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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

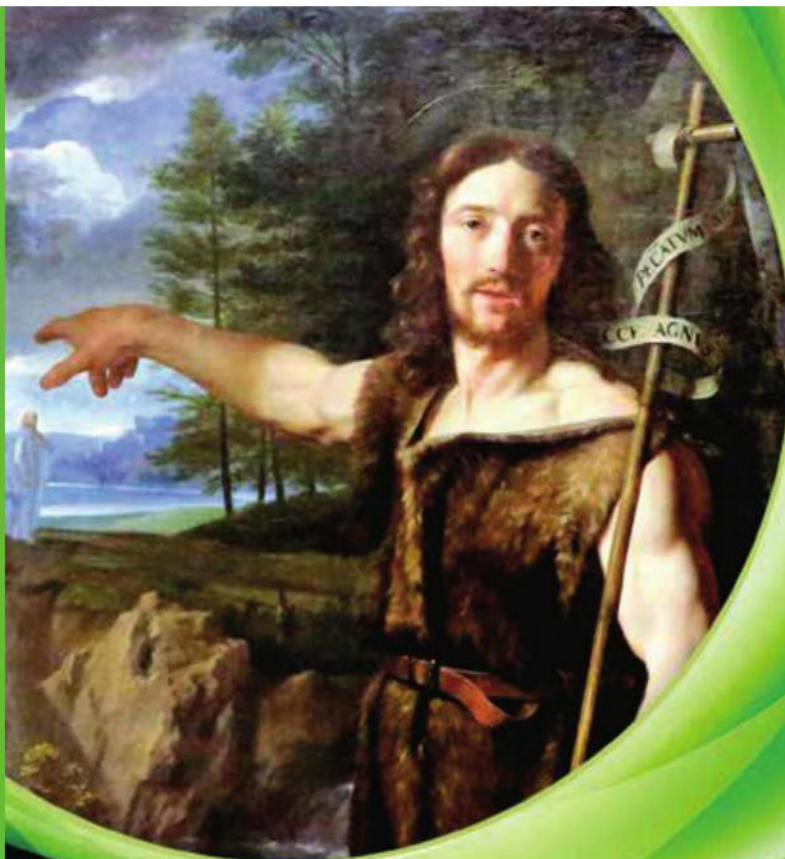
Thursdays Following

8:15 am Mass

& Rosary, to 8:00 pm

(Chapel)

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



2nd Sunday *in Ordinary Time*

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."
John 1:29

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we are blessed to have Fr. Brad Baker speak at all of our Masses. Fr. Brad is the pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville, IL. I had the privilege of being assigned to Fr. Brad the year before I was assigned as your pastor at St. John's.

This weekend Fr. Brad is speaking about the great work going on in Tanzania with the "Hope for Tanzania" initiative. I'm extremely supportive of this initiative and any support of it is going to benefit a great cause.

As you'll hear this weekend, Fr. Nestor, who lived with us at Sts. Peter and Paul, oversees so much of the good work happening.

I'm a firm believer in it's better to give than to receive, and their community can really benefit from our support. A couple of years back, Fr. Nestor shared with me one day what conditions were like there, even at his own mother's home. Friends, we are so blessed to live where we do. Fr. Brad who went there for his sabbatical also shared with me his experience, and believe me, anything we can do to help is going to be such a blessing for them!

I hope you find Fr. Brad's message inspiring this weekend, and I thank you in advance for your generous support of "Hope for Tanzania"!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris

Attention all Winfield Township Residents 55+ years old:
 Stop in the Senior Center, 27W031 North Ave., West
 Chicago, between 9-2pm on Thurs., Feb. 2 or Fri., Feb. 3
 to become a member of the Wayne Township Senior
 Center and enjoy all of the activities immediately.
Questions? 630-231-7155

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.



SAVE THE DATES in 2023!

**Celebrate the
 National Eucharistic Revival
 With these special
 Diocesan Celebrations**

DIOCESAN-WIDE FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

FEBRUARY 8, 9, 10

**AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET
 AND**

**PRAYER SERVICE with NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PREACHER
 MARCH 23, 24, 25**

AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Watch for more information in the upcoming bulletins

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of January 1, 2023 were \$21,973. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.



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

To view this bulletin, or to subscribe go to www.DiscoverMass.com

**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.



OUR ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal, The Children's Fund, was mailed to all parishioners in December. You should have received it by now. You can also make a donation through We Share Online Giving on the parish website or using this link:

<https://stjohnwinfield.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/ChildrensAnnualAppeal>

Additionally, there is a blue envelope in your contribution packet. This appeal is one of our most important fundraising tools to help offset our operating expenses. Thank you to those who have already responded! Please prayerfully consider making your donation today. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, January 16

5:30 p.m. † Garnett Skopal (The Skopal Family)

Tuesday, January 17

8:15 a.m. † Dominic Zuccherio (Mary AnneYoung)

Wednesday, January 18

5:30 p.m. † Poor Souls In Purgatory

Thursday, January 19

8:15 a.m. † Joan Sells (Sue & Rich Starzec)

Friday, January 20

12:00 p.m. † Mary Zablock (The Hussey Family)
 † Souls in Purgatory()
 † Joann Busch (Council of Catholic Women-CCW)
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Linda LeBreux (Patti & Rick Loechl)
 † Carmela Hark (Sue Simek)
 † Louise Segers

Saturday, January 21, Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Lucille & Albert Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Eleanor Salwierak (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Anita Wilke (Rita Wilke)
 † Jon Passini (Mary Passini)
 † Michael Fraser (Deborah & Tom Terry)
 † Dolores Vanco (The Vanco Family)

Sunday, January 22, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥ † People of St. John's
 9:30 a.m. † Wasyl & Florence Hrynko (Anita Schaaf)
 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.

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 young person:

Baby Luke Hougan

The entire prayer 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 † Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI CHURCH † Fr. Frank Vitus

*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 John Kotvan

who passed away on December 24, 2022. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Joan, and all of her family & friends.

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.

Baptism of the Lord, January 9, 2023

BAPTISM of the LORD

"I, the LORD, have called you for
justice, I have grasped
you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as
a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to bring out prisoners from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness."

Isaiah 42:6-7

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, February 2, 2023.

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email jenniferk@st-johnwinfield.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.



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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