

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

MASS TIMES

Monday

Our Lady of Guadalupe
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

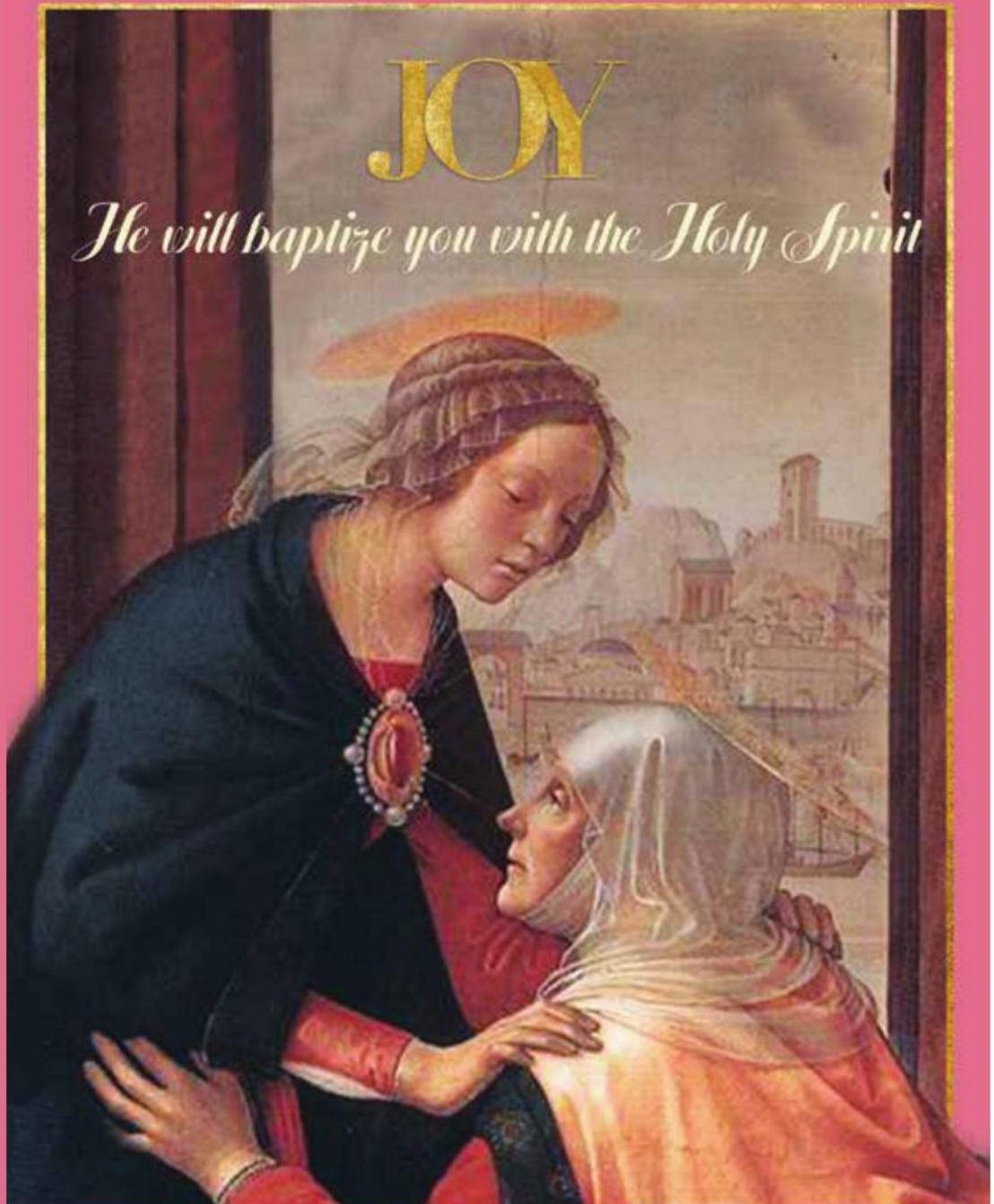
Saturdays

3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

ADORATION

Thursdays Following

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



Third Sunday of Advent, December 11, 2022

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate Gaudate Sunday! Gaudate comes from the Latin word which means to “rejoice”. What exactly are we rejoicing about? That the birth of Christ is so near!

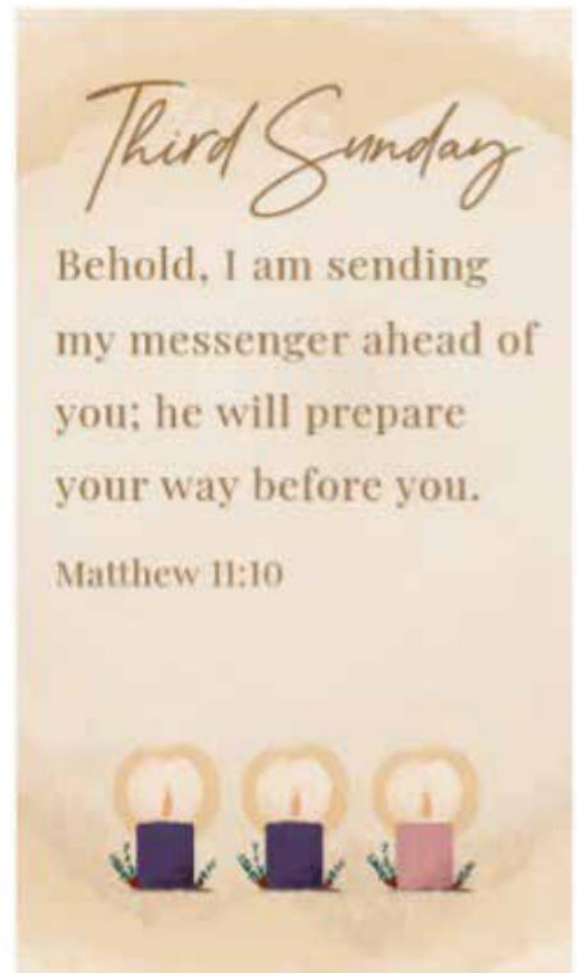
To honor this day we do things a little different liturgically. We light the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath and the priest wears the rose colored vestments, both symbolically representing joy.

I encourage everyone today to rejoice! To take great joy in our Catholic Faith, and to take great joy in the fact that Christmas is so close.

For some, I realize this time of year may not seem like a time to be joyful or to rejoice, but rather may be a challenging time. I encourage you to take all those anxieties, fears, troubles, hurts, pains, stress, or whatever may be there and entrust them all to the Sacred Heart of Jesus! He loves you so, so much, and desires YOUR heart to be filled with joy. He wants you to know He took on flesh for YOU so that He could give Himself as a total self-gift on the Cross so we may all, God willing, make it to Heaven, our mission and our goal.

God is so good! And His birth is so near! Rejoice!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the parish were \$20,918 for the weekend of November 27, 2022. This brought year to date collections to \$420,700 or \$71,600 short of our budgeted collections needed to meet anticipated operating expenses for the fiscal year. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during these challenging economic times.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

For the Week of December 11, 2022

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mass at 5:30 pm)

Zec 2:14-17; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday

Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm Wednesday, December 14, 2022
Questions? Sean Conley,
630-835-8225

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS



As we did last year, St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Food Gift Cards to the needy in Winfield, West Chicago and Wheaton areas. Approximately 70 families are helped through our SVdP each Christmas.

If you would like to contribute to a needy family for Christmas, please call the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 606, and leave the following information on the voicemail:

1. Your name, address, telephone number, and email address;
2. If you want to donate a Christmas \$60 minimum Food Gift card for a family of three or less, or an \$80 minimum Food Gift Card for a family of 4 or more;
3. If you want to donate a \$30 Children's Christmas Gift Card.

You will then be contacted by a SVdP volunteer by email which will let you know when and where to drop off the Christmas Gift Food card and perhaps money towards Children's Christmas Gift Cards.

Food Gift Cards should be from a local grocery store such as Aldi's, Jewel, Target, Mariano's, etc.

Children's Christmas Gift cards should be from local stores such as Target, Walmart, etc.

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

~St. Vincent de Paul Society

ATTENTION USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

If you would like to serve as an usher at any of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Masses, please sign up on the sheet located on the usher's room door.

At Home with the Word books will be available after all Masses until supplies last. The suggested donation is \$10.00 which will include a Little Blue Book for Advent. The Advent booklets can be purchased separately for \$2.00 each.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS!

JOIN US IN DECORATING OUR
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HOME
FOR CHRISTMAS!

Sunday, December 18,
after the 11:30 am Mass.

We will be meeting in the
Chapel.

All are welcome.

Questions? Contact Noel
Luchinski at 630-338-2559 or
Noel.Luchinski@yahoo.com

KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Advent

"Dine In or Drive By"



**5 pm to 7 pm
Fridays...
December 2, 9,
& 16**

Besides the Fish Dinners, menu will also include the following:
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- ◊ WALK-UP or DINE IN ORDERS welcomed
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WISH TREES



Our Annual Wish Trees are up in our Church narthex. The Wish Trees provide an opportunity for our St. John the Baptist family to help out two organizations this Christmas: Ahva Care of Winfield (formerly known as Winfield Woods) which is a long-term care facility and our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry clients.

Ahva Care of Winfield tags are red. They are requesting \$25 gift cards for their residents from Walmart, McDonald's or KFC. St. Vincent de Paul tags are mint green. They are requesting \$30 gift cards from Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc. The cards will be given to the children of the St. Vincent de Paul clients.

The gift cards need to be returned anytime through December 14 to the parish office. Please place the gift card in an envelope and tape the tag to the outside of the envelope. Put through the mail slot in the parish office inner door or bring to Mass and hand to an usher.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 10, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Piotr Walkowicz (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † John Pohodich (The Bartko Family)
 † Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes)
 † Abe Rundell (Monica Rundell)
 † Dr. Michael Hussey (The James Russell Family)
 † Harvey Streit (Bill & Terri Carpenter)

Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Bill Brach (The Brach Family)
 9:30 a.m. † Wm McVittie (Amy Serritella)
 11:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish

Monday, December 12-Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:30 p.m. † Otto Spevak (Pam & Kim Spevak)

Tuesday, December 13

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

Wednesday, December 14

5:30 p.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (Andrew Capigatti)

Thursday, December 15

8:15 a.m. † Elaine Michalek (Lois & Chuck Kirk)

Friday, December 16

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein
 † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)
 † Kim Atkinson Holm (A Friend)
 † Dr. Michael Hussey (Clement Milder Family)
 † Dave Russ (Sharon Ushman & Family)
 † Barbara Krenc (The Fuller Family)

Saturday, December 17, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Frank Trojanowski (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † John Pohodich (John Pelican)
 † Doris Morrissey (The Morrissey Family)
 † Fr Arno Dennerlein
 † Rosanne Erdman (Sharon Carrico)
 † Dr. Michael Hussey (The James Russell Family)

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. † Raymond Thoman (Lou & Mat Vallejo)
 11:30 a.m. † 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 † *Giuliana Capigatti* CHURCH † *Patricia A. Rios*

*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.

Retirement Fund for Religious Special Collection

Help the aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously, if possible, by using the envelope in your packet or you can give online at www.stjohnwinfield.org.

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 whose intentions were recently added:

Will Janowick
 Chris Mara
 Tom Payton

The entire sick list is on our website, at 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.

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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| Pvt James Luigi Akin | ABH2 Sean Phillips |
| SRA Francis Beifuss | Captain Colleen Rezabek |
| Major John Berg | Captain Kevin Rezabek |
| Sgt Melissa Brooker | Cpl Riley Santoyo |
| Pvt Timothy Conley | Sgt Ian Sarlitto |
| Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly | AN Michael Schieve |
| Major Daniel Durbin | 2LT Allyson Serbick |
| LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr. | PFC Keegan Serbick |
| Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas | A1C Seth Kelley |
| Pv2 Nicholas Gorman | Major Mike Smolucha |
| Sgt Pamela Gray | SPC Thomas Stanhope |
| Lt. Crystal Kotvan | AFSSgt Zachary Ushman |
| Sgt. David Lawless | Lt. Keith Wolfe |
| SrA Robert Lawless | WO1 Jake Miller |
| Lt. Colonel James Smolucha | |
| Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army | |
| Colonel Eric Hass, US Army | |
| Colonel Erica Haas, USAF | |
| Airman Nicholas Kostecka | |
| Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski | |
| Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao | |
| Captain Matthew Luff | |
| CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell | |
| A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez | |
| Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman | |



The Family Rosary

On October 17th, our Religious Education and Catholic School families led us in the Family Rosary.

Pictured here are the Rooney, Tyre, Bennett, Garcia-Quijano and Khup families. We are thankful that these families helped lead this beautiful devotion to Mary during the month of the rosary.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

(NO CONFESSIONS)

3:00 PM-CHURCH

5:00 PM-CHURCH

12:00 AM MIDNIGHT (12/25)

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

7:30 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM



Happy Advent (Little Lent)

As you prepare for the birth of our Savior Jesus, please remember in prayer, witness and donation (if possible) all pregnant mothers and their babies that they receive the courage and help they need during their pregnancy and after.

Prayer for Life

O God, giver of life help us to do our part to save unborn babies from death by abortion and aid pregnant mothers in distress. Please strengthen us in our efforts to end abortion. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception in the name of Jesus. Amen



Young at Hearts

PLEASE JOIN US for our Christmas Celebration
on Wednesday, December 21st @ 11:30 a.m.
in Sebahar Hall



Join us this month to celebrate the blessings of the Season!
Feast on delicious Chinese food and enjoy the beautiful
Christmas music and conversation.



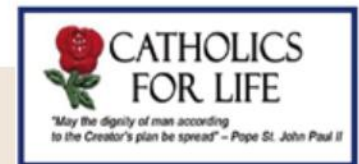
Free will donations accepted.
All those 55 and better are welcome 😊

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

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Sebahar Hall, Thurs., January 12, 2023

Life Line Screening goes beyond regular check-ups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up. Get your special Community Circle pricing of \$149 for all four screenings: carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and atrial fibrillation. Three ways to register & receive the special discount: Call toll-free: 1-800-679-5191; Online: LLSA.SOCIAL/HC; or, text the word circle to 216-279-1607. Getting screened is simple! Painless, non-invasive, keep your clothes on.



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
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
St Vincent de Paul Society: _____ Ext 692
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, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



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

ULTREYA (SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 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: amythe1@att.net. Additional information can be found by visiting our website at: www.jolietcursillo.org



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

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 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. 0. 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 on Thursday, January 5, 2022. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

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, 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.

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.



Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Dec 14, 7:00 pm at the home of Jean Daniell. We will discuss the book, *Friends, Lovers, Chocolate* by Alexander McCall Smith. Please bring a book to swap and a white elephant gift, if you wish. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

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