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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**

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Chapel

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays 7:00 pm**



**“Matthew 17:5: This is my beloved  
with whom I am well pleased.”**

*Second Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2023*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week I talked about Lent being the season for us to focus on praying, fasting and almsgiving, as we prepare for the day we will celebrate that our Lord, Jesus Christ, has Risen for us. This week I would like to talk about reconciliation.

In previous messages, I have talked about the power of reconciliation. God loves us so much, that if we are truly repentant for our sins, He is ready and willing to forgive us. How truly amazing is that! And, since we will soon be celebrating that God gave up His only Son for us, this is a wonderful time of year to prepare our hearts for His selfless love, and take part in the sacrament of reconciliation.

As I have also mentioned in the past, if it has been awhile since you last went to confession, please do not let any fear or discomfort keep you away from this wonderful gift from our Lord. Taking part in this sacrament is an important part of our faith, even for priests (yes, me too!). If you have any questions, please ask. It's our job to help Lead Souls to Heaven.

To that end, we have an expanded Lenten reconciliation schedule. See page four of the bulletin for more information.

Have a blessed week.

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>”

## CMAA – We Belong to God

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's goal of \$108,500. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our diocese know that we belong to God. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of February 19, 2023 were \$33,117. We thank you for your support and your prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$23,450.



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**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](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) and click **Give Online**

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**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 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
Moderated by Deacon Strohm

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## 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.



### Young at Heart's March Luncheon

Please join us @ 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15th for a special Young at Hearts Luncheon as we do something special to honor those from our Parish serving our country in active service.

The delicious Irish menu will feature Irish beef stew, corn casserole, and salad, all topped off with Bailey's Irish Cream Cake, for dessert. Free will donations accepted.

All those 55 and better are welcome.

Please call Harriett @ 630-682-1218 with any questions.

### Our Lenten Reconciliation Schedule is:

Saturdays, 3:30pm - 4:30pm\*

Monday, March 27, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 29, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Monday, April 3, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 5, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

**All confessions are in Church**

*\*except Holy Saturday, April 8, No Confessions*



## KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent



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**DAY OF THE FRY! [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org)**



**St. John the Baptist**  
**Council of Catholic Women**

**March 11, 2023**

**Seder Meal and General Meeting**

**Sebahar Hall—11:30am**



**Seder Meal**

Join us for a traditional Seder Meal, also known as the Paschal Meal. Traditionally during this meal, the Israelites retell the story of their liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt. Jesus shared this meal with his apostles on the night before he died which for Catholics is Holy Thursday. We will be following a script, like a prayer service as each food is consumed.

Following the Seder Meal, we will have coffee and dessert, then our General Meeting.

**We will be announcing our CCW Woman of the Year 2023 later in the meeting.**

Please RSVP if you plan to attend, so that we know how much food to prepare.

RSVP by contacting Sheila Hornyak at 630-234-3792 or email: [hornyak921@gmail.com](mailto:hornyak921@gmail.com)



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, March 4, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak)  
 † Lucille & Albert Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)  
 † Stanley Salwierak (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)

### Monday, March 6

5:30 p.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Tuesday, March 7

8:15 a.m. † Glen Kelson (Claire Carline)

### Wednesday, March 8

5:30 p.m. † Dr. Michael I. Hussey (The Hussey Family)

### Thursday, March 9

8:15 a.m. † Raymond Barowsky (The Fallon Family)

### Friday, March 10

12:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)  
 ♥ † Darlyne Lakeman (Steve & Linda Fuechsl)  
 † Dorothy Aylward (Jack Aylward)

### Saturday, March 11, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † John & Sophie Kohut (Joe & Dee Bryja)  
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Gene Olszanowski (Rick & Mary Carlson)  
 † Eugene "Butch" Gawle, Jr. (Tom & Karen Borow)  
 † Frank Hartley & Mae Hartley (The Hartley Family)  
 † Kristine Messitt (The Hussey Family)  
 † Al & Denise Harvey (Denny & Maureen Brennan)

### Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Joan Sells (Sharleen Kosusnik)  
 9:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of St. John's  
 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 † *Al Christoffer*  
 CHURCH † *Darlyne Lakeman*

\*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.

## Save the Date

### SJB Mops Mother's Day Tea Fundraiser

Saturday, April 15 1:00pm-4:00pm at Sebahar Hall

Register with MOPS in the Narthex after Masses

March 18 and 19 or email Katie at

ekmennecke@gmail.com by March 26



## 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](http://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 Sarlitto
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Cpl Riley Santoyo	





## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Religious Education Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 613  
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Office and Parish Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 0 or 600  
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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](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net)

## Thank You

### Winfield Woods residents enjoyed Valentine's Day gifts

On Saturday, February 11th, the Council of Catholic Women assembled 130 gift bags for the residents at Winfield Woods Healthcare Center. About 17 women attended our breakfast meeting and put the donations together into zip lock bags filled with items for each resident. The coordinators of the project, Fran Hartigan and Venessa Lopatka, delivered the bags on February 13th and the residents received them on Valentine's Day with a lunch from McDonalds courte-sy of the donors who participated in our St. John's Wish Tree at Christmas.

Our CCW appreciates the donations received. The residents created a thank you card and are enjoying their gifts.



## 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. Please call the parish office for the April date.

### Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email [jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) and [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@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.

### 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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