

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
Lenten Times (Pg. 3)

ADORATION

Thursdays
9:00 am to 8:00 pm
Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays
7:00 pm Chapel

I am the
RESURRECTION
and the LIFE
JOHN 11:25



Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A, March 26, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I kicked off the start of the Lenten season by reminding everyone that our focus at this time of the year should be on praying, fasting and almsgiving. I also discussed how both adults and children of St. John's have taken part in traditions and reflections that are specific to the Lenten season. This included:

a reminder of our mortality when we received Ashes on Ash Wednesday;
the power and Grace of God's Holy love for us through the sacrament of reconciliation;
and the opportunity for deep prayer and meditation by our participation in the Stations of the Cross, reflecting on Jesus' last day here on earth before He died for all of humanity;

Continuing with an attention to prayer, I'd like to talk about something I've discussed in the past – Adoration. Here at St. John's we hold Adoration all year long. However, what better a time to be so close to the Blessed Sacrament than during Lent. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose for us. There is no better way to pray and give thanks to the Lord than when we are in His presence. We hold Adoration every Thursday at St. John's from 9am to 8pm. Our Adoration regulars, including adults and our schoolchildren, will tell you that praying to Jesus while He rests in view in the monstrance is very special. I encourage you to join us in our beautiful chapel for this wonderful experience. You may find it particularly moving on Holy Thursday.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



O Sacrament most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving,
Be every moment Thine!

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 12, 2023 were \$21,017. 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!

SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

While you are out shopping, consider picking up any of the items listed on the St. Vincent de Paul grocery list included here. You can bring items to Mass and place them in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule.

Questions?

630-668-0918, ext. 692.

Thank you!

• The items they need currently are:

• Cooking Oil	• Deodorant
• Sugar	• Tomato Sauce
• Flour	• Pasta Sauce
• Paper Towels	• Canned Tuna
• Toilet Paper	• Canned Chicken
• Noodles	
• Dry Beans, Rice	
• Laundry Detergent	
• Dish Soap	
• Canned Fruit	

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

Email Katie at ekmennecke@gmail.com by 3/26
Checks payable to St. John the Baptist



Join us for Mary's Way of the Cross March 31st at 7 PM-Chapel



Sponsored by the Women's Cursillo

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, made that first way of the cross. These stations, called Mary's Way of the Cross, attempt to present that viewpoint.

Enter a journey of faith through a deep reflection that will unite one's pain and suffering with Jesus on the Cross through the sorrowful heart of His Mother.

Ablaze

Lenten Mission with Deacon Keith Strohm- All Are Invited!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRESENTS
**A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS
GALA**

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GYMNASIUM
6:30PM-11:00PM
DINNER, DRINKS & MUSIC
LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

TICKETS: \$75 PER PERSON
FORMAL ATTIRE ENCOURAGED, NOT REQUIRED

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE RSVP AT
[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/YTD4KNS2](http://tinyurl.com/YTD4KNS2)



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TO FOLLOW SOON

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KC Final Lenten Friday Fish Fry

"Dine In or Drive By"



**5 pm to 7 pm
Fridays...
March
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!

Fish & Shrimp
Prices:
Adults \$12
Kids \$7
Seniors \$11

Spag. Tacos,
Enchilada
Dinners \$14

YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE!

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

**ORDER BY PHONE-CALL SEBAHAR HALL, 630-668-0918, EX 651
FROM 3 PM TO 6:30 PM**

CALL SEAN CONLEY DIRECTLY, 630-835-8225

WALK-UP OR DINE-IN ORDERS WELCOMED

**PICK-UP LOCATION: COME INSIDE SEBAHAR HALL
OR WE'LL DELIVER YOUR ORDER TO YOUR CAR**

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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PALMS & PANCAKES

Enjoy pancakes with your choice
of bacon or sausage
Sunday, April 2
8:00 am until 11:00 am

Place advance orders starting Wed., 3/29
through Sun., 4/2 until 10:00 am,
on St. John's website,
www.stjohnwinfield.org.

Or call on Sunday, Sebahar Hall,
630-668-0918, ext. 651
or Sean at 630-835-8225

Dine In or Pick-Up at
St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Liberty St

~ Donations accepted. ~

Knights College Scholarship

St. John the Baptist Knights of
Columbus 2023 Scholarship
Applications are now available!

The Knights are continuing their
Knights of Columbus Scholarship
program for college-bound students of
Winfield and St. John's Parish.

The criteria for consideration for these
scholarships are: be a resident of
Winfield zip code 60190, have a family
business in Winfield, have an
affiliation with the KOC Council 8002
(member, son, daughter, grandchild,
etc.), or be a registered parishioner of
St. John the Baptist Church, Winfield,
IL. Applications are available at your
local high school, in our parish office
vestibule, and on the Winfield Knights
website: www.Winfieldknights.org.

Kindly execute, and return by mailing
to: Knights of Columbus, c/o St. John
the Baptist, 0S233 Church St.,
Winfield, IL, 60190. Write the words
"Scholarship Application" on the back
of the envelope. It must be
postmarked no later than April 19,
2023, and received by April 26, 2023.

Please note: the applicant will
complete Parts I and II of the form.
Use additional pages if necessary.
Part III is to be completed by school
officials, attached to in a sealed
envelope or mailed to the Knights at
St. John's.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 25, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 p.m. † Jim Kolanowski (Irene Kolanowski)
 † Diana Schillo (Walter & Theresa Martineau)
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Tom Olszanowski (Rick & Mary Carlson)
 † Eugene & Dolores Vanco (The Vanco Family)
 † Michael Fraser (Margaret & Kevin Walsh)
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Kelley Gripp (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Sunday, March 26, Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's
 9:30 a.m. † Jack White (Marianne & Jim Russell)
 11:30 a.m. † Joann Busch (CCW)

Monday, March 27

- 5:30 p.m. † Fay Rieser (Dick & Nancy Clemens)

Tuesday, March 28

- 8:15 a.m. † Dr. Herb Cheng (Annie & Jim Milder)

Wednesday, March 29

- 5:30 p.m. † Dennis Wicker (Leslie Wicker)

Thursday, March 30

- 8:15 a.m. † Florence Hrynko (Carol Schroeder)

Friday, March 31

- 12:00 p.m. † Walter "Wally" Brooker (Rita Grabowski)
 † Florence Hrynko (Carol Schroeder)
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Ann Noonan (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Nancy (A Friend)
 † Franklin C. Hale (The Hale Sisters)
 ♥ The Homeless

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 ♥ *Health & Intentions, Susan Weber*
 CHURCH † *Virginia DiDomenico*

*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.

Palm Sunday Procession April 2nd

Before the 9:30 am Mass, blessing of the palms will take place in the Mary Garden, weather permitting.

After the blessing, there will be a procession around the north side of the church, entering the church through the west doors.



please pray for Thomas Comparini

who passed away on March 11, 2023.
 Our sympathies are extended to his
 to his wife, Vicki, and to all family and 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 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
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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
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Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	
Sgt Pamela Gray	
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	
A1C Seth Kelley	
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Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
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Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao	
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Captain Kevin Rezabek	
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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.

Attention Ushers for Easter Masses

If you would be able to serve as an usher at any of the Easter Masses, please sign-up on the sheet located on the Welcome Desk in the Church Narthex. Thank you.



March 25th was the feast of the Annunciation. On that day Mary said Yes to God and became the Mother of Jesus. Today you can choose to spiritually adopt a baby. Your spiritually adopted child will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the souls your prayer saved and spend eternal happiness with them. You simply choose a name for your baby and daily say the following prayer:

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby (name) that I have spiritually adopted."

*The 40 Days for Life Vigil continues through April 2.
Keep praying for its success!*

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

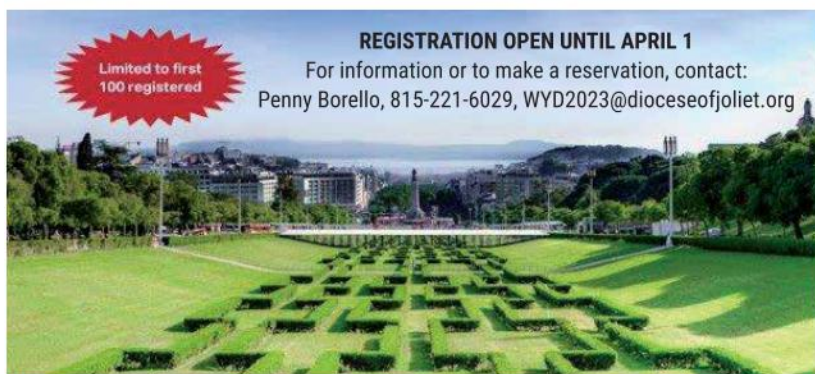
For Baptisms, RCIA and Wedding information, please contact the parish office.

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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