

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Easter*

APRIL 26, 2020

LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD

Today's readings look back at both the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, remembering the promise given to David that Jesus would be raised from the dead. The Psalm and First Peter look forward to our lives as we await our resurrection and consider the sacrifice made by Jesus. Luke tells us the story of another experience of the risen Jesus. The disciples unknowingly walk with Jesus and tell him of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Jesus himself looks back with them to the promises made to Moses and all the prophets about his death and resurrection. Still they do not know who he is. It is only when he blesses and breaks bread and shares it with them that they realize it is Jesus. Then they race back to Jerusalem to tell the others.

SLOW OF HEART

After the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, two of the disciples hit the road and try to escape all the uncertainty, fear, remorse, and guilt they feel. They feel the same regret that the disciples feel in Acts and First Peter. They meet another man traveling the same road and are astonished when he seems to know nothing about the events that so occupy their thoughts. These events have consumed them, have broken their hearts, have left them downcast and blind to the very person who joins them on their journey. Their companion, Jesus, takes them through their own tradition, through the Old Testament promise that someone just like him would come, be killed, and would rise from the dead. Though they do not recognize him by the words alone, they do not want him to leave. Lucky for them he stays.

IN THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Despite all the hints, the disciples do not recognize Jesus. They remain consumed with their own confusion and fear and they cannot see who is right in front of them. It is only with the blessing, breaking, and sharing of the bread that they suddenly recognize Jesus. No words, however insightful, can penetrate the confusion and fear the disciples feel. Through the simple act of breaking and blessing bread they recognize Jesus. Even as their "hearts were burning," their minds did not know. How often do we not see what is right before us because we are so consumed with our own worries, regrets, concerns? Like the disciples it takes an action like the breaking of the bread, a reminder of the death of Jesus, his sacrifice, to get us to understand what our hearts already know.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

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Please pray for our sick

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Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balseqiz
Ada Bantola
Jennifer Bitterman
Nancy Bockelmann
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jean Bustamante
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Nick DuBay
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Joan Enders
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William Ferdinand
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Gregory Garlt

Darlene Gedvilas
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Daniel Guzman
Jim Hale
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
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Lauren Mungo
Tim Murnane
John Naill
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak

Lesley (Tobin)
Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Jeanne Ptak
Tim Ptak
Theresa Ratterman
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothweil
Marvin Rothweil
Susan Rothweil
Bob Salat
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard

Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Olivia Soto
Diane Strachta
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Mary Tarchala
Jongrang Tenjum
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Carol Vashey
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Genevieve Welch
Kylie Wells-Long
Elizabeth Wood
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. Tom Dunn

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides
.....Ext 0 or 600.....

Secretaria Hispana:Ext 601

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.....Mike Vallaro.....Ext 616

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.....Aaron Simpson.....Ext 603

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Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

RCIA (Convert Preparation):.....Ext 600

Youth Ministry:

Coordinator: Ruben Chavez.....Ext. 611

Grade School:.....Office: Ext 618

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

Phone: 630-668-2625, Fax: 630-668-7176

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

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

Mass Schedule

Out of concern for the health and well-being of all, and in light of the directives established by the State of Illinois, Bishop Pates, the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, has dispensed the faithful of the Diocese from the obligation of Sunday Mass and has asked that all Masses, confession times, public church services and devotions, and gatherings be cancelled until further notice. There will be no public celebration of the Masses, liturgies, and devotions.

Various Masses and devotions will be online on YouTube, Facebook, and the website.

A Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never -permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Sacramental Requests

If you are in need of the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the emergency line on the parish office phone number (630-668-0918).



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

Pvt James Luigi Akin
SRA Francis Beifuss
Major John Berg
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army
Sgt Melissa Brooker
Pvt Timothy Conley
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly
Major Daniel Durbin
SA Dakota Enders
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Pvt Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
Airman Nicholas Kostecka
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
1st Lt. Colleen Rezabek
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
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

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

**Rev. Mr. Andrew Buchanan
And Joseph Solomon**

**BISHOP PATES HAS APPOINTED TWO NEW PRIESTS
TO SERVE THE PARISH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN WINFIELD**

Beginning July 1, Fr. Chris Lankford will be the 11th pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish.



Fr. Chris was ordained a priest in 2016 and has served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Naperville.

Fr. Chris is very down to earth and has a great love for our Lord and His Church. He is also known for his work with youth and young adults.

Beginning July 1, Fr. Jim Olofson will serve as parochial vicar of St. John the Baptist.



Fr. Jim was ordained a priest in 2018 and has served as parochial vicar at St. Dominic Parish in Bolingbrook. He is an alumnus of St. Francis High School, and before being ordained to the priesthood, he served at St. John the Baptist as a deacon. Fr Jim speaks Spanish and is very outgoing and joyful in His service to Christ and the Church.

Let us pray for Father Chris and Father Jim and their parishes during the transition, and please continue to pray for Fr. Matt, Fr. Tom, and St. John the Baptist Parish during this time as well.

Empezando el 1 de Julio, Padre Chris Lankford será párroco de la Parroquia de San Juan Bautista en Winfield y Padre Jim Olofson (es bilingüe) vendrá como su asistente. Tienen mucha energía y devoción. Por favor, sigan rezando por ellos, sus parroquias, Padre Mateo, Padre Tom y nuestra parroquia durante este tiempo.

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020**

You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill
me with joy in your presence.
— Acts 2:28

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



*(All Masses offered privately for the intentions
that have been promised.)*

Saturday, April 25

8:30 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Joanne O'Neil (*Marianne & Jim Russell*)

† Scott Weber (*The Weber Family*)

† Angela Marino (*The Marino Family*)

♥ Jim & Dorothy Hanlock, Health & Intentions (*The
Hanlock Family*)

† Marie Brady Smith (*Your Nieces*)

Sunday, April 26, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Henry, Marge & Adel Lenertz (*The Lenertz Family*)

11:30 a.m. † Leoncia Mendoza Santos (*The Santos Family*)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † La intención del sacerdote

Monday, April 27

7:00 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

7:50 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

7:50 a.m. † John Connolly (*Dan Conley*)

Wednesday, April 29

7:00 a.m. † Beverly Spevak (*Kim & Pam Spevak*)

7:50 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

Thursday, April 30

7:00 a.m. † James Marecek, Anniversary of Birthday (*The Lambert
Family*)

7:50 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

Friday, May 1

7:00 a.m. † Mildred Ronaldson (*Jack Aylward*)

7:50 a.m. † The Parish's All Souls' Intentions

Saturday, May 2

8:30 a.m. ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)

Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Ginny Hamlin (*Cathy Johnston*)

† Jon Passini (*Mary Passini*)

† The Eder Family (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Dick Hanlock (*The Hanlock Family*)

Sunday, May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † John, Kathleen & Patrick Dooley (*Mary L'Hotta*)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † Kenneth Andrew Dugan (*Sr. Maria Immolata*)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased
(K of C)

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

**Chapel † Donald McCluskey
Church † Marilyn Bohac**



*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.

TODAY'S READINGS-

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus,
who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us
(Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalms — Lord, you will show us the path of life
(Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God, who
raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the
bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disci-
ples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59,
or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

EASTER SEASON

Easter Vigil (April 11) to Pentecost Sunday (May 31)

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 19

Ascension of our Lord: May 24

Pentecost Sunday: May 31

Online prayers, reflections, & devotions

<https://mycatholic.life>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com>

<https://www.catholic.org/lent>

Breviary (Liturgy of the Hours) on IBreviary App
and Website

Apps and Websites for Relevant Radio, Word on
Fire, and Formed

Prayer before the Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your
face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech
You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope,
and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of
amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender
pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them
within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your
prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands
and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.

LEARNING CONTINUES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL...AT HOME!

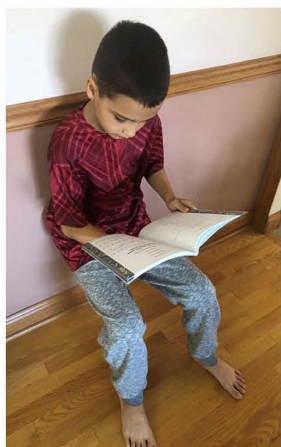
Dear Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church,

It is with a grateful heart and with sincere gratitude for you that I offer this letter and update. Thank you for the support you provide to the school, especially your financial support. We are able to continue to offer a quality Catholic education to our children, even during this coronavirus pandemic and the resulting "shelter at home order" because of you.

During this time, our students continue to learn. I am thankful for Father Matt and the entire parish for your support and prayers. Our parents appreciate it as they assist their child/ren during these days of at home and remote learning, communicating with our teachers, and helping to structure and help maintain a structure which is similar to that of a school day while in many cases working from home. Our students also appreciate your support as they work on their studies. It is a blessing to have our teachers who each day are delivering well planned, targeted instruction, with the challenge and the excellence that is the standard of Catholic education. I am able to view the videos, photographs, projects, and examples of what our students are working on each day.



Throughout this time, we have continued to find ways to connect with one another and provide direct instruction through the caring and creative ways of our teachers as shown through a recorded video to teach a lesson, accessing Google classroom or using Seesaw, which are platforms to share lessons, instruction, and student work; and having face to face time with students through video meetings, including one on one, small group, whole class lessons, and office hours to check in and ask questions. Our students are progressing in religion and their academics, as preschool and primary students practice and refine their early literacy and numeracy skills while our intermediate and junior high students are doing novel studies and having discussions, as well as learning new principles and theories in science and reinforcing long division, learning decimals, and algebra in mathematics. Religion is also taught and activities include creating a collaborative Stations of the Cross, practicing prayers and learning about the 7 days of God's magnificent Creation in verse and song, and attending daily Mass through the online parish YouTube Channel and reflecting on the readings. In addition to class work, our specialists continue to provide learning opportunities through varied methods ranging from an art service project called "Operation Smile," to collaborative technology projects, to online quiz games and at home physical education. We continue to unite in faith through our daily prayers each morning and at the end of the day led by teachers, students, Father Matt and Father Tom, and me. We are even finding ways to stay close to one another and celebrate birthdays with cards, video messages, and birthday parades whereby families are driving by homes of our birthday honorees.



While we wish that it was different right now, our "new normal" represents an opportunity to stretch and support each other in different ways. I have learned that St. John's is a resilient and caring community that has demonstrated great courage and strength in the face of challenges.

In the meantime, I continue to prepare for the future of our school, which excites me because of the remarkable children, families, teachers and staff with whom I have the honor and privilege of working with daily. I continue to plan with the staff not only those areas and things that we do well, but also areas in which need strengthening. All of us continue to be hopeful and can't wait to return to school as SJB family to grow in faith, academics, and as individuals.

It is not this health crisis alone that defines this time in history; it also depends on how we choose to respond to it. Investing in this temporary change and disruption to normal day-to-day life is a worthwhile endeavor; we are doing it together. And when we reach the other side, St. John the Baptist Catholic School and parish will emerge as the exceptional place it has always been. **Registration continues to be open for the 2020-2021 school year. Come see what Catholic education is all about.**

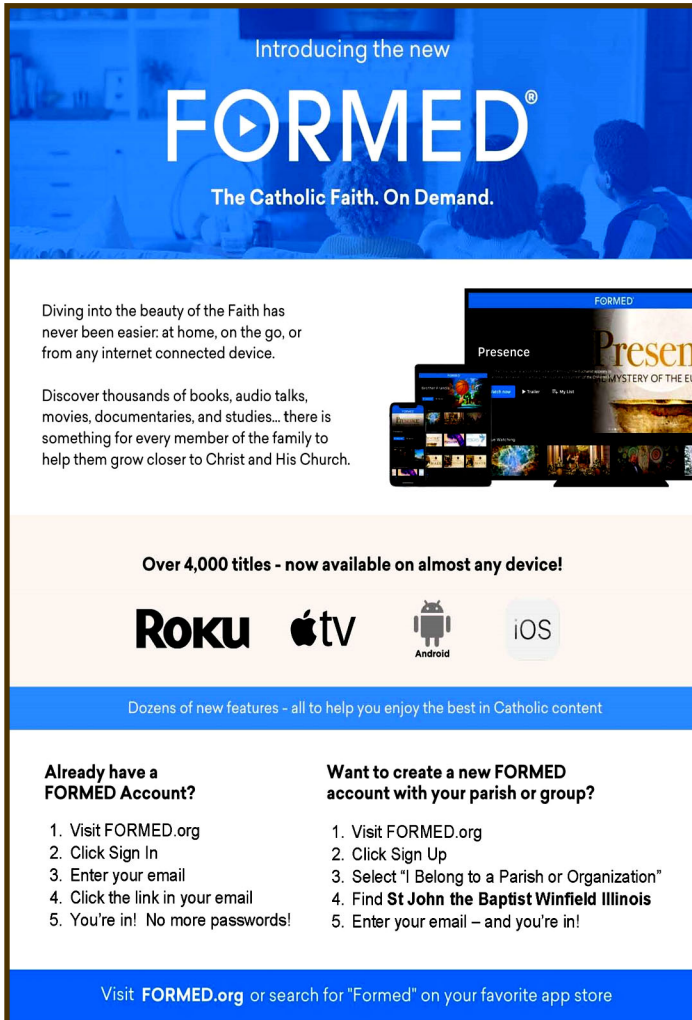


Wishing you peace and blessings,

Joanne Policht
Principal, St. John the Baptist Catholic School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NEWS

We are still working on the planning for classes for the 2020/2021 religious education school year. Registrations were scheduled for the end of April. Since the social distancing guidelines have been extended, we are waiting to see when registration can take place. Please check your email, the church bulletin, as well as the parish website stjohnwinfield.org for further updates.



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ST. JOHN'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. John's has set up a YouTube channel where Masses and devotions are posted. To find the St. John's channel:

1. Go to YouTube;
2. Search for St John the Baptist Winfield;
3. Click on St. John's Church logo:



Second Collection-April 25-26-Envelope in Your Packet

There is a second collection this weekend, April 25-26, 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 which can be mailed to St. John's, or you can donate through WE SHARE (see page 7 for WE SHARE information). Thank you.

CRS RICE BOWL FOR LENT UPDATE

If you and your family were collecting donations for the CRS Rice Bowl mission during Lent, please hold onto your donations until our Church is reopened. Once we're able to attend Mass at St. John's again, we'll be collecting your Rice Bowl donations in the Church narthex, before and after weekend Masses. Thank you.

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education



Enroll now at St. John the Baptist Catholic School!
Grades Kindergarten thru Eight, 2020-2021 School Year

¡Inscríban sus hijos en la Escuela Católica de San Juan Bautista!
Grados Kindergarten a Ocho, Año Académico 2020-2021

Tuition Transfer Grant-Did you know that St. John the Baptist Catholic School offers a Tuition Transfer Grant to families who transfer their child into grades 1-7 from any non-Catholic school for the 2020-2021 school year? With this two-year grant, families will receive \$1,000 per student in year one, and \$500 per student in year two, to offset tuition. For more information, please contact the school office.



Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- 1 You can share your gifts...** Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- 2 Leave your checkbook at home.** Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 3 Your funds are protected.** Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.
- 4 Support our parish consistently,** even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- 5 Give on-the-go!** Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

- 1 Visit your church website and click Give Online.**
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.**
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!**

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with our business manager, Mike Vallaro 630-668-0918, ext. 616.

Please remember St. John's by dropping off or mailing envelopes or by giving electronically through WeShare, which can be accessed on our website.

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 \$22,941.**

March 22.....\$ 6,512
March 29.....\$16,163
April 5.....\$23,283
Easter Sunday/April 12 (as of
4/19).....\$42,180
April 19.....\$14,033

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Help a child receive a Catholic education at St. John the Baptist, and you can receive a 75% tax credit on your state income taxes.

WHY IS A TAX CREDIT BETTER THAN A DEDUCTION?

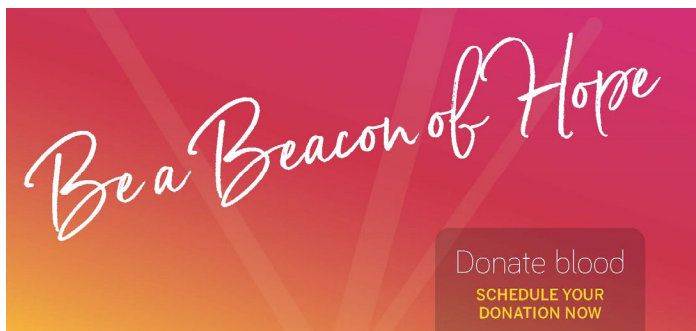
A tax credit is always better than a tax deduction because a credit lowers your tax bill directly. A deduction lowers your adjusted gross income on your IRS Form 1040, so the amount you get reduced off your tax bill is directly tied to your tax bracket.

Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

For example, if you make a \$1,000 Tax Credit Scholarship donation you receive a \$750 tax credit which lowers your tax owed to Illinois by \$750. Simple as that. If your tax bill was going to be \$3,000, you just reduced it to \$2,250.

However, what would happen if that was a deduction on your IRS Form 1040 and not a tax credit? A \$1,000 deduction, if you are in the 22% tax bracket, will lower your adjusted gross income by \$1,000, thereby lowering your tax bill by about \$220. In this scenario, we also assume that the taxpayer is itemizing their deductions. If the taxpayer takes the standard deduction (\$12,400 if filing single or \$24,800 if married filing jointly), then the \$1,000 donation would not provide any tax benefit.

Donate through Empower Illinois (empowerillinois.org), designating St. John the Baptist Catholic School as the recipient of the scholarship. Contact the school office or the parish business manager for more information.



KNIGHTS' BLOOD DRIVE NEWS

Your Knights of Columbus had scheduled its semi-annual blood drive for May 4th but plans changed due to the current restrictions we are all under. Details for the new date are below. Please consider donating whenever you can, based on the urgent need. Mention that you are doing this per the efforts of the St. John the Baptist K of C when you donate. Thanks; stay safe and if you have questions, call me at 630-240-5301. ~Alan Kalitzky

HELP SAVE LIVES



June 29, 2020

To donate in the area, please visit www.versiti.org/IL and for eligibility questions.

Information will be available for the 6/29 blood drive in the near future!

Call 847-305-9998 for more information.

DUE TO COVID-19 - OUR MAY BLOOD DRIVE IS NOW POSTPONED TO 6/29/20

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT
05233 CHURCH STREET, WINFIELD
Drive will take place in Sebahar Hall
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

If you want to donate in the meantime, please go to: www.versiti.org/IL for a list of opportunities in the area.

Safe social distancing measures will be in place to ensure donor safety. Blood donation is considered "Essential Activity" and exempt from the "shelter in place" mandate.

HELP US TO SECURE A HEALTHY BLOOD SUPPLY!



SALVA VIDAS



June 29, 2020

Para donar en el área, visite www.versiti.org/IL y para preguntas sobre elegibilidad.

¡La información estará disponible para la unidad de sangre 6/29 en el futuro cercano.

Llame al 847-305-9998 para más información.

DEBIDO A COVID-19 - NUESTRA UNIDAD DE SANGRE AHORA SERÁ 29/06/20

ST. JUAN EL BAUTISTA IGLESIA EN
05233 CALLE DE LA IGLESIA, WINFIELD
Drive tendrá lugar en Sebahar Hall · 3PM - 7PM

Si quieres donar mientras tanto, ve a: www.versiti.org/IL para obtener una lista de oportunidades en el zona.

Se implementarán medidas seguras de distanciamiento social para garantizar la seguridad de los donantes. La donación de sangre se considera "Actividad esencial" y está exenta del mandato de "refugio en el lugar".

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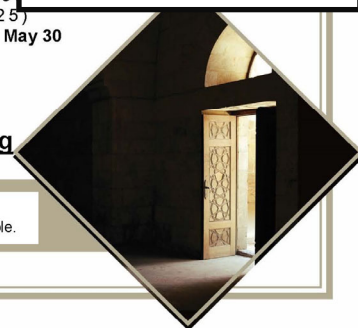
An engaging Bible message

Christlife has been postponed for the time being.

Seven Monday Night
April 20th - June 8 6:30
(no session on 5/25)
Special retreat day **Saturday, May 30**

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www.stjohnwinfield.org


See also www.christlife.org.
No cost to participate! Childcare available.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena
Thursday: St. Pius V
Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday

saint snippets



If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart, it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children.

St. Louis de Montfort
18th-century French priest and preacher known for his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the rosary.

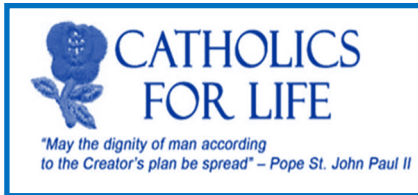
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April 28

CCW MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7p CCW meeting has been cancelled. Our next meeting will most likely be our annual potluck in September. We will keep you updated. Any questions, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.





Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) written by Pope St. John Paul II 25 years ago on March 25th, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value of every human life. Below are quotes from that document.

On Life and the Role of Science

"Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life." (Evangelium Vitae)

The Church and the Defense of Life

"Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God Who was made flesh (cf. Jn 1:14), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (cf. Mk 16:15)." (Evangelium Vitae)

"Not only is the fact of the destruction of so many human lives still to be born or in their final stage extremely grave and disturbing, but no less grave and disturbing is the fact that conscience itself, darkened as it were by such widespread conditioning, is finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life." (Evangelium Vitae)

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Our parish Respect Life Committee invites you to continue the nine month commemoration of the gestation of the Child Jesus in Mary's womb, which began March 25, and to spiritually adopt a baby that is in danger of abortion, if you haven't already done so. Around the 25th of each month a bulletin article will explain the growth of the babies. Choose a name for your baby and pray for them and their parents using Archbishop Fulton Sheen's prayer below and pray for them daily. Jesus and your adopted baby are counting on you. *"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."*

THE SECOND MONTH

Surely by now Mary has told her parents, Joachim and Anne, of her pregnancy. What must they think? How will they tell Mary's betrothed, Joseph the Carpenter? The law would have Mary stoned for adultery. They must trust in God! Today's unwed teenage mother may never know the comfort of loving parents or the warmth of understanding support without the IL Parental Abortion Notification Act. The law may allow her to terminate her infant, without parental guidance or knowledge, before it has begun its journey into life. At two months, the child in the womb has a fully functioning body with fingers, toes, a brain, its tiny heart beating twice as fast as an adult's. His milk-teeth are present at 6 1/2 weeks. Though only a little over an inch, it is now apparent that the baby is a boy or girl.

Pray for teens in crisis pregnancies, that God will strengthen them to make the right choice. Pray also they do the bring back a bill for the repeal of the Illinois' Parental Abortion Notification Act.

Our Lady of Fatima Pracaediums (English & Spanish) of our parish (Legion of Mary) invite you to join in this Novena.

Novena Dates:

† **May 4-12**

† **Feast Day is May 13**



Most Holy Virgin, who deigned to come to Fatima to reveal to the three little shepherds the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary, inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion, so that by meditating on the mysteries of our redemption that are recalled in it, we may gather the fruits and obtain the conversion of sinners, the conversion of Russia, and this favor (mention your request), which I so earnestly seek and which I ask of thee in this novena, for the greater Glory of God, for thine own honor, and for the good of all people. Amen. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be –three times each.)



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Opportunities for Piety, Study or Action

Looking for some new awesome online Catholic resources for this extended time at home? This info is shared from the Diocese of Joliet. This material is really outstanding!!!!

Please sign up for email updates from Around the Diocese at: aroundthediocese.org

Visit dioceseofjoliet.org for a thorough and wonderful list from the Diocese of Joliet.

Virtual Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration Chapels with Live Webcams; Go to virtualadoration.home.blog

Handy Guide to Diocesan Masses online at aroundthediocese.org

Fr. Burke's daily Prayer Schedule with opportunities to pray together!
frburke23.wordpress.com/

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: amserritella@gmail.com.

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. 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. 0, & 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. *Please note: due to the coronavirus, no communion taken to homebound; instead, Ministers praying over the telephone with homebound.*

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. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

24-Hour Adoration: Cancelled until further notice. Per the Diocese of Joliet, all parishes are to follow instructions & guidelines suggested by the IL Dept of Public Health, the CDC & orders issued the State of Illinois, "all churches & adoration chapels must be closed & locked (until further notice).



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-Until further notice, AA is not meeting, per State of Illinois guidelines.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0



MASS INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: Please call or email the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.

Donation is \$10; 5p & 1:30p Masses-free-will donation. 630-668-0918, ext 0 or jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. We can mail the Mass card for you.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: As of 4/1/2020, until further notice, the parish office will remain closed.

Please call or email the parish office, and we will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible. Please call 630-668-0918, ext 0 for the parish office, or email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org

Lost and Found: When we re-open, please check the Lost and Found box in the Usher's Room in the Church.

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: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

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*Walk with us, Lord,
along the road of resurrection!
Explain for us, so slow to believe,
the things that Scripture says of you.
Break the bread of the Eucharist with us
whenever we share our lives
with our brothers and sisters.
Stay with us
each time night approaches
and the daylight fades in our hearts!*

-From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright © 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 168

Attn 8th to 11th Graders- CCW Scholarship-



Applications for The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants can obtain a BBSF APPLICATION from a request to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. FACTS must be applied for online at <https://online.factsmgmt.com>. Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS, call 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35.00 fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report.

Deadline extended to Monday, May 4, 2020

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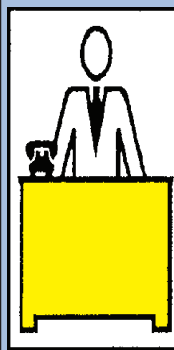


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