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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

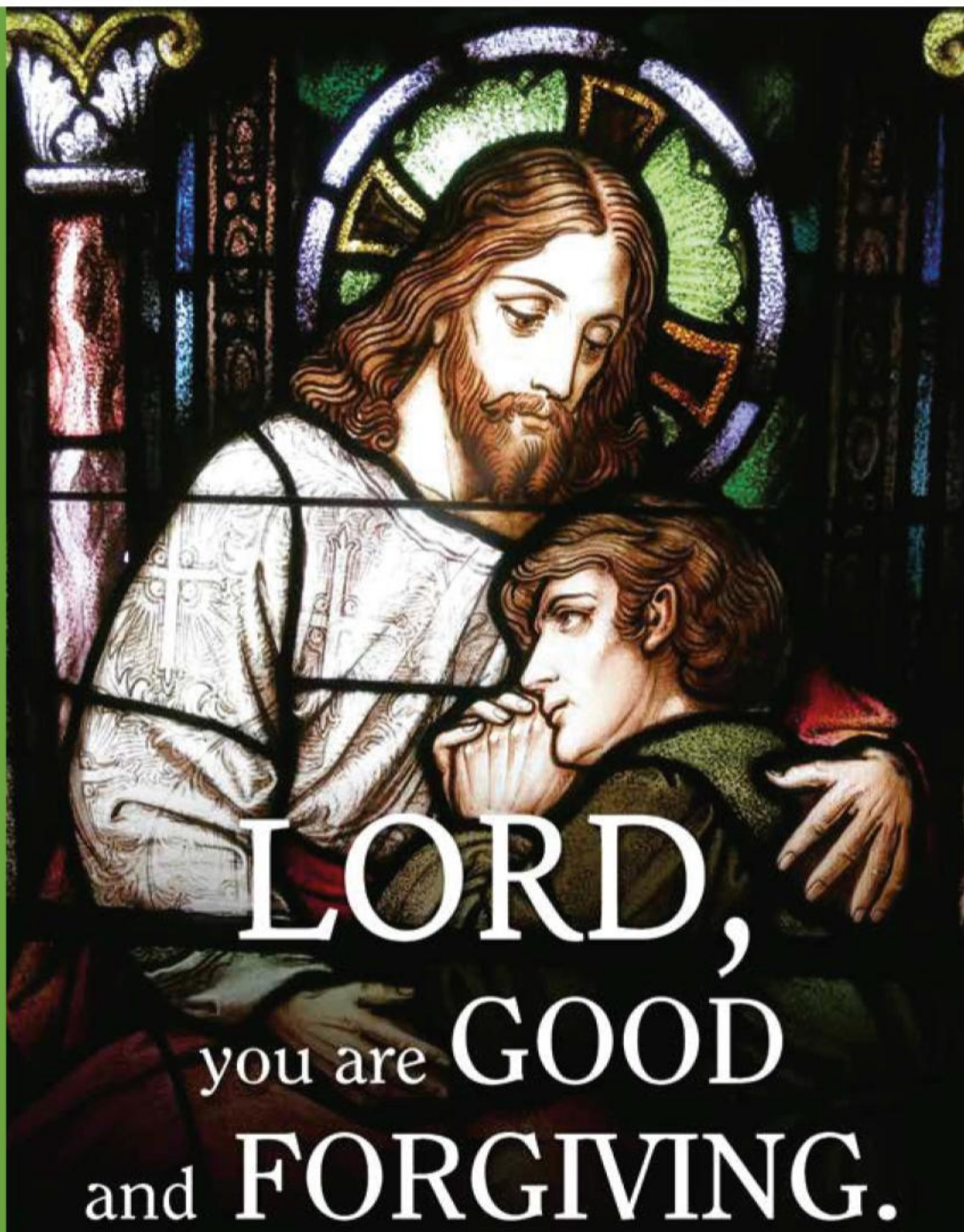
Sundays
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 23, 2023

Bishop Hicks' Column

July 2023

A month to refresh and recharge



RECENTLY, I VISITED A PARISH IN OUR DIOCESE. Immediately after the Mass, I was delighted to begin the "meet and greet" in the narthex. Per usual, the topics of conversation were widely varied. I was struck, however, by a comment made by one of the

parishioners. Seemingly out of nowhere, she exhorted me: "Bishop, we are all in need of the month of July!" I think she read the polite—yet confused—look on my face, as she explained, "Life gets so busy and crazy. It seems that July is the only month to slow down, enjoy the warm weather and just chill out!" Nodding with affirmation, I smiled and chuckled as I replied to her, "I think you are right. We all need a little summer in our lives." With that, a huge smile appeared on her face as she raised her hand to give me an enthusiastic high five.

Truth be told, I love the month of July. I have great childhood memories of mid-summer, specifically about Independence Day. Each year on the Fourth of July, my grandma would host an all-day family gathering at her house in Blue Island, Illinois. My uncles would fire up the large, charcoal grills around 7 a.m. After cooking many pounds of bacon, the eggs then were fried in the drippings. But this annual ritual divided the family down the middle—there were about half of us (including me) who viewed this breakfast as one of the greatest culinary delights of the year. The other half would not permit the grill masters to touch their plates, opting instead for kitchen-made eggs and pancakes with some coffee cake and fruit.

After this grand breakfast, the day would be filled with music, conversation, volleyball, croquet, a beanbag toss, and—for some—a walk to Western Avenue to watch the Fourth of July parade. The day concluded by sitting on lawn chairs and blankets as we watched the fireworks from the local high school as we passed around bug repellent to keep the mosquitoes away.

To this day, I still cherish those family memories of the Fourth of July at my grandma's. Instead of work, study, or chores, it was a day to truly disconnect from the obligations of life and simply enjoy a full day of food, fun, family, and friends. And like most of us, I relished a break from work and school.

As we enter fully into this month of July, maybe it is not only time to refresh and recharge our lives with some good food, fun, family and friends. Perhaps summertime also is our opportunity to refresh and recharge our *spiritual* lives.

One way to revive ourselves is to immerse ourselves in God's creation. In contrast to those gray periods of winter, the sun now shines brightly as our days are longer between sunrise and sunset. The flowers are blooming with vivid colors and the canopy of full trees offer coolness and shade. We can open our windows and listen to birds chirp as we bite into garden-fresh tomatoes, peppers, cherries, and watermelon. It is also a time to notice our neighbors, as many people enjoy a morning or evening walk and children ride bikes around the neighborhood.

How will you refresh and recharge this summer? Perhaps it is the promise of a long-awaited family vacation to a nearby campsite, lake, or amusement park. Or maybe you'll take a trip to sightsee or visit family and friends afar. During your travels, consider stopping at a shrine or spirituality center along the way.

For others, a "staycation" sounds heavenly. Maybe July will provide you the time to leisurely read a recommended book, clean out the garage, play a board or card game, walk the dog a little longer, or leisurely lay in a hammock or favorite lawn chair and just stare up at the trees or the stars.

On the spiritual level, if you find yourself traveling away from home this summer, please do not take a vacation from attending Mass. Instead of looking at it as a way to merely fulfill an obligation, remember that you're participating in and receiving the greatest gift that God has given to us—Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Attending a different Catholic church also can invigorate us while we experience new congregations, listen to different homilists, and worship with other choirs and musicians.

As Catholics, we are reminded that while we embrace the downtime of summer, there is no need to take a break from God! In fact, it's a wonderful time to invite Jesus Christ into your summer experience. For like I was told in the narthex after Mass, we need the month of July! This is the perfect month to refresh and recharge our spiritual lives.

May you have a happy summer and may God bless and protect you always.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET





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 9, 2023 were \$19,623. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



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

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) _____



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.



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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



FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

Every parent, grandparent, and guardian wants the best for their kids – and works unbelievably hard every single day to make it possible. The Diocese of Joliet and St. John the Baptist Catholic School has partnered with Empower Illinois to offer eligible families a chance to receive a tax credit scholarship towards their tuition through the Illinois Invest in Kids Program. Empower Illinois is proud to help hard-working, passionate, and loving parents give their children the education that is right for them.

The Illinois Invest in Kids Program has already been a tremendous benefit to St. John the Baptist students. During the 2022-23 school year, 54 of our students were granted full or partial scholarships totaling \$300,000. Forty-five scholarships have been awarded for the coming school year and 25 eligible students remain on a wait list pending additional funding. Thank you to all those who have donated to the program so far! Our families are indeed grateful! We're working diligently to increase donations to the program to provide additional tuition assistance to more families in order to receive a St. John's education. To fund the remaining students and clear our wait list, we need \$140,000. No donation is too small and would be greatly appreciated as it directly benefits students at St. John's. Not only does the donation benefit students at SJB, but a tax credit amounting to 75% of your donation is earned on your Illinois 2023 state taxes. To learn more about the donation process, contact Joanne Policht, principal, at St. John the Baptist Catholic School at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Fr. Jeff Putthoff at jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org or (347)788-8463. Fr. Jeff works for the Diocese of Joliet and has helped hundreds of donors with the donations process. He is a true blessing and has really helped Joanne, the principal, acquire donations for SJB kids.

Make-A-Will Sunday

August is National Make-A-Will Month and a perfect opportunity for our community to reflect on the many gifts God has blessed us with. At St. John's, we're taking this a step further with Make-A-Will Sunday. Today, we invite you to set aside time to think through your estate plan and how you can best steward what God has entrusted to you.

To help you with this process, St. John's offers an online estate planning tool you can use to create your will for free online and safeguard all that you love.

Visit FreeWill.com/DiocesefJoliet to get started on your will.



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



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
EUCHARISTIC
REVIVAL**



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

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 22, Vigil, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Clarence Talentowski (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Fred Dusza (Maryann Dusza)
 † John Day (Maryann Dusza)
 † Edward T. Pavlica, Jr. (The John Dusza Family)
 † William Parker (Ellen & Michael McGrath)
 † Atilano Contreras, Jr. (Margaret Digenan & Family)

Sunday, July 23, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Bridget Aileen Sievers (The Conley Family)
 9:30 a.m. ♥† Ray Vanagunas (The Vanagunas Family)
 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's

Monday, July 24

5:30 p.m. ♥ Health & Intentions, Tom & Stacia Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Tuesday, July 25

8:15 a.m. † John R. Mulroy, Jr. (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Wednesday, July 26

5:30 p.m. † Deacon Andrew Nielo, Anniv. of Death 2010

Thursday, July 27

8:15 a.m. † Ann Soltis (Irene Kolanowski)

Friday, July 28

12:00 p.m. † Joseph Grabowski (Rita Grabowski)
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Gregory Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Uldarica Madera (Amor & Carlito Gabas)
 † John Ghidoni
 † Harris H. Barbier (Lee & Donna Buchholtz)
 † Georgia Daly (Maureen Brennan & Kathie Brewer)

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 † *Joe Grabowski*

CHURCH ♥ *Health & Intentions, Adam Palinski*

*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.



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

July 8, 2023

Lillian Rita Hill

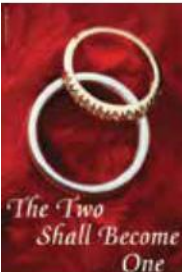
Child of Jordan & Molly Hogan Hill

We congratulate

**Anthony Joseph Nagle &
Angela Carol Rumoro**

**who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
on July 8, 2023.**

Best Wishes to You!



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 Sarlito
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
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	SPC Thomas Stanhope
A1C Seth Kelley	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	
Captain Matthew Luff	
WO1 Jake Miller	



THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary
 & stay for a get-together,
 St. John's Fire Pit,
 7:00 pm Wednesday, August 2, 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 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 Life: Michael Berger _____ Main
Grade School Office:
Principal: Joanne Policht _____ 630-668-0918 Press 2
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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: Mon., Tues. and Thurs.: 9 am-3 pm; Wed.: 12 pm-3pm; Friday: Closed

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, AUGUST 13, 2023
CHAPEL
2:00 PM

Questions? Patti Loechl, 630-730-4801

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