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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

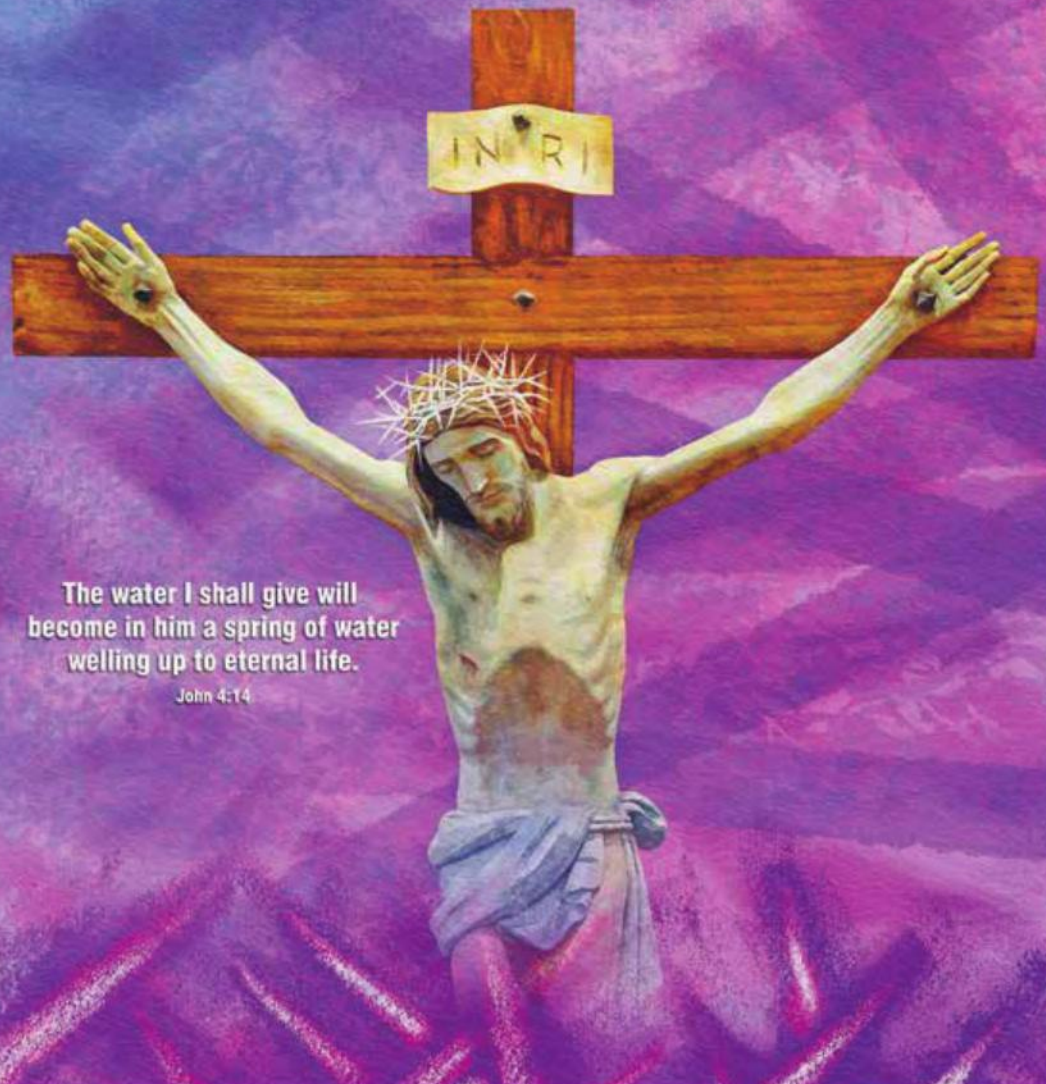
### ADORATION

**Thursdays**  
9:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Chapel

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays**  
7:00 pm Chapel

## Third Sunday of LENT



*Third Sunday of Lent, March 12, 2023*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

So far this Lenten Season, we have talked about praying, fasting, almsgiving and reconciliation. This week I would like to spend a little time talking about the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross depict the Passion of Christ, a series of fourteen events that begin with Christ being condemned by Pontius Pilate, and ending with our Lord's death and entombment. While we can pray and meditate over the Stations of the Cross at any time, there is a stronger focus during the Lenten season during which we ultimately celebrate Christ's Rising from the dead to save our souls and allow us to be Led to Heaven.

There is no one way to pray the Stations. While there are individual prayers that exist for this purpose, you can use your own prayers, or simply meditate and try to take in what it must have been like for our Lord at that time. Some people even find that a specific Station has more meaning for them.

Particularly during Lent, I find that going through the Stations can be a very powerful experience. I encourage you to go through the Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season, including Friday evenings at 7pm where we have set aside a weekly time for group participation in our beautiful chapel.

I also find myself once again being very proud of our SJB grade students during this Lenten season. They pray regularly, including weekly Mass, have received Ashes, have taken part in reconciliation, and yes, they too attend the Stations of the Cross weekly!

In the spirit of Lent, and recognizing the trials and tribulations our Lord went through for us, I thought it might be appropriate to make the Stations available at a glance. So, for quick reference, here they are:

- Jesus is Condemned to Death
- Jesus Carries His Cross
3. Jesus Falls the First Time
4. Jesus Meets His Mother, Mary
5. Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus Carry His Cross
6. Veronica Wipes Jesus' Face
7. Jesus Falls for the Second Time

8. Women of Jerusalem Weep Over Jesus
9. Jesus Falls for the Third Time
10. Jesus is Stripped of His Garments
11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross
12. Jesus Dies on the Cross
13. Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross
14. Jesus is Placed in the Sepulchre

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris





## Pastoral Advisory Council Minutes

The Pastoral Advisory Council met on November 14, 2022 and these minutes were reviewed and approved at the Council's recent meeting on January 23, 2023:

Prayer and Scripture.

John 6:58-68.

Fr. Chris's Welcome.

Formation Update (Sean Lazzari).

The discernment event last Saturday was successful.

The comments received were positive.

We will be conducting more formation sessions.

The national Eucharistic Revival is coming down to the parish level on the Feast of Corpus Christi next year (June 8, 2023). We will be looking into how our parish will participate.

We have an eye on a parish mission in 2024.

Sacred liturgy discussion.

The council discussed a survey that Fr. Chris intends to circulate to the parish. The discussion largely focused on (1) the content and structure of the survey and (2) ways to effectively distribute the survey to the parish community.

Next meeting

January 23, 2023

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of February 26, 2023 were \$18,484. This brings year to date donations to \$818,350 or \$57,775 short of the amount expected to meet this fiscal year's obligations. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our goal.

## Spring Ahead!

On Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00 am.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later than the day before.

Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time, and Daylight Savings Time.



## SJB MOPS Mother's Day Tea Fundraiser

Join us for a delightful afternoon with mothers, daughters, granddaughters, and friends! Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, scones, and mini sandwiches, and create a fresh flower bouquet to take home. Shop at our raffle prize table for the perfect Mother's Day gift!

St. John the Baptist Church - Sebahar Hall  
Saturday, April 15 from 1pm-4pm

\$40 per person

Register with MOPS in the Narthex after Masses March 18 and 19  
or email Katie at [ekmennecke@gmail.com](mailto:ekmennecke@gmail.com) by 3/26

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## 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*

## Ablaze Lenten Mission with Deacon Keith Strohm

**The Father's Delight: Sunday, March 26, 2023, 7:00 pm**

What if you didn't have to earn God's love? What if performance had nothing to do with salvation? In this engaging talk, Deacon explores the reality of the Father's love for each of us.

**Breaking the Power of Sin: March 27, 2023, 7:00 pm**

"Jesus died for our sins." We may hear that a lot, but what does it mean that God's Son gave His life for you and me? In this powerful talk, Deacon explores the mystery of sin and the Father's response in Jesus Christ.

**Unleashing the Spirit: March 28, 2023, 7:00 pm**

The Lord frees us from the power of sin and death so that we might live in the fullness of His life—a life we were originally created for. In this engaging talk, Deacon explores what it means to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Deacon Keith Strohm is the former Director of the Office for the New Evangelization and a deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago. A well-known international speaker and conference keynote, he has helped tens of thousands of men and women hear the Gospel message and encounter the mercy, love and power of Jesus Christ. Deacon Keith has extensive experience in creating and sustaining processes and programs of evangelization and formation at the group, parish and diocesan level that focus on the making, maturation and missioning of disciples of Jesus Christ.

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March 2023

Dear Friends,

Our diocese will take up the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services on March 19, and it could not come at a more fortunate time.

As the arm of the Catholic Church that helps the poor and vulnerable overseas, Catholic Relief Services plays a vital role during emergencies such as the earthquakes that occurred last month in Turkey and Syria. Catholic Relief Services immediately contacted its partners in those countries to provide safe shelter for individuals and families, and access to food, clean water and hygiene supplies.

Your support of Catholic Relief Services funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions.

This is life-saving work. Thank you for your support of our neighbors overseas with your donation to the humanitarian mission of Catholic Relief Services.

Paz y bien,  
**Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks**  
Bishop of Joliet



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**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)

**Monday, March 13**

- 5:30 p.m. † Paz Fortes (Margaret Digenan)

**Tuesday, March 14**

- 8:15 a.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (Andrew Capigatti)

**Wednesday, March 15**

- 5:30 p.m. † Sam Mascia (Joe Tiritilli)

**Thursday, March 16**

- 8:15 a.m. † Cyndi A. Vivoda (MaryBeth & Joan Cleary)

**Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**

- 12:00 p.m. † Cyndi A. Vivoda (MaryBeth & Joan Cleary)  
 † Souls in Purgatory  
 † Joan Cleary (The Brady Family)  
 † David H. & Patricia A. Kadolph (Joe & Lynn Kadolph)  
 † A.J. Milder (The Clement Milder Family)

**Saturday, March 18, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)  
 † Cyndi A. Vivoda (MaryBeth & Joan Cleary)  
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Jackie Olszanowski (Rick & Mary Carlson)  
 † Bill Banta (The Banta Family)  
 † Joann Busch (Fran Hartigan)  
 † Sheila Milder Tomaszewski (The Clement Milder Family)

**Sunday, March 19, 2023, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 a.m. † Jozef Gil (Adrienne Rose)  
 9:30 a.m. † The Hendrian & Strzyzynski Families (Rita Grabowski)  
 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's

**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 † *Giuliana Capigatti*  
 CHURCH † *The Conley Family*

\*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.



*please pray for Christina Petrosius*

who passed away on February 20, 2023.  
 Our sympathies are extended to her husband,  
 Mark, and to all of her family & friends.

## 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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Lt. Col. John Berg	2LT Allyson Serbick
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	PFC Keegan Serbick
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#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Secretaria Hispana: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 601  
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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.  
RSVP, Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net)

#### PRAYERS & 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.

#### THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

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