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MASS TIMES

CHAPEL

Mondays, Wednesdays
5:30 pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays
8:15 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

CHURCH

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)



Some seed fell
on rich soil
& produced
FRUIT
MATTHEW 13:8

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

I'd like to start by giving a shout out to you, the people of St. John's, the Knights of Columbus and CCW. I was unable to attend Fr. Alex's going away bash due to my canonical retreat, but my understanding was that it was very, very well attended, both a tribute to Fr. Alex and to you, who are always so gracious with your support. And, we had our Knights and CCW ladies that did their usual stellar job of handling the food, sides and desserts for such a crowd. No surprise there. Thank you all!

Last week I promised to share additional information about some of the new faces that you will see around campus. This week I'm going to share some information about our new Director of Liturgical Life, Michael Berger. Michael hasn't wasted anytime jumping right in and putting some of his touches in place. For some time, we have been considering ways to upgrade our sound system in the church. There are still plans for substantial, contemporary improvements to our old, existing sound system, but in the interim, I think you'll find the modest changes Mike has already made to increase the quality and projection of our sound capabilities helpful.



As for Michael (or Mike) himself, he has been a liturgical musician since 2010 starting at his home parish of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in Kankakee, IL. He began as a cantor, then worked his way into subbing as the Sunday musician on the organ and piano. For the better part of the last two years he has been the Director of Sacred Music at St. Mary's in Mokena. Prior to that, in 2017 he served on the committee to help merge churches as part of the Diocesan Catholic Churches of Kankakee. The work of the committee helped create a merger of churches into St. John Paul II Catholic Parish, where Mike served as the Music Director until September of 2021. In 2016, he began work as the Music Director of St Martin of Tours Catholic Church, and St Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee, playing a variety of liturgical pieces and singing. He is also a composer of liturgical works that he uses at Mass.

Michael is married to his wife Candice, and they live together in Chebanse, IL., along with their son, Michael Berger, Jr. In his spare time, Michael enjoys repairing computers and being a DJ.

Help me welcome Mike to the SJB team!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



SAVE THE DATE!!!

We're Having a Party

Saturday, August 5th, 2023

Come join us as we celebrate the retirements of Maureen Brennan and Adrienne Rose. Help us thank them for their decades of service and commitment to St. John the Baptist.

Book it on your calendars. Festivities will begin promptly after 5:00PM Mass. Of course, our Knights will be cooking, and CCW will be handling sides, salads and desserts.

Bring your lawn chairs!

More information to follow.



Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of July 2, 2023 were \$26,489. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

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 **Give Online**

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 Church
is happy to announce:**

STORYTIME WITH LISA



**Open to 4 - 6 year olds
on Mondays 9-10:15am**

July 17

\$5 per child

Listen to a story; pray or reflect on the story;
make a craft.

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or email (kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org)

to reserve your child's spot.



Picture your preschool through 8th grade child at St. John the Baptist Catholic School this fall.

Come for the excellent faith formation and academics, leave with great friendships, and as loving, caring, and compassionate individuals. Openings remain in preschool through eighth grade.

Although school is out for the summer, we are busy preparing for the 2023-24 school year, and welcome you for a tour. Call Joanne Policht, principal, for more information at 630-668-2625, extension 617. You can also visit our website at sjbwinfield.org.



St. John the Baptist Catholic School –Formed in Faith, Educated in Excellence, Embraced by Community

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QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL


Quo Vadis Days is a 4-day/3-night camp cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians.

The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun – sports, canoeing, capture the flag, fires and s'mores, and much more.

The camp is open to all 13–18 year old men that want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood.


More information and registration is available at:
chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days.

Questions? Contact Katie Hazen at
khazen@archchicago.org



DIOCESE OF JOLIET CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Tax Credit Scholarship



Double Your Donation!

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.

Invitation to St. John the Baptist RE & School students entering grades 5-8 in September 2023

In any activity, it is more interesting to participate rather than be an observer. This is true even in our celebration of Mass.

All students entering grades 5-8 are invited to become more active participants in our liturgies by training to become altar servers and students in grades 6, 7 & 8 as lectors (proclaimers of The Word).

The training sessions will take place on Wednesday, July 26 and August 2, 6:00 pm, in the church. Attendance at both sessions is required.

Please fill out the form below if you are interested and return it to the RE office.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Grade in September _____

I am interested in training as:

Altar Server _____

Lector (Proclaimer of The Word) (6th-8th grade) _____



You are Cordially Invited!
Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass
at the Cathedral of St. Raymond
Celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Date: July 23, 2023, Time: 2:00pm
Please RSVP below - QR Code or
Contact Jessica Kreiter 815-221-6192

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



Part-time Technology Teacher Position Available at St. John the Baptist Catholic School

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is seeking a part-time technology teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Ministerial Expectations, under the direction and supervision of the principal, include but are not limited to:

- Teach the diocesan Technology curriculum to students in grades K-8.
- Plan, conduct, and lead teacher / staff workshops related to technology.
- Create a faith-focused learning environment within his or her Technology Lab and classroom.

To apply, please go to the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools website: **Careers - Catholic Schools - Diocese of Joliet (diojoliet.org)** or go to **Diocese of Joliet - Frontline Recruitment (applitrack.com)**.

For more information, email principal, Joanne Policht at **Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org**.

BE FORMED

SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8 2023

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

Join a small group and reignite your zeal for living the virtuous life!

USCCB Small Group Material will be included as it becomes available

**REGISTRATION
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**SEASON 7
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REVIVAL**



Interested in facilitating a Be Formed Small Group?
Contact Katie katie@sijhinsdale.com to have your group added to registration!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 15, Vigil, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)
 † Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Katarzyna Walkowicz (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Deceased members of the Aylward Family (Jack Aylward)
 † Florence Hrynko (Anita Schaaf)
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes

Sunday, July 16, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Virginia O'Sullivan (Linda & Ralph Grieco)
 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's
 11:30 a.m. † Deceased, Zengri, Greco & Pecora Families (Larry Zengri)

Monday, July 17

5:30 p.m. † Shirley Stachniak (The Stachniak Family)

Tuesday, July 18

8:15 a.m. † James Logan (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Wednesday, July 19

5:30 p.m. † Kamile Kalina (The Kalina Family)

Thursday, July 20

8:15 a.m. † Natalie Pomorski (The Toboja Family)

Friday, July 21

12:00 p.m. † Souls in Purgatory
 † Ultarica Madera (Ed, Bless & Stephanie Romero)
 ♥ 50th Wedding Anniversary, John & Katherine Pratscher
 † Jack Crossman (The Conley Family)
 † Harry Andrews
 † Lillian Ryvold (Dan & Helen Lutzenkirchen)

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.

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
 Patricia S. Kadolph
 Troy Whitlow

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 all first responders and for those in Active Duty, including our own:

Pvt James Luigi Akin	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW)
SRA Francis Beifuss	Timothy A. Newell
Lt. Col. John Berg	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Pvt Timothy Conley	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	Cpl Riley Santoyo
Major Daniel Durbin	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman	AN Michael Schieve
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	2LT Allyson Serbick
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	PFC Keegan Serbick
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	Lt. Colonel James
Sgt Pamela Gray	Smolucha
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	Major Mike Smolucha
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Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao	
Captain Matthew Luff	
WO1 Jake Miller	



Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps* burn in Memory of (†) /Honor of (♥):



CHAPEL ♥ Golden Wedding Anniversary, Gary & Valerie Borter
 CHURCH † Shirley Stachniak

**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.*

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.

Please, No Expired Food or Partially Used Packages

Questions?
 630-668-0918, ext. 692.

Thank you!

The items they need currently are:

Deodorant	Sugar
Shampoo	Cooking Oil
Peanut Butter	Coffee
Jelly	Paper Towels
Pasta Sauce	
Pasta (Macaroni	
noodles, Spaghetti)	
Toothpaste	
Toothbrushes	
Kleenex	

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary
 & stay for a get-together,
 St. John's Fire Pit,

7:00 pm Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK SHACK OPEN!

The Knights of Columbus's popular Snack Shack is back this summer at the corner of Beecher and Church Streets. They will be serving up sandwiches, snacks, ice cream and cold drinks on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm through August 28th. Proceeds go to our St. John the Baptist Catholic School via the Monsignor Cloos Fund.



TRAFFIC ALERT Sunday, July 23, 2023

The Criterium course is the same as last year. The committee is finalizing the food truck area which is separate from the bike races. Winfield Road N/B will be closed at Roosevelt again. SB Winfield will be closed at High Lake but local traffic will be allowed to cross the tracks and make a left onto Chicago Ave to Church Street. Detour signs will be in place. Information for the race by the race organizers is on the website: <https://intelligentsiacup.com/schedule/winfield/>

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, August 3, 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual parish picnic is fast approaching on Sunday, August 20, after the 11:30 AM Mass. Everyone is invited for food, fun and friendship!

Thank you!
The Picnic Committee



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main: _____ 630-668-0918
Parish Secretaries: Rosa Benavides _____ Ext 0
Secretaria Hispana: _____ Ext 601
Religious Education Office: _____ Ext 613
Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Reznicek _____ Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation) _____ Ext 0
Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan _____ Ext 604
Director of Liturgical Worship: Michael Berger _____ Main
Grade School Office:
Principal: Joanne Policht _____ 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



Join St. John's book club at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 19th, at 7pm at the home of Jean Daniell.

We will discuss the book titled, *The Word is Murder* by Anthony Horowitz.

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

Upcoming Date/Title: Aug 19th, *Horse, A Novel*.



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