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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

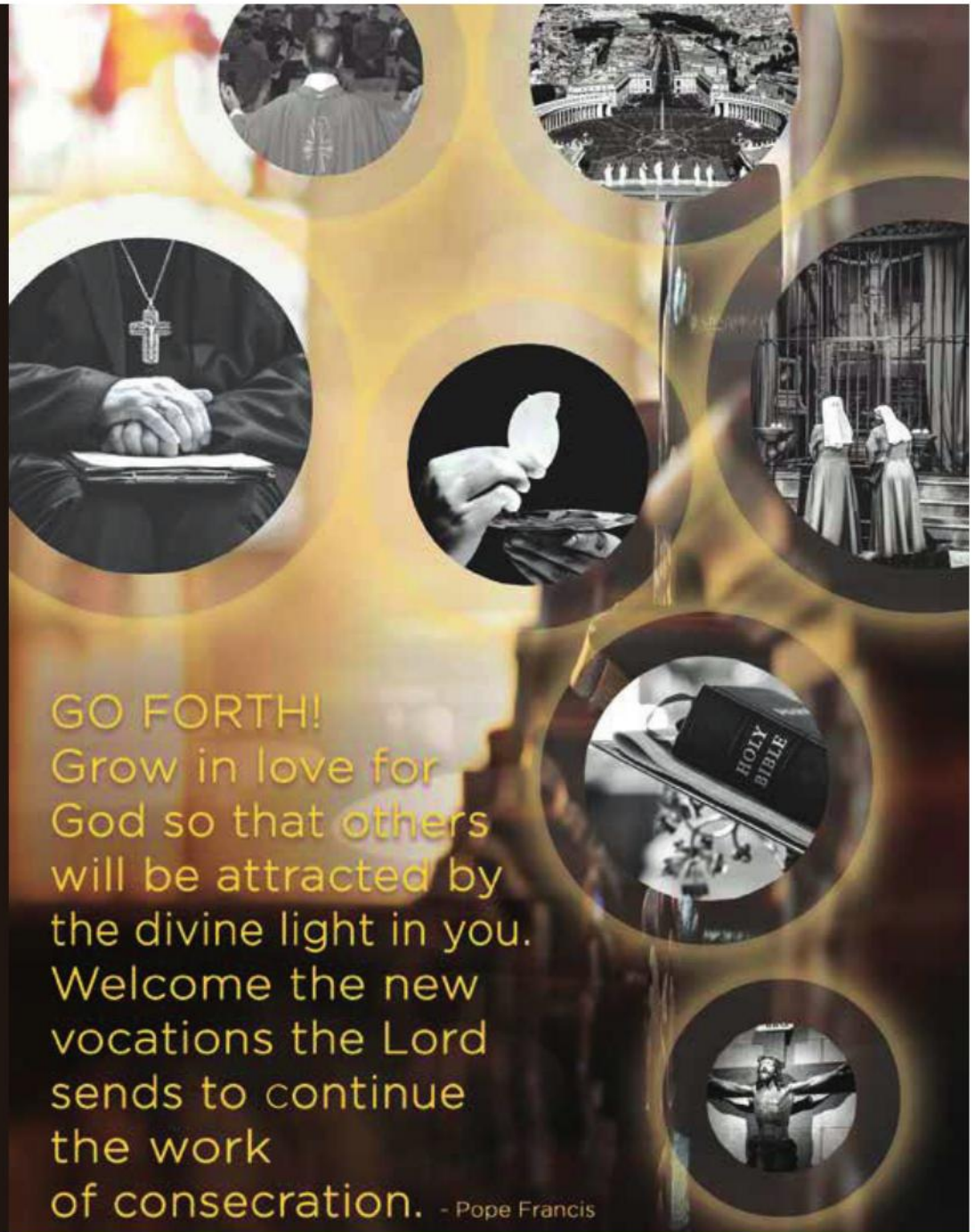
Sundays
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm Church

ADORATION

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



GO FORTH!
Grow in love for
God so that others
will be attracted by
the divine light in you.
Welcome the new
vocations the Lord
sends to continue
the work
of consecration. - Pope Francis

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I'd like to welcome Abby Sheaffer, our new director of communications who started at St. John's last week. Below is a letter from Abby:

In Christ,
Fr Chris

My name is Abby Sheaffer and it is my honor to be your new Director of Communications. This position means a great deal to me because my Grammy was a lifelong parishioner of St. John The Baptist.

When my Grandpa died when my mom was 16, my Grammy took on the role of St. John The Baptist's parish bookkeeper. She held onto the position while raising nine children by herself. She relished the role so much, she stayed on for 30 years.

My journey to your parish began after I lost my mom last summer to pancreatic cancer. I moved back in and worked as my mother's caregiver, trying to make her transition to Heaven as tranquil and comfortable as I possibly could.



Grief is something to contend with. I won't even begin to wrap it up neatly with a bow.

After my mom's passing, I would take long walks and pray. I would always say a "Hail Mary" and pray to my mom and my Grammy. I told them I was looking for work, and that I'd ideally like to do what my Grammy did, have the sort of career that she did.

God listens.

I did not expect to go on Indeed and see that my dream job would be available. I threw my hat in the ring because I feel I owed to myself, to my Grammy's legacy. I did not expect to hear back for an interview, but I did. I did not expect to get called back for the second round of interviews, but I did.

When I got the job, I cried tears of joy.

My father says it's Divine Intercession on behalf of my mom and my Grammy.

I believe him. I spent the whole of my twenties as a sullen atheist, never believing in the miracles I saw around me. I blinded myself with doubt.

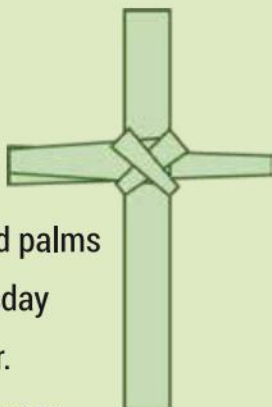
But I can't doubt God anymore. Not when he brought me back to my Grammy's parish, to work as she worked.

That is Divine Intercession.

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BLESSED PALMS

Please bring to Church



This year we will be burning blessed palms to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday which is on February 22nd this year. Burning the blessed palms is the proper way to dispose of them.

Between now and Sunday, Feb. 19th, can you please bring back to Church your blessed palms and place them in the designated baskets outside the east and west Church doorways or outside the parish office? We will burn the Ashes on February 21st after the grade school Mass. Thank you so much!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of January 22, 2023 were \$33,627. We thank you for your continued support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly obligations OF \$23,450.

VOCATION NEWS

FOR YOUNG MEN AGES 16-24
Visit St. John Vianney College
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Thurs., Feb 16 - Sat., Feb 18,
2023

Why Visit the Seminary?

Meet current seminarians

Learn more about the life of a
seminarian

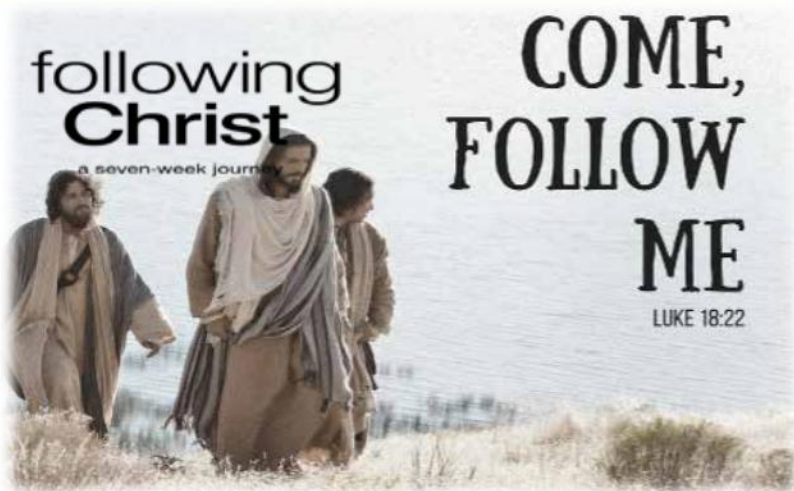
Time for prayer and discernment

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.

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



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This seven-week journey begins Thursdays, February 9, 2023, 7:00-8:45 pm.

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In person and Zoom sessions will be offered! **Questions?** ChristLife@stjohnwinfield.org



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DIOCESAN FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Our diocesan church will gather on Feb. 8-10 to celebrate a time of spiritual devotion before the Blessed Sacrament during this diocesan year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

Our Forty Hours Devotion will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. It will begin each day with a morning Mass and conclude with a prayer service in the evening. Throughout the day there will be silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and at various times during the day there will be communal prayer services.

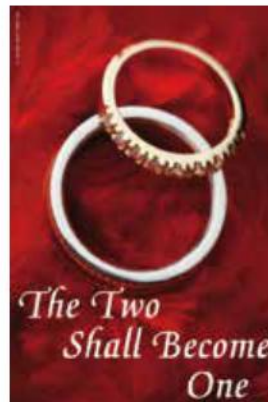
The basic schedule will be the same each day – morning Mass on Wed., Feb. 8 at 6:30 a.m.; morning Mass on Thurs., Feb. 9 at 8 a.m.; and morning Mass on Fri., Feb. 10 at 8 a.m. With the conclusion of morning Mass and until the 8 p.m. prayer service, the cathedral will be open for individuals to spend time in silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Communal prayer services will take place at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., and will be led by various priests of the diocese, cultural groups, needs groups, school children and diocesan employees. A listing of the prayer service leaders will be sent out soon. After the 8 p.m. service, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed for the day.

We encourage all people to come and reflect in prayer on the wondrous gift of the Eucharist. We encourage parish groups – OCIA process groups, prayer groups, Bible study groups, Council of Catholic Women, Knights of Columbus, women's and men's organizations, young adult groups, high school groups, etc.) to come and spend time together praying for the needs of their parish, their families and their neighbors.



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PARTICIPATED IN OUR FALL FUNDRAISER
WHICH RAISED OVER \$29,000. OUR
SUCCESSFUL EVENT WAS DUE TO YOUR
HARD WORK. WILDCATS BE PROUD!**

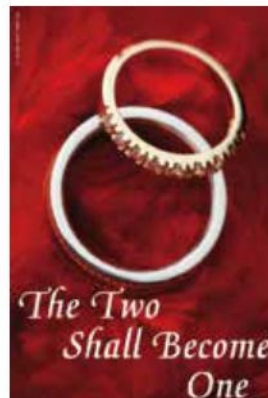


We congratulate

**Lauren Leigh Jaczak &
Patrick Terence Hoare**

**who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage**

*on January 14, 2023.
Best Wishes to You!*



We congratulate

**Julie Grafwallner &
Matthew Gentile**

**who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage**

*on January 21, 2023.
Best Wishes to You!*

KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent



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**5 pm to 7 pm
Fridays...
Feb. 24, March
3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

Besides the Fish Dinners, menu will also include the following: Shrimp Dinners, Fish & Shrimp Combo, Fish Tacos, Spaghetti Dinners, Pizza, Enchiladas & Salads Includes all the sides, packaged, hot and ready for YOU!

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**St. John the Baptist
Council of Catholic Women
February 11, 2023 General Meeting
Sebahar Hall— 11:30am**

Join us for a light brunch, General Meeting and we will assemble Goodie Bags for the residents of Winfield Woods. –Ahva Care of Winfield. The residents will be receiving them at a Valentine's Day luncheon in their facility.

Nominate someone from our CCW to be the 2023 Woman of the Year. A form will be available at the meeting, so start thinking who deserves this annual award.

ART & ENVIRONMENT THANKS YOU!

A special THANK YOU to all who helped decorate and "un-decorate" the Church and Chapel for Christmas. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated by all who found a beautiful place this Christmas season to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

~The Art & Environment
Committee

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 4, Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Bonnie Hansen (Butch Hansen)
 † Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Dennis Wicker (Leslie Wicker)
 † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)
 † Brother Knight Timothy Sulima (The Knights of Columbus)
 † Al & Denise Harvey (Denny & Maureen Brennan)

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥ † Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)
 9:30 a.m. † Joseph & Mary Nolan (Rita Grabowski)
 11:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's

Monday, February 6

5:30 p.m. † Fr. John Wiederhold, Anniv. of Death

Tuesday, February 7

8:15 a.m. † Sandy Greco (Claire Carline)

Wednesday, February 8

5:30 p.m. † Paz Fortes (Patricia Hussey)

Thursday, February 9

8:15 a.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, February 10

12:00 p.m. † Florence Hrynko (John & Kathy Novotny)
 † Joan Cleary (Mary Vollman)
 † Michael Hussey (The Hussey Family)
 † Garnett Skopal (The Skopal Family)
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Fran Hartigan (Venessa Lopatka)
 † Amelia Gaetano (Amy Serritella)

Saturday, February 11, Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)
 † Fred Dusza (Maryann Dusza)
 † Scott Weber (Kathy & Dave Weber)
 † Eileen G. Kissane (Her Sister)
 † Mitchell Abbas (Jack Bannister)
 † Virginia O'Sullivan (Rose Flores)

Sunday, February 12, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's
 9:30 a.m. † Joann Busch
 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 CHURCH † *Fr. Frank Vitus*
 † *Al & Denice*

*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 15, 2023 Questions?
 Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

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
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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	
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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, FEBRUARY 11, 9:00 AM)

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

CURSILLO WEEKENDS ANNOUNCED

We are excited to announce the return of Cursillo weekends in 2023 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois. Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend. Applications are available for download at www.jolietcursillo.org.

Women's Weekend: June 8-11, 2023
Men's Weekend: August 24-27, 2023
Women's Weekend: October 5-8, 2023
Men's Weekend: December 7-10, 2023

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON NEWS

Please save the date for our
next luncheon, Wednesday,
March 15, 2023, Sebahar Hall,
for a St. Patrick's Day meal!

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.

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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