

# 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

**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)



## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday *in Ordinary Time*

"The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given  
to a people that will produce its fruit."

*Matthew 21:43*

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*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 8, 2023*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends In Christ,

With the change of seasons is always a change in the environment. For the fall, we have temperatures that get a little cooler at night, often ideal for sleeping. Summer flowers give way to fall flowers like mums. Vegetable gardens are harvested and replaced with fall decorations of cornstalks, haystacks, pumpkins and gourds. And, of course, neighborhoods abound with Halloween decorations.

St. John's also has its own transition at this time of the year. Our students are now familiar with the routine of being back in classes, and activities are in full swing, including the debut of our children's choir, and volleyball. The Knights held their first pancake breakfast of the year. And, this weekend, with the more moderate weather, we returned most of our Masses back to the church. I have received such overwhelming support for the atmosphere our chapel lends to a beautiful ceremony, that I decided to keep 7:30am Mass there, for the time being.

And speaking of change, Father John Abulag's first official day at St. John's was October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a blessing to have him with us. I ask that you introduce yourselves to him when you get a chance, and give him a warm St. John's welcome. More about Father John to come in a future bulletin, so that you get to learn a bit more about him and his passions.

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

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris



**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](mailto: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.

This year we welcome 2 vendors who will be selling handmade knitted items, hand sewn kitchen linens and American Girl doll clothes!



Baked goods are greatly appreciated! Please drop off:  
 Fri. Oct. 13th 10am-2pm  
 or on the mornings of Oct 14-15.

**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](mailto:venessalopatka@gmail.com) or 630-336-5414

## Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of **September 24, 2023**, were \$ 14,618. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



Join Us!

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Questions?  
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RSVP by Oct. 6th to: D. Thurman [d21thurman@gmail.com](mailto:d21thurman@gmail.com) or 630-642-2618  
 Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSVPing to D. Thurman above.  
**Speakers:** Seminarians **Josh White & Joshua Solarz**



### DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Thursday, October 12, 2023  
**St. James the Apostle Catholic Church**  
 480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137  
**Evening Program**

6:00 pm - Rosary  
 6:20 pm - Mass - **Celebrant Fr. Greg Alberts**  
 7:00 pm - Fellowship in the Social Hall  
 7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome  
 7:30 pm - Start of both in person & Zoom Meeting  
 8:00 pm - Guest speaker





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What a special day it was for 6th grade students who received their Bibles after Fr. Chris blessed them.

Fr. encouraged everyone to read the Bible daily and to treat it with reverence.

"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path."  
Psalm 119:105



## 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](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org)



## Breaking Barriers

### Men's Guide to Mental Wellness

Join us for four virtual group sessions starting on Monday, October 16th, 2023.

Sessions are on Mondays at 4:30PM.

New topics each week.



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COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS,  
EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

# 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.

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.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

**Mass for Persons  
with disABILITIES  
October 15, 2023  
2 p.m.**

**St. Mary Immaculate  
15629 South Route 59  
Plainfield, Illinois**

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald  
Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those  
with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will  
receive a special blessing.

Questions? ¿Preguntas?  
Renata Cichowicz  
(815) 221-6245  
[rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org)

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



ESTÁN CORDIALMENTE INVITADOS  
A LA DIÓCESIS DE JOLIET

**Misa para Las Personas  
con disCAPACIDADES  
Octubre 15, 2023  
2 p.m.**

**Parroquia de Santa Maria Inmaculada  
15629 South Route 59  
Plainfield, Illinois**

La misa será celebrada por el obispo Ronald Hicks;  
refrescos y compañerismo a seguir. Aquellos con  
disCAPACIDADES, y sus cuidadores, recibirán una  
bendición especial.



## 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

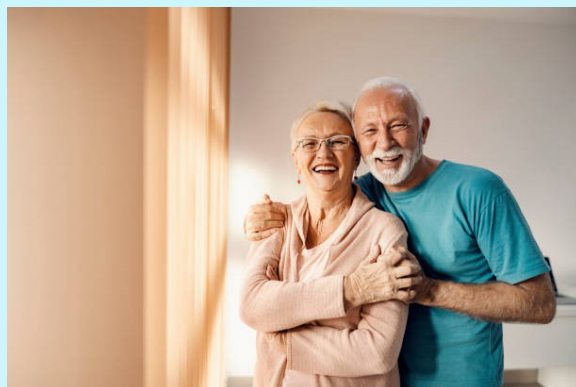
4 p.m. at St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet



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

## Donate Tax Free From Your IRA

Did you know you can give from your IRA to St. John the Baptist without having to pay income taxes on the money? This is called an IRA charitable rollover or qualified charitable distribution (QCD). Beginning in 2023, when you turn 73, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD). (In 2019, the trigger was set at the age of 72). Gifts of any value of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit and you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference in your parish. Contact your retirement provider to get started. Our finance director, Jim Nolan (630-668-0918 x604), will also be happy to answer questions you might have.





## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 7, Vigil, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)  
 † Bonnie Hansen (*Maryann Dusza*)  
 † Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)  
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes (*The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)  
 ♥† Living and Deceased of the Karwoski & Anderson Families  
 (*The Karwoski Family*)  
 † Bob Mungo (*Ron & Sheila George*)

Saturday, October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Mary Guerrier (*The Lonks Family*)  
 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish  
 11:30 a.m. † Marilyn Loechl (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)

Monday, October 9

5:30 p.m. † Pete Daly

Tuesday, October 10

8:15 a.m. ♥ Bertucci Family, Health & Intentions (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)

Wednesday, October 11

5:30 p.m. † Joan Murdock (*Jack Aylward*)

Thursday, October 12

8:15 a.m. ♥ Tom & Sandy Noonan, Health & Intentions (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)

Friday, October 13

12:00 p.m. † Dr. Michael I Hussey (*The Hussey Family*)  
 † Ida Perri (*Irma & Rick McCall*)  
 † Donald Schindel (*Maria Theresa So*)  
 † William Lutzenkirchen (*Roger & Susan Chavez*)  
 † Lilian Ryvold (*Roger & Susan Chavez*)  
 † Pete Daly (*Maureen & Denny Brennan*)

**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.

## 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  
 Ron Williams

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	WO1 Jake Miller
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A1C Seth Kelley	
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	
Captain Matthew Luff	



## Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

CHAPEL † *Giuliana Capigatti*  
 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.



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

*Virginia Tobin*

## 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

### 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, Hased 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

*Please bring your donations to the Religious Education Office. In the past, the children of our parish have put the items together for Alex to deliver to the above people.*

### 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](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net)



**CATHOLICS FOR LIFE**

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

### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE FALL VIGIL

began 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](mailto: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.

### Young at Heart Luncheon

## Oktoberfest

Join Young at Hearts on Wednesday, October 18 at 11:30 in Sebahar Hall for a fall feast of favorites like stuffed cabbage, sauerkraut, Polish sausage, and German potato salad.

Young at Hearts is open to everyone at least 55 years young.

Call Gwen at 630-222-6777 with any questions.



### Cursillo Corner

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

### 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 to learn how to effectively live out the purpose, strategy, and method of the Cursillo Movement within the Church. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at **7:30 pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville**. Our next meeting is October 10.

### 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!**

### 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 November 2nd, 2023, 7:00 pm.

#### Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email [CommunicationsGroup@stjohnswinfield.org](mailto: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:

Tammy Miller \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 600

Rosa Benavides \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 601

Secretaria Hispana \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 601

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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

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