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CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

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



and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ethesians 4:6



THE WORD

became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. *John 1:14*



THE ADVOCATE.

the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name — he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

John 14:26





The Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

As many of you know, the Illinois Attorney General released a final report on clergy sexual abuse of minors in catholic institutions in the state. Please see Bishop Hicks' response to the report below, and join both of us in praying for the continued healing of victims.

In Christ, Fr. Chris

Statement of Bishop Ronald A. Hicks on the Illinois Attorney General's Report on Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse of Minors

The Illinois attorney general's office today issued a final report on clergy sexual abuse of minors in the six Catholic dioceses in the state. This report is the result of our four years' cooperation with the Attorney General's office, beginning in 2019. The pages of the final report tell a story of pain, grief, shame, betrayal, and anger experienced by innocent individuals because of unspeakable acts by clergy in the Diocese of Joliet. Although the majority of abuse occurred decades ago, many victims/survivors remain haunted to this day.

As the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, I express profound remorse over any failure of the diocese to respond to an allegation of abuse with prompt and compassionate attention. I pledge to ensure the diocese maintains strict adherence to the safeguards mandated by the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* adopted by the U.S. bishops in 2002. And I pray for the continued healing of victims/survivors so they may overcome the burden of their pain and move forward with courage.

Some may be thinking, "I thought this was over." No sin of such great magnitude as sexual abuse of minors should ever be forgotten. Remembering the harm done forces us to remain vigilant in our efforts to ensure it never happens again. As a Diocese, we will continue to dedicate significant resources to protecting children, preventing abuse, and promoting healing.

I again offer my prayers of remorse, vigilance, and healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse in the Diocese of Joliet and the entire Catholic Church. I invite other child-serving organizations and civil authorities to join us in this work and consider adopting the procedures we have developed over the past 30 years so that all children are protected. Our protocols in the Diocese of Joliet have proven effective in keeping our children safe.

Diocese of Joliet Process Followed When an Allegation of Abuse Is Received

The diocese created its first policy on clergy sexual abuse of minors in 1990, 12 years before the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* (the *Charter*) was established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 1993, the diocese established its first independent review committee to investigate all allegations of clergy sexual abuse of minors. That same year, the diocese also established its first pastoral response team to provide assistance to victims/survivors.

The Charter has been revised several times, most recently in 2018. The Charter was established to address allegations of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and steps to prevent abuse. Since the approval of the Charter in 2002, the Diocese of Joliet has followed its mandated blueprint to create a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults in our churches, schools, and activities.

The diocese takes seriously every allegation brought forth, be it reported by an individual who suffered abuse or a third party. The first step is always the same: We encourage and help all who are bringing forward real-time allegations of abuse and/or neglect of minors to report them to the state child welfare agency – the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) hotline (1-800-25-ABUSE) here in Illinois – and the local civil authorities. The diocese also reports each real-time allegation in accordance with the Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and to local civil authorities and offers the help of our victim assistance coordinator to the victim-survivor. The victim assistance coordinator is available to talk with and listen to the victim-survivor and provide outreach and support services to the victim-survivor and his or her family. The victim assistance coordinator is also able to assist a victim-survivor in making a report to the authorities. The victim assistance coordinator may be reached at 815-263-6467.

Per diocesan policy, upon receipt of an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, the bishop is informed. If the cleric is alive and in ministry, the cleric is publicly removed from ministry and advised of his right to counsel.

The diocese investigates every allegation received. The same investigative process is followed whether the accused is alive, deceased or already listed on the diocesan list of clergy members with substantiated allegation(s) of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult. If public authorities conduct a criminal investigation against the cleric, the diocese defers its own investigation until that public inquiry is concluded and cooperates fully with civil authorities.

Following the diocesan investigation, allegations against clergy not already on the diocesan public list go before the diocesan review board for a determination of whether the allegation is substantiated. The review board advises the bishop in his assessment of the allegations and the cleric's suitability for ministry. Clergy members determined to have substantiated allegations are permanently removed from ministry and their names and assignments are published on the diocesan list. When an allegation is found to be unsubstantiated, the cleric is returned to ministry.

When the diocese receives an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by an extern priest, i.e., a priest from another diocese, a religious order priest or a professed religious man and woman, the allegation is reported to civil authorities and the services of the victim assistance ministry are offered to the accuser and his or her family. The diocese of Joliet notifies the bishop of the other diocese or religious superior of the order of the allegation. If the priest or member of a religious order is in active ministry in the Diocese of Joliet, their ability to minister in this diocese is immediately revoked (removal of faculties) while the allegation is investigated. The other diocese or religious order oversees the investigation into the allegation using its own review board process and advises the Diocese of Joliet of the outcome.

We invite everyone to view our public list, as well as policies, standards of behavior and other resources, at www.diojoliet.org. Currently, no cleric with a substantiated allegation against him is in active ministry in our Diocese.

Anyone who knows or suspects that a child has been abused or neglected is encouraged to make a report to civil authorities. Please contact the Illinois DCFS hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE and the local police department.

Requirements Mandated of All Diocese of Joliet Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Who Work with Minors

All Diocese of Joliet clergy and employees must submit to the following requirements:

- A criminal background check.
- Create an account with Virtus Online, a web-based platform that provides resources and tracking of an individual's diocesan safe environment compliance requirements.
- Participate in a Virtus Protecting God's Children for Adults training, a national training program that combats child sexual abuse.
- Read the diocese's policy regarding sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults and acknowledge receipt with a signature and date.
- Read the diocese's standards of behavior for those working with minors and vulnerable adults and acknowledge receipt with a signature and date.
- · Read monthly continuing education materials.

In addition, all mandated reporters must take mandated reporter training once every three years, per the Illinois' Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA).

Volunteers who work with minors must submit to the same requirements except for monthly continuing education materials. They also must complete a volunteer application if they are seeking a repetitive role, such as coach, catechist, youth ministry leader, etc.

Please continue to pray for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse as we accompany them in their journey of healing. Be assured the Diocese of Joliet will continue to remain vigilant in its obligation to safeguard all children and vulnerable adults in our Church.



Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of May 21, 2023 were \$18,504. 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.



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

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks

Bishop of Belleville

Most Reverend Michael McGovern

Bishop of Peoria









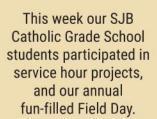
Life Line Screening will be at St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Available screenings include:

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

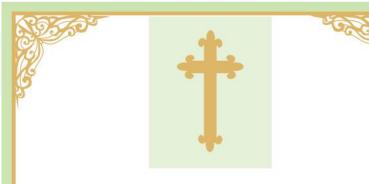
Complimentary and discounted screenings are available. See flyers in the church narthex for more information.

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









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





You are Cordially Invited!

<u>Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass</u>
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond

Celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks

ALL ARE WELCOME!

<u>Date: July 23, 2023, Time: 2:00pm</u> Please RSVP below - QR Code or Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192





"His mercy is From Age to Age" Luke 1:50

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

The World Day of Prayer for the

Sanctification of Priests takes place every year on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The next Solemnity is on Friday, June 16, 2023.

FREEWILL

Honor life milestones through an estate plan

Spring is a time when we celebrate significant life milestones like graduations, weddings, and Mother's Day. One simple way you embrace these milestones and look to new chapters of life with peace of mind is by creating a will. Using FreeWill, you can create your will for free and make a plan that provides for your loved ones, stewards your assets, and honors your faith and values.

Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet to learn more and get started.

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!

Canned Fruit	Sugar
Deodorant	Cereal
Shampoo	Laundry & Dish
Peanut Butter	Soap
Jelly	Toilet Paper
Pasta Sauce	Cooking Oil
Cookies	1,5
Rice	
Pasta	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 3, Vigil, The Most Holy Trinity

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

† Neal Kinnish (Walter & Therese Martineau)

- † Philip Denniger (Terrence Denniger)
- † Eileen Kissane (Breen & Alexander Family)
- † Fr. Parnassi (Jack Aylward)
- † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka & Family)

Sunday, June 4, The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 a.m. † Fr. Charles Gemskie 9:30 a.m. *****† The People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. • In Honor of the 2023 Jubilarians of the Wheaton Franciscans (Larry Zengri)

Monday, June 5

5:30 p.m. † Kathleen Pearce (Edna Wagner)

Tuesday, June 6

8:15 a.m. † Fr Gene Parnisari, Anniv. of Death, 1999

Wednesday, June 7

5:30 p.m. • Health & Intentions, Ruby Margaret Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Thursday, June 8

8:15 a.m. † June Wicker, Birthday Anniv. (Leslie Wicker)

Friday, June 9

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

† Joann Busch (The Hussey Family)

† Women's Cursillo Weekend

† Fr Henry Puetz, Anniv of Death, 6/10/1952

† Timothy Zubrod (Jan & Jerry Zubrod)

† Carlito Gudmalin & Florencia Gudmalin (Amor & Carlito Gabas)

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 ♥† 60th Wedding Anniversary
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 Lillian Ryvold

who passed away on May 18, 2023, at the age of 100. Our sympathies are extended to all family and friends.



please pray for Robert Mungo

who passed away on May 22, 2023. Our sympathies are extended 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 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 Deacons and 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 Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski

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THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

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

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Did you know you can give from your IRA to St. John the Baptist without having to pay income taxes on the money? This is called an IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution (QCD). When you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). Gifts of any value \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference in your parish. Contact your retirement provider to get started. Our finance director, Jim Nolan (630-668-0918 x604), will also be happy to answer questions you might have.



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**.

Ultreya- Saturday, June 10

Join us for the next Ultreya. Rosary will begin in the Chapel, 9:00 a.m. Immediately following, we will convene at Sebahar Hall for the Ultreya. Continental breakfast will be available. Guests are always encouraged and welcome!

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, June 21, at 7:00 pm at the home of Carol Schroeder.

We will discuss the book, *The Winter Orphans* by Kristin Beck. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP, Jean at tidaniell@att.net

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, July 6, 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: _ 630-668-0918 Religious Education Office: _ Ext 613 Director: Maureen Brennan_ Ext 612 RCIA (Convert Preparation) ___ Parish Office and Parish Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides ___ Ext o Secretaria Hispana: Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan _ _ Ext 604 Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose_ _ 630-653-1489 Grade School Office: Principal, Joanne Policht _ Phone: 630-668-0918 Press 2 Fax: 630-668-1074 ___ 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. Summer Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Friday: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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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