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MASS TIMES

CHAPEL

Monday, September 4th

9:00 am

No 5:30 pm Mass

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)

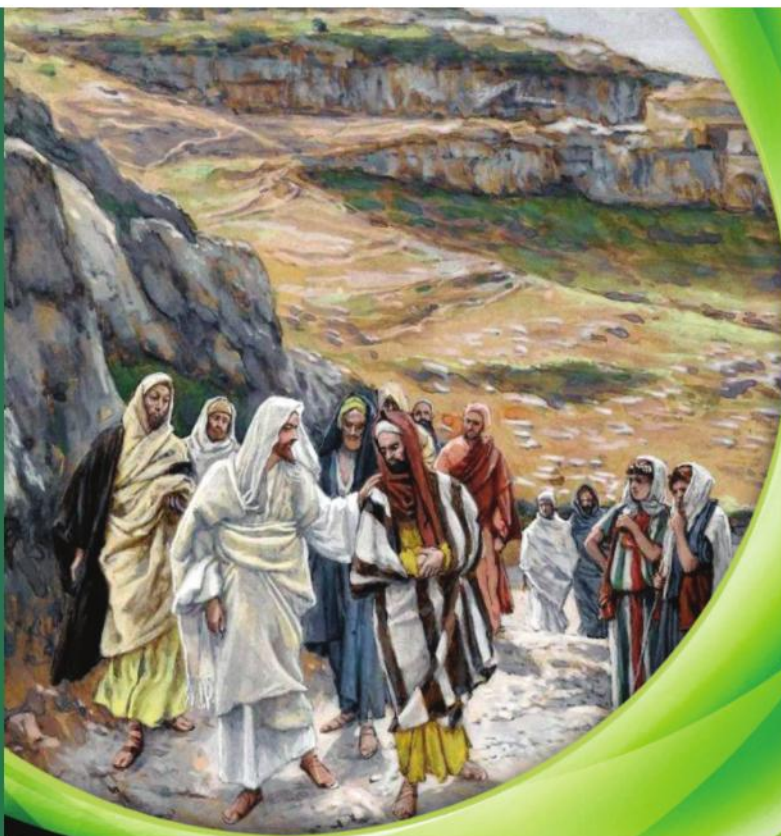
ADORATION

Thursdays

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

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 4th



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Matthew 16:24

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples by James Tissot, circa 1886 and 1894
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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 3, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”



As I was reflecting on these key passages of the Gospel this week, I was struck by both the simplicity of the message, yet the difficulty in carrying it out. This has been true since the time of our Lord. As we all know, during his adult life it wouldn't be long before Jesus predicted that Peter would deny he knew Jesus three times in one night, just before his Crucifixion. This was seemingly an easy task. Although, in all fairness to Peter, his life was probably literally on the line.

For our day and time we might be able to boil it down to a similar message. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” This seems like such a reasonable tenet to live by, but in reality, it isn't easy. It's hard. And, you have to work at it, and work at it all the time. Trying to follow Jesus, and not doing things for your own personal glory or benefit requires discipline and sacrifice. Do we really lend a helping hand when asked? How many times have we been selfish driving on the road, or impatient with somebody who isn't driving the way we would like them to drive? Do we really pray to God with conviction, and the frequency with which we should? Some of these examples may be more important than others, but the point is, if you are human like I am, there is always room for improvement in many areas. We need to keep working at it, and keep praying for God's assistance. Fortunately, we also get to rely on His grace in the form of reconciliation when we come up short.

In Christ,
-Fr. Chris



Say "yes" to the MOPS Ministry at St. John's this year! We are a group for moms in all stages of life. While we develop friendships, share stories, and encourage fellow moms, we also grow in our relationship with God. If you're a mom looking for friendships with like-minded women who have a love for Jesus, please join us!

We meet 2 Fridays each month during the school year from 9:30 am -11:30 am. We also offer **free childcare onsite!**

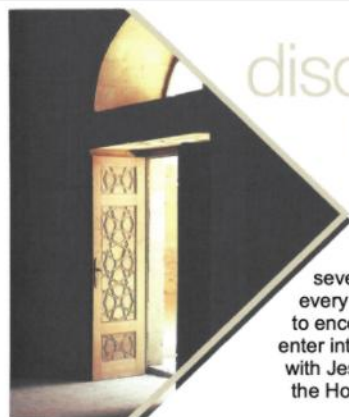
Our first meeting is on Friday, September 8th in Trinity Hall (located on the top floor of the Parish Office) For more information, email Allison at allison.n.burns@gmail.com



All Are Invited to Friday Morning Bible Study

Friday Morning Bible Study will resume on Friday, September 8th. We meet every Friday in Sebahar Hall from 9:30 to 11AM. This year we will be studying The Chosen, season 3, and David and the Psalms.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Axelson, 1axelson@comcast.net, 630-293-1355.



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

Don't forget to Signup for Flocknote to receive updates on the ChristLife program and other Parish info! Go to stjohnwinfield.flocknote.com

See also stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ for more info.

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of August 20, 2023, were \$27,883.

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



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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!*

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



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN Saturday, September 9, 2023

Pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on September 9, 2023.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Consider joining others at one of the following gravesites:

- **1 pm, Resurrection Cemetery (SE corner), 200 W. Romeo Rd, Romeoville, IL.** Gather at Garden of the Angels. Special guest: Bishop Ronald Hicks
- **2 pm, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Road Hillside, IL 60162.** Gravesite is located in Section 108 at the far western edge of the cemetery, about 500 feet south of Roosevelt Road. Special guests: Bishop Joseph Perry, Eric Scheidler, and Jennifer Shea.

Additional info at:

<https://nationaldayofremembrance.org/sites/>



KOC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Family Tent at Beecher & Church, Winfield

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



Individual Dinner Ticket Purchase \$40
2 to \$75, Table of 10 for \$350.

TO RESERVE A TABLE OF 10 or to buy tickets,
contact Patti at 630-205-1405 or
pweber@cartoncraftinc.com



Council of Catholic Women September 2023 activities

Wed. Sept 6th 6:30pm School Hall

Dinner and General meeting

A-L please bring appetizers

M-R please bring side dishes

S-Z please bring desserts

All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

**A great way to make friends, become involved in
service projects and enrich your Catholic faith.**



Annual MUM Sale Order plants by Sept 11th.

A limited supply will be available at the Sale on
Sept 23-24 after all the Masses **Each Plant is \$10**
Use the form below or Contact Venessa Lopatka at
630-336-5414 or venessalopatka@gmail.com



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

MUMS: Bronze/Orange _____ Lavender/Purple _____ Red _____

Yellow _____ white _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____ X \$10 EACH= \$ _____

Payment is appreciated when your order form is turned in. Make checks payable to **St. John's CCW**

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. Sixty-Seven scholarships have been awarded for the coming school year and only 5 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.

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/UaeO0lbmAu0>



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

July 29, 2023

Mairead James Bassetto

Child of Molly & Alexander Bassetto

August 5, 2023

Theodore Brooks Kiebles

Child of Meagan & Kyle Kiebles

Paulette Mazon &

Santino Mazon

Children of Chantal & Genaro Mazon

John Rafael Motto

Child of Grace & Rocco Motto

August 12, 2023

Nella Marie Madonia

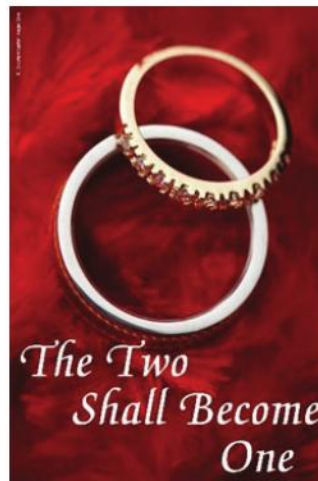
Child of Alaina & Nicholas Madonia

August 14, 2023

Nellie Ann Buhnerkemper &

James David Buhnerkemper

Children of Jamie & Zachary Buhnerkemper



We congratulate

*Gabrielle Alyssa Lopez &
Jonathan Daniel Patton*

who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage

on August 11, 2023

Best Wishes to You!



Our prayers and sympathy
our extended to the
family and friends of,

Gwendolyn J "Joy" Henczel

Herman "Bud" Steagall

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 2, Vigil, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus Living & Deceased
 † Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Charlene Herrera (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Phil Wengren (Maryann Dusza)
 † Ursula Makowiczuk (Rose Flores)
 † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)

Sunday, September 3, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Thomas Comparini (The Toboja Family)
 9:30 a.m. † Dorothy Aylward (Jack Aylward)
 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Monday, September 4

9:00 a.m. ♥ For the Sanctification of St. John the Baptist Church and her members

Tuesday, September 5

8:15 a.m. † Dr. Michael I. Hussey (The Hussey Family)

Wednesday, September 6

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

Thursday, September 7

8:15 a.m. † Gregory A. Conley (Sean Conley)

Friday, September 8

12:00 p.m. ♥† Erin Leahy, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Walter Wiborg (Family)
 † Ambrosio Sr & Uldarica Madera (Amor & Carlito Gabas)
 † Scott Bromann (Edward (Skip) Meyer)
 † Lillian Ryvold (Rose Flores)
 † Anthony Jones (Connie Jesukaitis)

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.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



CHAPEL † *Shirley Stachniak*
 CHURCH † *Nancy Coughlin, Health & Intentions*

*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.



Cursillo Corner

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sunday, September 3

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **September 3 from 8:00-8:15 pm**. What better way to end your weekend 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, September 9

Join us for the next Ultreya on **Saturday, September 9** at St. John the Baptist. **Rosary will begin in the Chapel (old church) at 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!**

School of Leaders

The School of Leaders is a gathering of Cursillistas who work together to grow as leaders, refine their skills as apostles, and learn how to effectively live out the purpose, strategy, and method of the Cursillo Movement within the Church. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville. **Our next meeting is September 12.**

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. 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
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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, September 13, 2023.

Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

Please, No Expired Food or Partially Used Packages

Canned Beans	Laundry Detergent
Canned Tuna	Paper Towels
Chili	Pasta Sauce
Cooking Oil	Paper Towels
Dish Soap	Rice
Dry Beans	Snacks
Flour	Sugar
Jelly	Sweet Snacks
	Toilet Paper



We will discuss the book titled, *The Night Portrait* by Laura Morelli. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP, Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming dates and title:
October 18th: *Sing You Home*
November 15th: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*



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I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint." Jeremiah 31:25



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