

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

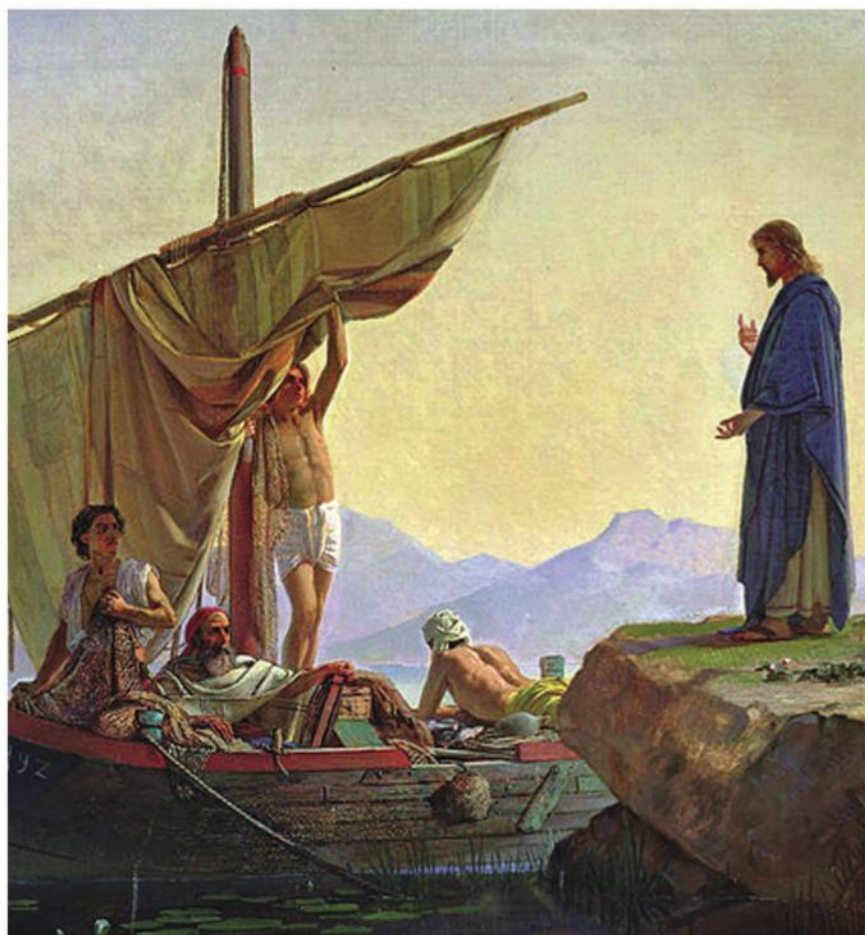
Thursdays

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

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James,
the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.

Mk 1:19-20



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21, 2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

BRRRRRR!

It certainly has been cold recently, and I hope and pray everyone has been staying warm! I know I've been staying inside a lot more than normal due to the extreme temperatures, and Cal has too. Many people ask me if he likes the snow and cold. He does! However, even this is too cold for him. He would rather take a nap (see picture below).

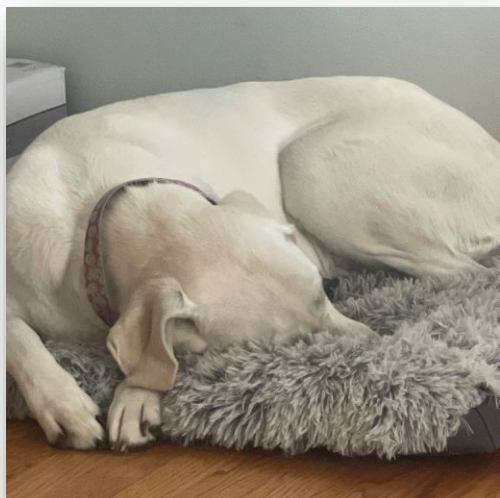


I'm very excited for Catholic Schools week in just a few weeks. It's a chance to celebrate the benefit of Catholic Education and also to promote our parish school! We are so blessed to have a thriving grade school at St. John's. We currently, as of the writing of this article, have 215 young boys and girls having their souls Led to Heaven in our parish school, which is incredible! That's an increase of 81 children since my arrival as your pastor.

A reality I must bring to your attention as a parish family is the sunset of the Empower Illinois Tax Credit Program. After this school year, those scholarships will not be available for our children. We have currently over 70 of our students on these scholarships totaling over \$350,000 of scholarship money. That means in order to keep these 70 children in our school we need to fill a \$350,000 gap. This is on top of the \$210,000 of parish subsidy our Church made to the grade school in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, and is preparing to make again for the 2023-2024 school year. Combined this number is \$560,000.

If we want to keep all of our current children in our school (supporting those who are losing their scholarships after this school year), and factoring in operations costs to run the school (which the parish subsidy helps offset), we need to come up with a sustainable solution that will last into the future. *Half of a million dollars isn't an easy number to come up with every year.*

So I'm asking for your help. If you're able to contribute in any way to our **Msgr. Cloos Fund**, these dollars will **100%** go to funding our needy students tuition expenses that will be incurred from the loss of their scholarships, and for those who truly qualify for financial aide. We will try to help as many students as we can with the resources we come up with.



If you have a capacity to make a more substantial donation and would like to meet with me or our principal on how you can help give scholarships to needy students or help with funding the operations of our school, or have a longer term financial solution you can help offer, I know myself and Joanne are more than willing to have those conversations, so please let us know!

My goal is to be able to have every child who wants to be at our school, be at our school. Will you help me Lead Their Souls to Heaven?

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



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- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
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material to be included in
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**SEASON 8
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REVIVAL**



**REGISTRATION
OPENS
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On or after January 2nd, register by using the QR code above
or go to <https://tinyurl.com/26xcx38a>

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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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Offertory collections for the weekend of **December 31, 2023** were **\$40,599** and **January 7, 2024** were **\$25,651**.

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.

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.

SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

While you are out shopping, consider picking up any of the items listed on the St. Vincent de Paul grocery list included here. You can bring them to Mass and place in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule.

Questions? 630-668-0918, ext 692

Thank you!

Items currently needed:

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Sugar
- Flour
- Rice
- Pasta
- Cooking Oil
- Dried Beans
- Grape Jelly or Jam
- Peanut Butter
- Coffee
- Canned Fruit (15 oz)



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. 3rd 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.



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.

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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FOR TICKETS, PLEASE RSVP AT:
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St John the Baptist Catholic Church & School's

WINTER CARNIVAL

Saturday January 27th | Sebahar Hall
6 - 8 pm | Following 5pm Mass
\$10 admission per family

HOT DOGS, CHILI, CHIPS & SODA
CAKE WALK \$1!!!
FUN GAMES & PRIZES
ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR NEW FISHING POLES

Volunteers needed!
Sign up here:



Rosary with Adoration
Join Fr. Chris and Council of Catholic Women
Saturday, Jan. 27th 10am – Chapel
Donuts and Conversation following in Sebahar Hall



Join Fr. Chris and CCW for the Rosary with Adoration in the Chapel next Saturday, January 27th. Fr. Chris will begin with an opening reading for Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. He will start the Rosary with the beginning prayers and CCW members will lead and begin each decade with a special reflection. After the Rosary closing prayers, Fr. Chris will conclude Adoration with Benediction.

Donuts, coffee and conversation with Fr. Chris following in Sebahar Hall!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 20, Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes & Family*)
 † Ida Perri(*McCall Family*)
 † Jon Passini (*Mary Passini*)
 † Eleanor Salvierak (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)
 † Tom Cachor (*Jeff Dusza & Family*)

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Rock Madden (*Dan Conley*)
 9:30 a.m. † Virginia Tobin (*Cecily & Larry Langellier*)
 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Monday, January 22

5:30 p.m. † Dolores Vanco (*The Vanco Family*)

Tuesday, January 23

8:15 a.m. † John (*Dan Conley*)

Wednesday, January 24

5:30 p.m. † James Oliver (*Tom McGrath*)

Thursday, January 25

8:15 a.m. † Roger Scheiblein

Friday, January 26

12:00 p.m. † Lupe Herrejon (*Fr. Chris Lankford*)
 † Maria Guadalupe Cortez (*Tom McGrath*)
 ♥ Geronimo Higgins Pajanto
 † Richardo S. Romero (*Monica & Richard Romero*)
 † Kermit & Linda Ludwig♥
 † 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.



Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

CHAPEL ♥ *Susan Weber*
 CHURCH ♥ *The 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. A \$10.00 donation per week is requested.*



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

Confessions are on Saturdays
 from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm.

All Confessions are in the
 Church.

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
 SRA Francis Beifuss
 Lt. Col. John Berg
 Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army
 Sgt Melissa Brooker
 Pvt Timothy Conley
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 Captain Kevin Rezabek
 A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
 Sgt Ian Sarlitto
 AN Michael Schieve
 2LT Allyson Serbick
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 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 31, 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.



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

Monday January 22 is the anniversary of Roe v Wade, so today please look for our display table in the back of church. Also, we will have sign-up for 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil, Wednesday February 14th. to Sunday March 24th

Members from St. John's will be praying every Monday between 11AM and noon and every Wednesday between 10a.m. and 11a.m. on the hill at Waterleaf Women's Center, across from Planned Parenthood. Located at 3055 E, New York St. Aurora, IL 60504

For more information, or to sign-up for another time, go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/aurora>.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE - JANUARY 16 -24 is the U.S. Catholic bishops' annual novena in January surrounding the National Day of Prayer for the legal Protection of Unborn Children (January 22 - Roe v. Wade anniversary). Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The novena is available at www.9daysforlife.com, where you can download the full novena (English or Spanish), sign up to receive it via email, or text, or follow the novena daily from the website.



Cursillo Corner

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

Trivia Night – Saturday April 27

Save the date for our 2nd Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser. It will be held at St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale.

Doors open 5:45, Trivia begins at 7PM. All are invited. More details to follow.

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

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 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

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Interim Director of Finance: Ed Rylko _____ Ext 616

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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