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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)



The Ascension Of The Lord, Seventh Sunday Of Easter, May 21, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

This week there has been much to celebrate at church and school. To begin with, Deacon Alex Lorang was ordained Fr. Alex Lorang this past Saturday, May 20th. Congratulations to Fr. Alex for all he has done, and for all that he will do in the future.

It also brought back fond memories for myself, as today, the 21st of May, is the seventh anniversary of my own ordination. I'm grateful to continue to be serving the Lord.

Celebrations also took place at the school this past week or so. The theater department celebrated their successful production of Snow White and the Seven Endings. The show was well done and showed off the talents of a host of our students. Then this past week, we celebrated the Mass, awards ceremony and graduation of our eighth grade students. I'm so proud of them.

Most importantly, this week we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus Christ. Our Lord shows us the way to heaven. And after all, that is our most important mission – Leading Souls to Heaven.

Finally, next week will be our annual 53rd Sunday collection. I don't like peppering our parishioners with repeated calls for second collections, even though requests are made of us almost every week. I try to keep those to a minimum and respect the generosity you have already shown St. John's and the diocese. You might recall, I only really tout two special collections. One, collections where the primary purpose is the pursuit of religious vocation, such as CMAA. The other special collection I reach out to you on is our 53rd Sunday collection. As many of you know, collections in the Catholic Church this year have been below expectations in the majority of parishes across the country, and St. John's hasn't been immune. In addition, we have had our share of unforeseen expenses, including failed boiler pumps, repair and electrical work needed to get our buildings to code, and the continued need to address our very old network server which failed earlier this year. Once again, I find myself reaching out to you and asking if on May 28th you can consider at least doubling your regular gift to St. John's, in order that we might meet our anticipated obligations for the remainder of the year. I ask that you prayerfully consider what you might be able to contribute, and as always, I remain truly humbled by your generosity.

In Christ, Father Chris

COME PRAY WITH US

For our family members, friends and others who have left the Catholic Church "Where two or three are gathered..." *All Welcome*

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023 CHAPEL - 2:00 PM

Questions? Patti Loechl, 630-730-4801



Please spread the word of the dynamic Quo Vadis Days 2023 (July 30-Aug. 2) run by the Vocation Offices of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet. During this 4-day/3-night camp at the Mundelein Seminary, young men ages 13 to 18 will participate in powerful discussions, outdoor activities, sports, daily Mass and Liturgy of the Hours.

The forms and payment are due in the Vocation Office no later than Wednesday, July 26, 2023.

Please use the links below to register and pay early. Spots fill up quickly!

https://files.constantcontact.com/92b4c919701/8cde039e-3052 -4760-bde4-883599c00877.pdf

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If you have any questions contact dcamp@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Please consider giving your son or grandson this wonderful opportunity to grown in his faith.

Mary, Queen of Peace

We ask you, Queen of Peace,
To help us respond with the power of truth and love
to the new and unsettling challenges of the present moment.
Help us also to pass through this difficult period,
that disturbs the serenity of so many people,
and to work without delay to build every day
and everywhere a genuine culture of peace.

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of May 7, 2023 were \$25,803. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$23,450.



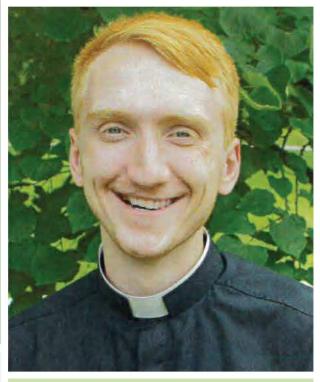
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Select the collection or event of your choice. Set up your donation or payment. *That's it!*

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.



Congratulations to Father Alex Lorang who was ordained to the priesthood Saturday, May 20, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, in Joliet! We are so happy and blessed to have been part of Father Alex's journey to his priestly ordination!



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.

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich Archbishop of Chicago

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

Most Reverend David J. Mallov

Bishop of Rockford Bishop of Joliet

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks

Most Reverend Michael McGovern Bishop of Belleville

Bishop of Peoria

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Tax Credit Scholarship



The Illinois' Invest In Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program (ITCSP) is an amazing opportunity to support catholic education, where every dollar you contribute is quadrupled in scholarship funds to SJB. That is 4x!!! to the benefit of SJB. For example, your \$1,000 purchase of Illinois tax credits results in \$4,000 of scholarship funds to SJB. A contribution this year will come back as a tax credit on your 2023 Illinois state income taxes. There is no better way to support a catholic education in the state! In 2022, we supported 63 scholarships and we are aiming to fund 75 this year. You are going to pay 2023 taxes, so why not have them support Catholic scholarships this year at SJB? Help us make a difference in 2023!

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.



Above, last week our Catholic Grade School 8th grade students took a field trip to Lake Geneva. Below is the graduation ceremony for our DARE program students.



YOUNG AT HEARTS LUNCHEON

Please join us Wednesday, May 24th at 11:30 a.m. for our Spring luncheon in Sebahar Hall. Don't miss the picnic menu of fried chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, salad and a variety of delicious desserts. Everyone 55 and over is invited. Come enjoy good food and good company. Free will donations accepted. Please call Harriet at 630-682-1218 with questions.



Father Chris Invites you to a Celebration!

Congratulations to Father Alex Lorang

Please come to receive a blessing from Father Alex and to celebrate his ordination. Sunday, June 25, 2023 After the 11:30 am Mass

Our Knights & CCW are providing food and beverages!

All are invited!

Good weather-the Pavilion Inclement weather-Sebahar Hall



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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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 20, Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension of the Lord

† Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family) 5:00 p.m.

- † Joseph & Florence Bryja (Joe & Dee Bryja)
- † Jozef Gil (Adrienne Rose)
- † Joan Berg (Barb Zeiler)
- † Betty Bump (The Clement Milder Family)
- † Anne Malak (Perry & Julie Bump)

Sunday, May 21, Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension of the Lord

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

9:30 a.m. Health & Intentions, Bernie & Chris Bartelli, 48th Wedding Anniversary

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of St. John's

Monday, May 22

† Joseph & Josephine Borow (Tom & Karen Borow) 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

8:15 a.m. † Carlotta Hendrian (Rita Grabowski)

Wednesday, May 24

5:30 p.m. † Kathryn & Bob Lorden (Rita Grabowski)

Thursday, May 25

8:15 a.m. † Buddy Cosgrove (Dan Conley)

Friday, May 26

† Florence Hrynko (Irene Sonevitsky) 12:00 p.m.

† Geoffrey Fleming (Brendan Monroe)

† Nancy Enzweiler (The Smyth Family)

† Spencer Lindquist (Linda LeBreux)

† Lisa Newhouse

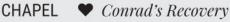
Health & Intentions, Shirley Axelson (Carol & Richard Vigsnes)

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 (♥):





CHURCH ♥ Conrad's Recovery

*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 John H. Crossman

who passed away on April 30, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to his sister & brother-in-law, Ellen & Michael McGrath. and to all family & friends



please pray for Joseph C. "Joe" Henczel

who passed away on April 29, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Gwendolyn "Joy" Henzel and to all 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 Luke Hougan **Anthony Winters**

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 Sqt 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 Eric Hass, US Army Colonel Erica Haas, USAF A1C Seth Kelley Airman Nicholas Kostecka Lt. Crystal Kotvan Sqt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski Sgt. David Lawless **SrA Robert Lawless**

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Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

May 6, 2023

Quinn Kevin Frankel

Child of Sinead (Walsh) & Robert Frankel

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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.

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
Parish Office and Parish Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides	_ Ext o
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Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan	_ Ext 604
Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose	_ 630-653-1489
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St Vincent de Paul Society:	_ Ext 692
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, June 4

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, June 4 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.

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SIB:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Questions? Sean Conley,630-835-8225

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