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MASS TIMES

Mondays, Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Tuesdays, **Thursdays** 8:15 am

Fridays 12:00 pm

Saturdays 5:00 pm

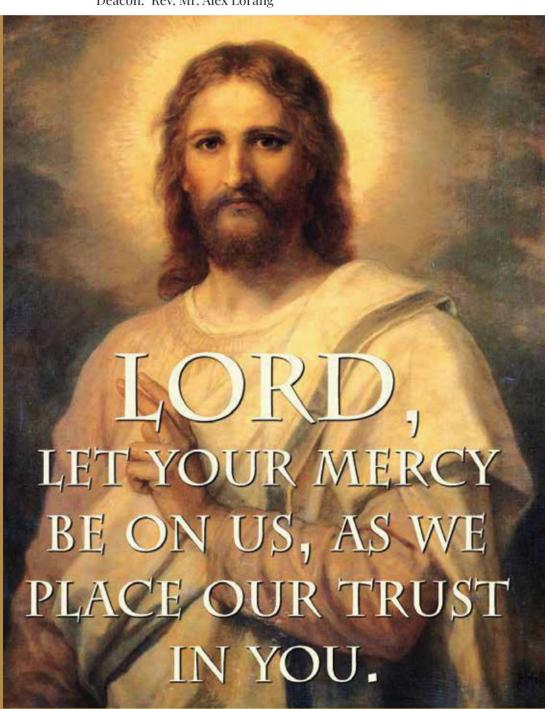
Sundays 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

ADORATION

Thursdays 9:00 am to 8:00 pm (Chapel)



Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

We had a bit of cool spring lately, sandwiched in between some decent weather. Hopefully, better weather is here to stay. I very much enjoy this time of the year. The birds have been chirping, the sun is out longer, flowers have been in bloom and the grounds of St. John's have looked beautiful. Even Cal can bark or chase more than just the couple of winter squirrels willing to enter the yard in the winter. When I look out at our campus, I know that I am truly blessed with what God, and supporters of St. John's, have bestowed upon our community.

And, with spring comes the month of May. As most of you know, this is the month in which we honor Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and our hearts. This past week, the wonderful children of St. John's crowned the Blessed Mother. What a wonderful job they did. Finally, as I do each year, I encourage you to pray to our Blessed Mother and to know that she takes all of our prayers to her Son's most Sacred Heart.

In Christ, Fr. Chris







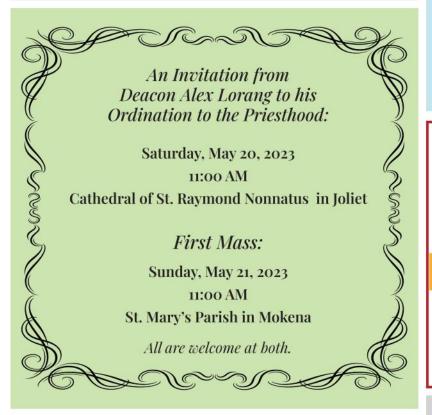




Above are pictures of the May Crowning of Mary conducted by our Religious Education program. After Father Chris blessed the crowns and flowers, the statues of the Blessed Mother were crowned by Jasmine Montegro. Her support was from Emiliano Morales and Yoselyn Rodriguez, under the direction of Maureen Brennan.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



Please keep our Joliet Diocese Deacons in prayer while they prepare for their ordination to the priesthood on May 20, 2023:

> Deacon Jeremy Leganski Deacon Alexander Lorang Deacon Frank Pusateri Deacon Jared Rutnicki

2023 First Communicants

In addition to the names printed in last week's bulletin, Yadhira Guevara also celebrated First Communion for the first time on April 22, 2023. A revised, complete list of First Communicants is available in our digital bulletin on our website.

May all the First Communicants know the companionship of Jesus and Mary throughout their lives.

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of April 23, 2023 were \$23,076. Collections through the first ten months of the fiscal year were \$1,135,800 or 9.8% lower than the amount needed to meet budgeted operating expenses. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our obligations.

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm Wednesday, May 10, 2023.



Sign Up to Give Online!

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Visit our church website at www.stjohnwinfield.org and click

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Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. That's it!

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

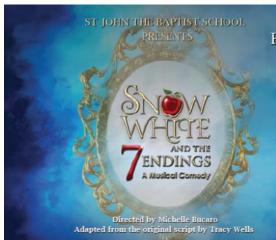
Questions? Contact Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.

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.



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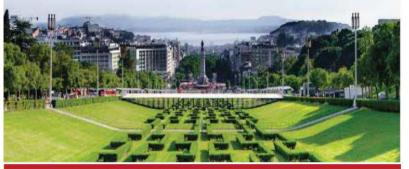
In addition, SJB has a generous contributor who is willing to match donations to SJB dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000, when a new donor contributes to the state's program on behalf of SJB. Help us to maximize this opportunity! Make your contribution today!

If you want assistance in how the program works, Fr. Jeff from the diocese helps donors with the donation process for our families. He is available to assist you with making a donation. He has helped so many donors. Fr. Jeff can be reached by email at jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org, or you can call him at 347-788-8463.

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For additional details on the Fatima/Lourdes Pilgrimage, you can contact Fr. Raj at (630) 605-8813 or sunrajk@comcast.net

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Let's Be Healthy Together!

SAVE THE DATE!

Life Line Screening is coming to St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Wednesday, June 7, 2023.

Available screenings include

- · Carotid Artery
- · Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- Peripheral Arterial Disease
- · Atrial Fibrillation

Complimentary and discounted screenings are available. See flyers in the church narthex for more information.

If you wish to register for the screening online go to https://llsa.social/HSC, enter zip code 60190.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 6, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

◆† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (Knights of Columbus)

- † Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
- † The Kolanowski Family (Irene Kolanowski Family)
 - † Anna Trojanowski (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 - † Bryan Wengren (Maryann Dusza)
 - † Jon Passini (Mary Passini)

Sunday, May 7, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. The People of St. John's

9:30 a.m. Health & Intentions, Mike & Nancy Noonan (Maureen & Joe Garro)

11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

Monday, May 8

5:30 p.m. † William McHugh (The Wheeler Family)

Tuesday, May 9

† Fern Andersen (Lee & Donna Buchholtz) 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 10

5:30 p.m. † Fr Tony Stockinger, Anniv. of Death

Thursday, May 11

8:15 a.m. † Stefania Positano (The Marasco Family)

Friday, May 12

12:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)

† Florence Hrynko (Irene Sonevitsky)

† Dolores Vanco (The Vanco Family)

† Bruce Pape (Dan Conley)

† Geoffrey Fleming

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 ♥ Health & Intentions. Susan Weber

*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 Ruth Malay

who passed away on March 26, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to all family & friends.



please pray for Edward G. Serwach

who passed away on April 14, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to the Serwach, Morris and Bruggeman families & 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 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 all Seminarians who are studying in the Diocese of Joliet including our own

Seminarian Sam Bergmann

Please pray for those who defend our nation, those who serve in Active Duty

Pvt James Luigi Akin SRA Francis Beifuss Lt. Col. John Berg Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army Sgt Melissa Brooker Pvt Timothy Conley Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly Major Daniel Durbin Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr. Sqt. Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray Colonel Erica Haas, USAF A1C Seth Kelley Lt. Crystal Kotvan

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Join St John's book club at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 7 pm at the Winfield Public Library.

We will discuss the book, *The English Bookshop* by Janis Wildy.

Please bring suggestions for future books. Please inquire with any questions & RSVP, Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming Date/Title: June 21, The Winter Orphans.



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Illinois tax credit scholarship program has proven to be a beacon of hope and a guiding force toward a better life for thousands of Illinois students and their families. However, that light may be snuffed out unless the Illinois General Assembly acts to continue the law that provides for this program. Therefore, we are writing to ask you to contact your Illinois state representative and state senator to express your desire to retain the tax credit scholarship program.

Since its inception six years ago, the tax credit scholarship program has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending private schools in the state. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a 75% tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax. All of the scholarships are need-based. Without this program, Illinois families may be unable to send their loved ones to the school of their choice. Demand for scholarships is high - for every scholarship granted, three students were turned down due to lack of funds.

Allowing the tax credit scholarship program to sunset would not only be a life altering disservice to the families it is designed to help, but would also create long-term consequences by weakening the state's educational choices and placing additional roadblocks in front of thousands of Illinois students on the path to a brighter future.

Please contact your state representative and state senator to let them know you support extending the tax credit scholarship program in Illinois law. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do so also. Our collective voice is needed. To assist in this endeavor, please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a possible message to send, or for information about how to donate.

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His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich Archbishop of Chicago + Momos John Paprocki

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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, June 1, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Bishop of Belleville

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:	
Parish Directory:	_ 630-6866-0918
Religious Education Office:	Ext 613
Director: Maureen Brennan	Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation)	_Ext o
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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.



Cursillo Corner

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sunday, May 7

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, May 7 from 8:00-8:15 pm. What better way to wind down your busy week than to pray this beautiful prayer recognizing our merciful Lord. Friends and family are welcome. Prayer intentions are taken prior to the start of the Chaplet. Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

Ultreva - Saturday, May 13

Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Ultreva will begin at 9:30 in Sebahar Hall.

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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