6: Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651 or Sean at 630-835-8225.

Pick-up at St. John's Sebahar Hall, Liberty St.

Donations accepted

## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

This week is National Vocation Awareness Week, an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. In celebration of National Vocation Awareness Week, we are sharing a Vocation Prayer written by Pope St. John Paul II:

Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let Your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come, follow Me!

Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to Your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor.

Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to Your service.

Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say 'Yes' to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen.

~Pope St. John Paull II

## PLEASE JOIN US

for our

Traditional Thanksgiving Young at Hearts Luncheon on Wednesday, November 16th @ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall



A delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal awaits you, featuring turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables and cranberries. The meal will finish on a sweet note with surprise desserts!

Donations accepted. All those 55 and better are welcome. 😊

Please call Harriett @ 630-682-1218 with any questions.



Make a Memory This Year. Instead of a Gingerbread House this year, how would you like to make a Nativity Scene?

Join us in Sebahar Hall on Saturday, November 19th from 11-1pm Cost \$15 per Nativity

Build Your Own Nativity Scene - a fun, hands-on Christmas event for families. During this time parents and children will build their own nativities & watch a video of the Christmas story. We will provide the materials you need to make this Nativity scene. Once the Nativities have dried overnight, we will add your masterpiece to the family Nativity sets on display both Saturday and Sunday in Sebahar Hall for the whole parish to admire. On Sunday morning, you can pick up your nativity after you attend Mass and enjoy it at home.

Don't wait to RSVP - call 630-682-4400 ext 613. Or email us at kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org Seating is limited to 25.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Knights' Advent Fish Fries Friday, December 2, 9 & 16, 5-7:00 pm, Sebahar Hall

## SAVE THE DATE

St. Nick's Party hosted by the Knights of Columbus 8002, Saturday, December 3, 2022, Sebahar Hall. Questions? Contact Patti Weber, 630-205-1405 pweber@cartoncraftinc.com

# INVITATION TO ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILIES, PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS

Dear All Knights' Families:

On Monday, November 7th, following the 5:30 pm Mass we will remember and pray for all our deceased Knights of Columbus members, including those who passed away over this last year.

All parishioners, Knights' families and friends are invited to this Mass and to stay for the Knights' Memorial service.

Sincerely, Winfield Knights of Columbus, Council #8002

#### THANK YOU

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER WARRIORS

Thank you to all who came out to witness for life at Waterleaf, across from Planned Parenthood - Aurora during the 40 Days for Life Vigil, which ends Nov. 6.



#### WITNESSING FOR LIFE

Phil Price, the Aurora Leader of 40 Days, said a woman coming from the grocery store stopped the sidewalk counselors and wanted to know if they were protesting for or against abortion. The sidewalk counselors said they were Pro Life, reaching out to offer hope and help to those that are waiting to go into Planned Parenthood. The woman responded, "I wish you were here when I was in that parking lot years ago waiting to go in for an Abortion. I feel your presence would have made a difference and I would have chosen life for my baby rather than having the abortion. "The woman said she wanted to be a part of offering that hope and help through peaceful prayer. She planned to take part in the 40 Days vigil.

#### REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 8

IL midterm elections are this Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Illinois Right to Life Action has prepared Voter Guides. Candidates have been surveyed and rated by Illinois Right to Life Action with respect to pro-life issues. https://illinoisrighttolifeaction.org/mission/voter-guides/

CONTACT INFORMATION:	
Parish Directory:	
Religious Education Office:	Ext 613
Director: Maureen Brennan	Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation)	Ext 600
Parish Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides	Ext o or 600
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: Mon	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, NOV. 6, 8:00 PM)

Our Cursillo Community prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month. The Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

#### ULTREYA (SATURDAY, NOV. 12, 9:00 AM)

Rosary will be in the Chapel. Immediately following will be our Ultreya, including a continental breakfast in Sodonna Hall.

#### WELCOME NEW CURSILLISTAS!

Please welcome and continue to pray for the 44 men & women who recently attended a Spring Cursillo Weekend including **Donna Maday** from our Parish! If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at: amythe 1@att.net. Additional information can be found by visiting our website at: www.jolietcursillo.org

#### PRAYERS & SUPPORT FOR THE SICK & THOSE IN NEED



Sign Up to Give Online!

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Visit our church website at www.stjohnwinfield.org and click **Give Online** 

Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

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



Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Nov 16, 7:00 pm at the home of Karen Tsaparis. We will discuss the book, A Girl Like

You by Michelle Cox. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Jean at tidaniell@att.net. Upcoming dates and title: Dec 21st: Friends, Lovers, Chocolate

**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. o, & set a time to come in BEFORE your surgery for anointing.

Hospital Visits Our pastor is 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, at 630-668-0918, ext. o. 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. o, 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 on Thursday, December 1, 2022. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. o.

#### **Bulletin Articles**

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email jenniferk@stjohnwinnnnnnfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org **SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION** For Baptisms, RCIA and Wedding information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. o. **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 their suspicions to 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 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.

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