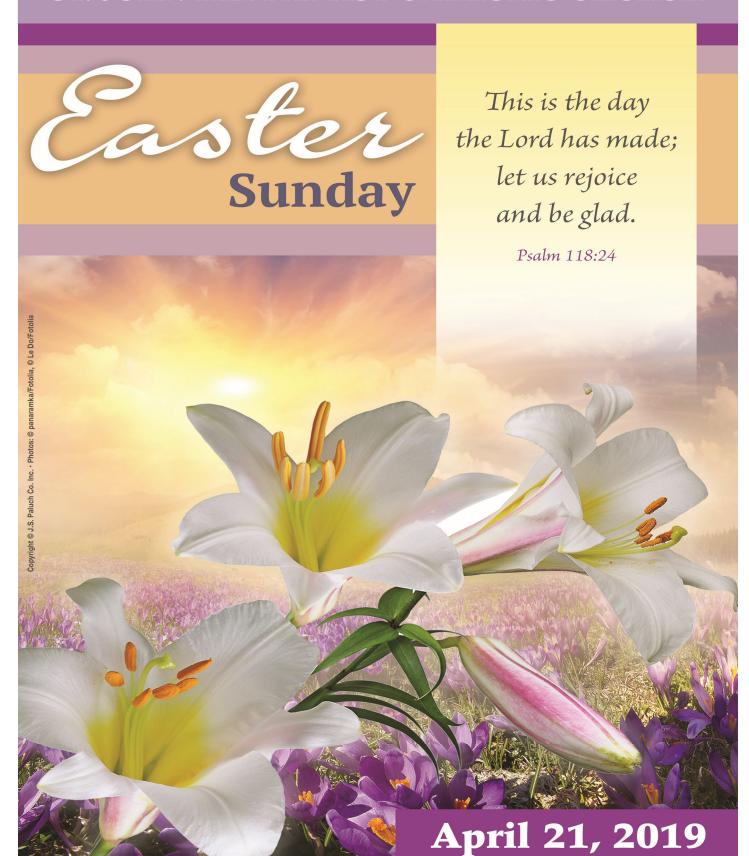
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann Alisa Allen Sandy Anderson Ada Bantola Nancy Bockelmann Bill Brach Brian Burke Allison Lamberts Burns Karen Cervenka Lisa Cicero Kathy Connor Georgene Cook Julio Correa Rita Cross Mary Elaine Cruz Debra DePauw Anetta Derango Nick DuBay Ralph Eckhoff Joann Eggebrecht Joan Enders Aaron Erickson William Ferdinand Patrocinia Fernandez Fr. Hilary Fischer Marie Flores Kyle Freed Dolores Gabriel

Gregory Garlt Darlene Gedvilas Danny Gonzalez Judy Gonzalez Dawn Grant Destin Green Jim Hale Jennifer Hammerschmidt Deborah Lynn Harris Jeremy Heintz John Heitzler, Jr. Joseph & Joy Henczel Edy Jacobs Lottie Jakubiec Jason Jensen Margarita Jimenez Lynn Kadolph Mary Kallas Brandon Karimi Ken Kasnicka Carter Kettner Donna Kevil Joe Konopka Sharleen Kosusnik Margaret Krisch Gerry Krua Teri Kubacki Korrin Kupris

Ivanna Lamb Rick LeBreux Dolores Lewandowski Nancy Liden Halev Lipnisky Marilyn Loechl Sam Mahre Beth Majerczyk Gianna Malorny John Maltese Michaela Maracheschi Linda Marczewski Jan Masters Al Mathieu Diane Maher Alex McCall Michael McCall Perri McCall Goldena McGee Bessy Miller Colette Miller Mayette Monales Thomas Morris Megan Mueller Mary Lu Mulcahy John Naill Becky Neal

Maura Neuens Clare North Alex Novak Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard Joseph O'Brien Joan Pacer Josie Pasciak Jim Paulissen Owen Payton Molly Peters Bane Petrov Tracy Pesavento Joseph Pirofalo **Brittney Prehn** Terry Propst Ian Prosser Tim Ptak Mary Rauch Sam Reyes Alicia Ricciardi Cooper Rojas Gertie Romero Kelli Rooney Katherine Rose John Rossi Marvin Rothweil Susan Rothweil

Helen Russ **Bob Salat** John "Bud" Schramer Scott Schwartz Sven Segerlund John Shannon Desireé Sheppard Evelyn Skriba **Dolores Snyder** Michael John Stralko Rosemary Sumang Mary Tarchala Virg Tobin Jim Toman Erin Anderson Tugman Sheila Tomaszewski Maria Vargas Keith Venard Martha Vescio Catherine Vogel Genevieve Welch Susan Woodbury Lexie Youngberg Larry Zengri *New this week*

Welcome - Bienvenido

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. (Mt 10:40)

St. John the Baptist Church wishes to welcome everyone to our community as Jesus would. For information on joining St. John's, please call the parish office.

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor/Párroco: Fr. Matt Pratscher/Padre Mateo

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Keith Wolfe/Padre Keith

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa BenavidesExt 0 or 600.....

Secretaria Hispana:Ext 601
Business Manager:

......Dcn. Dave Ritter.....Ext 616
Facilities Manager:

......Aaron Simpson.....Ext 603 **Music Ministry:** Adrienne Rose...630-653-1489

Música Español: María Marquez.630-562-6894

Religious Education:.....Office: Ext 613
Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation).....Ext 600

Youth Ministry:
Coordinator: Ruben Chavez......Ext. 611

St Vincent de Paul Society.....Ext 692

Mass Schedule

Weekend......Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

Misa en Español.....Domingo 1:30 pm **Weekday** M-F 7:00 am & 7:50 am & Sat. 8:30 am

Confessions M-F 7:30-7:45am/Chapel Confessional Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm/Church Confessional

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Johnny Neal

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.- *Spanish*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m., 7:50 a.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.-Church Confessional Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.-Chapel Confessional

24-Hours of ADORATION

Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. through Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.-Chapel

ROSARY RECITATION

- Sundays, after the 7:30a Mass-Chapel
- Weekdays, after the 7a Mass-Chapel
- Saturdays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass-Chapel

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarians who are studying for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Andrew Buchanan Kyle Langan



Please pray for those who defend our nation, those who serve in Active Duty

Pvt James Luigi Akin **SRA Francis Beifuss** Major John Berg SPC Tyler Bowling, US Army Sat Melissa Brooker Pvt Timothy Conley Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly Captain Daniel Durbin SA Dakota Enders LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr. Pvt Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray A1C Seth Kelley Sqt. David Lawless SrA Robert Lawless Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao Corp. Collin Vincent Lopez Commander Matthew Luff CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell

ABH2 Sean Phillips
1st Lt. Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
PFC Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
SSG Curtis Sigourney, US Army
Major Jim Smolucha
Captain Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

A letter from our pastor, Father Matt/Una carta de nuestro párroco, Padre Mateo

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy Easter! We celebrate the great feast of our salvation. Jesus Christ, the truly innocent one, the Lamb of God, has offered His life on

our behalf on Good Friday and has conquered sin and death by rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. The tomb is empty, and our joy is complete. We rejoice because God has joined us to Himself by becoming like us, and in His love for us, he laid down His life for us. He defeated sin through perfect love on the cross, and He conquered the grave when He rose from the dead. Sin and death have no power over us who belong to Christ, and the hope of eternal life shines on us. This the great feast of victory. This is the cause of our joy. Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us stay close to our Lord who wants us to be in union with Him forever, in this life and in the life to come. In baptism, we have been united with our Lord. May we renew our own baptisms by dying daily to sin and living in the love of Christ. In the Holy Eucharist, instituted by Jesus on the night before He died and given to us at every Mass, we receive the body and blood of our Savior who desires to be one with us and lift us up together in His eternal glory. This Easter Sunday and every Sunday, we join our brothers and sisters in Christ in receiving the risen Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Let us stay close to our risen Lord, receiving strength and peace from Him in the sacraments and, being transformed and filled with faith, hope, and charity, may we share the love of God with everyone we meet.

Know of my prayers for you and for your loved ones. May the Lord bless you and protect you always. On behalf of Fr. Keith, Deacon Dave, Deacon Andrew, the parish staff, and myself, I wish all of you a very Blessed and Happy Easter!

In Christ, Fr. Matt

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡El Señor ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

¡Felices Pascuas! Celebramos la gran fiesta de nuestra salvación. Jesucristo, el inocente, el Cordero de Dios, ha ofrecido su vida en nuestro nombre el Viernes Santo y ha vencido el pecado y la muerte por resucitar de los muertos el domingo de Pascua. La tumba está vacía y nuestra alegría está completa. Nos regocijamos porque Dios nos ha unido a él cuando fue concebido en la vientre de la Virgen María y vivió una vida humana. Además, con amor para nosotros él sacrificó su vida por nosotros. Él derrotó el pecado a través del amor perfecto en la cruz, y conquistó la tumba cuando resucitó de entre los muertos. El pecado y la muerte no tienen poder sobre nosotros quienes pertenecemos a Cristo y la esperanza de la vida eterna brilla sobre nosotros. Esta es la gran fiesta del triunfo. Esta es la causa de nuestra alegría. ¡Jesucristo ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

Permanezcamos cerca de nuestro Señor, que quiere que estemos en unión con Él para siempre, en esta vida y en la vida eterna. En el bautismo, nos hemos unido con él. Que renovemos nuestros propios bautismos muriendo diariamente al pecado y viviendo en el amor de Cristo. En la Sagrada Eucaristía, instituida por Jesús la noche antes de morir y entregada en cada misa, recibimos el cuerpo y la sangre de nuestro Salvador que desea ser uno con nosotros y elevarnos juntos en su gloria eterna. Este domingo de Pascua y todos los domingos nos reunimos con nuestros hermanos en Cristo para recibir el Señor resucitado en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Permanezcamos cerca de nuestro Señor resucitado, recibiendo fuerza y paz de Él en los sacramentos y, siendo transformados y llenos de fe, esperanza y caridad, podamos compartir el amor de Dios con todos los que conocemos.

Yo rezo por ustedes y sus familias. Que el Señor les bendiga y les proteja siempre. Del parte de Padre Keith, Diácono David, Diácono Andrew, el personal de la parroquia y yo, ¡les deseo a todos una feliz Pascua!

En Cristo, Padre Mateo

Mass Intentions for the Week

Holy Saturday, April 20

No Morning Masses, 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Lauds)

Vigil for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 8:00 p.m. ♥↑ People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Janice Bednar (Aimee & Jason Scala)

9:30 a.m. Church † Ildefonso Cepéda (The Cepeda Family)

9:30 a.m. (Chapel) ♥† Intention of the Priest

11:30 a.m. ♥† Intention of the Priest

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Carmen Vigil (The Vigil Family)

† Holy Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

† Ruri Corea (la familia Corea)

♥ Maria Perez, Thanks Be to God

Monday within the Octave of Easter, April 22

7:00 a.m. † James & Rose Marecek, Wedding Anniversary (The Lambert Family)

7:50 a.m. † Frank Lewandowski (Dolores Lewandowski)

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter, April 23

7:00 a.m. † Kathleen Lasson (Linda LeBreux)

7:50 a.m. † Bill Hibbits, Jr. (The Hibbits Family)

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter, April 24

7:00 a.m. † Stanley Flis (Ellen & Mike McGrath)

7:50 a.m. ♥ Living, Frank Jurczykowski (Dolores Lewandowski)

Thursday within the Octave of Easter, April 25

7:00 a.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (Andy Capigatti & Daughter)

7:50 p.m. ♥ Living, Francis Michael Barrientos (Dolores Lewandowski)

Friday within the Octave of Easter, April 26

7:00 a.m. † The Deceased Members of the Clavel Family (Bob Clavel)

7:50 a.m. ♥ Stanley Ziomek Family, Living (Dolores Lewandowski)

Saturday within the Octave of Easter, April 27

8:30 a.m. ♥ Candidates of the 129th Cursillo

Vigil for Divine Mercy

5:00 p.m. † Sister Philomena Stutzke (Debbi Vermillion & Richard Hanlock)

† Cathy Hanlock (Debbi Vermillion & Richard Hanlock)

† Rosemund Sachse (Debbi Vermillion & Richard Hanlock)

† Walter Roskuszka (Mary Lou & Jack Kozak)

† Giuliana R. Capigatti (Cindy Dusza)

† Franco DiMaso (The DiMaso Family)

Sunday, April 28, Divine Mercy (Second Sunday of Easter)

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Brother Abe Rundell (Knights of Columbus)

11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Holy Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous) † Civilo Garcia (la familia Garcia)

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Service-Chapel



This week, our Sanctuary Lamps* burn in Honor of/Memory of:

Chapel † Lois Ricciarelli Church ♥ Living, Owen Payton



*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 five dollars per week.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter, April 28th. There will be a service at 3PM in the Chapel.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy, is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

On June 29, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See promulgated a decree creating new indulgences that may be gained by the faithful in connection with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. This decree grants a plenary indulgence to those who comply with all the conditions established, and a partial indulgence to those who incompletely fulfill the conditions. It is allowed for one to go to Confession up to 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and still receive the indulgences.

~Worship Commission

Please join us for Solemn Sunday Vespers in the Chapel at 6:30 pm, Sunday evenings beginning Divine Mercy Sunday through Pentecost Sunday, Sunday, June 9, 2019

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

(after Easter Sunday, 4/21)

- Monday thru Friday, 7:30a-7:45a-Chapel;
- Saturday, April 27, 3:30p-Fr Keith
- Saturday, May 4, 3:30p-Fr Matt

Mass Celebrants for:

Saturday, April 27: 5p-Fr Matt

Sunday, April 28:

7:30 am-Fr Keith; 9:30 am-Fr Keith; 11:30 am-Fr Matt; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Matt

All Parish Offices will be closed Good Friday, April 19th & Easter Monday, April 22nd.



Deacon Andrew Buchanan, ordained to the Diaconate at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, on Saturday, March 30, 2019, is pictured above at the 11:30a Mass at St. John's, on Sunday, April 7, 2019, where he assisted and preached. Let us continue to pray for him as he prepares for the priesthood. Congratulations, Deacon Andrew!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 21, 2019

When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

— Colossians 3:4

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

- (1) Second Reading All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*
- (2) Second Reading Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or*, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;

Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;

Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27;

Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21;

Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;

Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Our New Welcome Desk!



By definition, to Welcome is to "greet hospitably, to accept with pleasure." The vision for our Welcome Desk initially, is for it to become a portal into St. John's church life for our visitors and our church family alike. From acceptance to join with us at the table of The Mass to fulfilling our mission to carry The Gospel out into our neighborhood, the Welcome Desk will be a resource center for: spiritual formation, volunteer and service opportunities, registrations and sign ups, accepting questions / seeking out answers, and providing support information about the various ministries of St. John's. We are looking to develop the ministry of the Welcome Desk and need volunteers. The qualifications are a smile and willingness to serve others. Is God calling you to help? Stop by the Welcome desk and say hello.



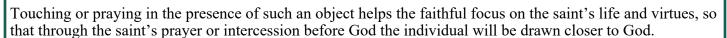
Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina to Visit the Diocese of Joliet, IL

The relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, popularly revered as Padre Pio, will be at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1301 Sterling Ave. at High St., Joliet on Friday May 3, 2019. Veneration of the relics will be from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Mass in Honor of St. Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 PM by The Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet.

The relics include St. Pio's glove, crusts of his wounds, blood-stained cotton gauze, a lock of his hair; his mantle (cloak); and the saint's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died.

The Saint Pio Foundation, which is sponsoring the relics tour, will sell books and items related to St. Pio at the Church.

In the Catholic Church, relics are physical objects associated with a saint or candidate for sainthood — part of the person's body or something that he or she was in contact with. Relics are not worshipped but treated with respect.



St. Pio was born May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy, and baptized Francesco Forgione. He first expressed his desire to become a priest at age 10. In order to pay for the preparatory education, his father, Grazio Forgione, emigrated in 1899 to what is now New Castle, Pennsylvania, where he worked for several years.

The future saint entered the Capuchin order at 15 years old, taking the name Pio. He was ordained a priest in 1910 at age 23.

During his lifetime, Padre Pio was known as someone with miraculous powers of healing and knowledge who bore the stigmata, a term used to describe the wounds an individual receives that correspond to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus. They can appear on the forehead, hands, wrists and feet.

His stigmata emerged during World War I, after Pope Benedict XV asked Christians to pray for an end to the conflict, Padre Pio had a vision in which Christ pierced his side. A few weeks later, on Sept. 20, 1918, Jesus again appeared to him, and he received the full stigmata. It remained with him until his death Sept. 23, 1968.

Pope John Paul II canonized him in 2002.

More information about St. Pio and the relics is at http://www.saintpiofoundation.org. The Saint Pio Foundation promotes awareness of St. Pio and his mission by working with institutions and individuals to serve "those in need of relief of suffering." Funds raised by the foundation are used to provide grants to American Catholic health care, educational, social, religious and cultural partner organizations.

WHEN YOU HAVE A CAR TO DONATE, YOU "AUTO THINK"...

SVDP! -When you hear those radio ads encouraging the donation of your used car, please keep in mind that your car will *most likely NOT* be given to someone who can use it. Such cars are usually sold at auction or dismantled for the resale of their parts. That may serve the profit-purposes of a charitable organization. Yet it's not very practical for people who have serious transportation needs, but can't afford to buy a car. On the other hand, when you donate your car to St.



Vincent de Paul, once we have determined that it is safe and functional, we put it directly into the hands of a needy person or family, so it can be used...to drive to work, to go on family errands, or to meet the many other practical needs for getting around. We have no paper-work complications. And we have no large management salaries or administrative costs to pay.

We simply serve the needy. So when you're ready to surrender your car, keep St. Vincent de Paul first on your list of options. Call **630-293-9755**. We'll pick up the car and get it into the hands of someone who can really use it.



Helping Those in Need

During these tough economic times, St. Vincent DePaul Society invites you again to remember the needy persons and families in our parish and in the greater Winfield community by using the monthly St. Vincent de Paul

contribution envelope that appears in your regular envelope packet or by making a contribution in the Poor Box in the Narthex of the Church by the back window. Remember, any contributions you make by check are tax-deductible.

Thank you! ~John Otto, President, St. Vincent de Paul Society

Cursillo Corner

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

Ultreya- May 11

Saint John the Baptist will host an Ultreya in Sebahar Hall on Saturday, May 11 following 8:30 am Mass in the chapel. The witness speaker will be John Ciribassi from Corpus Christi in Carol Stream.

Please bring a friend! This is a great way to introduce others to the movement and help in their discernment process for attending a future weekend.

Opportunities for Piety, Study or Action

"If you see one movie this year, see the movie **UN-PLANNED**. The movie depicts the true story of the prayers and compassion of pro-life sidewalk counselors being the human instruments that God used in bringing a former Planned Parenthood clinic director, former employee of the year, Abby Johnson, out of the abortion clinic into the offices of 40 Days for Life." *Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Chair of the USCCB committee on Pro-Life Activities*.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in. Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

Women's Cursillo Weekend

The Women's 129th Cursillo Weekend will begin on Thursday April 25th and conclude on Sunday April 28th. Please keep the candidates and the Cursillo Formation Team in your prayers during this faith filled and life-changing weekend. If you are looking for a Palanca opportunity for the for the Women's 129th, join the Fourth Day Community for Mass **Saturday April 27th at 8:30 am.** This mass intention will be for the Women attending this weekend.

Why Cursillo?

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ, is one of the foundations of Cursillo. Have you invited a friend to attend a Cursillo weekend? Men and women's weekends will be held in the fall at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.

"Why Cursillo" pamphlets can be a helpful aid in discussing Cursillo with your friends. Copies can be found in the narthex of the church.

For those interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit www.jolietcursillo.org or contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at: amythel@att.net.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

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

Pope Francis: An Unreserved Yes to Life Address to the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, Rome

"The 'culture of waste' that today enslaves the hearts and minds of so many comes at a very high cost: it asks for the elimination of human beings, especially if they are physically or socially weaker. Our response to this mentality is a decisive and unreserved yes to life.... Things have a price and can be sold, but people have a dignity; they are worth more than things and are above price...."

"In a frail human being, each one of us is invited to recognize the face of the Lord, who in His human flesh experienced the indifference and solitude to which we so often condemn the poorest of the poor, whether in developing countries or in wealthy societies. Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before He was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection.... And every elderly person, even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests! They cannot be thrown away!"

This month St. John the Baptist Parish will conduct its Baby

Bottles for Life campaign to benefit, support & educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign



support the programs & services of the Waterleaf Women's Center. Waterleaf provides practical help; pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. Last year with the support of churches like St. John Waterleaf provided 1,718 client appointments, performed 504 pregnancy tests, 563 ultrasounds and rescued 101 babies. Baby bottles will be distributed to parishioners on the weekend Saturday, April 27th & Sunday, April 28th to take home & fill. Bottles can be returned to the parish at any of the Masses through Sunday, June 2nd. Please pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass and fill it with your heartfelt financial donation. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information call Waterleaf at 630-701-6270 or visit them on the web at www.onechoiceonelife.org.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord;

Julian Calendar Palm Sunday

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter;

Earth Day

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

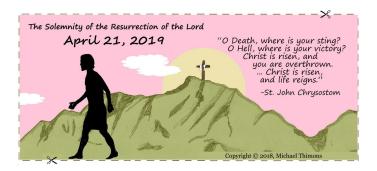
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;

Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter;

Julian Calendar Good Friday; Arbor Day

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter



The Traveling Madonna of St. John's

The Traveling Madonna is a ministry which seeks to promote the Holy Rosary. We are looking for families to accept the Statue of the



Blessed Virgin Mary into their home for one week. A Knight will bring the statue to your home and if desired, pray the Rosary with your family. A Knight will return the following Saturday to pick up the statue. If you are interested in becoming a host of the Traveling Madonna please contact: Sean Conley, 630-835-8225, or Tony Reyes, 630-669-0501.



2019/2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

FOR RETURNING & NEW STUDENTS:

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH 4-8:00PM
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST 4-8:00PM
- SATURDAY, MAY 4TH 8:30-10:30AM

St. John's School Hall, Door 11. Questions, call Maureen Brennan at 630-682-4400, ext. 613 or

maureenb@stjohnwinfield.org

New students must bring baptismal certificate; registration will not be accepted without it. Also, no registration without an email address.

other's Day Mass
Intention Cards
will be available in the
vestibule before and after
masses on the weekend of
May 4 and 5 for any mother, living or deceased,
whom you wish to have
remembered during the
Masses on Mother's Day,
May 12th. Each card has
two envelopes. One envelope is for a free-will donation and the second envelope is for your personal



Mass intention card for the Mom in your life.



as Tarjetas de Intención de la Misa del Día de la Madre estarán disponibles en el vestíbulo antes y después de las misas el fin de semana del 4 y 5 de mayo para cualquier madre, viva o fallecida, a quien desee recordar durante las Misas del Día de la Madre, el 12 de mayo. Cada tarjeta tiene dos sobres. Un sobre es para una donación de libre albedrío y el segundo es para su tarjeta de intención de misa personal para la mamá en su vida.



Pon esto en tu calendario:

2018/2019 REGISTRO DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

PARA VOLVER Y ESTUDIANTES NUEVOS:

- MIÉRCOLES, 1 DE MAYO 4-8:00PM
- MIÉRCOLES, 24 DE ABRIL 4-8:00PM
- SÁBADO, 4 DE MAYO 8:30-10:30AM

Salon de la escuela de San Juan, puerta 11 Preguntas por favor llame a Maureen Brennan al 630-682-4400,

ext. 613 o maureenb@stjohnwinfield.org

Los nuevos estudiantes deben traer el certificado de bautismo; El registro no será aceptado sin él. Además, no hay registro sin una dirección de correo electrónico.



This month the April Young at Hearts luncheon takes place after Easter on:

Wednesday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall.





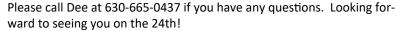
Our delicious luncheon includes lasagna, sausage and peppers, eggplant, salad, and Italian bread. We will round that off with a dessert of tasty Italian cookies and spumoni ice cream.



If you would like to bring a dish to share, please consider an appetizer because dessert is covered.



This Spring luncheon is a great opportunity to share a wonderful lunch with delightful people. Young at Hearts welcomes anyone 55 or better.







Saint John the Baptist **Blood Drive**

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus #8002

> Monday, May 6, 2019 3:00pm - 7:00pm

> Located in Sebahar Hall

0S233 Church Street, Winfield To make your appointment to save lives, sign up online at www.heartlandbc.org or call Alan Kalitzky at (630)240-5301.

Appointments are appreciated and encouraged; walk-ins are welcome and will be seen as the schedule allows.

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The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in the Diocese of Joliet until May 5

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, which tours around the world, will be at the Joliet Illinois Division from April 1 to May 5. There's no visitation during the Holy Week. The statue was blessed by Pope Pius XII in 1947 and is called the weeping Madonna for she cried during the tour. It will visit 28 churches in the diocese. The coming of the IPV is sponsored by the World Apostolate of Fatima (WAF), Joliet Illinois Division. The



WAF World Apostolate of Fatima was formerly the Blue Army but was changed to World Apostolate of Fatima by Pope John Paul II and is an international organization in 130 countries with 20-million members praying the rosary.

For the schedule for around the diocese, go to: https:// www.dioceseofjoliet.org/aroundthediocese/2019/03/04/theinternational-pilgrim-virgin-statue-of-our-lady-of-fatima-willbe-in-the-diocese-of-joliet-from-april-1-may-5/

Council of Catholic Women-Collecting Rosaries in Any Condition-Ongoing

CCW will be continuing making & refurbishing f rosaries to send to the Missions. Could you please help us by donating rosaries in any condition? We can use new, old, broken, pieces, crosses, medals & rosary cases. Any monetary donations will be used to buy additional supplies. Please drop off your donations marked "CCW Mission Rosaries" in the parish office vestibule. We have a box marked for them. Thank you.

Como un proyecto continuo, CCW está haciendo y reacondicionamiento rosarios para enviar a las misiones. Podemos utilizar nuevas, antiguas, rotas, pedazos, cruces, medallas y casos de Rosarios. Por favor dejar sus Donaciones en la caja marcadas CCW Misión Rosarios en el vestíbulo de la oficina de la parroquia. Gracias.

Sacrificial Giving

We are ever grateful for your loving generosity & sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Parish Collections

Abram tithed (giving at least 10%) as a symbol that he depended totally on God. Moses said tithing was holy and an act of worship. Yes, even Jesus talked about money because money is a necessary part of our lives and it is also a necessary part of the viability of the church. Our tithe is merely a way to recognize that. Each family should prayerfully discern their own situation and understand that tithing is God's plan for supporting the church and the poor. We are ever grateful for your generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here at St. John the Baptist. Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$23,539.

March 17......\$20,244 March 24.....\$16,492 March 31.....\$20,253 April 7.....\$30,024

Second Collection-Next Weekend, April 27-28

There will be a second collection next weekend, April 27-28, for Catholic Home Missions Appeal. The bishops' Subcommittee on Catholic Home Missions is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. You will find an envelope in your packet. Thank you!



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

April 7, 2019

Erron Dshawn Williamson

Child of Nancy Ortiz & Erron Williamson

SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL

Here is another photo from our annual Dad's Day a few Sun-

days ago. Our morning was filled with videos, games, a St. Paddy's Day science project, a craft and a story. Thank you to Mike Reedy for assembling our hovercrafts. I think the dads needed a nap when they got home.

~Miss Jeanne, Sunday Morning Preschool Teacher



Activities This Week at St. John's

Saturday, April 20-Holy Saturday

8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use

NO Religious Education Classes Today

9a-Arts & Environment-Decorating the Church & Chapel for Easter-Meet in Sebahar Hall-All Welcome to Help! Bring your family & friends!

12p-Blessing of Easter Baskets-Chapel

12:15p-Easter Egg Hunt-Mary Garden, east side of Church

1p-Practice for Easter Vigil-Church

Following the 8p Easter Vigil, Reception in Sebahar Hall-All Welcome

Sunday, April 21-Happy Easter!

No Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel

No 9:30a Sunday Morning Preschool

Monday, April 22

All Parish Offices Closed for Easter Monday

No St. John's School Today

3p-5p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall

4:15-5:30p-Cursillo Fourth Day Group using Youth Ministry Room

6p-Boy Scout Troop Meeting-School Hall

7p-Knights of Columbus General Meeting-Sebahar Hall

Tuesday, April 23

Parish Offices Re-Open

St. John's School-not in session for students-Teacher Institute

7:30a-24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration Begins-Chapel

6p-8p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall

6:30p-1st Eucharist Meeting-Spanish-Church

Wednesday, April 24

6:45a-Eucharistic Adoration Ends-Chapel

St. John's School-not in session for students-Teacher Institute

9:30a-Cantor Practice-Church

11:30a-Young at Hearts-Sebahar Hall

4p, 5:45p, 6:30p-Religious Education Classes Today-Whole Complex

8p-Adult Choir Practice-Church-check w/Adrienne

Thursday, April 25

5:15p-Legion of Mary-English-Trinity Boardroom

5:30p-Legion of Mary-Spanish-Youth Ministry Room

6p-8p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall

6:30p-1st Eucharist Practice-Church

7p-Alcoholics Anonymous-Sodonna Hall

7p-Handbell Practice-Church

Friday, April 26

9:30a-Friday Morning Bible Study-Sebahar Hall

1p-10p-Setup for 1st Eucharist-Sebahar Hall

5p-Wedding Rehearsal-Chapel

7p-Baptisms-Spanish-Chapel

Saturday, April 27

8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use

9a-Religious Education Classes-School Building

9:30a-St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting-Sodonna Hall

9:30a-1st Communion-English-Church

Reception in Sebahar Hall following 9:30a 1st Communion

11a-Possible Play Practice-School Hall-ask your director

12p-1st Communion-Spanish-Church

2:30p-Wedding-Chapel

Baby Bottles for Life-handed out at all Masses-Narthex

6:30p-Check-In for Trivia Night, which starts at 7p!-Sebahar Hall

Sunday, April 28-Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel

Baby Bottles for Life-handed out at all Masses-Narthex

Donut Sunday & New Parishioner Sign-Up-Sebahar Hall

9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall

Around 10:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool End of Year Program-Church

At 1:30p Mass-Baptism

3p-Divine Mercy Service-Chapel

6:30p-Solemn Vespers-Chapel (every Sunday evening thru Pentecost)





Council of Catholic Women

Annual End of Year Dinner Reservation Form

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6:15pm

SEBAHAR HALL

Please note, the dinner is on *Thursday*, 5/2.

Ladies interested in joining us for our annual end of year dinner & meeting should complete the reservation form below. Arrive by 6:15pm. We will begin the evening at 6:30pm with installation of the 2019-2020 officers, followed by dinner, then our business meeting. Board and committee chairs present their reports and we discuss & vote on donations that CCW can make from our available funds. Those who prefer to stay only for dinner or just attend the meeting are welcome. We expect dinner to be over by 7:30pm and the business meeting to begin by 7:45pm.

We will be serving a delicious Italian dinner, from Addante's in Wheaton. Our menu will feature their specialty Chicken Francese, along with Mostaccioli in marinara sauce, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. The charge is \$10.00 per person. *Guests, spouses and caregivers are welcome to attend.* Turn in your reservation in the collection basket or drop off at the Parish office by Tuesday, April 23rd. Contact Sheila at 630-668-2494 or ssh921@sbcglobal.net for further information.

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Enclosed is my check for \$	payable to "S	it. John's CCW "(\$10.00 per person		

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL - SEVENTH GRADE

Seventh grade at SJB is excited for spring to finally be here! They have been very busy both inside and outside of school. As part of their Lenten practice, the girls joined grades 3-8 at Feed My Starving Children. It

was the perfect opportunity to practice Almsgiving and Prayer. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was for a worthy cause.

In a cross curricular activity between Language Arts and Religion, the seventh graders are writing papers about teenage saints. In their *Chosen* books, one of the weekly challenges was to find out about a teenage saint. They took that one step

further, and they are writing papers and creating a poster about their saint. The girls seem to be enthralled by the dedication all of the saints had to their faith.

In Literature, the seventh graders read *Of Beetles and Angels*. If you are not familiar, it is a story about a refugee from Sudan who comes to the US through

the World Relief Foundation. Mawi, the author and main character, and his family are placed right here in Wheaton! He tells of his journeyboth struggles and successes, and

his path to a full-ride scholarship at Harvard University. The girls loved the story and they enjoyed the fact that they knew all of the landmarks and locations that he talked about.

Social Studies has been a whirlwind of activity after finishing the Constitu-

tion. The girls recently

completed projects on a subject within the Manifest Destiny Era. They made board games, scrapbooks, and 3-D posters to represent all of their topics. The girls did a wonderful job and were truly active in their learning. They most recently researched a Social Reform issue. They were so engaged in their research and in finding out about the cause and effects of these reforms. They created speeches, pick-

et posters, raps, and papers to

explain the history, importance, and the relativity of their reform issues today.

Outside of academics, the seventh and eighth grade girls placed **second in conference** for basketball! It was a nail-biting game, coming down to the very end. The girls gave it their all and made all of us here at St John the Baptist School beam with pride.

As the year comes to a close, the seventh graders are excited for Color Wars, their end of the year field trips, and becoming the "leaders of the school" next year.

~Nicci Garlic, Seventh Grade Teacher









3rd ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT 2019

Saturday, April 27, 2019
Sebahar Hall
Check-in 6:30 p.m. Rounds begin at 7:00 pm



Have you been told you have too much useless knowledge but have nowhere to show it off? Do you watch JEOPARDY and know more than the contestants? Do read Wikipedia and Almanacs just to fact check? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, current and future athletes want you to play **Trivia Night at St John's on 4/27/19!** There are two ways to sign up: submit your team roster below or submit your names below and we will help to form teams. The game will consist of ten varied categories with eight questions each. Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams who answer the most questions correctly.

Beer, wine, soda and water will be available for purchase BYOS- bring your own snacks

Entry fee is \$25 per person, payable at the door No credit cards please, cash or check only

Proceeds from this event go towards the St. John the Baptist Wildcat Athletic Program

Player names:	
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Please submit completed registrations to the school office or by email to czydek@sjbwinfield.org no later than Wednesday, April 24th. Questions: email Chuck Zydek at address above or by phone at 312-375-3312.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Baptisms usually held at two Masses each month, and two Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners and parents and godparents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! Please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our RCIA classes are for any adult wanting to become Catholic. This is the time when questions are answered and formation begins. So, whether you are answering God's call to join the church, seeking to participate fully in the sacraments, or looking to find answers about the Catholic faith, RCIA is for you. RCIA sessions meet weekly from September until Easter. Jim and Rosanne Druckemiller are co-directors and they can be reached by contacting the church office at 630-668-0918. Call soon and get excited about the Catholic faith. We can't wait to meet you!

Wedding Information

Getting married? Give us a ring! Please contact one of the parish priests as soon as you become engaged and at least six months before the wedding date. Spiritual preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Catholics need to be attending church every Sunday. Spiritual Preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.



Prayers & Support for the Sick & 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. Call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 600, and set a time to come in BEFORE your surgery for anointing.

Hospital Visits

Our priests are available to make hospital visits. 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 there giving us the name and room number. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized!

Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

Prayers of the Faithful

If you or someone in your family is sick and would like to be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Masses, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the Sick of the Church bulletin, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

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. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated in the bulletin weekly meeting schedule) from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Office Dining Room. You do not need to bring anything to the meeting. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

At St. John's every Thursday evening, Sodonna Hall (basement of the parish offices), 7p.- 8p. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0



MASS INFORMATION

Pulpit Announcements-Submissions are due by 9 a.m. on Tues. prior to the Sunday you would like the announcement made. Please include a contact name and phone number. The parish office has final approval on all bulletin articles and pulpit announcements. Email to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

Music Schedule for the Month of April: At the 5p-Organ/Cantor; 7:30a-Classic Ensemble; 9:30a-Contemporary Ensemble; 11:30a-Adult Choir. Easter: 8p-Various; 7:30a-Classic Ensemble; 9:30a Church-Bell Choir; 9:30a Chapel-Organ, Cantor; 11:30a-Adult Choir

Mass Intentions

Visit the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. Donation is \$10. The 5p & 1:30p Masses are free-will donation.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.

Lost and Found-Please check the Lost and Found box in the entry way to the vestibule of the parish office. **Bulletin Articles-**Submissions are due by noon on Thurs., 10 days prior to the Sunday on which you wish the article to appear. Include the name & phone number of the person submitting the article. Please email as an attachment using Microsoft Word or Publisher. Please do not include article in the body of the email. Email to: ienniferk@stiohnwinfield.org and rosab@stiohnwinfield.org.

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Catholic Sports Camps

Catholic Sports Camps are faith-filled experiences where leaders are built, sports are played, and faith is strengthened. Each camp is designed to be a fun, inspiring, and challenging week of sports with the integration of learning the Catholic faith. For the summer of 2019, we have 9 sports and 12 camps throughout the Diocese of Joliet and beyond! Families may go to www.catholicsportscamps.org to register now.

2019 Catholic Sports Camps Schedule - Illinois

- Soccer: June 10-12, 2019 at IC Catholic Prep
- Hockey: June 24-26, 2019 at Nelson Ice Arena
- Football: July 1-3, 2019 at Benedictine University
- Hockey: July 15-17, 2019 at Darien Sportsplex
- Basketball: July 22-24, 2019 at Guerin College Prep High School
- Baseball: July 29-31, 2019 at Benet Academy
- Wrestling: July 29-31, 2019 at Joliet Junior College*
- Volleyball: August 5-7, 2019 at Montini Catholic High
- Cross Country: August 5-7, 2019 at Mt. Carmel High School (Chicago)

Totus Tuus Summer Camp is a fun 5-day camp hosted in 35 different parishes throughout the Diocese of Joliet. Children grades 1-6 attend the day program Monday-Friday and the teens grades 7-12 attend the evening program Sunday-Thursday. Unlike most summer camps, Totus Tuus is taught by a team of 4 faith-filled young adults who genuinely bring the joy of Christ to the children in a week-long encounter they won't forget. The younger children love the songs, skits, and learning about Jesus, while the teens appreciate making a real connection with the young adult leaders who teach them how God is relevant in their lives. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation and praying the rosary are included.

Register Online: www.givecentral.org/TTJoliet

Questions contact Lisa Shannon, Program Coordinator Totus Tuus. lshannon@dioceseofjoliet.org

Tutors Needed for 1st-8th Grade

Volunteers are needed to help children in First Grade through Eighth Grade who are struggling in school. Please call Tom Masterson at: 630-653-4818







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