

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Leading Souls to Heaven*

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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS

Parochial Vicar: Rev. 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

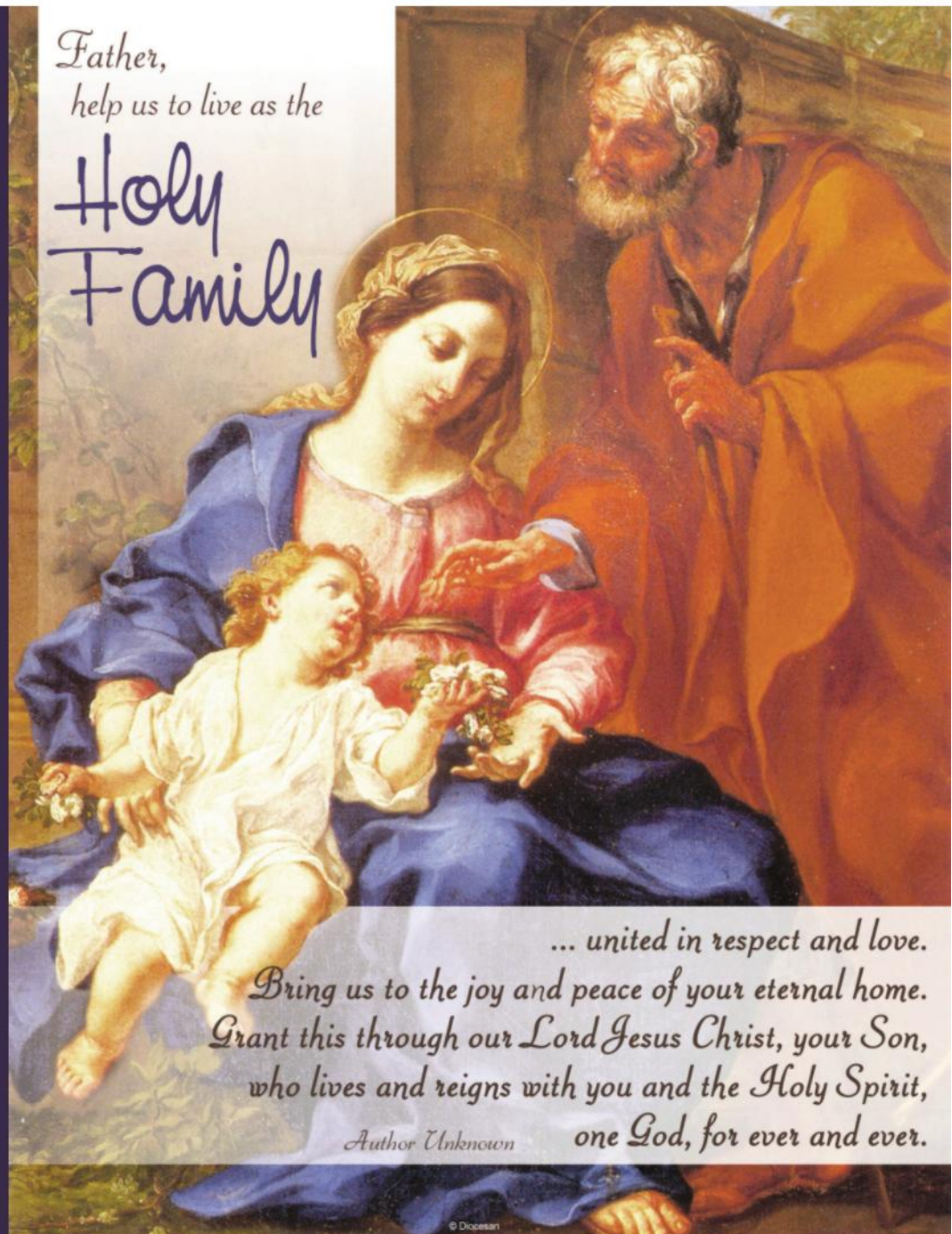
**Saturdays**

3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

### ADORATION

**Thursdays**

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



*Solemnity of the Holy Family, December 31, 2023*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



### Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

*Monday, January 1, 2024*  
*Mass 9:00 am and 11:00 am*

#### **Mary, Mother of God**

Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in "favor before God and man." Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.



Happy New Year!

Well almost...still one more day!

It's so hard to believe it's going to be 2024. I feel even into December I was saying, "I can't believe it's 2023". As we come to the close of this year and begin another, a popular tradition is to make a New Years Resolution. I'm all for this! In fact, I try to do so myself. My recommendation, make a simple, attainable, resolution with the Blessed Mother.

Besides a New Year, today we also celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. What a great way to start a New Year by honoring the Mother of God! She loves us so much and desires us to encounter her son, Jesus! Let's make a resolution with Mary, and ask her to help intercede for us so we may be successful in it.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for Us!

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris



*Thank you for your  
generosity*



## YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

As a reminder to our parishioners, ALL contributions to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church must be received or be postmarked by **December 31, 2023** for those contributions to be credited to your 2023 parish contribution statement.

***Contributions postmarked or received after January 1st will be credited to your 2024 statement.***

**If you have any questions or concerns please contact the finance office at  
630-668-0918, x 604**



## **Sacrificial Giving**

Offertory collections for the weekend of **December 17, 2023**, were **\$20,533**. 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?  
Contact the Parish Office, 630-668-0918.



**CATHOLICS  
FOR LIFE**

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

Today is the last day of the year. We hope it has been a good, healthy and holy year for you. Below is good news that

happened for Life this year.

The final number of babies saved during the 40 Days for Life Fall vigil is **539!!**

Some statistics from Waterleaf:

1,536 unique clients

565 referrals

1,569 ultrasounds

1,023 pregnancy tests.

For more informative news, please go to: [Pro-Life Ministries Victorious Against State of Illinois' Attack on Pregnancy Centers](http://Pro-LifeMinistriesVictoriousAgainstStateofIllinoisAttackonPregnancyCenters.thomasmoresociety.org)  
([thomasmoresociety.org](http://thomasmoresociety.org))

**We pray for a Blessed and Happy 2024 for all!**

**The parish office will be CLOSED  
UNTIL Tuesday, January 2nd at 9 am**  
*Peace, Health and Prosperity in 2024!*



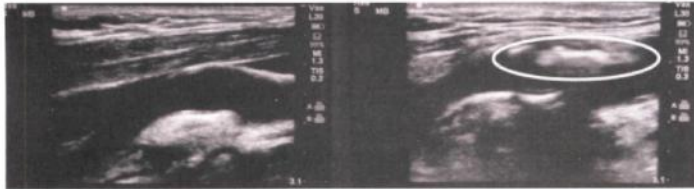
# Take a step toward staying Healthy & Active

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<sup>1</sup>Key Risk Factors include: \*High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, smoking, family history.

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### Carotid Artery Disease

an ultrasound is performed to screen the carotid arteries (a pair of blood vessels in the neck that deliver blood to your brain) for buildup of fatty plaque. This buildup, called atherosclerosis, is one of the leading causes of stroke.



### Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)

a 6-lead electrocardiogram (EKG) is performed by placing sensors on the arms and legs to screen for Atrial Fibrillation. AFib can lead to blood clots, stroke, and heart failure, and other heart-related complications.<sup>2</sup>



### Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)

an ultrasound is performed to screen the abdominal aorta for the presence of an enlargement or aneurysm. AAA can lead to a ruptured aortic artery, which is a life-threatening medical emergency.



### Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD)

an Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) test is performed using blood pressure cuffs on the arms and legs. It is important to screen for PAD because it increases the risk of coronary artery disease, heart attack, or stroke.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease>

No single screening can detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Screening results are provided to you in about 14 days. We direct all participants with abnormal results to take the report to their physician. Appropriate modification of risk factors (including high blood pressure, smoking, heart disease, diabetes and poor diet) is also necessary for cardiovascular disease prevention. Our screenings cannot detect all forms of stroke risk or cardiovascular disease. All tests are for screening purposes only. You should consult with your personal physician regarding your screening results. Price does not include any applicable review fees. Insurance Note: Life Line Screening does not participate in the Medicare program and the cost of our screening services is not covered or reimbursable by Medicare. Life Line Screening does not file insurance claims nor provide referrals to any physician's group or hospital. If you are unable to attend the screening for any reason whatsoever, we will issue a gift card for the full amount to be used by you, or anyone you choose, for future screening services.



# Navajo Nation

**Information Meeting**  
January 17, 2024

**Mission Trip**  
June 1 to 14, 2024



The Diocese of Joliet will return to Navajo Nation for a two-week mission focused on construction and outreach from June 1 to 14, 2024.

The Diocese of Joliet has been putting faith into action—through intentional service and solidarity with the poor—in Chinle, Arizona, for 20 years.

The Office of Mission is seeking parishioners (18+) willing to help local area families with light construction work. No experience is necessary, but a heart willing to serve is required! Missionaries stay on the campus of Our Lady of Fatima, and the trip will include a pilgrimage to New Mexico's Loretto Chapel and its "miraculous staircase."

An informational meeting on the mission trip will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill (16555 Weber Road).

### Questions?

Alex Buldak  
Mission Lead  
[abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
(815) 221-6256





## Come and See

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Open House

We invite you to save the date and join us on **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses at the parish office doors for an Open House of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Learn about this Montessori-based method of catechesis. Our catechists will give a walking tour of the Good Shepherd Atrium and share with you the materials that have allowed our littlest ones to fall in love with Jesus and his Church.

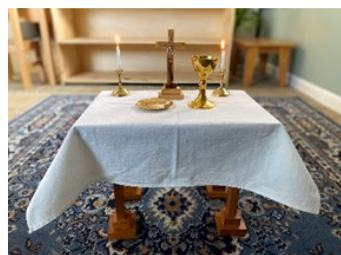
All parents, grandparents, families and parishioners are invited

Coffee and light refreshments to be had in Sodonna Hall after the tour!

**Questions? Contact Miss Sarah Reznicek at [sreznicek@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:sreznicek@stjohnwinfield.org) or 630-668-0918 ext. 612**



The Globe and Map of Israel



The Model Altar



The Visit of the Magi Figurines

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRESENTS:

# BOOTS AND BLING

## SJB ANNUAL GALA

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24, 2024  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GYMNASIUM  
6:30PM-11:00PM  
DINNER, DRINKS & MUSIC  
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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 30, Vigil, Feast of the Holy Family

5:00 p.m. ♥ The Shepherd Family, Health & Intentions

(Bob & Carol Garcia)

† Josef Gil (Adrienne Rose)

† Anne & Sean Brady

† Shirley Stachniak (The Stachniak Family)

† Gertrude Wagemann (Edward "Skip" Meyer)

† Denise Babcock (The Langellier Family)

Sunday, December 31, Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 a.m. † Virginia O'Sullivan (Anne & Dave Larson)

9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † Denise Babcock (Larry & Cecily Langellier)

Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2

8:15 a.m. † Deacon Don Mathieu, Anniversary of his Death

Wednesday, January 3

5:30 p.m. ♥ The Shepherd Family, Health & Intentions

(Bob & Carol Garcia)

Thursday, January 4

8:15 a.m. † Charles Kirk (Chuck & Lois Kirk)

Friday, January 5

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions

♥† Living & Deceased members of CCW and for Peace (CCW)

† Stan Zielinski (The Zielinski Family)

† Virginia Tobin (Jean Daniell)

† For the Souls in Purgatory, May they Rest in Peace

† John Andrew Schoen (Skip Meyer)

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

*James Oliver*

*Rita Lilley*



**Our Sanctuary Lamps**

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

CHAPEL † *Jeanne Ptak*  
CHURCH † *Scott Romano*

*\*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 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

Mike Berger

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  
SRA Francis Beifuss  
Lt. Col. John Berg  
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army  
Sgt Melissa Brooker  
Pvt Timothy Conley  
Lt. Commander Nicholas Daly  
Major Daniel Durbin  
Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman  
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.  
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Pv2 Nicholas Gorman  
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Captain Colleen Rezabek  
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Sgt Ian Sarlitto  
AN Michael Schieve  
2LT Allyson Serbick  
PFC Keegan Serbick  
Lt. Col. James Smolucha  
Major Mike Smolucha  
SPC Thomas Stanhope

## THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

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

St. John's Fire Pit,  
7:00 pm Wednesday,

**January 3, 2024**

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, 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, January 7

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **January 7, from 8:00-8:15 pm**. What better way to begin the New Year than to pray this beautiful prayer recognizing our merciful Lord. Prayer intentions are taken prior to the start of the Chaplet. Zoom Meeting ID is **812-1236-0469**. Friends and family are welcome to join us.

### School of Leaders – Tuesday, January 9

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 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 January 9 at 7:30 pm. Deacon Joe Ferrari will be giving a doctrinal talk "Doing the Laundry, Dusty Shoes, and the Church Bell: Servant Leadership Lessons from Pope Francis." We will also be starting a series based on the book "Whom Shall I Send".

For additional information on the Cursillo Movement, contact our Parish Coordinator, **Amy Serritella at amythe1@att.net** or visit the website **www.jolietcursillo.org**.

Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting,  
**Wednesday, January 17th at 7 pm**  
at the home of Mary Ann Kratochvil.



We will discuss the swap books that we received at our December meeting or any good book that you have read recently.

Please inquire for directions or with any questions and **RSVP Jean at tjaniell@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 **January 4, 2023, 7:00 pm**.

### Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email [SJBBulletin@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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 0

### Parish Administrative Assistants:

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

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

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

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Director of Faith Formation & RCIA: Sarah Reznicek \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 612

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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

*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.: NOON - 3 pm; Friday: Closed



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