

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Leading Souls to Heaven*

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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS

### 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)

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*



*And behold, a*  
Canaanite woman of that  
district came and called  
out, "Have pity on me,  
Lord, Son of David! My  
daughter is tormented by  
a demon."

Matthew 15:22

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*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20, 2023*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wow! What a busy week we have had at St. John's! We had the feast day of my favorite Saint, St. Maximilian Kolbe, we had the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we had the first day of school and all our other regularly scheduled activities. What a great week, but a fast week!

I'm so happy to welcome back all our schoolchildren for another school year! As of writing this article, we have an enrollment of 209 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Grade School! PRAISE GOD FOR THAT! When I arrived we were only at 134 children. To have an increase of 75 is amazing! I'm so proud of our principal, Ms. Joanne Policht, our school administrative assistant, Teri Hardesty, and all our teachers and staff for all the hard work they put in to make St. John's the best Catholic school in the Diocese! Without them, the volunteers, and such a supportive community, we wouldn't have the numbers we have, but more importantly, we wouldn't have 209 children being led to Heaven!

I'm also very excited about a new Religious Education option that is going to be running parallel to the traditional RE classes this year. We are introducing Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at St. John's! It's an amazing opportunity for our children to have a Montessori-based model of RE and to really have a hands-on approach to learning the faith. When I witnessed CGS in person, it was INCREDIBLE! I'm so thankful to Sarah Reznicek, our new Director of Faith Formation for all the hard work she is putting in to get this program up and running. God willing we will start in early October! A shout out to Maureen Brennan as well, with all her hard work she made it possible to run both programs parallel this year, and I know she is such a continual valuable resource for Sarah.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to the AC second collection last week and this week. With your generosity, we should be able to purchase the appropriate unit for the Church soon! As we get more bids in and are ready to make a decision, I'll inform you of the exact costs and timelines for the AC in the Church.

God bless you all!

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris



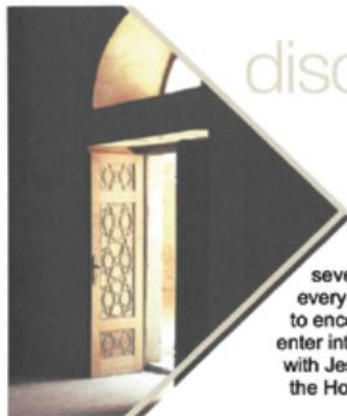


## Make-A-Will Sunday

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/DioceseofJoliet](http://FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet) to get started on your will.



## discovering Christ

**Discovering Christ** is a seven-week experience that invites every person, baptized or unbaptized, to encounter the love of God the Father, enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

Discovering Christ will be held on Thursday evenings beginning September 28

Please email with any questions to [christlife@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:christlife@stjohnwinfield.org)

Don't forget to Signup for Flocknote to receive updates on the ChristLife program and other Parish info! Go to [stjohnwinfield.flocknote.com](http://stjohnwinfield.flocknote.com)

See also [stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ](http://stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ) for more info.

## Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of August 6, 2023, were \$22,610.00. 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](http://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

### Annual Parish Picnic Sunday, August 20th

Immediately following the 11:30 am Mass



**SignUp.com**

#### What to Bring:

- A Hot or Cold Dish to Pass - Salads/Veggies/Fruit (Please bring in a disposable container)
- A Blanket or Lawn Chair if you would like to sit outside

#### Ways to Volunteer:

We need pop/water donations and several volunteers  
Sign up online: <https://signup.com/go/wBULYLD>  
Or on the poster in the Narthex

#### Fun Events:

**Food** - Knights of Columbus will serve BBQ and Sweet Corn  
Enjoy a Parishioner Pot Luck  
**Beverages** - Beer, Wine, Pop and Water  
**Music** - Live music by SJB Contemporary Ensemble  
**Bingo - Games - Obstacle Course & Hayrides**



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# KOC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Family Tent at Beecher & Church Street**

**Wood Smoked  
Slow Roasted BBQ  
Beef or Chicken  
Salads, Corn on the Cob  
and Desert  
Live music by:  
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6 – 8 pm**

**Individual Dinner Ticket Purchase \$40.00  
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**TO RESERVE A TABLE OF 10,  
CONTACT TONY REYES @ 630-669-0501  
Or order individual tickets/couple tickets  
contact Sean Conley @ seanpconley1@comcast.net  
R.S.V.P. BY AUGUST 29, 2023**

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS,  
EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

## Welcome to the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet!

**O**UR DIOCESE WAS FOUNDED ON DECEMBER 11, 1948. For an entire year, we will highlight the great accomplishments of our past and how we were founded in faith, while being called to witness now and in the future, and continue to be sent forth to serve.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet, we give our utmost gratitude to God for all the abundant blessings that He has bestowed on every person from the time of the first missionaries until today. We acknowledge and celebrate all peoples, living and deceased, who make our diocese strong in faith and compassion, with a heart of service for all people.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



### Liturgies

Uniting the faithful of the diocese in the celebration of Mass, these liturgies serve as personal encounters with Christ and other Catholics as we worship, pray, and give thanks to God. Attendance at the opening and closing

Masses is limited, but all in the diocese are invited and encouraged to attend the regional liturgies.

#### **OPENING LITURGY — DECEMBER 11, 2023**

6 p.m. at St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet

#### **REGIONAL LITURGY — JUNE 22, 2024**

4 p.m. at Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee (Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties)

#### **REGIONAL LITURGY — SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

4 p.m. at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard (DuPage County)

#### **REGIONAL LITURGY — SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

4 p.m. at Lewis University in Romeoville (Will and Kendall Counties)

#### **CLOSING LITURGY — DECEMBER 8, 2024**

4 p.m. at St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.





## 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](http://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.

*+ Blase J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
Archbishop of Chicago

*+ Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

*+ David J. Malloy*

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*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

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*+ Michael McGovern*

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*+ Louis Tylka*

Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Bishop of Peoria

## 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](mailto:jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org) or 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Fr. Jeff Putthoff at [jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto: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.

## BE FORMED

**Small Group: WEDNESDAY MORNINGS SEPTEMBER 13  
THROUGH DECEMBER 13 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  
OPEN**

**August 20 -  
August 27th!**

**SEASON 7  
EUCHARISTIC  
REVIVAL**

Register for this next season by going to  
<https://tinyurl.com/4rbpmxvu>

To learn more, view this  
informational video by  
Fr. Burke Masters at  
<https://youtu.be/Uae00lbmAu0>





## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 19, Vigil, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes & Family)  
 † Fred Dusza, (Butch Hansen)  
 † Chuck Johnston (Butch Hansen)  
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes (Ronald Kammes & Family)  
 † Irene Mamica (Kathy Tomac)  
 † Ambrosia & Uldarica Madera (Ed, Bless & Stephanie Romero)

### Sunday, August 20, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish  
 9:30 a.m. ♥† Karwoski & Anderson Families  
 11:30 a.m. † Evelyn Zawislak (Lois & Chuck Kirk)

### Monday, August 21

5:30 p.m. † Rosemarie Kelly-Cunningham (Tom & Karen Borow)

### Tuesday, August 22

8:15 a.m. † Nancy Enzweiler (Dan Conley)

### Wednesday, August 23

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

### Thursday, August 24

8:15 a.m. † John H. Crossman (Sheila & John Otto)

### Friday, August 25

12:00 p.m. ♥ Mens Cursillo Weekend  
 † Christine Petitti (Edward "Skip" Meyer)  
 † Rick Zagotta (Mike & Karen Flynn)  
 ♥ Alex Engle, Health & Intentions (Nita Norkus)  
 ♥ Francine & John Pearson, Intentions (Nita Norkus)  
 † Deacon John Boyle

**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 2024 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  
 Anthony Winters  
 Jennifer Schmittauer

The entire prayer list is on our website, at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://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
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A1C Seth Kelley	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
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Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	
Captain Matthew Luff	
WO1 Jake Miller	



## Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



CHAPEL † *Maria Tscherteu*  
 CHURCH † *The Lonks Family*

\*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 ten 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:

Beef Soup	Pasta Sauce
Candy	Paper Towels
Canned Chicken	Rice
Canned Salmon	Shampoo
Canned Tuna	Snacks
Cooking Oil	Sugar
Flour	Toilet Paper
Deodorant	Vegetable Soup
Jelly	
Pasta	

## THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary  
 & stay for a get-together,  
 St. John's Fire Pit,  
 7:00 pm Wednesday, August 30, 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 27th. Proceeds go to our St. John the Baptist Catholic School via the Monsignor Cloos Fund.



*"Have pity  
on me, Lord,  
son of David!"*



### 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](mailto: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 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 603  
                                   RCIA (Convert Preparation) \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 0  
 Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 604  
 Director of Liturgical Life: Michael Berger \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 607  
 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](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) School: [www.sjbwinfield.org](http://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, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**  
**CHAPEL**  
**2:00 PM**

Questions? Patti Loechl, 630-730-4801

# HOSPITALITY CHAIR

"The Evangelization Committee is in need of a Hospitality Chairperson to help with the Thursday night sessions of "Following Christ." It is an important and rewarding ministry. Please contact Patti Loechl if you are interested, at [pattivanloechl@hotmail.com](mailto:pattivanloechl@hotmail.com) or 630 730 4801.



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