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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)



WE SHALL NEVER FORGET.



9.11.2001



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 10, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

First of all, I would like to wish a very special thank you to all of the grandmothers and grandfathers out there on Grandparents Day. You play such a valuable role in the lives of your grandchildren – spiritually, academically and socially. Your love, wisdom, support and occasional spoiling goes a long way towards the happiness of your grandchildren. Thank you!



As we step into September, I would like to give you an update on the air conditioning situation in the church. Earlier this summer the air conditioning system ceased to function. As a result, we had no choice but to move services into the chapel. The one positive thing about the move has been the feedback I have received from you about weekend Masses in the chapel. While not a total surprise, because we have such a beautiful chapel, it was nice to hear that people have really enjoyed Mass in the chapel, even though at times it has been a bit crowded. We all know that long term we need our church back though, for a number of reasons – Mass attendance will increase now that that summer is coming to an end, school is back in session and we will have special occasions where the chapel will not do.

As some of you know, we were able to repair a damaged component of the system, and yet again breathe life into it. Since the repair, it has been turned on only sparingly to avoid environmental damage to the church, and to have in the event of a special occasion. That being said, the basics haven't changed. As I have explained for some time now, our system is old and frail, and the system will still be in need of complete replacement.

To that end, some of you made generous offers to contribute to a replacement system, and I made a rare appeal for funds for SJB, specifically targeted to a new air conditioning system. On many occasions over the three years I have been at SJB, I have repeatedly thanked our family for their generosity. And, all I can say after our recent two week drive for air conditioning funds is wow! Once again I have been blessed and humbled by your generosity. To date, we have now collected about \$129,000 for the project. While the total cost is expected to be at least \$160,000 you have put us in a terrific financial position for this project.

As far as next steps go, we are currently still in the bidding process. We would like to have at least five or six solid bids with reputable companies, to ensure we are doing the best we can for SJB and being the best stewards of our parishioners' funds as possible. After bids are reviewed and an assessment completed, and consultation with the finance committee is completed, a decision will be made. After that happens, we will be able to share with you a firmer timeframe for project completion. To help manage expectations, keep in mind that one thing we keep hearing is that for large commercial purchases of this type, the country is still dealing with supply chain issues.

Again, I thank you for your overwhelming generosity!

In Christ,

-Fr. Chris

"Grandparents are a treasure..."



*...the elderly are those who
transmit history to us, who transmit
doctrine, who transmit the faith
and give it to us as an inheritance."*

~ Pope Francis

BACK TO SCHOOL



Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of August 27, 2023, were \$15,881. This brings year-to-date donations to \$179,263 or \$54,750 short of the amount expected to meet this fiscal year's obligations. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our goal.



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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.st-johnwinfield.org and click

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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.

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

Don't forget to Sign up 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.

To view this bulletin, or to subscribe go to www.DiscoverMass.com



Healing Bodies, Saving Souls
Our 2022 and 2023 projects were successfully completed!

We'd like to thank you for your support last year!



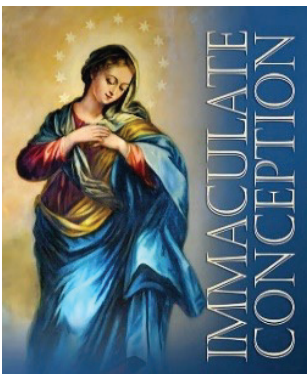
New therapy building – 9,400 Sq Ft.



**Fr. Nestor Mtwewe, Managing Director
of INUKA with a new friend**



Therapy building hallway and courtyard



**Patroness of our
501(c)(3) entity**

Goals Achieved Through Your Generous Donations

- Constructed a new therapy building with a physiotherapy hall for children, an occupational therapy hall, and treatment rooms for autism and other special needs.
- Provided additional equipment for physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and other needs to improve the quality of services.
- Enhanced solar power capability by fixing old inverters and adding battery storage.
- Acquired a new SUV to use for transportation needs.
- Established a special fund to cover treatment costs for needy.
- Provided funds for a roof at an outstation parish in Kijombe.

Campaign Funding Goal: \$150,000
Funds raised and sent to Fr. Nestor: \$198,000!



**INUKA Recent Construction (14,500 Sq. Ft.) –
Therapy Building (Left); Outpatient Clinic (Right)**



Solar Power Improvements



New Roof for Parish in Kijombe

"We will have more information to share with you about the 2023-24 campaign next week." 4.

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/Uae00lbmAu0>



FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE FALL VIGIL



begins Wednesday September 27th and ends Sunday, November 5th. As we have done in previous years, St. John's has signed up for praying at Waterleaf in front of Planned Parenthood, **3055 E New York St. in Aurora**, every Wednesday from 10 am to noon. If possible we will have a sign-up for praying at Waterleaf during St. John's hours on the weekend of September 16th and 17th.

If we cannot have the sign-up, please email Linda LeBreux at rvlinda@comcast.net, or call or text her at 331-218-9637 to sign up to pray at Waterleaf. Information will also be available on the bulletin board and posters.



Council of Catholic Women September 2023 activities

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**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 9, Vigil, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)
 † Mary Kalat (Walter & Therese Martineau)
 † Florence Hrynko (Anita Schaaf)
 † Bernadette V. Mumenthal (Edna Wagner)
 † Irene Mamica (Ken & Diane Lambert)
 † Emeliana Ampasin (Amor & Carlito Gabas)

Sunday, September 10, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. † Marilyn Loechl (St. John's Adult Choir)
 11:30 a.m. † William Zapetal (Larry Zengri)

Monday, September 11

5:30 p.m. † Billy & Lima Higgins, Wedding Anniversary (Margret Pieczynski)

Tuesday, September 12

8:15 a.m. † Tom Stark (Marianne & Jim Russell)

Wednesday, September 13

5:30 p.m. † Arely O. Bejarano Conley (Sean Conley)

Thursday, September 14

8:15 a.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (Andrew Capigatti)

Friday, September 15

12:00 p.m. † Souls in Purgatory
 † Fr. Martin Kirk (Lois & Chuck Kirk)
 ♥† The Hitchner Family (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Hamer Stepanek (Pauletta Stepanek)
 † Jason Dahlman (Pauletta Stepanek)
 † Arnold Pins (Joann Pins)

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. 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
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	SPC Thomas Stanhope
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 † *Giuliana Capigatti*

CHURCH † *Arely Bejarno Conley*

**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.*



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

Patrick Dooley

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

St. Vincent de Paul Grocery Needs

Please, No Expired Food or Partially Used Packages

The items they need currently are:

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



Join St John's book club at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept 20th, at 7 pm at the home of Jean Daniell.

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



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

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 October 5, 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.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Parish Secretaries:	Rosa Benavides _____	Ext 0
	Secretaria Hispana: _____	Ext 601
Religious Education Office:	_____	Ext 613
Director of Faith Formation:	Sarah Reznicek _____	Ext 603
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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 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*

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