

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS
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)



First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023

CELEBRATING CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE



Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7
Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Friday, December 8
Mass 8:15 am
Mass 12:00 PM
Mass 5:30 PM



Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of **November 19, 2023**, were **\$25,320**. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



Advent & Christmas Calendar

Advent Confessions

Saturday, December 16
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 23rd
Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 24th
Masses 7:30 am & 9:30 am

Christmas Eve Masses:

Sunday, December 24th
Masses 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day Masses:

Monday, December 25th
Masses 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 30th
Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 31st
Masses 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

Holy day of Obligation
Monday, January 1, 2024
Mass 9:00 am

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE BEGIN THIS HOLY ADVENT SEASON:

A Family Nativity Exhibit
Friday thru Sunday Dec. 8, 9, & 10

After ALL Masses

In St. John's Sebahar Hall

All parishioners are invited to Sebahar Hall to see Nativity scenes.

Families are invited to bring their Nativity sets to display.

Set-up is Friday, Dec. 8: 1-3 pm
And pick-up will be Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:00 pm

The Nativity sets will be blessed by Fr. Chris.

Nativity Display Form if you want to bring your set for viewing by other parishioners:

Name: _____

Contact Info: _____

Please drop this form at the Welcome Desk in the Church Narthex, the parish office, or email sfuechsl@aol.com

Questions, please contact Linda Fuechsl at 630-290-9649 or sfuechsl@aol.com

WISH TREES

Our Wish Trees will be up in our Church narthex again this year. The Wish Trees provide an opportunity for our St. John the Baptist family to help two organizations this Christmas: Ahva Care of Winfield (formerly known as Winfield Woods) which is a long-term care facility and our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry clients.



Ahva Care of Winfield tags are red. They are requesting \$25 gift cards for their residents from Walmart or McDonald's. St. Vincent de Paul tags are mint green. They are requesting \$40 gift cards from Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc. The cards will be given to the children of the St. Vincent de Paul clients.

The gift cards need to be returned anytime through December 13 to the parish office. Please place the gift cards in an envelope and tape the tag to the outside of the envelope. Put them through the mail slot in the parish office inner door or bring to Mass and hand to an usher.

KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Advent

"Dine In or Drive By"



**5 pm to 7 pm
Fridays... Dec.
1, 8, 15**

Besides the Fish Dinners, menu will also include the following: Shrimp Dinners, Fish & Shrimp Combo, Fish Tacos, Spaghetti Dinners, Pizza, Enchiladas & Salads Includes all the sides, packaged, hot and ready for YOU!

Fish & Shrimp
Prices:
Adults \$12
Kids \$9
Seniors \$11

Spag. Tacos,
Enchilada
Dinners \$14

YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE!
**PLACE ONLINE ORDERS BY 6:30 PM ON THE
DAY OF THE FRY! www.stjohnwinfield.org**

- ORDER BY PHONE-CALL SEBAHAR HALL, 630-668-0918, EXT 651, from 3 PM to 6:45 PM
- CALL SEAN P CONLEY DIRECTLY, 630-835-8225
- WALK-UP or DINE IN ORDERS welcomed
- PICK-UP LOCATION: COME INSIDE SEBAHAR HALL OR WE'LL DELIVER YOUR ORDER TO YOUR CAR



SAVE THE DATE!

Help decorate our church and chapel for Christmas.
Sunday, December 17 following the 11:30 Mass.
Families Welcome!



**K of C's
Pancake
Breakfast**



**Sunday Dec 3rd
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.

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Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. *It's that easy!*

Questions?
Contact THE PARISH OFFICE, 630-668-0918

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS GROCERY GIFT CARDS

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

If you would like to contribute to a family for Christmas, please call the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 606. Please provide:

Your name, address, telephone number, and email address;

If you want to donate a Christmas **\$60 minimum Food Gift card for a family of three or less, or an \$80 minimum Food Gift Card for a family of 4 or more**, please let us know.

If you want to donate a **\$20 children's Christmas Gift Card**, please let us know.

You will then be contacted by a SVdP volunteer by email which will let you know when and where to drop off the **Christmas Gift Food Card** and perhaps money towards **Children's Christmas Gift Cards**.

Food Gift Cards should be from a local grocery store such as Aldi's, Jewel, Target, Mariano's, etc.

Children's Christmas Gift cards should be from local stores such as Target, Walmart, etc.

Thank you as always for your generous hearts. May God bless you and your families during Christmas and always.

~St. Vincent de Paul Society

Baby Bottle LAST CALL

If you might still have baby bottles for Waterleaf at home, we ask you to please bring them to the parish office so that we may make a final count.

AT HOME WITH THE WORD

Books will be available in the narthex of the church after all Masses on December 3rd while supplies last.

The suggested donation is \$10.00.



Protect The Legacy You Are Building

Now is the time to make a plan to take care of the people and causes that matter most to you and your future.

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

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

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), which you can begin to make when you turn 70 ½ years old. And, you can use your gift to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD) if you turn 73 in 2023. (In 2019, this trigger was set at the age of 72). Gifts of any value of \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit. For married couples, each spouse can donate up to \$100,000. And, you can feel good knowing that you are making a difference in your parish. Contact your retirement provider to get started. Please call the parish office, (630)668-0918 to schedule an appointment to discuss any questions you may have.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 2, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Msgr. Vincent Cloos, Anniversary of Death-1986
 † Albert & Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
 † John & Sophie Kohut (*Joe & Dee Bryja*)
 † Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes (*The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
 † Richard (Rick) Zagotta (*Rosa Benavides & Family*)

Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. † Betty Parisi (*The Parisi Family*)
 11:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (*K of C*)

Monday, December 4

5:30 p.m. † William McVittie (*Amy Serritella*)

Tuesday, December 5

8:15 a.m. † Evan Nelson (*Irma & Rick McCall*)

Wednesday, December 6

5:30 p.m. † Nick Larson (*Anne & Dave Larson*)

Thursday, December 7

8:15 a.m. ♥ Men's Cursillo Weekend
 5:30 p.m. † James Seay (*Chris & Lori Seay*)

Friday, December 8

8:15 a.m. † Heidi Anderson (*The SJB School Staff*)
 12:00 p.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
 † Roger Wilcox (*Dan Conley*)
 † Simone Romanos
 † Ray Frankovich (*Renee Groetzl*)
 ♥ Society of St. Vincent dePaul
 † Lauren Ladley (*The Hussey Family*)
 5:30 p.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

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

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 Robert Lawless
SRA Francis Beifuss	Captain Matthew Luff
Lt. Col. John Berg	WO1 Jake Miller
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW)
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Timothy A. Newell
Pvt Timothy Conley	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Lt. Commander Nicholas Daly	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Major Daniel Durbin	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	AN Michael Schieve
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	2LT Allyson Serbick
Sgt Pamela Gray	PFC Keegan Serbick
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	Lt. Col. James Smolucha
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	Major Mike Smolucha
A1C Seth Kelley	SPC Thomas Stanhope
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	



Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

CHAPEL ♥ *Susan Weber*
 CHURCH ♥ *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.

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.

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

THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the rosary & stay for a get-together.
 St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm
 Wednesday,
December 6, 2023
 Questions?
 Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



Cursillo Corner

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

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sunday, December 3

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **December 3, from 8:00-8:15 pm.** What better way to begin the Advent Season 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.**

School of Leaders - December 5

The School of Leaders is not a school in the academic sense. Instead, it is a school in the sense of a gathering, such as a school of fish. It is a gathering of Cursillo leaders. It helps these leaders to "discover, accept, and grow in their vocations, bringing them together so that together they can take on the responsibility of being leaders in the Church, in the Movement, and in their respective secular environments. **All Cursillistas are welcome. The next meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville on Tuesday December 5th at 7:30 pm. Deacon Matt Napoli will be giving a talk on The Real Presence in the Eucharist.**

Ultreya - Saturday, December 9

Join us for the next Ultreya on **Saturday, December 9**, at St. John the Baptist. Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following, we will convene at Sebahar Hall for the Ultreya. Our witness speaker is **Dan Krill from Corpus Christi.** Continental breakfast will be available. Guests are always encouraged and welcome!

Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, **Wednesday Dec 13th at 7 pm** at the home of Jean Daniell. We will discuss the book, **Christmas Cupcake Murder** by Joanne Fluke.



Please bring a book swap book that you have read which our club has not discussed yet. If you wish to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

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

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 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 **December 7, 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.



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**Dios te llama.
Te invitamos.**



CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main _____ 630-668-0918 Ext 0

Parish Administrative Assistants:

Tammy Miller _____ Ext 600

Rosa Benavides _____ Ext 601

Secretaria Hispana _____ Ext 601

Religious Education office _____ Ext 613

Director of Faith Formation & RCIA: Sarah Reznicek Ext 612

Facilities Manager: Aaron Simpson _____ Ext 603

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

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 - 3 pm; Friday: Closed

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