

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Leading Souls to Heaven*

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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS

### MASS TIMES

#### CHAPEL

##### Monday - Thursday

Priest Convocation  
(No Mass)

##### Fridays

12:00 pm

#### CHURCH

##### Saturdays

5:00 pm

##### Sundays

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

### CONFESSIONS

##### Saturdays

3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

### ADORATION

##### Thursdays

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

With your fatherly blessing, Lord, strengthen these servants of yours in their resolve to dedicate themselves as catechists. Grant that they will strive to share with others what they themselves desire and studying the church's teaching. And let them gladly join those they teach in praising your name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Blessings

## Catechetical Sunday



Parents are truly  
the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 17, 2023*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

This past week was very special as young men and women from our community strengthened their relationship with God through the Holy Spirit, as they received the sacrament of Confirmation. I have had the privilege and honor of seeing many of these young men and women grow over the last several years, especially spiritually. It was truly a joyous occasion, and I thank Bishop Conlon for presiding over such a beautiful celebration.

**St. John the  
Baptist Catholic  
Church & School**



The fact that our confirmants received this sacrament this week was even more fitting, since this week is Catechetical Sunday. This is the Sunday each year where we recognize those individuals who play a role as catechists in the lives of our children.

The obvious and most important catechists in the lives of our children are our parents and guardians. Their children, first and foremost, look to them for guidance and direction when it comes to their understanding of God, and the practice of their faith. I pray that these critical people always keep in mind that their children are always watching and listening to them, so please be aware that we always need to set a good example for them, including the approach to their relationship with God.

That being said, I also need to give enormous recognition to the catechists we have on campus, including our teachers and religious education volunteers. Our teachers are our children's leaders every day, Monday through Friday, and their thoughts and direction last all week long – in fact, in many instances, their guidance and direction will also last a child's lifetime.

I also cannot say enough about the religious education staff, and our volunteer catechists that form our religious education team. They are so passionate about leading souls to heaven. They prepare for hours and then work tirelessly to educate our children, and help them be the best Catholics and persons they can be. And, they do this all year long, week in and week out for the better part of nine months of the year.

Congratulations to our Confirmants, and thank you to all of our catechists! Have a blessed and safe week.

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris





## GOD BLESS OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

Confirmation Mass With  
Bishop Conlon September 6, 2023

Alvaro <i>Nicolas</i> Alvarez	Yasmin <i>Cecilia</i> Marquez
Ariana <i>Teresita</i> Avelar	Julia <i>Julia</i> Mawi
Sabrina <i>Gemma</i> Anderson	Leonardo <i>Jude</i> Mendoza
Sydney <i>Hildegard</i> Anderson	Ayleen <i>Ada</i> Mondragon
Adan <i>Gabriel</i> Barcenas Alanis	Christopher <i>Michael</i> Montoya
Brielle <i>Bernadette</i> Borner	Jennifer <i>John the Baptist</i> Montoya
Fernando <i>Jose</i> Bucio	Athan <i>Alfred the Great</i> Munoz
Phillip <i>Pius</i> Cabrera	Alexa <i>Ann</i> Murray
Gael <i>John the Baptist</i> Castro	Kim <i>Catherine of Bologna</i> Nguyen
Jairo <i>Jude</i> Chavez	Faith <i>Anastasia</i> Owens
Jonathon <i>Miguel</i> Chavez	Connor <i>Frederic</i> Parkitny
Dominik <i>Jude</i> Cieslik	William <i>Joseph</i> Pereckas
Augustine <i>Augustine</i> Cin	Harrison <i>Matthew</i> Piemonte
Quinlan <i>Declan</i> Derma	Parker <i>Joanna</i> Piemonte
Tierney <i>Zoe</i> Doyle	Dominic <i>Anthony</i> Pizziferro
Anthonly <i>Joseph</i> Emlen	Matthew <i>James</i> Pullins
Litzy <i>Elizabeth</i> Ferrerya	Rocco <i>Thomas</i> Russo
Geoffrey <i>Sebastian</i> Fleming	Aaliyah <i>Teresa</i> Silva
Mia <i>Elizabeth</i> Grantz	Sofia <i>Rose</i> Soriano
Ruby <i>Dymphna</i> Guerrero	Connor <i>Patrick</i> Stanker
Dominic <i>Anthony</i> Irving	Tyler <i>Sebastian</i> Stith
Idalia <i>Mary</i> Juarez	Isabell <i>Catherine of Bologna</i> Tapia
Althea <i>Lidwina</i> Kochowicz	Dominic <i>Philip Neri</i> Tibble
Peyton <i>Maria Goretti</i> Kochowicz	Lucia <i>Lucia</i> Vang Nu
Jack <i>Francis</i> Kozlowski	Adrian <i>Jose</i> Vera
Alan <i>Juan Diego</i> Lopez	Antonio <i>Sebastian</i> Villa
Omar <i>Michael</i> Lopez	Katelyn <i>Anna</i> Waisvillas
Uriel <i>Uriel</i> Lopez	Joseph <i>Francis</i> Zagotta
Rocco <i>Joseph</i> Macellaio	Joel <i>Jude</i> Zamudio
Michael <i>Michael</i> Mang	Liam <i>Patrick</i> Zbierski

## Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of September 3, 2023, were \$27,685. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our operating obligations.



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### Questions?

Contact Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.

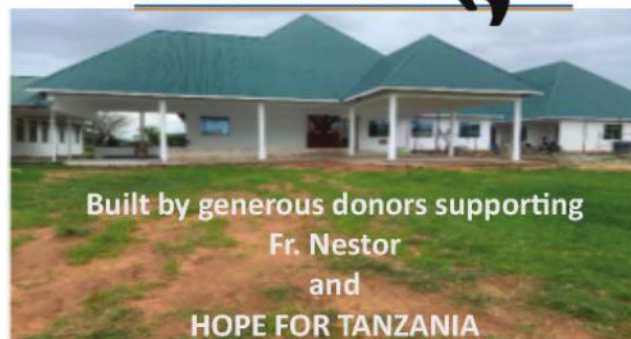


# HELP WANTED...DESPERATELY



**"Please help me build  
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-Fr. Nestor Mtweve, Managing Director  
INUKA Rehabilitation Hospital,  
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and  
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**"Living with Fr. Nestor I learned he was a holy priest.  
The work he is now doing is an awesome example of  
what leading souls to heaven really means "**

-Fr. Chris Lankford

## **INUKA IS THE ONLY REHABILITATION HOSPITAL IN TANZANIA**

It is heart breaking that INUKA cannot provide surgery for many patients. Some families spend their last pennies traveling days, 100's of miles to get to INUKA only to learn they must travel to another hospital for surgery before they can receive therapy at INUKA for their deformities.

**Fr. Nestor Mtweve will preach at 5:30p Mass**

**Wednesday September 27, 2023**

**Fr. Nestor will present how people live in Tanzania and the work he is doing with  
the poorest of the poor.**

**Join us for refreshments in Sebehar Hall after Mass.**

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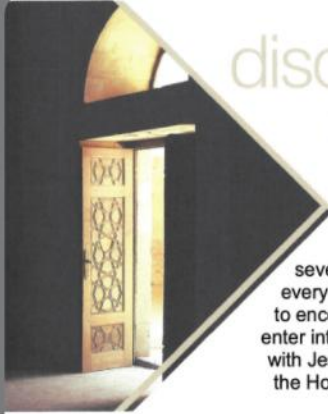
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Discovering Christ will be held on Thursday evenings beginning September 28

Please email with any questions to [christlife@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:christlife@stjohnwinfield.org)

Don't forget to Signup for Flocknote to receive updates on the ChristLife program and other Parish info! Go to [stjohnwinfield.flocknote.com](http://stjohnwinfield.flocknote.com)

See also [stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ](http://stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ) for more info.

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# 1ST ANNUAL RETREAT FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF PERSONS WITH disabilities

There will be **TWO** sessions from which to choose.  
Registration is required; space is limited.

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- 1 9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. BEGINNING WITH 9 A.M. MASS
- 2 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. ENDING WITH MASS AT 4:30 P.M.

**GUEST SPEAKER — DR. MARY KEEN**  
SHARING JOHN PAUL II'S APOSTOLIC LETTER, *SALVIFICI DOLORIS*, ON THE CHRISTIAN MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING



Register now

Questions? Contact Renata Cichowicz, 815-221-6245  
[rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org)



ALL PRESENTATIONS WILL BE IN ENGLISH

## SAVE THE DATE



## SJB TAIL GATE PARTY



**OCT 1<sup>ST</sup>**  
**8:30 AM**

**SJB PARKING LOT**  
05259 CHURCH ST, WINFIELD, IL 60190



ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023



## FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE FALL VIGIL



begins Wednesday September 27th and ends Sunday, November 5th. As we have done in previous years, St. John's has signed up for praying at Waterleaf in front of Planned Parenthood, **3055 E New York St. in Aurora**, every Wednesday from 10 am to noon. If possible we will have a sign-up for praying at Waterleaf during St. John's hours on the weekend of September 16th and 17th.

If we cannot have the sign-up, please email Linda LeBreux at [rvlinda@comcast.net](mailto:rvlinda@comcast.net), or, call or text her at 331-218-9637 to sign up to pray at Waterleaf. Information will also be available on the bulletin board and posters.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, September 16, Vigil

- 5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)  
 † Virginia Zelasko (*Bernie & Chris Bartelli*)  
 † Jackie Morey (*Maryann Dusza*)  
 † Jozef Gil (*Adrienne Rose*)  
 † Bridget Aileen Sievers (*Grace & Tim Cleary*)  
 † Richard & Betty Lou Kammes (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)

### Sunday, September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. † Bridget Aileen Sievers (*Mary Beth Cleary*)  
 9:30 a.m. † The Catechists of SJB  
 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

### Monday, September 18

- 5:30 p.m. Priest Convocation, No Mass

### Tuesday, September 19

- 8:15 a.m. Priest Convocation, No Mass

### Wednesday, September 20

- 5:30 p.m. Priest Convocation, No Mass

### Thursday, September 21

- 8:15 a.m. Priest Convocation, No Mass

### Friday, September 22

- 12:00 p.m. † Mike Klein (*Joann Pins*)  
 ♥ Brent Toman  
 ♥ Adrienne Rose  
 ♥ Maureen Brennan  
 ♥ Dr. Gaspar Montes, Health and Intentions  
 † James Bender & the Bender Family, Living & Deceased  
 (*Robert & Sharon Dalla Costa*)

**Mass Intentions:** The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; the 5:00 pm Sat. 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 ♥† *The Conley Family*  
 CHURCH ♥ *Susan Weber, Health & Intention*

\*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 ten dollars per week.



## Young at Hearts Luncheon Mangia!!

Join us for a Young at Heart's Italian theme luncheon on Wednesday, September 20th, at 11:30 in Sebahar Hall. Enjoy lasagna, meatballs, Italian sausage, salads, and a variety of desserts.

Young at Hearts is open to everyone at least 55 years young. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.



## 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  
 Anthony Winters  
 Jennifer Schmittauer

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	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW )
SRA Francis Beifuss	Timothy A. Newell
Lt. Col. John Berg	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Pvt Timothy Conley	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	Cpl Riley Santoyo
Major Daniel Durbin	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
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LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	2LT Allyson Serbick
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	PFC Keegan Serbick
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman	Lt. Colonel James
Sgt Pamela Gray	Smolucha
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	Major Mike Smolucha
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Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	
Captain Matthew Luff	
WO1 Jake Miller	



## THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary  
 & stay for a get-together,  
 St. John's Fire Pit,

7:00 pm Wednesday, September 27, 2023.  
 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



## SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

*The items they need currently are:*

Canned Beans	Pasta Sauce
Canned Tuna	Rice
Chili	Snacks
Cooking Oil	Sugar
Dish Soap	Sweet Snacks
Dry Beans	Toilet Paper
Flour	
Jelly	
Laundry Detergent	
Paper Towels	

*Please, No Expired Food or Partially Used Packages.*  
Questions? 630-668-0918, ext. 692. Thank you!

## COME PRAY WITH US

For our family members, friends  
and others who have left the  
Catholic Church

"Where two or three  
are gathered..."  
All Welcome

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023**

**CHAPEL**

**2:00 PM**

Questions? Patti Loechl,  
630-730-4801

## BOOK CLUB

Join St John's book club at our next  
monthly meeting on  
Wednesday, Sept 20th, at 7 pm  
at the home of Jean Daniell.

We will discuss the book titled,  
*The Night Portrait* by Laura Morelli.  
Please inquire for directions or  
with any questions & RSVP, Jean at  
tjdaniell@att.net



## Cursillo Corner

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

### Upcoming Weekends

Women's Weekend: October 5-8, 2023

Are you interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend? Please  
contact our **Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella** at: [amythe1@att.net](mailto:amythe1@att.net).  
Additional information can be found by visiting our website at:  
[www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org)



## Liturgies

Uniting the faithful of the diocese in the  
celebration of Mass, these liturgies serve  
as personal encounters with Christ and other  
Catholics as we worship, pray, and give thanks  
to God. Attendance at the opening and closing

Masses is limited, but all in the diocese are invited and encouraged  
to attend the regional liturgies.

### OPENING LITURGY — DECEMBER 11, 2023

6 p.m. at St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet

### REGIONAL LITURGY — JUNE 22, 2024

4 p.m. at Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee (Ford,  
Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties)

### REGIONAL LITURGY — SEPTEMBER 14, 2024

4 p.m. at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard (DuPage  
County)

### REGIONAL LITURGY — SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

4 p.m. at Lewis University in Romeoville  
(Will and Kendall Counties)

### CLOSING LITURGY — DECEMBER 8, 2024

4 p.m. at St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet



From podcasts and youth events  
to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or  
visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events  
and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

## 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 HIPAA 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 October 5, 2023, 7:00 pm.

### Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email  
[rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@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 p.m. in Sodonna Hall,  
the basement of the parish office.

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main: \_\_\_\_\_ 630-668-0918

Parish Secretaries: Rosa Benavides \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 0

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

Religious Education Office \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 613

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

Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan \_\_\_\_\_ 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

Church: [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) School: [www.sjbwinfield.org](http://www.sjbwinfield.org)

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.: 12 pm-3pm; Friday: Closed



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