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MASS TIMES

CHAPEL

Mondays, Wednesdays
5:30 pm

Tuesday, Thursday
8:15 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Sundays
7:30 am

CHURCH

Saturdays
5:00 pm

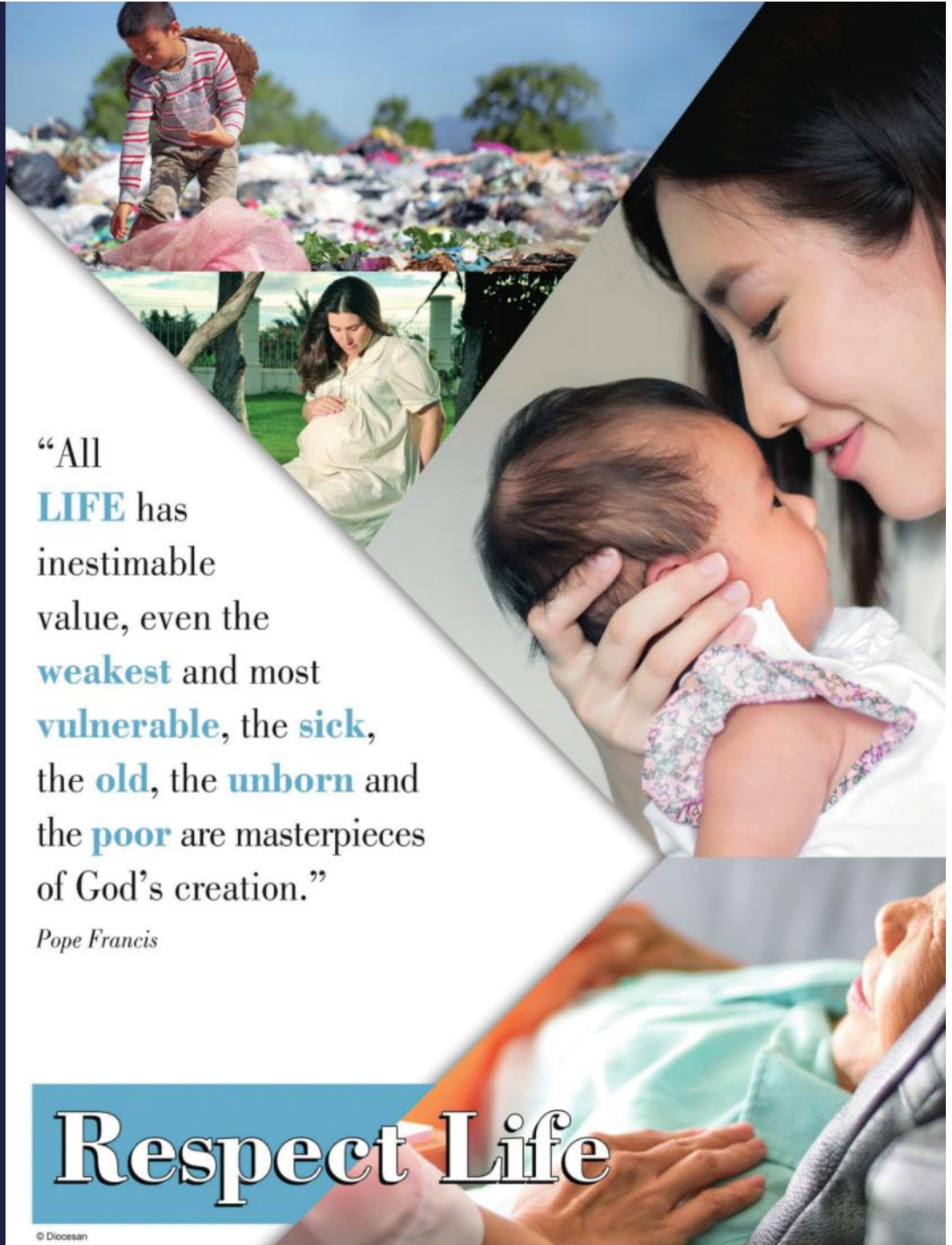
Sundays
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

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



“All **LIFE** has inestimable value, even the **weakest** and most **vulnerable**, the **sick**, the **old**, the **unborn** and the **poor** are masterpieces of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

Respect Life

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 1, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

This week's bulletin cover includes one of Pope Francis' Council for Life quotes on abortion. Pope Francis stated that our defense of the innocent unborn needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development.

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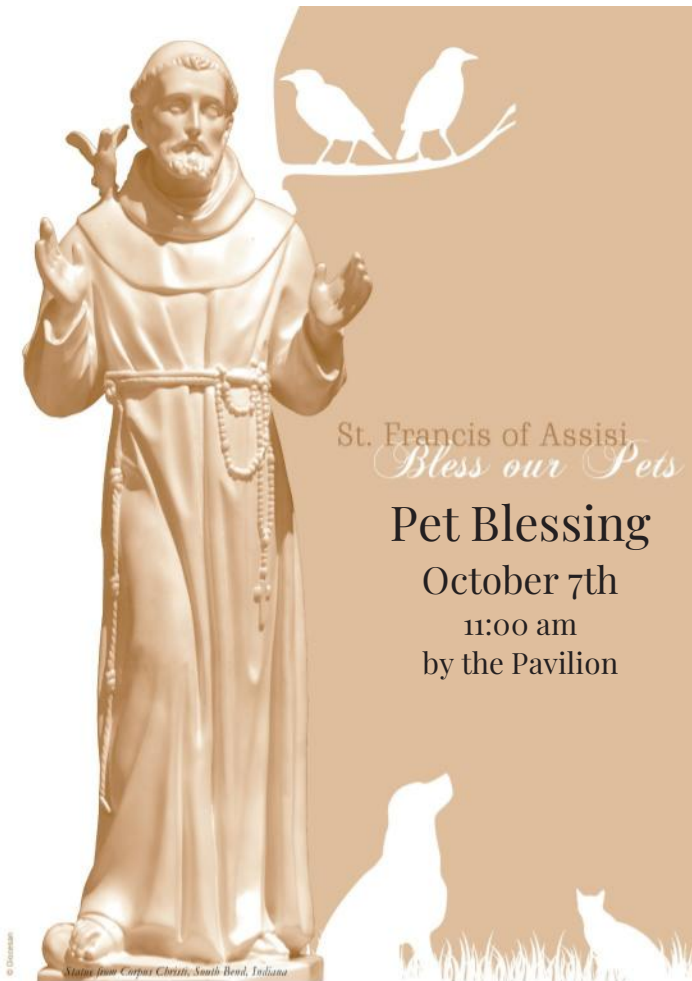
To that end, there are two things to point out this week about the precious unborn. This week kicked off the Forty Days for Life Fall Vigil which is coordinated by our Catholics for Life ministry. See inside the bulletin on page 7 for details of how you can support this effort with prayer in front of Waterleaf Women's Center.

In addition, this weekend our Catholics for Life ministry will be passing out baby bottles as they have in the past. The baby bottles are to be filled with donations, which will be given to Waterleaf. As you may know, the Waterleaf Women's Center in Aurora tries to help moms who may have no other place to turn to. Details for this effort can be found on page 5 of this week's bulletin.

Let's not lose sight of the fact that Pope Francis makes clear that all life is invaluable. In addition to the often defenseless unborn, we need to be aware of the weak, the vulnerable, the sick, those with special needs, the elderly and the disadvantaged. Let's keep them in our special prayers this week, as well as our ministries and volunteers who support them. St. John's is blessed to have such kind-hearted and generous souls that provide support and assistance to the sick, shut-ins, those in need of food, housing, those stricken with grief and those with special needs. I'd like to thank you for all you do for our community. Keep up the great work!

Have a blessed week, and be safe. Thanks be to God.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



September 2023

Dear Friends,

The Diocese of Joliet is blessed to welcome 4 new seminarians this academic year. Please pray for Vincent Omondi, Jared Beltz, Gregory Gray, and Juan Pablo Torrijos as they begin their seminary journey.

I'd like to also congratulate the 4 men who made Candidacy this August -- Vincent Omondi, Frank Perrotta, Joshua Solarz, and Matthew Bernhard. Candidacy is a formal declaration stating that through prayer and reflection, they are called to the priesthood and have received from God a confirmation of their call. The diocese is truly blessed to have such fine men. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers.

Lastly, please pray for the numerous high school juniors and seniors who expressed interest in the priesthood these past few years that their hearts would be open to wanting what Jesus wants for their lives.

Thank you and may God Bless each of you and your ministry.

Sincerely,

Fr. Steven Borello

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of **September 17, 2023**, were \$ **19,488** . 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.



Upcoming Vocational Events & News

- *Rite of Admission to Candidacy
- *Samuel Group Begins **October 22, 2023**
- *St. John Vianney Visit: **November 2-5, 2023**
- *Divine Mercy Pilgrimage: **April 1-10, 2024**
- *Vocations Prayer Calendar: **September, 2023**
- *Discernment For Women: **Sept. 14 - Dec. 14, 2023**
- *Sisters of St. Francis Retreat: **Sept. 29-Oct. 1, 2023**

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SJB MOPS

Trunk
or
Treat

Pumpkin
craft table

FREE
EVENT!

Cash donations to
MOPS will enter
you in a drawing
to win a Trader
Joe's gift basket!

Saturday, October 21st
2 PM - 4 PM

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

05233 Church Street in Winfield

The trunk or treat will take place in the
parking lot off Liberty Street.

Don't forget your costume and a treat
bucket!

We are looking for volunteers to decorate their vehicles and
pass out candy to trick-or-treaters! If you're interested,
please contact Katie at ekmennecke@gmail.com for more
information.



Fall Bazaar October 14-15, 2023 Sebahar Hall

Annual Event sponsored by Council of Catholic Women

We need donations of handmade crafts and needlework, gently used items in good condition such as housewares, decorative accessories, paintings, jewelry, religious items, toys and books are greatly appreciated. We cannot accept furniture, clothing or electronics.

**Please leave donations in the vestibule
of the parish office.**

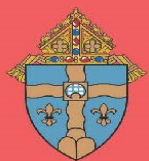
Volunteers are needed at the weekend sale and Thurs-Fri, Oct.12-13 with setting up and pricing. All women of the parish are considered CCW members. This event is a great way to become involved.

Questions? Please contact:

Cecily Langellier 630-665-5946 or

Venessa Lopatka venessalopatka@gmail.com or 630-336-5414





SAMUEL GROUP

DIOCESE OF JOLIET
YOUNG ADULTS AGES 20–35

WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Learn how to discern important decisions:

- **Dating**
- **Marriage**
- **Priesthood or religious life**
- **Moving to a new city**
- **Job opportunity**
- **Volunteering in ministry**
- **And more!**

Samuel Group invites young adults (ages 20-35) who are striving for holiness and seeking a deeper relationship with God to commit to a rigorous seven-month program of prayer, discernment, and fellowship, guided by the spirituality and wisdom of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Participants are challenged to deepen their prayer life, heal from past brokenness, and find freedom in Christ to discern the call to marriage or consecrated life.

DATE: Oct. 22, 2023 - May 5, 2024 (One Sunday a month—excluding Dec.)

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, IL

COST: \$50 (Scholarships available)

For more information, please email
vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org



CATHOLICS
FOR LIFE

"May the dignity of man according
to the Creator's plan be spread" – Pope St. John Paul II

**RIGHT TO LIFE
SUNDAY, RIGHT TO
LIFE MONTH, RIGHT
TO LIFE BABY
BOTTLES WEEKEND**

They all begin this weekend! Saturday September 30th & Sunday October 1st we'll be passing out baby bottles for you to take home, put out where it can be seen, and fill it up with donations to Waterleaf. You help them to help them to help the moms that may have no other place else to turn. They can make the difference between the mom keeping the baby or having an abortion. We'll collect the bottles on the weekend of October 21/22.

Sunday October 1st

Chain of Life peaceful hour of prayer at St. Isadore on the corner of Army Trail & Gary Avenue between 2 and 3 pm.

Saturday October 7th

Chain of Life peaceful and silent event originating at 520 E Roosevelt Rd. from 10:45 and to noon.

Welcome to the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet!

Our 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**.



Read about events and activities at
diojoliet.org/75th

On December 11, 1948, His Holiness Pope Pius XII established the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois. The foundations of our faith reach back to the French missionary explorers, Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet, who shared the message of the Gospels, evangelizing as they moved from settlement to settlement. It was during their time with the Native American people called the Illinois, that the Catholic faith took root and matured.

Today, our diocese is filled with people called to continue that first movement of evangelization and missionary discipleship. 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, September 30, Vigil, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
 † Loretta Kalina (*Rob Kalina*)
 ♥ Terence Kalina, Health and Intentions (*The Kalina Family*)
 † Lorraine Pesce Caposieno (*Susan & John Von Bampus*)
 † Shirley Stachniak (*The Stachniak Family*)
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes (*The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)

Saturday, October 1, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. ♥† Living & Deceased Knights of Columbus (*K of C*)
 11:30 a.m. ♥ Protection for Humans Life from Conception to Natural Death (*Rita G*)

Monday, October 2

5:30 p.m. † Fay Rieser (*Rose Flores*)

Tuesday, October 3

8:15 a.m. † Gloria Romero (*Bless, Ed & Stephanie Romero*)

Wednesday, October 4

5:30 p.m. † Bonnie Hansen (*Butch Hansen*)

Thursday, October 5

8:15 a.m. † Dan McGrath (*Ralph & Linda Grieco*)

Friday, October 6

12:00 p.m. ♥† Our Parish, Our Souls', Intentions
 ♥† Gloris & Stan Fortman (*Patricia & Werner Welz*)
 † William McHugh (*The Wheeler Family*)
 ♥ Joe & Maureen Garro, Health & Intentions
 ♥ Women's Cursillo Weekend

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; the 3:00 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 † *Mary Guerrieri*
 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.

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

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	W01 Jake Miller
SRA Francis Beifuss	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW)
Lt. Col. John Berg	Timothy A. Newell
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Pvt Timothy Conley	Captain Kevin Rezabek
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Sgt Pamela Gray	Lt. Col. James 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	
Captain Matthew Luff	



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family & friends of

Joan M. Pacer

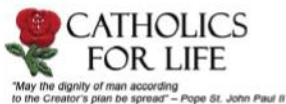
THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the rosary
 & stay for a get-together.

St. John's Fire Pit,

7:00 pm Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Questions? Sean conley, 630-835-8225



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.

ALEX'S BLESSING BAGS

As you know, last year we had a very successful drive and supplied over 500 homeless people "care bags" containing hats, gloves, socks, hot hands, snacks, and other personal essentials.

We donated these bags to PADS, a couple of veteran's shelters, Hesed House, the Winfield Police Department, the West Chicago Police Department, West Chicago Food Pantry, Wayne Township, Milton Township, and the DuPage County Sheriff. I am asking for any of the above items as a donation to support the "Alex Project" again this year. I really appreciate all of your support last year.

I would like to beat last year's count of 500 and with everyone's help, we will do it.

Thank you for helping out.

Alex McCall



Cursillo Corner

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sunday, October 1

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **October 1 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, October 14

Join us for the next Ultreya on **Saturday, October 14** 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!**

Join St John's Book Club at our
next monthly meeting,
Wednesday Oct 18th at 7 pm

at the home of Karen Tsaparis.

We will discuss the book, *Sing*

You Home by Jodi Picoult.



Please inquire for directions or with any questions
& RSVP Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming dates and title:

Nov 15 *Remarkably Bright Creatures*

PRAYERS 7 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 HIPPA 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 5th, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email CommunicationsGroup@stjohnswinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For Baptisms, Funerals and Wedding information, please contact the parish office.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

AA is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm in Sodonna Hall, the basement of the parish office.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main 630-668-0918 Ext 0

Parish Administrative Assistants:

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Rosa Benavides _____ Ext 601

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Grade School Office:

Principal: Joanne Policht _____ 630-668-0918 Press 2

Fax: _____ 630-668-1074

St. Vincent de Paul Society _____ Ext 692

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