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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

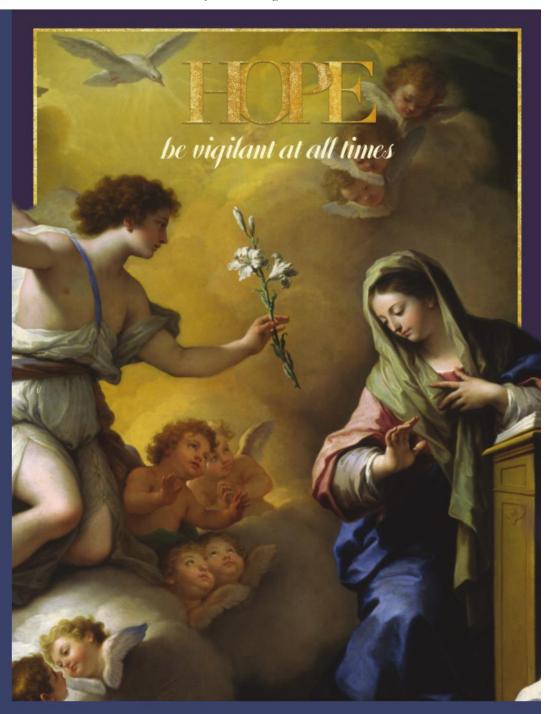
**Sundays** 9:30 am 11:30 am

# **CONFESSIONS**

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

## **ADORATION**

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



First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023

# CELEBRATING CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE







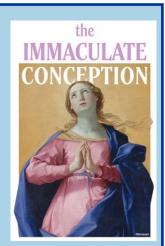


# **Immaculate** Conception

(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



# 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 bm 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

# **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.



# **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!

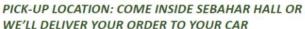
Fish & Shrimp Prices: Adults \$12 Kids \$9 Seniors \$11 Spag, Tacos.

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

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- EXT 651, from 3 PM to 6:45 PM
- CALL SEAN P CONLEY DIRECTLY, 630-835-8225





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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Help decorate our church and chapel for Christmas.

Iday December 17 following the 11:30 Ma

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.

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.



# 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 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.



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

#### 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

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 Sqt. Tyler Bowling, US Army

Sat Melissa Brooker Pvt Timothy Conley

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

Lt. Crystal Kotvan

Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski Sgt. David Lawless

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ABH2 Sean Phillips Lt. Commander Nicholas Daly Captain Colleen Rezabek Captain Kevin Rezabek

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PFC Keegan Serbick Lt. Col. James Smolucha Major Mike Smolucha

SPC Thomas Stanhope Lt. Keith Wolfe

**ALEX'S BLESSING BAGS** 



# 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.

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

**Ouestions?** Sean Conley, 630-835-8225

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.



#### 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.

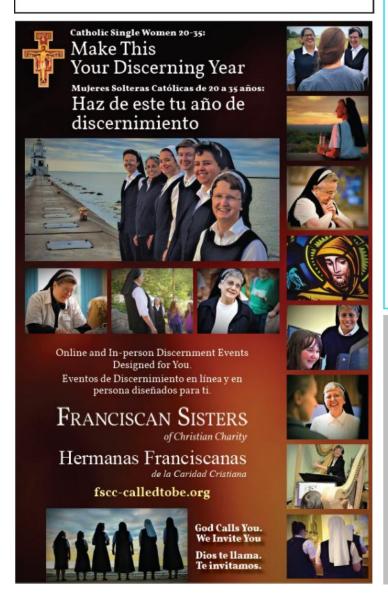
Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

#### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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 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 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.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main	630-668-0918 Ext o
Parish Administrative Assistants:	
Tammy Miller	Ext 600
Rosa Benavides	
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Director of Faith Formation & RCIA: Sarah Re	znicek Ext 612
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Director of Liturgical Life: Michael Berger	
Grade School Office:	
Principal: Joanne Policht	630-668-0918 Press 2
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Mon., Tues., and Thurs.: 9 am - 3 pm; Wed.: 12 pm - 3 pm; Friday: Closed

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