

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parochial Vicar: Fr. John Abulag

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

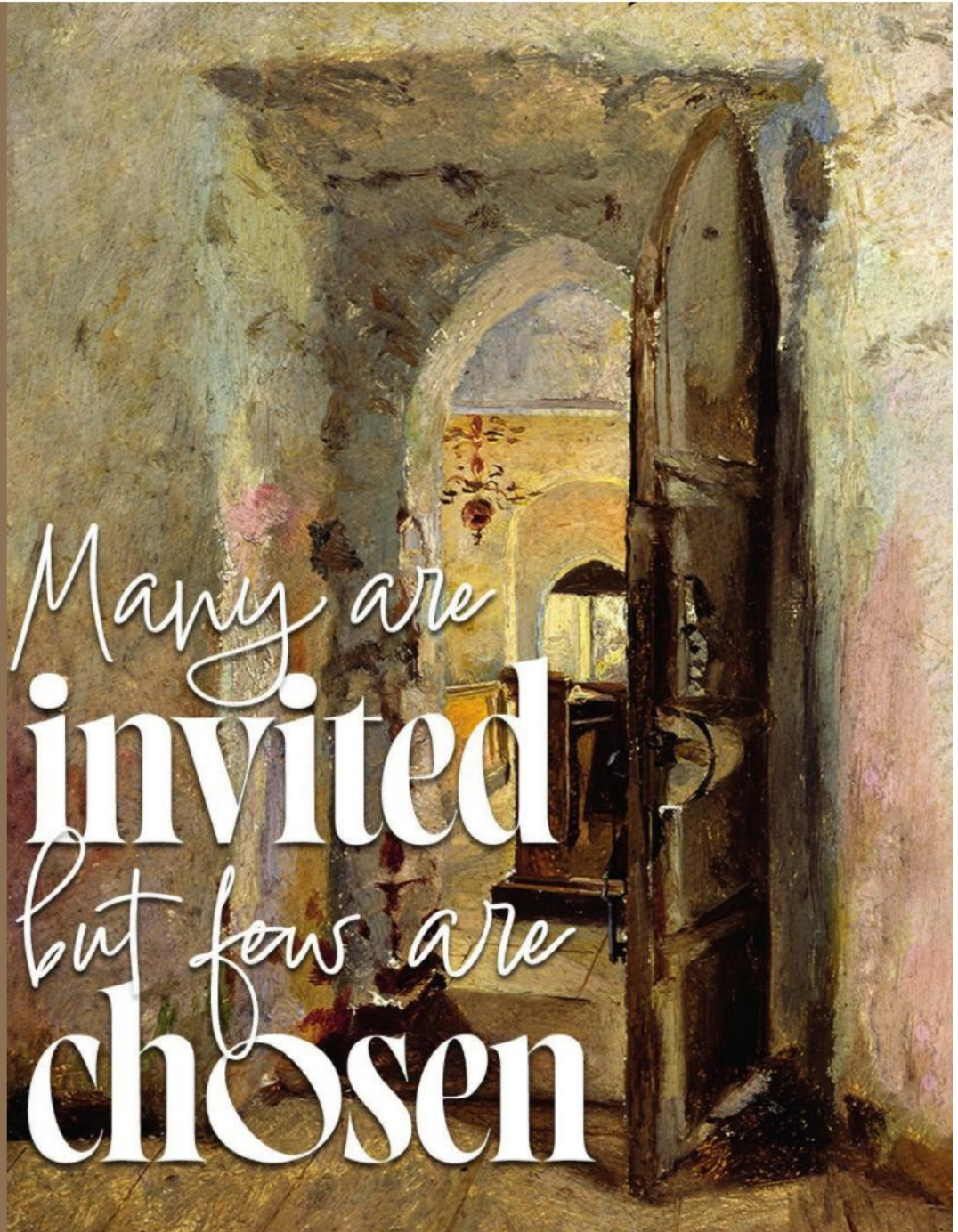
Sundays
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

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



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 15, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends In Christ,

As promised, I'd like to share a little bit of information with you about our new parochial vicar, Fr. John Abulag. Father John was born John Ronaldo Gabutan Abulag in Talisayan Misamis, Oriental, Philippines. That was the town his mother came from. His birth date is March 31st, if you want to add it to your calendars. I'm going to protect his birth year – you know, all these privacy regulations we have to follow. One month later, in the same town, Fr. John was baptized at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Afterwards, he was born and raised in the city of Gingoog, which was his dad's town.

Interestingly, Father John was named after two people. His grandfather's name was John, and he gets his middle name from a man named Ronaldo Valdez, who apparently was a very famous actor way back in the day. Father John comes from a large family. He has five brothers and one sister, plus an adopted sister who was a niece of his dad, and an adopted brother, who was a nephew of his mom. In the household, Father is referred to as John-John.

For kindergarten through high school he attended public school, but did attend a catholic college, where he received a bachelor of science in commerce, with his major being management. After first working as a curator in a painting gallery, and teaching high school Christian Living as well as philosophy, his true journey took off. He received a philosophy degree at Our Lady of the Angels Franciscan Seminary in Quezon City, and completed his theology studies at Santo Tomas-Recoletos in Manila. Father John has a number of passions, including ministering to the deaf. He first met the Dominican Missionaries for the Apostolates of the Deaf in 2011. And, in his own words, he has been a die-hard member of the Legion of Mary since high school. In fact, he is presently the spiritual director of the Legion of Mary in Joliet. He would later become a deacon in December of 2020, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 22, 2021.

Like many of us, Father John has also had to persevere through some adversity. He lost his mom on his first day of final exams in his theology program, and his dad passed away the day before he was ordained. He still tries to keep a positive attitude, about even that difficult year. He is very proud of his heritage, and although his dad passed, in 2021 the Philippines celebrated 500 years of Christianity. Also, May 22nd was the feast day of St. Rita of Cascia who he considers to be his ordination saint, one of a long list of saints he admires and respects, including Sts. Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa.

For a little trivia, Fr. John loves sweets, his favorite colors are blue, red, green and black, he likes to listen to music, does a little singing, and get this – he likes to watch horror movies. Finally, Father John hasn't been back to the Philippines since first arriving in Joliet, and is hopeful he can do that sometime next year to see his family and their families. In the meantime, he is very excited to be at St. John's and is looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Welcome Fr. John!

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 for more information.

FALL BAZAAR



This Weekend in Sebahar Hall
Sat. 9/14 9am-4pm
Sun. 9/15 8am-1pm

*Bakery, Crafts
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 Jewelry, Religious
 Items, LP's and
 Books*

Two Vendors selling:
**Handmade knitted
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Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of **October 1, 2023**, were \$ 24,731. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



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PRAY THE ROSARY

All are welcome! Family Rosary Night is on **Monday, October 16 at 6:30 PM** in the church. It will be led by our Grade School and Religious Education program. Annually our first grade students receive a blessed rosary. They will receive it just prior to praying the rosary. Everyone is invited to this beautiful devotion.

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On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus story for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move"** (Luke 24:13-35). In his message, Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication:

"Hearts on Fire"—As Christians, we're called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.

"Feet on the Move"—Pope Francis encourages us to not only feel the faith but to act on it. It's our mission to move, serve, and spread the Good News, bringing God's love and peace to all His children.

We can all contribute to this mission movement with prayers and activities, including material offerings. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday—the only mandatory collection held each year in every Catholic parish—is dedicated to supporting the missionary work of the Church.

Your donations and prayers support helps fund missionary activities around the world, such as training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying, and providing homes for orphaned children.

With **"hearts on fire"** and **"feet on the move,"** let us put our faith into action in every corner of the world by donating to the second collection on October 22.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Blood Drive

Turn a new leaf
Fall into giving

MONDAY
October

23

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8002 BLOOD DRIVE

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT OS233 CHURCH STREET, WINFIELD AND WILL BE HELD IN SEBAHAR HALL

3:00pm to 7:00pm

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative and telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high - for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.

What can you do to help? Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at 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 message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

+ *Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
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+ *Michael McGovern*

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+ *Louis Tylka*

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 14, Vigil, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (*Andrew Capigatti*)
 † Nancy Andrie (*Edward 'Skip' Meyer*)
 † Lillian Ryvold (*Barb Zeiler*)
 † Rick Zagotta (*The Bob & Sheila Zagotta Family*)
 ♥ Health & Intentions of Donna Gould (*Deb*)
 † Alice E. Malloy (*The John Giacalone Family*)

Sunday, October 15, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Bill Brach (*The Brach Family*)
 9:30 a.m. † Jeanne Ptak (*Al Ptak*)
 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Monday, October 16

5:30 p.m. † Jennifer Bartoli Kalina (*Dan Kalina*)

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

5:30 p.m. † Garnett Skopal (*The Skopal Family*)

Thursday, October 19

8:15 a.m. † Mary Lou Chamberlain (*Lizabeth Fredrickson*)

Friday, October 20

12:00 p.m. † Souls in Purgatory
 † Joan Murdock (*Tom McGrath*)
 † Dr. Joseph O'Gallagher (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)
 ♥ Health & Intentions of Andrienne Rose (*Patti & Rick Loechl*)
 ♥ Health & Intentions of Maureen Brennan (*Patti & Rick Loechl*)

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10.00; the 5:00 pm Saturday 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. 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:

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| 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 |
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| 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 † **Jeanne Ptak**
 CHURCH ♥ **Health of the Rohr 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 \$10.00 per week.

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.

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

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

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

St. John's Fire Pit,

7:00 pm Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



Cursillo Corner

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

Upcoming Weekends

Are you interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend? Please contact our **Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella** at: amythe1@att.net. Additional information can be found by visiting our website at: www.jolietcursillo.org

Men's Weekend: December 7-10, 2023

Women's Weekend April 4-7, 2024

Cursillo Memorial Mass

In honor of our Cursillo brothers and sisters who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. Save the date: November 17, 7:30 pm. Our Lady of Peace Darien.

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.



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, 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.

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 HIPPA laws, the hospital does not notify churches when parishioners are there. Please notify 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 2, 2023, 7:00 pm**.

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email SJBBulletin@stjohnwinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office.

Office Hours: Mon., Tues., and Thurs.: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Wed.: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm; Friday: Closed

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