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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS
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

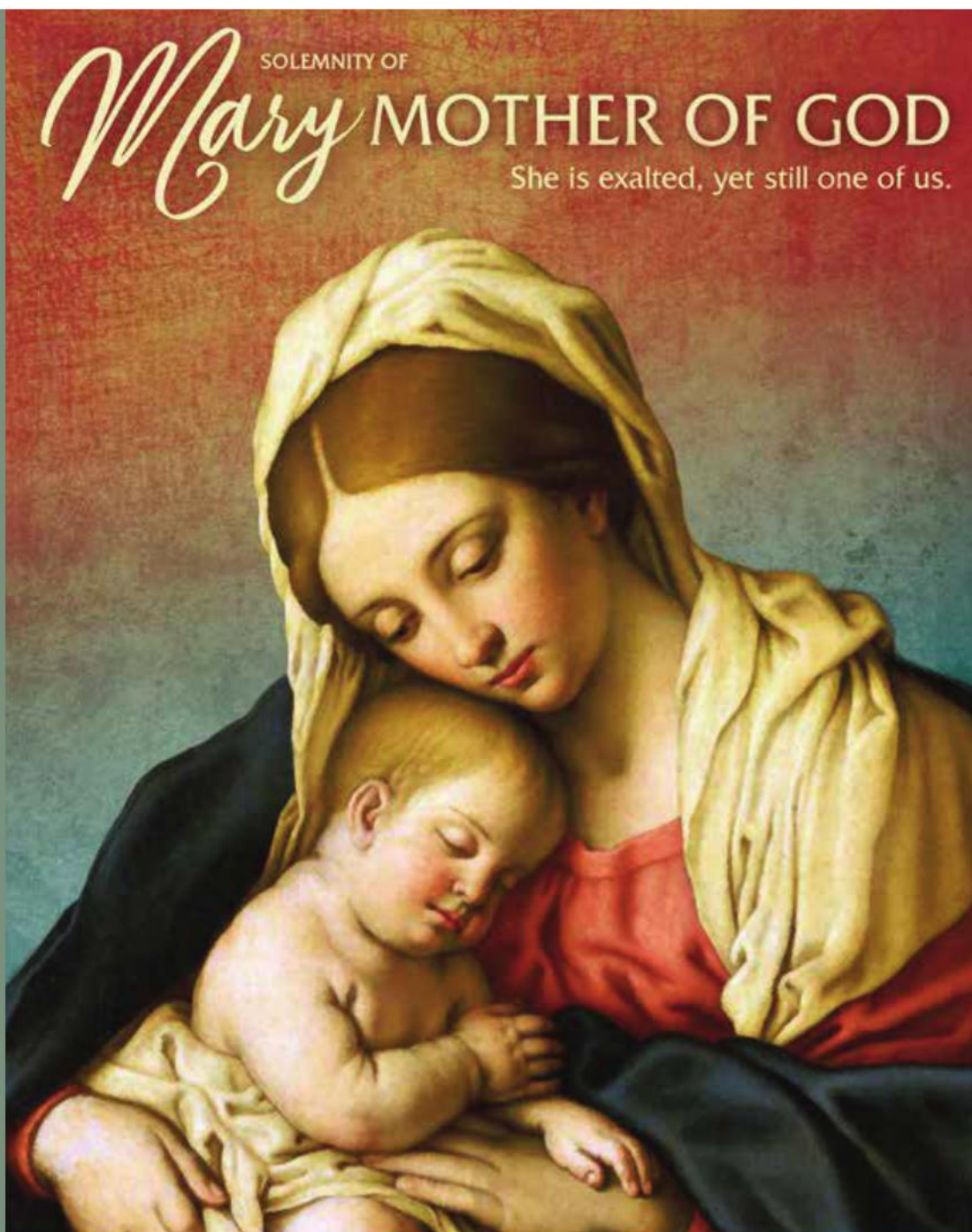
Sundays
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm Church

ADORATION

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



Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, January 1, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy New Year!

I pray that 2023 is our best year yet! A year filled with graces, blessings, and all we need to make it to Heaven!

A popular thing to do for New Year's is to make New Year's resolutions. I'm for and against these. I'm for them in terms of people trying to better their body, mind and spirit with what they resolve to do. I'm against them in terms of waiting. Why wait to do something good? Start today!

That being said, I hope everyone makes a spiritual New Year's Resolution. Resolutions for the body and mind are good, and please make those too! We need to take care of the temple God has given us, and mental health is real, but we can't neglect the spirit. Our soul lives FOREVER.

So, I'm asking myself this too, "What resolution am I going to make spiritually this New Year?" For example, am I going to pray every day for two minutes (which is 12.6 hours of prayer in a year)? Am I going to pray a Hail Mary every day (which is 6.88 Rosary's worth of Hail Mary's in a year)? Am I going to go to Daily Mass once a week (which is an additional 52 times to receive Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist)? Am I going to go to Reconciliation once a month (which is an opportunity to receive the Love and Mercy of God 12 times a year in a profound sacramental way)?

Am I going to.....the list is endless! The point is, a little spiritual resolution done faithfully for the next year is in reality a large thing which provides so much spiritual benefit to us, and it doesn't take a lot!

May we be blessed with success in our spiritual New Year's resolutions!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



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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!

The items they need currently are:

•	Dried Beans
•	Rice
•	Cooking Oil
•	Laundry Detergent
•	Dish Soap
•	Sugar
•	Flour
•	Paper Towels
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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the parish were \$16,858 for the weekend of December 18, 2022. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during these difficult times.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have been so generous to the parish this Christmas. Deacon Alex, Seminarian Sam and I would like to thank all who remembered us with cards, gifts, sweets, and well wishes.

~Fr. Chris Lankford



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

Divine Mercy Chaplet (Sunday, January 1)

Please start the New Year in peaceful prayer with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **January 1, from 8:00-8:15 pm.** Friends and family are welcome. **The Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.**

Ultreya (Saturday, January 14, 9:00 am)

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



Sebahar Hall, Thurs., January 12, 2023

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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!*

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

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ADORATION

Our participation in the Year of the Eucharist

Hours: Thursdays following the 8:15 a.m. Mass, Chapel Adoration ends at 8:00 pm., most often with Benediction

Father Chris exposes the Consecrated Host in the Monstrance and all recite the short prayer (repeated 3 times):

Oh, Sacrament most Holy,
Oh, Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and all Thanksgiving
Be every moment Thine.

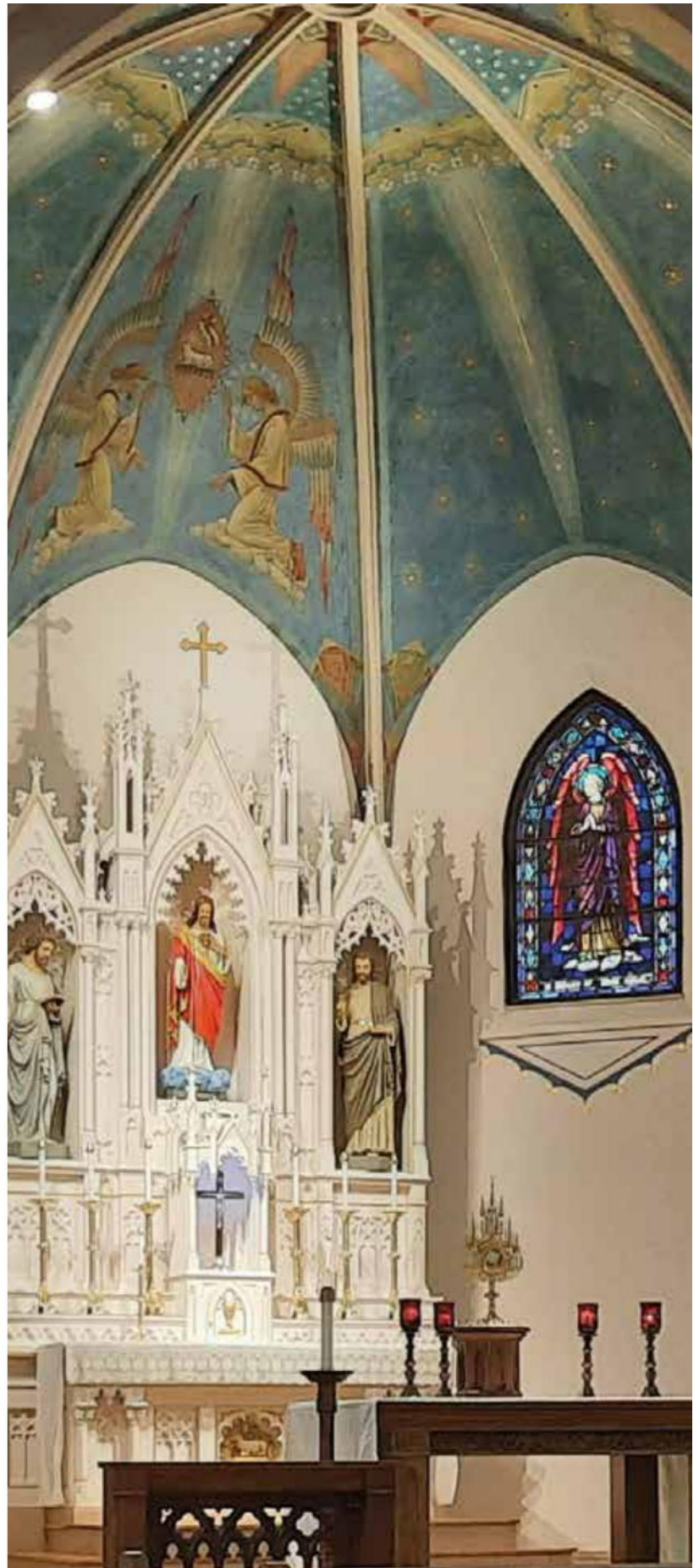
The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed immediately after Fr Chris leaves the Sanctuary.

After the Divine Mercy Chaplet is finished, Silent Adoration begins. This is a good time to clear away the clutter that sneaks into our hearts and to find Jesus there again. It is a good time to praise Him, thank Him or just be with Him...no words needed. Everyone adores a little differently. Some read from spiritual books, some read from the Bible, some meditate or contemplate or simply be. What is important is that you spend time with Jesus, with God. This is one pretty sure way to enrich your friendship with Him. Many people leave with a joyful smile, peace-filled heart or maybe just a bit less sad if that is where they are at that time.

If you haven't been to Adoration for a while or have never been, please come and be with Jesus, with God. If you don't have a lot of time, that's okay. Some time is far better than no time. The more often you visit, the more enriched are your times spent. You don't need to sign-up, just come as you are, ready to be present with our Lord.

Someone always needs to be present during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. There is a minimum of two dedicated Adorers present at a time throughout Adoration. The Adorers are scheduled for one hour at a time. We are looking to increase this number to three Adorers per hour. If you don't have an hour available every week, you might consider being a substitute. If you would like to become a weekly a scheduled Adorer, a substitute Adorer or would like more information about this, please call the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0 and your name will be passed along to the coordinator of our St. John the Baptist Adoration.

O come let us adore Him!



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 31, Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

5:00 p.m. † Bud Morey (Maryann Dusza)
 † Jim Ford (Sharleen Kosusnik)
 † Rosann Erdmann (The Schram Family)
 † Elaine Schweppe (Marianne & Jim Russell)
 † Sheila Tomaszewski Milder (Clement Milder Family)
 ♥ Health & Intentions of the Santucci Family (Sean Conley)

Sunday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's
 9:30 a.m. † Deacon Don Mathieu, Anniv of Death
 11:30 a.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak)

Monday, January 2

5:30 p.m. † Can Thi Giap (Fr. Chris Lankford)

Tuesday, January 3

8:15 a.m. ♥ Health & Intentions, Ben & Becky Tyznik

Wednesday, January 4

5:30 p.m. † Janet Norwood (Dan Conley)

Thursday, January 5

8:15 a.m. † Robert Lee Wentzel (Sean P. Conley)

Friday, January 6

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions
 ♥ † CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)
 † A.J. Milder & Joyce Milder (Annie & Jim Milder)
 † The Deceased Members of the Heffernan & Hussey Families
 † Sal Falbo
 † Elizabeth Faranda

Saturday, January 7, Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)
 † Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Joseph & Florence Bryja (Joe & Dee Bryja)
 † Lillian Kinnish (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Raymond Thoman (The Lopez Family)
 † Joe Konopka (Larry & Cecily Langellier)

Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Joan Cleary (Michael & Ellen McGrath)
 9:30 a.m. ♥ † People of the Parish
 11:30 a.m. † Susan Seelhorst (Rita Grabowski)

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 † *Jeanne Ptak* CHURCH † *Eileen Kissane*

*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.

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 4, 2023 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

*please
pray for*



Gloria Sullivan

who passed away on December 8, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to her son, Kennan, and to all of her 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 whose intentions were recently added:

Baby Luke Hougan
 Madeleine Sobota
 Susan Weber

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

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
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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	



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & School



You are cordially invited:

Prospective families are welcome to come to an Open House to launch registration for the 2023-2024 school year at St. John the Baptist School in Winfield on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM by appointment only.

You are invited to meet our teachers, principal, and student tour guides. Tour our warm and inviting school on a winter afternoon. Come learn how your child(ren) and family will benefit from the outstanding academics, faith formation, and welcoming school community at St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist is located at 0S259 Church Street, Winfield. To schedule an appointment, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FACAA2AA3F49-open>. For more information, please contact principal, Joanne Policht at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or call 630-668-2625, extension 617.

VOCATION NEWS



Visit to St. John Vianney College Seminary (SJV)

***Thursday, February 16 – Saturday, February 18, 2023**

FOR YOUNG MEN AGES 16 – 24

WHY VISIT THE SEMINARY?

- Meet current seminarians.
- Learn more about the life of a seminarian.
- Time for prayer and discernment.
- Attend classes and hear inspiring talks.
- Discern God's will for you.
- Meet other young men from Joliet discerning God's will in their lives.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- Sleeping bag and pillow
- Personal toiletries
- Dress clothes for Mass
- Gym clothes for open gym
- Bible, rosary, spiritual reading for Holy Hour
- Personal spending money

SEMINARY VISIT SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 16

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| 9:00 AM | Pick up group at Home Depot, 2000 Butterfield Rd., Downers Grove |
| 4:00 PM | Arrive at SJV Seminary, welcome Mass, introductory talks |

Friday, February 17

Holy Hour, Mass, Univ. of St. Thomas tour, talks, meals, time with seminarians, attend classes

Saturday, February 18

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| 9:00 AM | Leave SJV Seminary |
| 4:00 PM | Arrive at pick up place |

***For more information, call
Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office
at 815-221-6171**



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.

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, 2023. 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.

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