ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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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

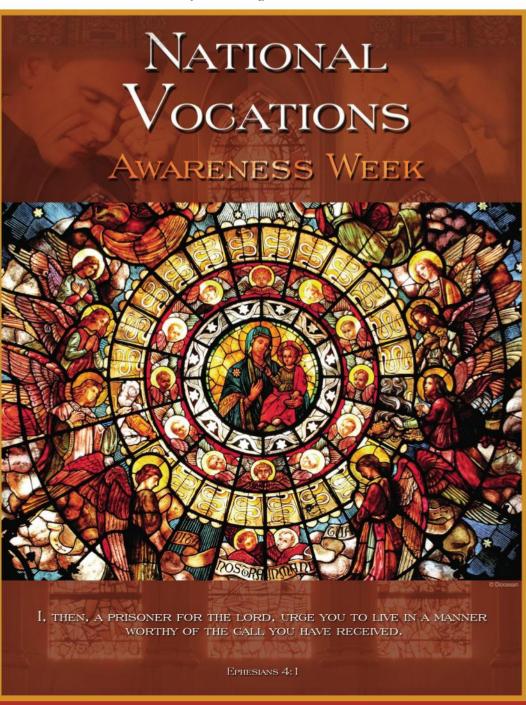
Sundays 9:30 am 11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

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

ADORATION

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



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 5, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

Happy November! This is my favorite time of year! The air is nice and crisp and you need a hoodie or a jacket most days, the leaves are beautiful colors, and Advent is coming, my favorite season of the church year!

With the upcoming celebration of Advent, we change gears in the Catholic Church in a few weeks, just as the outside world changes around us. In fact, we begin a new Church year, and begin the liturgical calendar all over again as we prepare for our Lord's Nativity at Christmas.



At the local level, in the past several weeks, we've experienced a number of changes at St. John's. We've seen our grade school grow to over 210 children, we've seen our RE program take off strong with approximately 200 children, for what we hope to be another successful year, we've seen our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program begin for our littlest parishioners and local children, we've started our Adoremus Children's Choir, and we've raised over \$130,000 towards a new air conditioning unit for the Church, just to name a few of the highlights!

We have plenty of other good things in the works too. For example, a more robust altar serving program that Mr. Mike Berger and I are working on, some great events for the Eucharistic Revival that the Eucharistic Revival committee and I are organizing, some adult formation opportunities Ms. Sarah Reznicek and I are working on for all our parishioners, including some targeted initiatives for our RE and grade school families, just to name some of those highlights too. More on those in the future as they become a reality!

I realize that with all these good things, there have had to be some changes in the ways things always were done at St. John's, and some things are now different. We've introduced a number of new staff positions at the parish level, as well as in this Year of the Eucharist we've elevated the celebration of the Mass and made some musical changes with the Sacred Liturgy, which is the most important prayer we have as a Catholic Church and needs to be treated with the utmost respect, reverence and honor, for it is where Heaven and Earth come together and we receive the Eucharist, the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ!

Change is hard for everyone, and these changes are a consequence of moving forward in our parish mission, "Leading Souls to Heaven". I realize that I "shook the snow globe" so to say at St. John's with some of these changes. In the personal feedback I've received, I have had a majority welcome the changes I have made and support me in them, and I've also had some vocalize their preference to keep things the way they always were, which I can respect due to the fact I stated above, change is hard.

Through prayer and discernment, consultation with brother priests much wiser than me, feedback from parishioners, and trying to implement the Bishop's vision of Catechize, Evangelize, and Putting Faith into action, I as your pastor have made the decisions I've made for St. John's in order that our souls may make it to Heaven! I truly have felt the Holy Spirit put these changes I've made on my heart as the path we are meant to take as a community, and I as your shepherd desire to lead you on this path.

Once again, I humbly recognize change is hard, but I would be failing you as a pastor if I didn't lead and make change. Just like water that's constantly moving stays fresh and life giving, and stagnant water becomes unusable, so too with change. We need to constantly be evaluating, changing, improving, and trying to meet our mission as a parish. If we don't, we become stagnant.

Heaven needs to be our number one priority! The Mass and the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation need to be our life blood! We need God more than ever in our world, and St. John's is going to continue to be a place where we can come encounter the Living God and where Heaven and Earth continue to meet.

So, as the "snow globe" settles, I invite you to join this journey with me! We are well on the path together, we aren't turning back, but keeping our eyes fixed on the Mission, "Leading Souls to Heaven"!

Please be assured of my prayers for each of you, and please pray for me.

In Christ,

Fr. Chris

Food Drive

Sunday November 5, 2023



Cub Scout Pack 575



Boy Scout Troop 575





- Help stock the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry.
- Non-perishable food items (boxed or canned goods).
- Toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant).
- Place donations outside your front door in full
- Donations need to be out by **noon** on Sunday, Nov. 5th.
- Scouts will be by to pick up items throughout the afternoon.
- Pickup times will vary by neighborhood.
- Collection is limited to Winfield addresses.
- Donations can also be dropped off Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 pm at St. John the Baptist Church parking lot at 0S233 Church St.
- Donations will benefit the needy in our community.

Our goal is to collect 3,000 pounds of items.

Thank you for your support!



K of C's Pancake **Breakfast** Sunday Nov 5th 8-11am.



Where: Sebahar Hall

The Knights provide over 75 million hours of donated volunteer time across the U.S. each year, all for the betterment of our Catholic Faith Communities.

Enjoy a menu that includes Hot Buttermilk Pancakes. Sausage Links, Applewood Smoked Bacon, Apple or Orange Juice, and Fresh Roasted Coffee. Hungry?

Invite some Friends, Bring a Group, Support the Parish, Have a cup of coffee on us. Voted best breakfast value in the six county area.

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.



As we did last year, St. Vincent DePaul will be distributing Food Gift Cards to the needy in the Winfield, West Chicago, and Wheaton areas. Approximately 70 families are helped through your generosity each year.

If you would like to contribute to a family for Thanksgiving, please call the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext 606. You will be asked:

- Your name, address, telephone number and email
- If you want to donate a \$60 minimum food gift card for a family of 3 or less, or an \$80 minimum food gift card for a family of 4 or more.

You will then be contacted by a SVDP volunteer by email who will let you know when and where to drop off your gift cards.

The gift card should be to a local grocery store, such as Aldi's, Jewel, Target, Walmart, or Mariano's. Thank you as always for your generous hearts. May God bless you and your families during the holidays and always.

Jim Effinger, President

St. Vincent DePaul Society

The Book of Remembrance

In the month of November, the Book of Remembrance is on a stand in the church near the Holy Family statue. You may write down the names of the deceased whom you would like in our prayers throughout this month.



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!*

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.



Congratulations to our 7th grade boys' volleyball team in winning the blue division championship game!

We are SJB proud of our Wildcat champions! What an amazing season with a 13-0 record!

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of October 22, 2023, were \$15,254. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets

URGENT!



FREEDOM COMMISSARY WISH LIST

The shelves of the Commissary of the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets in Wheaton are very sparse! All items below are desperately needed for our veterans. If you can help in any way, we would greatly appreciate it. At this time, we are only accepting new items and we are not accepting gift cards.

Thank you for your support!

They are in desperate need of the following items:

Household:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Kleenex
- Garbage Bags (Kitchen)
- Garbage Cans (Kitchen and Bath)
- Mops (Swiffer) and Pads
- Laundry Pods
- Dryer Sheets
- All Purpose cleaner
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Bathroom Cleaner
- Bleach
- Scrub Brush
- Disinfectant Wipes
- SOS Pads
- Windex

Personal Care Items:

- Lip Balm
- Dental Floss (Spools)
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Hand Soap
- Shampoo

For ease of shopping, also look for our Amazon Wish List at: https://a.co/b3ifTXn

When dropping off your donation items, please consider a financial donation to Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans to help cover operational costs, allowing us to continue providing household & personal items free of charge to the Veterans and their families. Thank you!

Updated 10/18/23

For more information please visit our website at helpaveteran.org or call us at 630-871-8387 ext. 617

A Second Collection | I Will Give You for the Diocese of Joliet Seminarian Education **SHEPHERDS** Endowment Trust

Support our future priests through the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign

Priests are essential to our Catholic faith, as only these holy men can transform bread and

wine into the life-giving Body and Blood of Christ. Although the number of priests has been on the decline for decades, the Diocese of Joliet has been blessed with an abundance of vocations to the priesthood.

Currently, our diocese has 21 men in seminary formation, which costs \$52,250 a year per seminarian. To ensure we are always able to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially, the Diocese of Joliet has launched the I Will Give You Shepherds campaign.

At Masses next weekend, our parish will take up a second collection for this campaign. Gifts will be invested in an endowment designated specifically for seminarian education.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this second collection. To learn more about this campaign, or to a gift online, please go to www.givecentral.org/Seminarian-Education-Endowment -Trust.



The Diocese of Joliet recognizes the importance of leaving a lasting legacy that resonates with your faith and values.

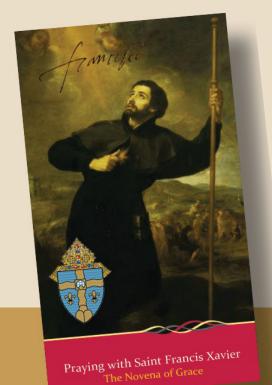
As a service to our parishioners, the Diocese has partnered with FreeWill to make planning your will easier than ever. It's 100% free to you, legally binding, and can be completed online in 20 minutes or less.

To begin, visit freewill/dioceseofjoliet or scan the QR code on the front of this card.

How will you legacy continue to bless your family, your parish, and the causes that matter to your for years to come?

For more information, contact Jane Lagger, Chief Development Officer, Diocese of Joliet at (815) 2221-6190 or jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org

The Diocese of Joliet is Commemorating 75 Years of Catechesis, Evangelization and Service



November 2023 **NOVENA GRACE**

From November 25 through December 3, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint.

Scan the QR code or visit the website for daily prayers and reflections. diojoliet.org/75th



Day 1

"May our Lord increase the days of [your] life for many years, and may he grant you to feel, in this present life, his most holy will and the spiritual strength to fulfil it, so that you do and accomplish that which, at the hour of your death, you will wish to have done."

Letter to King John of Portugal from Malacca in Mayaysia 23rd June 1549

Reflection

- What are the things in my life I am most proud?
- Which of these things will I be most pleased to place before God at the close of my life?
- What do I need to do more of, or less of, if I am to present my best self to God my Lord?

Praver

Lord, each day you give me new life, new graces, new opportunities to feel your presence. Give me the gift of attentiveness to notice you in the people and your creation which surround my life; that I may grow in faith and hope and love. Amen.

† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)

† Edward Zelasko (Bernie & Chris Bartelli)

† Florence Styka (Walter & Therese Martineau)

† Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)

♥ Vivian Bodi, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Sunday, November 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † The Faithful Departed of our Parish

9:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus Living & Deceased (K of C)

11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Monday, November 6

5:30 p.m. † Victorina Gudmalin (Amer & Carlito Gabas)

Tuesday, November 7

8:15 a.m. † Alice Barone (The Barone Family)

Wednesday, November 8

8:15 a.m. ♥ Pat & Mike Moon, Health & Intentions

Thursday, November 9

8:15 a.m. † Nick Larson (Anne & Dave Larson)

Friday, November 10

12:00 p.m. † Dr. Michael I Hussey (The Hussey Family)

† Susan Harpt (Joyce Hutchinson)

† Pete Daly (Mary Ann Dusza)

† Michael Frazier (Tom McGrath)

† Deceased Members of the Spears Family (Jean Christoffer)

† Chuck Chalifoux (Walles Family)

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.



Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

CHAPEL † Bill Brach
CHURCH † Pete Daly

*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.



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

Fulie Gotsch

who passed away October 7, 2023



We congratulate
Daniel Anthony Davidson &
Molly Rose Kiebles
Who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage
On October 28, 2023.

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 Barbara Makuch Chris Mara

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 pray for all first responders and for those in Active Duty, including our own:

Pvt James Luigi Akin SRA Francis Beifuss Lt. Col. John Berg Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army Sgt Melissa Brooker Pvt Timothy Conley Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly Major Daniel Durbin Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr. Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray Colonel Eric Hass, US Army Colonel Erica Haas, USAF A1C Seth Kelley Airman Nicholas Kostecka

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Please keep in your
prayers all
Deacons and
Seminarians who are
studying in the
Diocese of Joliet
including our own
Seminarian Sam Bergmann



Cursillo Corner

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sunday, Nov. 5

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **November 5 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, November 11

Join us for the next Ultreya on Saturday, November 11 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!

Cursillo Memorial Mass - November 17

Come celebrate with other Cursillistas in our Diocese a Memorial Mass of Remembrance for all our Cursillo brothers and sisters who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith!! Friends and Family of the Fourth Day are welcome to join us. Cake and beverages will be served in the gym immediately following the Mass at Our Lady of Peace, located at 701 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL.

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.

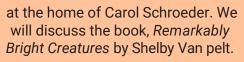
I would like to beat last year's count of 500 and with everyone's help, we will do it.

Thank you for helping out.

Alex McCall

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 Nov, 15th at 7 pm





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

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the rosary

Stay for a get-together.

St. John's Fire Pit,
7:00 pm Wednesday, November 8, 2023
Ouestions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE FALL VIGII

runs through 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 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 the St. John's parish office when a loved one is 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 these 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 7th, 2023 , 7:00 pm.**

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email SJBBulletin@stjohnwinfield.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 o Parish Administrative Assistants:

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St. Vincent de Paul Society ______ Ext 692

For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office. Office Hours: Mon., Tues., and Thurs.: 09 am - 3 pm; Wed.: 12 pm - 3 pm; Friday: Closed

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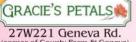
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