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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

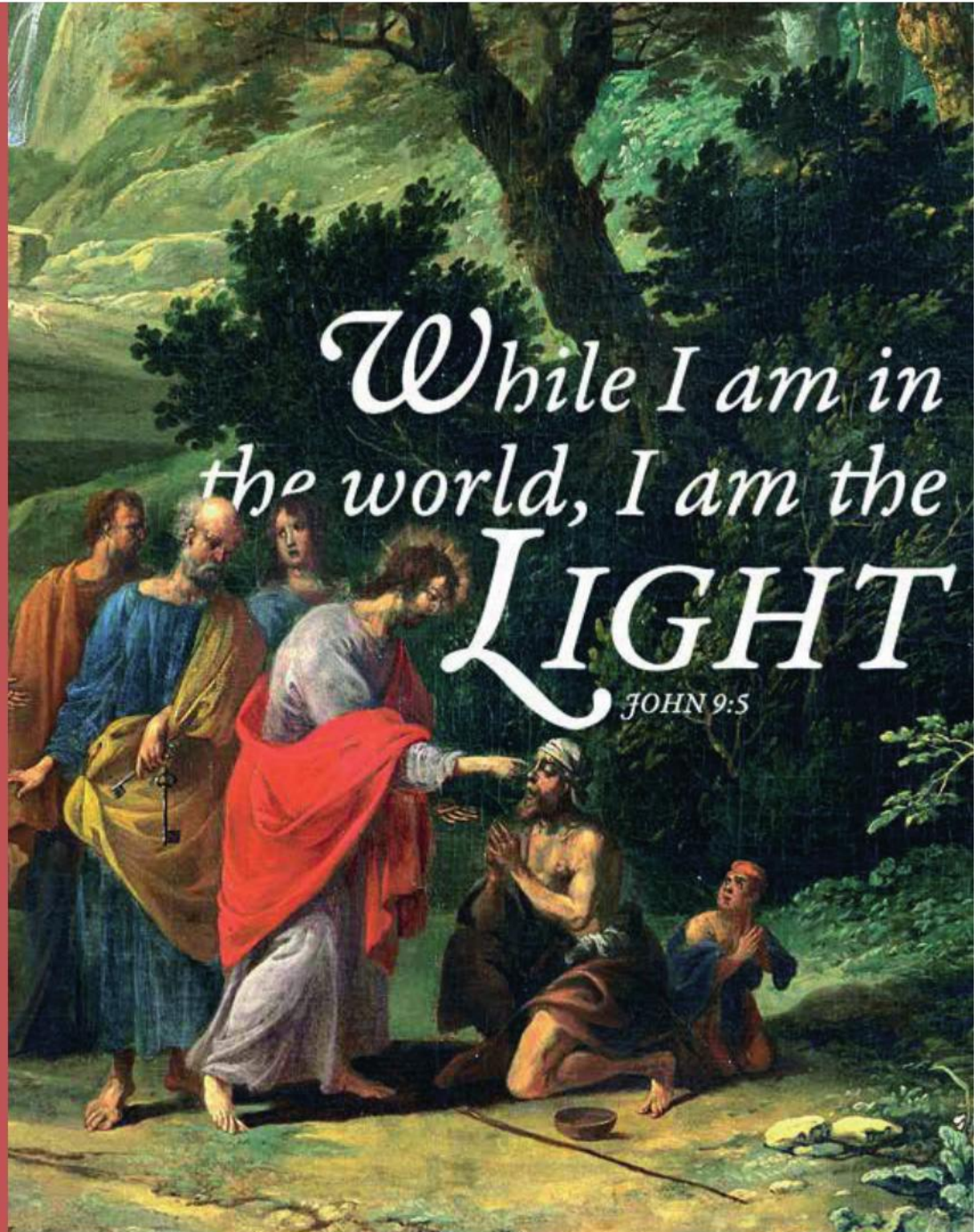
Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm Church

ADORATION

Thursdays
9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays
7:00 pm Chapel



Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 19, 2023



Bishop Hicks' Column



March 2023: Journeying 10 years with Pope Francis

It is a common practice to give a gift made of silver for a 25th anniversary and something of gold for a 50th. However, I was wondering, what do you give for a 10th anniversary? After some research, there seems to be some consensus that either tin or aluminum is meant to commemorate a decade. Perhaps these metals make an appropriate gift since they are known for their strength and resilience.

On March 13, our Holy Father will celebrate his 10th anniversary as pope. As we have watched our pontiff lead, guide and shepherd the Church, few would argue that he has done so with great strength and resilience. I am truly amazed by his vigor, perseverance and tenacity. Sometimes I wonder if I reach his age, God willing, will I still have that type of energy?

Pope Francis, like his predecessors, is so much more than a CEO of a worldwide organization. He is the apostolic successor to St. Peter, the "rock" upon which the Church is built. Just like the apostle, he has his own personality. Some people focus on his warm smile or infectious laugh, while others notice his ability to listen and engage in conversation. Even the name he chose as pope, Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, is a nod to his humility.

I am a bishop ordained under Pope Francis in 2018 and then installed in 2020 for the Diocese of Joliet. I have tried to emulate his famous advice that a bishop and priest should strive to be a good shepherd with "the smell of the sheep." In other words, the Church is better off with leaders who spend time among the people of God. Pope Francis continues to give us an example of how to be and do just that.

I have a beautifully framed photo of Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich and myself taken in Rome in December 2019 during an ad limina meeting. I love the photo because we are all laughing out loud. This snapshot was captured when Cardinal Cupich, one by one, was introducing the 26 bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to the Holy Father. While introducing the bishop standing in front of me, Cardinal Cupich said to the pope, "He is one of my retired bishops." The pope looked at him and said, "You look much too young to be retired." Then it was my turn. The pope firmly took my

hand to shake it, and Cardinal Cupich said to him, "And this is Bishop Ron Hicks. He is my vicar general." The pope then broke into a big smile, looked at me and said, "You are a vicar general *and* a bishop? You look like you are still in high school!" It was a beautiful moment to share in that laughter and joy, and I am glad it was immortalized in a photo, which I treasure.

No matter how you describe Pope Francis, his 10th anniversary gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank him for his faith, leadership and prayers. That's in addition to all of the work he has accomplished, which includes three encyclicals, four synods, countless homilies, extensive travel, innumerable audiences and the canonization of more than 900 new saints, chief among which are Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII, Mother Teresa of Kolkata, Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero, along with the 813 martyrs of Otranto.

He has also given us several exhortations over these 10 years, from which there are many things to learn and ponder. His first such document in 2013 was "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel), and I appreciate that he began his pontificate proclaiming, "joy" – namely the joy that comes from an encounter with the risen Lord, Jesus. The joy of the Gospel fills our hearts and lives because of the salvation brought through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, which sets us free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.

As I write this, I realize it would take volumes to capture what the pope has done and accomplished over 10 years. And even though his achievements are vast, I cannot help but think of all of the pressure he endures and the burdens he carries daily. Leading the Church amid today's complexities, polarization and challenges is not easy. Therefore, I thank God that our pope wakes up each day and leads with gospel joy, faith and zeal.

Every day at Masses across the globe, we as a Church rightfully unite our voices in the Eucharistic Prayer as we ask God to "be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant, Francis, our Pope." As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Holy Father, let us in a special way pray for his continued strength and resilience, as together we wish Pope Francis, "Ad multos Annos!"

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE-2023

Palm Sunday, April 2

We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule, including the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 pm Tenebrae service-Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 6

9:00 am Morning Prayer; No Morning Mass

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration 8:00 pm-12:00 am only

Night Prayer at 11:50 pm

Good Friday, April 7, 2022

9:00 am Morning Prayer; No 12:00 pm Mass

3:00 pm Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8

9:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing

Easter Egg Hunt on East Lawn (immediately following Easter Basket Blessing)

8:00 pm Easter Vigil-Church

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30am-Church

9:30am-Church

11:30am-Church

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of March 5, 2023 were \$30,012. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$23,450.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Schedule is:

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

*no confessions on Holy Saturday, April 8

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

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

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

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

All confessions are in Church

In addition to above,

All Parishes in the area

are sharing in one special day:

Friday, March 31 from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm

at **Divine Mercy Church,**

21 W. 411 Sunset Ave., Lombard, IL, 60148.

Confessions with multiple priests.

All are welcome!



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 by 3/26

Checks payable to St. John the Baptist

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 Keith explores the reality of the Father's love for each of us. We were created for an eternal life filled with peace, joy, freedom, and communion with God and each other. Using Scripture, Tradition, and personal stories seasoned with a dose of humor, this presentation will draw you closer to the Father's Heart—which beats for you.

Breaking the Power of Sin: Monday, 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 Keith explores the mystery of sin and the Father's response in Jesus Christ. How does the Cross set us free? Is the Cross simply a declaration of our sinfulness, or does it reveal something deeper—something essential for us to know about who we are? Why does it matter that Christ rose from the dead? Using his own unique style, Deacon Keith makes this central movement of the Christian faith accessible and the person of Jesus real for every listener.

Unleashing the Spirit: Tuesday, 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. Peace, joy, freedom, holiness, intimacy and love, integrity, fruitfulness, mercy, healing—these are all hallmarks of the Kingdom life we receive from Jesus, and they come to us through the gift of His Holy Spirit in Baptism. In this engaging talk, Deacon explores what it means to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit and shares how to unleash that Spirit for our sake and the sake of the world!

Deacon Keith Strohm Biography

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. His latest book, *Jesus: The Story You Thought You Knew*, will be available this spring from Our Sunday Visitor.

KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent

"Dine In or Drive By"



**5 pm to 7 pm
Fridays...
March
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 Parish Easter Egg Hunt!

OPEN TO ALL PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH 3RD GRADERS

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023 .

Time: 12:15 pm (after Blessing of Easter Baskets@12 Noon)

Place: Gather at the church pavilion
(East side of church off Liberty St.)

Ages: Preschool - 3rd grade

RSVP: Kathie Brewer at 630-682-4400 x613 or kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org
Bring a non-perishable food item or cleaning supplies for the Food Pantry.

Don't forget a basket to collect eggs!
Please dress children appropriately.
Hunt will be held in Sebahar if it rains!



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, March 20, Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 5:30 p.m. † Eugene & Louise Gawle (Tom & Karen Borow)

Tuesday, March 21

- 8:15 a.m. † Shirley Stachniak (The Stachniak Family)

Wednesday, March 22

- 5:30 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Gawle Family (The Borow Family)

Thursday, March 23

- 8:15 a.m. † Dr. Michael I. Hussey (The Hussey Family)

Friday, March 24

- 12:00 p.m. ♥ Health & Intentions, Augustine Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Gaetano Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Charles E. Kadolph (Joe & Lynn Kadolph)
 † Shirley Stachniak (The Stachniak Family)
 † Elettra Menni (Andrew Capigatti)
 † Karol Klein-Irvin (Rick & Mary Carlson)

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 † *Shirley Stachniak*
 CHURCH † *Shirley Stachniak*

**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.*



Join the Joliet Diocese on a
Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023
July 29 – August 7, 2023

With optional Pre-Tour to Madrid
 July 25-29, 2023

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 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.

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
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
Pvt Timothy Conley	Smolucha
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	Major Mike Smolucha
Major Daniel Durbin	SPC Thomas Stanhope
Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	
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	
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Captain Kevin Rezabek	
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Cpl Riley Santoyo	



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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.



St. Mary's will host an ecumenical pro-life prayer service, Tuesday, March 21, from 2pm-4pm at Saint Mary's Church, 140 N. Oakwood Ave, West Chicago, for solidarity with those rallying and lobbying at the Illinois March for Life in Springfield.

March for Life Chicago -now Illinois March for Life, moving to Springfield - March 21, but continuing to march for life in the public square. Countless states, in cities throughout the US, like San Francisco and Los Angeles, now have a March for Life following the successful March for Life in DC.

Passion Performance

All are invited on
Sunday, March 19, 5:00 pm
to Corpus Christi Parish,
1415 W. Lies Rd., Carol Stream, IL,

for a free, magnificent, live
theatrical performance of
The Passion of Christ.

Questions? Go to
<https://corpuschristicarolstream.org/>

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. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7:00 pm.

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.

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:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a
get-together, St. John's Fire Pit,
7:00 pm Wednesday, March 29, 2023.
Questions? Sean Conley,
630-835-8225

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