

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

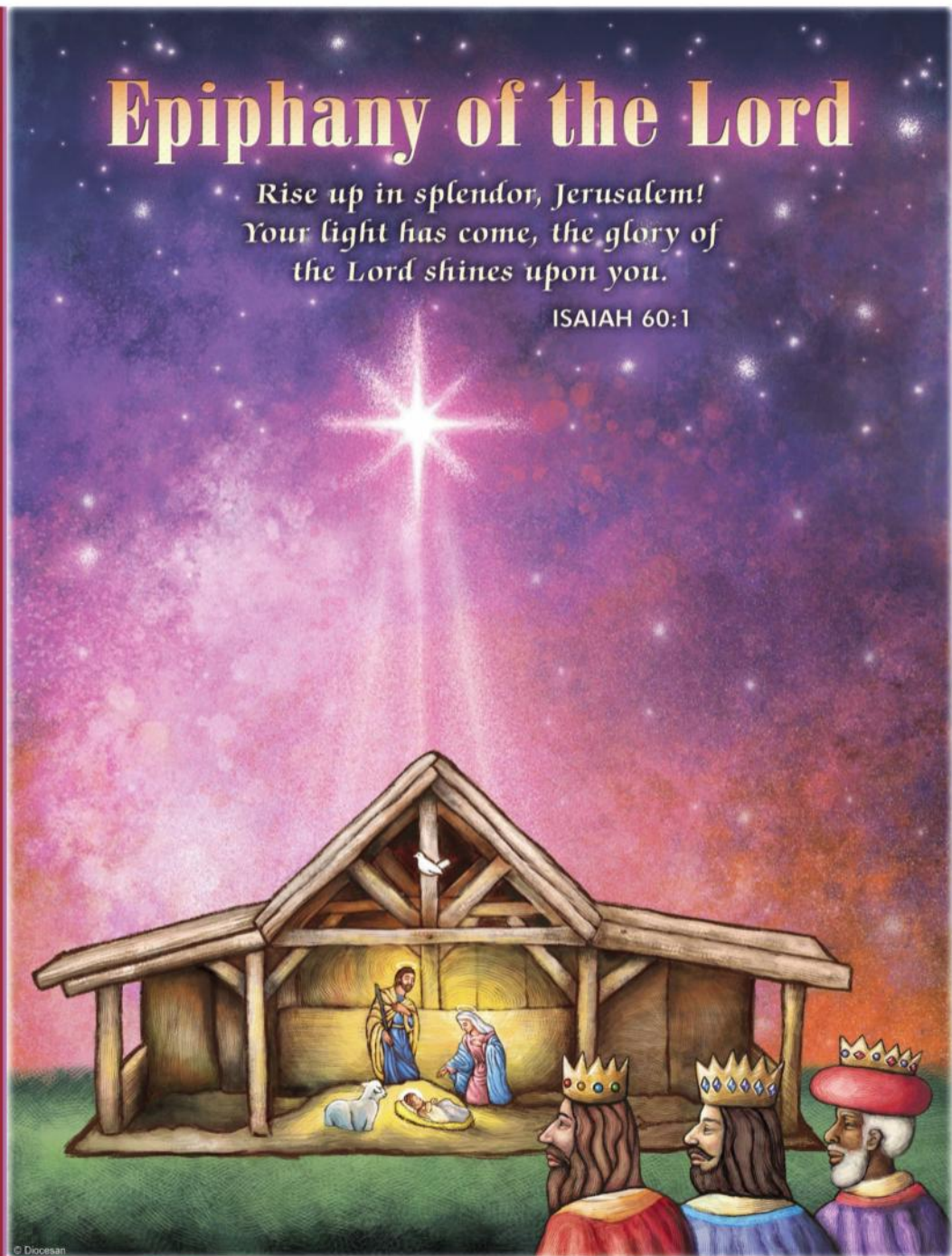
Thursdays

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

Epiphany of the Lord

*Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of
the Lord shines upon you.*

ISAIAH 60:1



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 7, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Time flies! And children, they grow up so fast! After all, two weeks ago Jesus was born, and now, in our Gospel today, He's 30 and being Baptized about to begin His public ministry!

**St. John the
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Church & School**

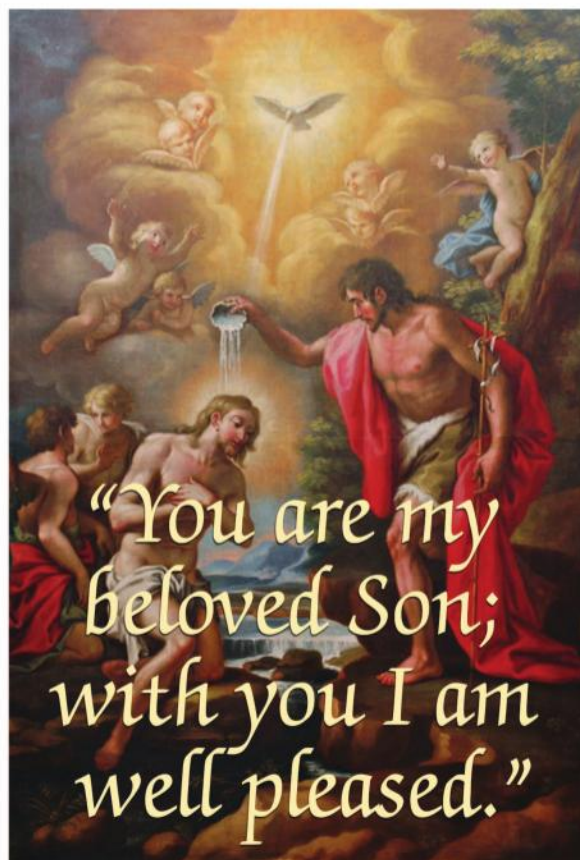


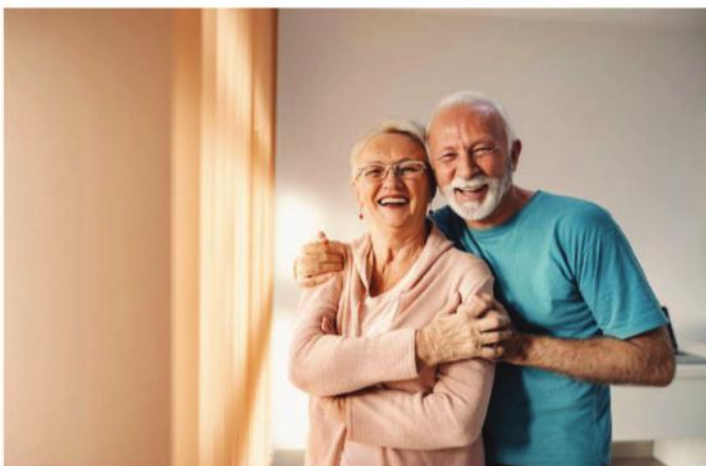
Obviously we have covered a lot of our Lord's early life in the past days of our Church year, and now we have come to the celebration of His Baptism. Ultimately He, being God, had no need of Baptism. Yet, by entering the waters He made them Holy so you and I can receive new life through the Sacrament of Baptism.

As we celebrate today's feast I invite everyone to really reflect upon the power of our Baptism and the gift that it is. That through Baptism we are washed clean of Original Sin, washed clean of actual sin, and become temples of the Holy Spirit, meaning, God dwells in us! We have power! The power of God and Divine life in us, to aide and assist us through this life.

That's an incredible gift! This also means God Himself makes His dwelling in us and we are never alone. The light of Christ shines in us from our Baptism and we are called to share and use that Light of Christ. Use it to light the path of Heaven for ourselves, and share it with others so they can see the path to Heaven too!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris





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.

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of **December 24, 2023**, and Christmas collection will be published at a later date. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



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Questions?

Contact the Parish Office, 630-668-0918.



Winfield Woods -Ahva Care Service Project

CCW is collecting items to give the residents of Winfield Woods-Ahva Care of Winfield, for Valentines Day. Our collection will take place at the masses the weekend of January 20-21.
Items needed:

Crayons, - 8 crayons in a box size

Notepads - about 5" x 7" size - not too small and not the full-page size

Pens and *erasable* pens

Greeting cards and Blank Note Cards

Socks & slipper socks with non-slip pads

Chocolate SNACK size candy bars *without* nuts. We need Sugar Free also

Kleenex Pocket Packs

Gum or mints

Monetary donations also accepted. Make check payable to St. John's CCW

Join us Sat., Feb. at 10:30am in Sebahar Hall. Enjoy a light breakfast, General Meeting and we will assemble the Goodie Bags for the residents of Winfield Woods.

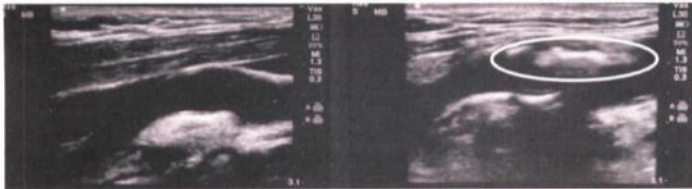
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Atrial Fibrillation (AFib)

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.²



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.³

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¹ <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/atrial-fibrillation>

² <https://www.heart.org/en/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/about-peripheral-artery-disease-pad>

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

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Plant the Seeds for a Secure Future.

Everyone needs a Will or Trust.

Questions to ask yourself:

Who will take care of the children?

Who will manage the money on their behalf?

At what age will they receive the assets left to them?

Who will be the Trustee of your Estate?

Who will be your Power of Attorney?

**Join us for our free Pizza and
Planning Presentation on Thursday,**

Feb 1st at

6pm in Sebahar Hall.

Please RSVP to 630-709-6825.

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You are cordially invited:

Prospective families are welcome to come to an open house to launch registration for the 2024-2025 school year at St. John the Baptist School in Winfield on **Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM by appointment.**

You are invited to meet our teachers, principal, and student tour guides. Tour our warm and inviting school on a winter afternoon. Come learn how your child (ren) and family will benefit from the faith formation, outstanding academics and welcoming school community at St. John the Baptist. To schedule an appointment, please click here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA9AF23A5F4C07-inperson1>

For more information, please contact principal, Joanne Policht at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or call 630-668-2625, extension 617.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 6, Vigil, Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Marion Hansen (*The Family*)
 ♥† Knights of Columbus Living and Deceased (*K of C*)
 † Albert & Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes
 (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes and Family*)
 † Ronald M. Severino (*The Hussey Family*)
 † Joseph & Florence Bryja (*Joe & Dee Bryja*)

Sunday, January 7, Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
 9:30 a.m. † John Crossman (*Cecily & Larry Langellier*)
 11:30 a.m. † Robert "Bubba" Smyth (*The Conley Family*)

Monday, January 8,

5:30 p.m. † Robert & Theresa Markl & Alice Besch (*Tina Fitzenreider*)

Tuesday, January 9

8:15 a.m. † Brian Clement (*Ralph & Linda Grieco*)

Wednesday, January 10

5:30 p.m. † Shirley Ann Bender & Family (*Robert & Sharon Dalla Costa*)

Thursday, January 11

8:15 a.m. † Joan Pacer (*Sharleen Kosusnik*)

Friday, January 12

12:00 p.m. † John A. Moscinski (*Irene Kolanowski*)
 † Ken Riodan (*Dan Conley*)
 † Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)
 ♥ Tiffany Hofmann (*Rose Flores*)
 † Garnett Skopal (*The Skopal Family*)
 † For the Souls in Purgatory, May they Rest in Peace

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 † *John Moscinski*
 CHURCH † *Roger Scheiblein*

**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.*



*The Two Shall
 Become One*

*We congratulate
 Michael Thiede & Alyson Dong
 Who celebrated the Sacrament of
 Marriage
 On December 30, 2023.
 Best Wishes to you!*

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. 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	Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski
SRA Francis Beifuss	Sgt. David Lawless
Lt. Col. John Berg	SrA Robert Lawless
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	Captain Matthew Luff
Sgt Melissa Brooker	WO1 Jake Miller
Pvt Timothy Conley	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW)
Lt. Commander Nicholas Daly	Timothy A. Newell
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Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman	Captain Colleen Rezabek
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
Sgt Pamela Gray	AN Michael Schieve
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	2LT Allyson Serbick
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	PFC Keegan Serbick
A1C Seth Kelley	Lt. Col. James Smolucha
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Major Mike Smolucha
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	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 17, 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!*

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".

Ultreya – Saturday, January 13

Join us for the next Ultreya on **Saturday, January 13**, 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 **Tom Borow from St. Michael**. Continental breakfast will be available. Guests are always encouraged and welcome!

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 **February 1, 2024, 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 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

Interim Director of Facilities: Aaron Simpson _____ Ext 603

Interim Director of Finance: Ed Rylko _____ Ext 604

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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