

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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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
9:00 am Mass & Rosary,
to 8:00 pm (Chapel)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 7:00 pm



First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends in Christ,

This was truly a blessed week as we started our Lenten season that will culminate with our celebration that Jesus Christ has Risen for us. It was this selfless act of love that allows us to follow our mission of "Leading Souls to Heaven."

"Remember man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return."

Earlier this week, we created our own ashes by burning old palms that were generously donated by you. We then used these ashes to dispense on Ash Wednesday.

This was followed by our first Lenten Friday, and Stations of the Cross. And, of course, we held our first fish fry of the season, thanks to the support of the Knights of Columbus.

It was also wonderful to see our schoolchildren participating in Lenten activities this week. I was so proud of them. They attended Mass, witnessed the palm burning, received ashes, went to Adoration, and participated in the Stations of the Cross. And, many of them were in attendance at the fish fry. It brings me great joy to see our young men and women involved at SJB!



As we continue with the Lenten season, I would like to remind everyone that this is a period of praying, fasting and almsgiving. Also, remember to fast responsibly. God does not want you to compromise your health.

Most of you know I hold a special place in my heart for those pursuing vocations with the Catholic Church. I ask that while you pray during this Lenten season, that you pray for an increase in vocations. I also ask that you specifically keep in mind Deacon Alex who will be ordained in May, and Seminarian Sam, as they continue their journey with God.

Finally, I want you to know that I am praying for all of you, and ask that you do the same for me.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



LENTEN GUIDELINES

Fast and Abstinence Regulations:

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

*From the Office of Divine Worship, Diocese of Joliet website, <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org>

With Prayers for Vocation

“Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers. Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call. We ask this in Jesus’s name, Amen.”

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of February 12, 2023 were \$18,901. We thank you for your support and your prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$23,450.



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 our parish office to speak with Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations 630-668-0918, ext. 604

SAVE THE DATE

OUR LENTEN MISSION

**MARCH 26, 27 & 28
7:00 P.M.**

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.



During Bishop Hicks' most recent visit to our Catholic school and church, the children presented him with blankets that they made for the newly baptized. We are so grateful that Bishop Hicks blessed the blankets for us!

KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent



"Dine In or Drive By"

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

Fish & Shrimp
Prices:
Adults \$12
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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!

YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE!
PLACE ONLINE ORDERS BY 6:30 PM ON THE DAY OF THE FRY! www.stjohnwinfield.org



"May the dignity of man according to the Creator's plan be spread" - Pope St. John Paul II

Thank you to all who signed up for the 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil in front of Planned Parenthood in Aurora. Opening day for the vigil and our first day to pray there was on Wednesday February 22nd, which was Ash Wednesday. What a great way to start Lent with prayer and sacrifice for the mothers and their babies. Please be sure to pray for the success of the vigil and all those who are participating at Waterleaf and all other vigil sites throughout the world.

Another important date to pray and sacrifice for is IL March for Life being held this year in Springfield on March 21. Information can be found at lcms.org/life

Prayer for Life

O God, giver of life help us to do our part to save unborn babies from death by abortion and aid pregnant mothers in distress. Please strengthen us in our efforts to obtain an amendment to outlaw abortion in The United States. Amen



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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 25, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Peter Ciano (The Ciano Family)
 † Michael Fraser (Maureen & Denny Brennan)
 † Joann Busch (Barb Zeiler)
 † Flavio Vincent Gentile (St. John's)
 † Kristine Marie Messitt
 † Joyce Milder (The Clement Milder Family)

Sunday, February 26, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Marilyn Koener (Theresa & Chris Koener)
 9:30 a.m. † Marilyn Loechl (SJB Adult Choir)
 11:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's

Monday, February 27

5:30 p.m. ♥ Health & Intentions, John & Amy Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Tuesday, February 28

8:15 a.m. † Thomas Roger Brumenshenkel

Wednesday, March 1

8:15 a.m. † John Schriener (Tom & Karen Borow)

Thursday, March 2

8:15 a.m. † Thomas Roger Brumenshenkel

Friday, March 3

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions
 ♥ † CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)
 † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)
 † Frank Perri (Irma & Rick McCall)

Saturday, March 4, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak)
 † Lucille & Albert Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Stanley Salwiera (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Charles Marino (Jim & Pat Marino)
 † Barbara Theiszman (The RE Families)
 † Al Christoffer (Jean & Family)

Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. ♥ † Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)
 11:30 a.m. † Barbara Atten (The Atten 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.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



CHAPEL † *Jeanne Ptak*
 CHURCH † *Jeanne Ptak*

*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.

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together,

St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1, 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 people:

Baby Louis Pierce
 John McCue

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.

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	Sgt Ian Sarlito
SRA Francis Beifuss	AN Michael Schieve
Lt. Col. John Berg	2LT Allyson Serbick
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	PFC Keegan Serbick
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Lt. Colonel James Smolucha
Pvt Timothy Conley	Major Mike Smolucha
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	SPC Thomas Stanhope
Major Daniel Durbin	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
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Sgt Pamela Gray	
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	
A1C Seth Kelley	
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao	
Captain Matthew Luff	
WO1 Jake Miller	
CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell	
ABH2 Sean Phillips	
Captain Colleen Rezabek	
Captain Kevin Rezabek	
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez	
Cpl Riley Santoyo	



CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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.



Join St John's book club at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday March 15th, at 7pm at the home of Jean Daniell.

We will discuss the book, *Book of Delights* by Ross Gay.
Please bring suggestions for future books.
Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP, Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming dates:
April 19th, May 17th, June 14th

ALEX'S BLESSING BAGS

"As you know, last year we had a very successful drive and supplied over 500 homeless people 'Blessing Bags' containing hats, gloves, socks, Hot Hands hand-warmers, snacks, and other personal essentials.

We donated these bags to PADS, two veterans' shelters, Hased House, the Winfield Police Department, the West Chicago Police Department, West Chicago Food Pantry, Wayne Township, Milton Township, and the DuPage County Sheriff. I am asking for any of the above items as a donation to support the 'Alex Project' again this year. I really appreciate all of your support last year.

My mom, dad, and others have been filling bags all winter and are continuing. I would like to beat last year's count of 500 and with everyone's help, we will do it.

Thank you for helping out."
- Alex McCall, SJB Parishioner

Please bring your donations to the Religious Education Office.
The children of our parish will put the items together for Alex

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.

Hospital Visits

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. We want to do our best to minister to all who are hospitalized.

Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion should call the parish office 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, March 2, 2023.

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email asheafer@stjohnwinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For Baptisms, RCIA and Wedding information, please contact the parish office.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

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



Our seven-week journey runs through March 23rd, 2023, 7:00-8:45pm.

Info and Registration at stjohnwinfield.org/following-christ or use the QR code to the right.

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



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