# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS Deacon: Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

## **MASS TIMES**

**Mondays, Wednesdays** 5:30 pm

**Tuesdays , 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)



Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ.

The Mass is the most powerful prayer we have as Catholics! It's where we receive the Eucharist, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ! In order to continue to make the Sacred Liturgy the most important, most meaningful, and most beautiful thing we do at St. John the Baptist, as well as this being the Eucharistic Revival for the Church in the United States, I have decided to distribute a survey that seeks your input. Please keep in mind that although all responses are valuable, surveys without a name on them, will not be recorded. You will have the option to submit your responses in writing by completing the attached survey and returning it right here at Church in a basket in the Narthex or by scanning the QR code below and submitting your responses digitally.

Baskets for returned surveys will be put in the Narthex until Sunday May 7th. You can also return a completed survey to the parish office. After May 7th, responses will no longer be accepted. I will then review these responses along with our Pastoral Advisory Council. Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey! May we continue to approach the Eucharist with the utmost love, respect, and reverence, and by our participation in the Mass be strengthened to Lead Souls to Heaven!

In Christ, Fr. Chris

#### **Sacred Liturgy Survey**

#### Name:

1) How often do I attend Sunday Mass at St. John the Baptist? 2) What age group do I fall into? o-20 years old Weekly a. a. b. Monthly b. 21-40 years old Less than once a month 41-60 years old c. c. d. Christmas and Easter only d. 61-80 years old Rarely e. 81-100 years old e. f. Beyond 101 years old



- 3) When looking at the celebration of Mass at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel is done well?
- 4) When looking at the celebration of Mass at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel needs improvement?
- 5) When looking at the Sacred Music at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel is done well?
- 6) When looking at the Sacred Music at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel needs improvement?
- 7) When looking at the physical church building that Mass is celebrated in at St. John the Baptist, what do I like about the space (ex: lighting, sound, carpeting, altar furnishings / decor, etc.)?
- 8) When looking at the physical church building that Mass is celebrated in at St. John the Baptist, what do I feel needs improvement in the space (ex: lighting, sound, carpeting, altar furnishings / decor, etc.)?

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## **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 1 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.

# Religious Education 2023-24 Registration Dates:

Tues. April 25, 4:30pm-7:00pm for current Kindergarten - Confirmation 1 students

Sat. April 29, 9:00am - 10:15am for current Saturday morning classes

Tues. May 2, 4:30-7:00pm open registration for all grades

Registration will be held in the gym. Please enter the door #5 on the west side of the gym.



Saturday, April 29th 1:00pm In Sebahar Hall

St. John's Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring BINGO with snacks on Saturday, April 29th at 1:00pm. We will be providing Hotdogs, Chips, Pop and Dessert. Parishioners and friends of St. John's are welcome to join us for food and fun. There is no charge for this event.

Free will offerings are appreciated.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP so we have enough food.

Call Venessa Lopatka at 630-336-5414

or email venessalopatka@gmail.com



Offertory collections for the weekend of April 9, 2023 were \$21,041. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$23,450 in these challenging times.

# St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Children's Annual Appeal

Our Annual Appeal, The Children's Fund, has been so successful thus far this year. The appeal is one of the school's most important fundraising tools to help the school meet its operating expenses. Thanks to those who have already responded...we are almost to our goal of \$40, 000! Your generosity is invaluable and we indeed are grateful for each of you. If you haven't donated yet, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the school today. All donations are accepted and truly appreciated. To donate, you can make a donation through We Share Online Giving on the parish website or by using this link:

https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/ WeShare-20001304?tab=home

Click on Special Funds to donate. Checks can be made out to St. John the Baptist. Please put Annual Children's Appeal in the memo section. Your continued support is sincerely appreciated

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 30, 2023

2023 marks the **60th Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

World Day of Prayer will be observed on Sunday, April 30, 2023 also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

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



## TUITION FOR A YEAR RAFFLE 27 TICKETS SOLD ALREADY

Purchase your raffle ticket fro the chance to win FREE tuition for 1 child (valued at over \$5,000) for the 2023-2024 school year\*.

Only 100 tickets will be sold for the raffle so don't wait too long to purchase or you'll miss your opportunity to win\*\*.

You do not need to have a child at St. John the Baptist to win but the raffle money must be used on a St. John the Baptist student during the 2023-2024 school year. For example, if you are a grandparent of a child at SJB and you win, you can award that money to your grandchild.

Tickets are priced at \$100 a ticket and available for purchase at http://tinyurl.com/ytd4kns2

The drawing will take place Friday, April 28 at 8:00 PM during our Annual Gala held in the SJB gym. Winner need not to be present to win.

\*Tuition credit excludes registration fee and all activity fees

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Golf Resort Trips and Tee Times

#### **ENTERTAINMENT & EVENTS:**

Tickets - Theatre, Movies, Concerts Piano / Guitar / Music Lessons Books and Games Dining Certificates

email: Gala@sjbwinfield.org

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Saturday, April 22, Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Cynthia Kalat (Walter & Therese Martineau)

- ♥ Health & Intentions, Amy Denniger (Terrence Denniger)
- ♥ Health & Intentions, Randy Svendsen (The Krone Family)
- † Michael Fraser (Pat & Garry Young)
- † Dan Johnson (The John Dusza Family)
- † Virginia C. O'Sullivan (OLF Persidium)

#### Sunday, April 23, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † Paula Lange (The Brach Family)

9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's

11:30 a.m. † Dorothy Kadzielawski (The Wheeler Family)

#### Monday, April 24

5:30 p.m. † Noonan & Murray Families (Maureen & Joe Garro)

#### Tuesday, April 25

8:15 a.m. † Michelle Szymczak (Linda McKee & Ron Szymczak)

## Wednesday, April 26

5:30 p.m. † Heribert Kalden, Bernard Kalden & Henning Kalden (Marika Kostecka)

#### Thursday, April 27

8:15 a.m. † Dan Johnson (The Toboja Family)

## Friday, April 28

12:00 p.m. † Florence Hrynko (Carol Schroeder)

† Ruth Malay (Tom McGrath)

† Nancy Enzweiler (Kosusnik Family)

† Timothy Zubrod (Kosusnik Family)

† Rose Kothanek (Beth & Kevin O'Kasick)

**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

† Luz María Schlichtmann de Altamirano (died April 2020)

CHURCH

♥ Health & Intentions of Genevieve Rohr

\*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, April 26, 2023. Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Life Line Screening coming to St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Wednesday, June 7, 2023. If you wish to register for the screening online go to https://llsa.social/HSC, enter zip code 60190.

## 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 Mike Klein

The entire prayer list is on our website, at www.stjohnwinfield.org. Click on the heading, "Prayer Request," then scroll right underneath Prayer Request banner to: PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR CURRENT PRAY FOR OUR SICK LIST

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

Sgt Ian Sarlitto

**AN Michael Schieve** 

**2LT Allyson Serbick** 

PFC Keegan Serbick

Major Mike Smolucha

SPC Thomas Stanhope

AFSSqt Zachary Ushman

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Captain Kevin Rezabek

A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez

Cpl Riley Santoyo



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## **Bishop Hicks' Column**

# April 2023: The Chrism Mass: A Call to Newness of Life



By the time you are reading this article, we will probably have already celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. During that holy and busy week in the Catholic Church, there is a beautiful, albeit sometimes overshadowed, Mass we celebrate called the "Chrism Mass." Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we gather for it each year on the Monday after Palm Sunday, and I would like to share with you why I love it so much.

During this joyous and powerful celebration, there are two additional parts that are included in the Mass. The first one is the "Renewal of Priestly Promises." Immediately after the homily, the priests all stand and the bishop begins to address them with these words: "Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made? This year at the Chrism Mass, as I listened to the priests renewing their promises with zeal and courage, I felt a deep sense of unity with them and gratitude for them. I also thanked God not only for their original "Yes" to the priesthood, but also for publicly reaffirming their commitment throughout all the ups and downs of the journey.

The second additional part is the "Presentation of the Oils." The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are first presented and blessed. Then the Chrism oil is presented to the bishop. Right before the bishop consecrates it, he pours the 'chrism essence' into the container and stirs the oil, then he literally breathes upon it, recalling when Jesus breathed on his disciples after the resurrection, thus sending the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

I love that after this Mass, representatives from each of our parishes and various institutions receive a box containing the newly blessed Oils and return to their parishes with these Holy Oils. On Holy Thursday, these Holy Oils are presented in all of our parishes at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. These Holy Oils are used throughout the year for the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and in the dedication of a new church and/or a new Altar.

Immediately after the blessing of the new Oils at the Chrism Mass, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist as the gifts of bread and wine are presented with this prayer over the offerings, "May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life." It strikes me that the Chrism Mass magnifies this newness of life through Christ our Lord as the priests renew their promises and as the people bring back the new holy oils to their parishes. This newness of life was celebrated in your parish on Easter Sunday and these Holy Oils will be used in your parish and ministries in the year ahead to renew us in our lives.

After the Chrism Mass, as I exited the Cathedral and I was walking through the parking lot, I noticed a small group of people who had also attended the Mass. They were walking to their car, gently carrying the newly blessed Holy Oils almost like parents carrying a new-born baby into the house for the first time. I was delighted by their care and attention.

They told me that they had driven to the Cathedral from Kankakee. One of the women then said, "Bishop, I felt like I won the golden ticket when I was asked to represent my parish at this Mass today. It was just splendid! And it reminded me that our diocese is a lot bigger than just my parish. It felt good to worship with the larger Church today."

As I started my car, I thought about her comment. Sometimes, we might think that the Church is only as big as our experience in our own local parish. We can easily get focused on just our own personal communities, realities, needs and issues. And yet, we are a large and diverse diocese made up of many people from various demographics and locations with a wide variety of opinions and points of view. Through it all, part of the beauty of what makes us "Catholic" is that amid our diversity and individual parish experiences, we are also united in Christ. And yet together, wholeheartedly, we all believe that salvation is only through, with and in Him.

So, as I drove home from the Chrism Mass with a smile on my face, I spontaneously uttered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all of the laity, religious women and men, deacons and priests across our diocese, and for the newness of life that we share, united through Christ, our Lord.



## MONDAY April

24

3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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#### **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, May 4, 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.

(Pictured Left) Chrism Mass at Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus with RICA candidate, Juanita Norkus, sponsor Donna Maday and Deacon Alex, Monday, April 3, 2023

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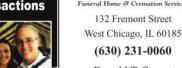
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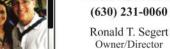
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