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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

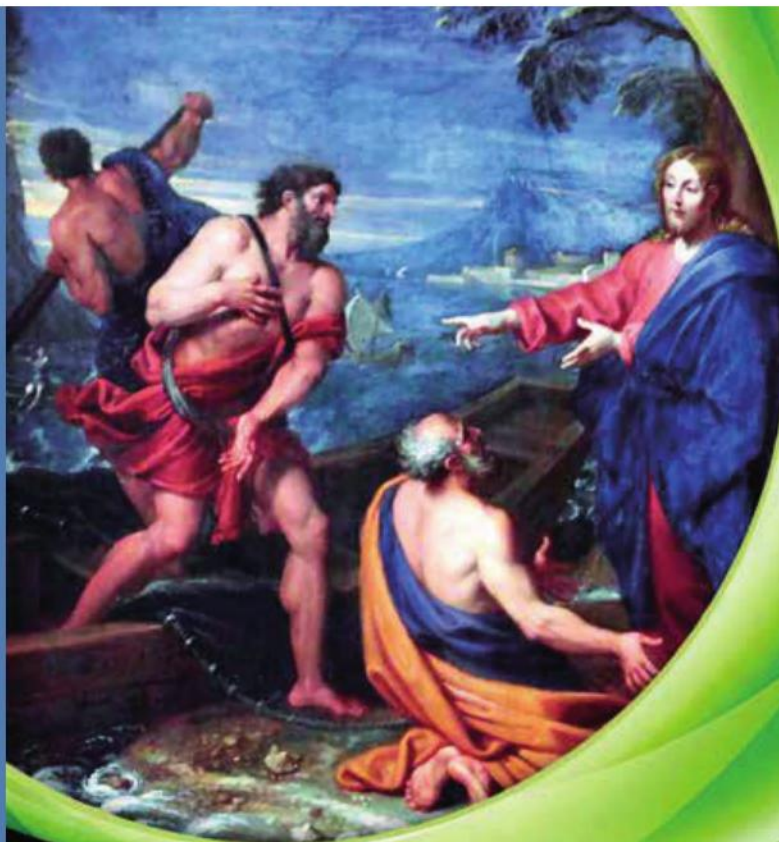
3:30-4:30 pm Church

ADORATION

Thursdays Following

8:15 am Mass

& Rosary, to 8:00 pm
(Chapel)



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matthew 4:19-20

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 22, 2023



Bishop Hicks' Column



January 2023: Peace be with you

Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a “peace pole” on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace. The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

Peace on Earth
Peace for our Nation
Peace within our Church
Peace in our Hearts

As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.” Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, “If you want peace, work for justice.”

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: “We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater

community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.”

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word “peace” is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the “Our Father,” the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus’ message throughout the Gospels, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a “peaceful” place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the ways that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let’s begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to “go in peace.” And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, “Thanks be to God!”

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of January 8, 2023 were \$21,361. In addition, Christmas collections totaled \$32,264. Through the midway point of our fiscal year, collections equaled \$591,000 or \$55,000 less than those needed to meet anticipated operating expenses. We thank you for your continued support and prayers in helping us meet our obligations.



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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**

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

VOCATION NEWS

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

**St. John the
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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.



DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Join with our **Diocesan Church** on **February 8, 9, 10** to celebrate a time of **spiritual devotion** before the **Blessed Sacrament** during this **National Eucharistic Revival**.

Come to the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus** in Joliet. Each day will begin with **morning Mass** and conclude with an **evening Prayer Service**. Throughout the days there will be **silent adoration** of the **Blessed Sacrament** as well as **communal Prayer Services** led by various cultural and parish entities.

We encourage **all people** – parish groups, families, neighbors - to come and **reflect in prayer** on the **wondrous gift of the Eucharist** that has been given to us. And to **join our hearts in prayer** for the **needs of our Church** and the **needs of all people**.

May God in his goodness bless our Diocese!

Questions? Contact **Sister Sharon Stola** at the Office of Divine Worship
815-221-6230 or [sstola@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ssstola@dioceseofjoliet.org)

MASS TIMES

February 8 at 6:30 am

February 9 at 8 am

February 10 at 8 am

COMMUNAL PRAYER

SERVICE TIMES

11 am, 2 pm, 5 pm, 8

pm after which the

Blessed Sacrament will

be reposed



DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

"On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed."
<https://www.usccb.org/events/2023/day-prayer-legal-protection-unborn-children>

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION OF CONSCIENCE RIGHTS

Father, we praise you and thank you for your most precious gifts of human life and human freedom. Touch the hearts of our lawmakers with the wisdom and courage to uphold conscience rights and religious liberty for all. Protect all people and their moral and religious convictions. In your goodness, guard our freedom to live out our faith and to follow you in all that we do. Give us strength to be bold and joyful witnesses. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Are You Interested in Being
Part of a Small Group?

**Be Formed Season 6: Life
in Christ Part 1**

**Meets Wednesdays at
9:15-10:15AM, Sodonna
Hall, lower level of the
Parish Office**

Week #1 Man: The Image of
God & Our Vocation to
Beatitude

#2 Man's Freedom

#3 Morality of Human Acts

#4 Morality of the Passions

#5 Moral Conscience

#6 Prudence

#7 Fortitude

#8 Justice

#9 Temperance

#10 Faith

#11 Hope

12 Charity and the Gifts
and the Fruits of the Holy
Spirit

#13 Sin

Please call Maureen to
register:

630-682-4400 X 612



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 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)

Monday, January 23

5:30 p.m. ♥ Health & Intentions, Mary McCann (Dick Eddington)

Tuesday, January 24

8:15 a.m. † Bill Dixon (Marianne & Jim Russell)

Wednesday, January 25

5:30 p.m. † Joann Busch (Rose Flores)

Thursday, January 26

8:15 a.m. † Robert Lucas (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Friday, January 27

12:00 p.m. † Fay Rieser (The Hussey Family)
 † Joann Busch
 † Dorothy Aylward (Jack Aylward)
 † Mark Schauland (Mary Ann Kratochvil)
 † John Kotvan (Joan Kotvan)
 † Virginia O'Sullivan (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Saturday, January 28, Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † The Lotysz Family (Irene Kolanowski)
 † Father Robert Noesen
 † Zenon Saldara (The Marasco Family)
 † Joann Busch (Joe & Dee Bryja)
 † James Tellone (Maryann Dusza)
 † Scott Weber (Kathy & Dave Weber)

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Leroy Phipps (Mike & Laura McGrath)
 9:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's
 11:30 a.m. † Dorothy Kadzielawski (The Wheeler Family)

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 † Scott Weber CHURCH † Michael Fraser

*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, February 1, 2023 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



SAVE THE DATE:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JAN 29, 2023, 8-11AM.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL



Our Sunday preschool celebrated the Epiphany. Pictured here are "our" Three Kings: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar. We wrapped and delivered gifts to the Baby Jesus in the crèche in the Narthex. Then we got to smell Frankincense and Myrrh, along with a few other scents: lemon, maple, peppermint and almond.

Sunday Morning Preschool is for 3-5 year olds while Mass is going on in Church. If you or someone you know would be interested in participating, please contact Jeanne Hess at sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com or cell 630-926-7864.

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@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.



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

January 7, 2023

Matthew Thomas Pach

Child of Kathleen & Jim Pach

Jason John Thomason

Child of Rebecca & Matthew Thomson

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