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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**

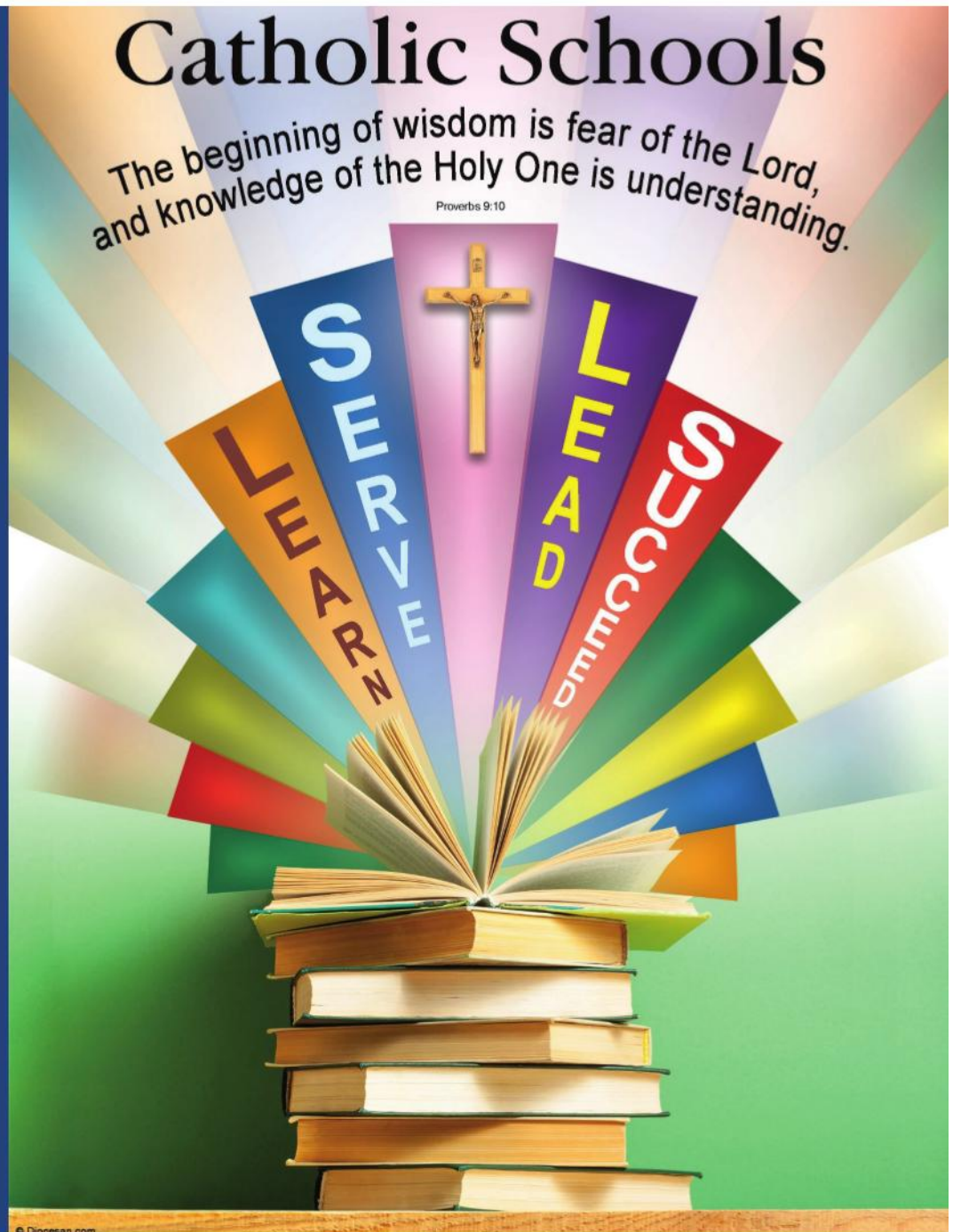
3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

## ADORATION

**Thursdays**

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

(Chapel)



*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 28, 2024*



## A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Catholic Schools week! As of writing this article we are 215 students strong at St. John the Baptist, an increase of 81 students since my arrival back on July 1, 2020. That's INCREDIBLE!!

I'm beyond grateful for our Catholic School and for the gift of Catholic Education. For it is here that our children receive formation in their faith and have their souls led to Heaven. They also form life long friendships that remain for the rest of their days. I know I'm personally celebrating 30 years of friendship with some of my Catholic School buddies who met at our home parish school all those years ago. We regularly keep in contact, and I know they are always there for me in need. It was at our little Catholic School that these friendships formed and grew.

I'm also so grateful for our Principal, Ms. Joanne Policht, our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Teri Hardesty, and each one of the amazing teachers and aides who serve our grade school. Thank you so much for your dedication and hard work! You are an amazing gift to our school, our children, and you truly are living a beautiful vocation by teaching our students.

Friends, St. John's grade school is a thriving place, and I'm truly committed to our school. As the pastor, I have the role of being chief shepherd of our grade school and overseeing all elements of it, making sure it is the best Catholic School in the Diocese of Joliet (which it is)! I invite you to celebrate this week with me the gift of our school and the blessing it is to our community.

As I mentioned recently in another bulletin article, the Empower Illinois tax credit scholarship is sunsetting at the end of this academic year and we have over 70 children receiving over \$350,000 of scholarship money which they will not be receiving for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are able to help support our students in need with a scholarship and would like to chat with me or our principal how that could be done, please don't hesitate to reach out.

This is a true need! We want to make sure our grade school and all the children who desire to come here are able to for years to come! Together, let's keep leading their souls to Heaven!


In Christ,  
Fr. Chris





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## K of C's Ultimate Breakfast Kicking Off Catholic Schools Week January 28th, 2024 8:00 to 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 full menu that includes Hot Buttermilk Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage Links, Apple or Orange Juice, and Fresh Roasted Coffee.

Invite some Friends, Bring a Group, Support the Parish, Have a cup of coffee on us. The School Staff will be helping us serve breakfast. Take a tour afterward and get your questions answered about a great Catholic education.



## Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of **January 14, 2024** were \$19,275.

We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm in  
Sebahar Hall.

Please RSVP to 630-709-6825.

Tom McGrath & Siobhan Sheehan,  
Attorneys at Law  
Jennie Fleming, Financial Advisor

## St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women Saturday, February 3, 2024 General Meeting Sebahar Hall—10:30am

Join us for a light brunch, General Meeting and we will assemble Goodie Bags for the residents of Winfield Woods. –*Ahva Care of Winfield*. The residents will be receiving them at a Valentine's Day luncheon in their facility.

Nominate someone from our CCW to be the 2024 Woman of the Year. A form will be available at the meeting, so start thinking who deserves this annual award.







## ***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](mailto:jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org) or call 630-668-2625, extension 617.



## **OUR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL CHILDREN'S APPEAL**

Our Annual Appeal, The Children's Fund, was mailed to all parishioners in December. You should have received it by now. You can also make a donation through We Share Online Giving on the parish website or using this link:

<https://www.wesharegiving.org/App/Form/aa99ccae-27e1-498b-b66c-c87fa2d3ea8d>

This appeal is one of our most important fundraising tools to help reduce our parish subsidy. This year the needs are especially great in light of the fact that the Illinois Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship is no longer available for our families. 72 scholarships were awarded to SJB students totaling over \$380,000 for the 2023-24 school year. Our desire is that all our students are able to return and we want to be able to award financial assistance to those who qualify to help offset the cost of tuition. Thank you to those who have already responded! Your generosity is invaluable. Please prayerfully consider making your donation today. No contribution is too small! Your continued support is greatly appreciated.





# THANK YOU!

On behalf of the students, staff, faculty, and our faith and learning community, I offer heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness for the immense support you give to St. John the Baptist Catholic School through your ardent prayers, treasures, and talents. Blessed and grateful indeed are we for your undeniable support. We truly thank you for all you do for us! Our school continues to thrive and grow and will continue to do so with your ongoing commitment.

May God bless you abundantly!

With sincere appreciation,

**Joanne Policht**

St. John the Baptist Catholic School  
Principal





## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 27, Vigil, Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Tom Cachor (*Sharon Ushman & Family*)  
 † Lola Sroka  
 † Jill Shigarman (*Bernie & Christ Bartelli*)  
 † Robert Ricciarelli (*John Dusza Family*)  
 † Kermit Ludwig

Sunday, January 28, Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish  
 9:30 a.m. ♥ For All Catholic School Teachers, Administrators & Students  
 11:30 a.m. † Sr. Cornelia, Anniv. of death (*The Lambert Family*)

Monday, January 29

5:30 p.m. † Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 30

8:15 a.m. † John Noonan (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)

Wednesday, January 31

5:30 p.m. † Manuel Garza, Sr.

Thursday, February 1

8:15 a.m. † Roger Scheiblein

Friday, February 2

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions  
 †♥ CCW Living & Deceased & for Peace (CCW)  
 † Virginia Tobin (*Jean Daniell*)  
 † For the Souls in Purgatory, May they Rest in Peace  
 † Dennis Wicker (*Leslie Wicker*)  
 † Robert Christie (*Sharon Dulewski*)

**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 † *Manuel Garza, Jr.*  
 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.*

## SJB School Parents

you are invited to join Fr. Chris for  
**FORMATION MINUTE** in the Chapel  
**Mondays from 2:40 to 2:50**

Instead of waiting in your car before pick up  
 come pray for your children and be formed in our  
 Catholic faith!

**Just 10 minutes and a lifetime of blessing!**

## 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  
 Commander Nicholas Daly  
 Major Daniel Durbin  
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 Colonel Eric Hass, US Army  
 Colonel Erica Haas, USAF  
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 Airman Nicholas Kostecka  
 Lt. Crystal Kotvan  
 Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski

Sgt. David Lawless  
 SRA Robert Lawless  
 Captain Matthew Luff  
 WO1 Jake Miller  
 CDMCM (SW/SS/AW)  
 Timothy A. Newell  
 ABH2 Sean Phillips  
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 Captain Kevin Rezabek  
 A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez  
 Sgt Ian Sarlitto  
 AN Michael Schieve  
 1LT Allyson Serbick  
 PFC Jack Serbick  
 SPC 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 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.*



**CATHOLICS  
FOR LIFE**

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

### 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil – February 14 - March 24

Join St. John's every Monday 11 - noon and every Wednesday between 10 -11 on the hill at Waterleaf Women's Center, 3055 E. New York St. Aurora, IL 60504. For more information:

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/aurora>.

### Pro-Life Challenges for 2024

- Political position –Politicians are backing off from pro-life issues after overturning Roe v. Wade.
- Chemical Abortion on the rise – responsible for over 50% of all abortions. The FDA has deregulated chemical abortions. It is not safer than Tylenol, despite what the Abortion industry would have people believe.
- Defeatist mentality of pro-lifers post Roe – The battle still continues. Just as America had to fight an uphill battle after slavery ended.

### Pro-Life Accomplishments for 2024

- Continue to put our faith in God.
- Much to learn about the DOJ and FBI because of the Mark Houck lawsuit.
- 40 Days for Life growing – insanity of pro-choice side is fueling the growth, (ie: the Satanic temple opened the Samuel Alito's Mom's Abortion Clinic in New Mexico.)

<https://youtu.be/noU6GSMhOEY?si=WLfDkKti1fD5Rpov>

Join St John's Book Club at  
our next monthly meeting,  
**Wednesday February 21st at  
7pm at the home of Karen  
Tsaparis.**



We will discuss the book, *Bookshop at the Waters End* by Patti Callahan Henry. Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto: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 **February 1, 2024 , 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

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 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 602

*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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