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Leading Souls to Heaven

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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)

Parish Offices closed for
Martin Luther King Day,
Monday, January 16, 2023

The EPIPHANY of the Lord

*When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the
days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw
his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."*

Mt 2: 1-2



The Epiphany of the Lord, January 8, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the close of the Christmas Season. The Baptism of the Lord is recorded in all four Gospels, and is a very important event in the life of our Lord. In fact, it is called an Epiphany event as we see the Spirit descend upon Jesus and hear the voice of the Father, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

We are reminded that Christ did not need to be Baptized, but by His Baptism He made the waters holy for you and I to enter and receive new life in Him.

On our Baptism day, which for many of us was as infants, we made very important Baptismal promises. They are as follows:

V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty promises?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

At Holy Mass this weekend, we will renew these promises and be sprinkled with Holy Water. I encourage all of us, myself included, not to make this a once a year event. Let us constantly reflect on our Baptismal promises that we have made to God, to know them, and try to live them out each and every day. Let us today, and every day, recommit to our personal relationship with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in these promises, and have our souls led to Heaven!

In Christ,

Fr. Chris

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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.

Join the diocesan mission trip to the Navajo Nation in June

The Diocese of Joliet is pleased to announce its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona.

The June 3-16 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc.

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

The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during 2020 and 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The trip resumed this past summer.

Interested individuals are invited to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 or Jan. 18 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, email missions@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.



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.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the parish for the weekend of December 25, 2022 were \$35,745. With six months remaining in our fiscal year this brings year-to-date collections to \$518,120 or \$78,400 less than our budget. We thank you for your continued support and prayers during these difficult times.



Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

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!*

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

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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MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND,
BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST!

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.

**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

- 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

- 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



Winfield Woods Service Project

CCW is collecting items to give the residents of Winfield Woods - *Ahva Care of Winfield*, for Valentines Day. Our collection will take place at the masses the weekend of January 22nd.

Items needed:

Crayons, notepads, pens and *erasable* pens
Greeting cards and Blank Note Cards
Toiletries – shampoo, body soap, deodorant, body lotion
Socks & slipper socks with non - slip pads
Small size Chocolate candy bars *without* nuts. We need sugar free also
Kleenex packs, Gum or mints
Single serve snack packs of cookies, crackers, or cereal bars
Monetary donations also accepted. Make check payable to St. John's CCW

Join us Sat., Feb. 11th at 10:30am in Sebahar Hall. Enjoy a light breakfast, General Meeting and we will assemble the Goodie Bags for the residents of Winfield Woods.

Questions? Contact Venessa Lopatka 630 - 336- 5414 or email: venessalopatka@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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)

Monday, January 9

5:30 p.m. † Brian Clement (Ralph & Linda Grieco)

Tuesday, January 10

8:15 a.m. ♥ Health & Intentions, Paula Winterhalder

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

8:15 a.m. † Fay Rieser (John Toboja)

Friday, January 13

12:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)
 † David McBride (The Hussey Family)
 † Joan Cleary (The Hussey Family)
 † Kathleen Heinz (The Seay Family)
 † Barbara Atten
 † Charles Kirk (Lois & Chuck Kirk)

Saturday, January 14, Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (Andrew Capigatti)
 † Al Christoffer (Rita Grabowski)
 † Eileen G. Kissane (Rick & Mary Carlson)
 † Joan Cleary (Jack Aylward)
 † Anthony Jones (Connie Jesukaitis)
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Trisha Saylor (Kathy & Dave Weber)

Sunday, January 15, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Marilyn Koener (Theresa & Chris Koener)
 9:30 a.m. † Raymond Thoman (St. John the Baptist)
 11:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's

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.

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
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	



Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps* burn in Memory of (†) /Honor of (♥):

CHAPEL † Giuliana Capigatti CHURCH † Frank & Raymond LeBreux

**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 18, 2023 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



please pray for Rita Cross

who passed away on December 20, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to all of her family & friends.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Directory: _____ 630-668-0918
Religious Education Office: _____ Ext 613
Director: Maureen Brennan _____ Ext 612
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Parish Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides _____ Ext 600 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.



NATIONAL PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

JAN. 19 - JAN. 20

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is a prayer vigil held on the eve of the March for Life each January. Thousands of pilgrims from across the nation pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. It is held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Note: The Vigil Program will be televised by EWTN and livestreamed on the Basilica's webpage. Please see the most updated 2023 Vigil schedule and visit the Frequently Asked Questions page for additional information.

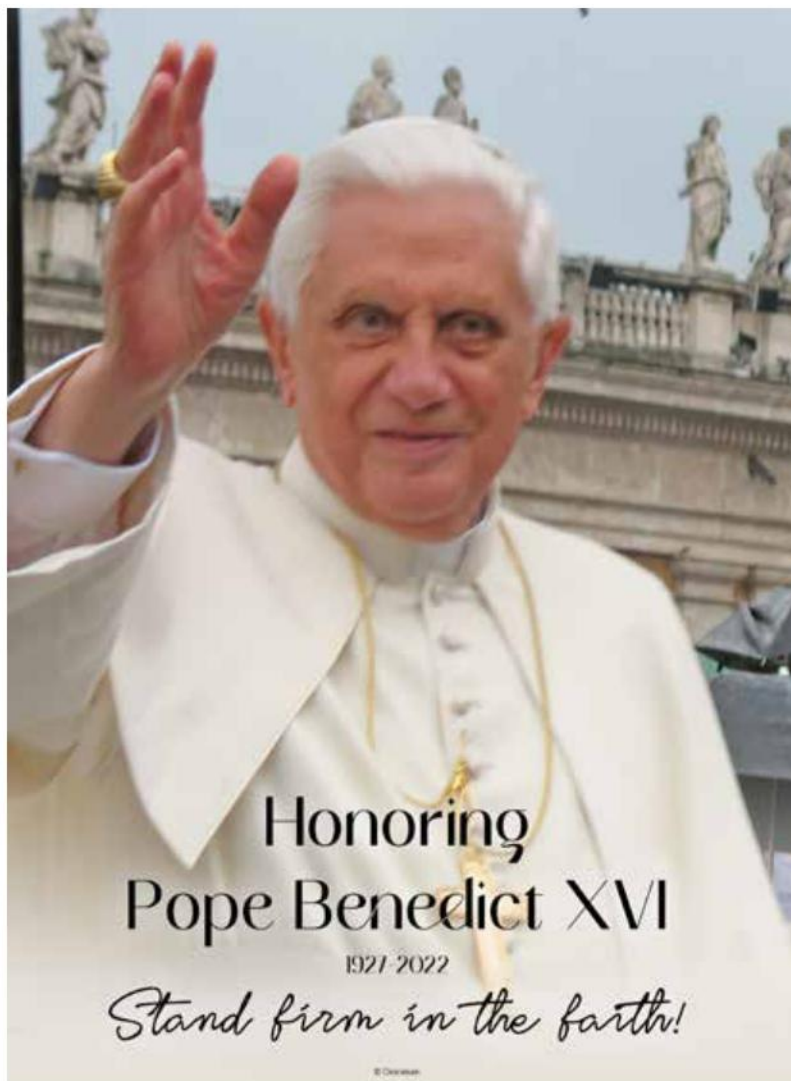
<https://www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life>

PRAY THE 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA

JAN. 19 - JAN. 27

The U.S. bishops' annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, will take place Jan. 19 - Jan. 27. You are welcome to pray the novena throughout the year. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Download the novena or sign up to receive the daily prayers at 9daysforlife.com



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, February 2, 2023.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

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

If you are interested in any of the above please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918 ext 0.



Attention all book lovers: Join St John's book club at our next monthly meeting Wednesday January 18th at 7pm at the home of Marianne Kratochvil. We will discuss the book swap books we received in December. If you didn't join us in December, come and discuss a recent book you read. Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP Jean @ tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming book club dates/title: Feb 15th - The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek March 15th - TBA

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