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MASS TIMES

Mondays - Thursdays 7:00 am

Fridays 12:00 pm

Saturdays 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

> Sundays 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am

APRIL 3, 2022

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm

(see inside for additional Lenten confession times)



DIACONATE ORDINATION DAY (TRANSITIONAL) 2022

On Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, our seminarian, Alex Lorang, will

be ordained a transitional deacon. Along with Alex, the seminarians who completed their clinical pastoral education (CPE) last summer at CDH and resided here at St. John's, will also be ordained transitional deacons. The Mass will also be livestreamed; go to dioceseofioliet.org. Alex's first Mass as a newly ordained Deacon, where he will assist, is Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 11:00 am, St. Mary, Mokena.



We are so proud of Alex, and all our seminarians!!!



Saturday, April 9, 2022, 11:00 am Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet

Please join us in person or Livestream

Please pray for our sick

James Adduci Alisa Allen Sandy Anderson Jack Aylward Dave Balsegiz Ada Bantola *Maryann Barone* Michael Barone Hanns Bell Ella Bitterman Jennifer Bitterman Brian Burke Allison Lamberts Burns Jim Cabrera, Sr. Maria Elena Castro Karen Cervenka Lisa Cicero Al Cieslik Patricia Clifford Kathy Connor Georgene Cook Julio Correa Rita Cross Mary Elaine Cruz Linda Dameron Anetta Derango Krystyna Derecki Kathe Doremus Nick DuBay Karen Durbin Ralph Eckhoff Concepcion Edaño Aaron Erickson

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Joseph O'Brien Larry Orni Joan Pacel Lori Pacer Charlie Parisi Bill Parker Bill Paschke Josie Pasciak Jim Paulissen Owen Payton Bane Petrov Joseph Pirofalo Brittnev Prehn lan Prosser Al Ptak Tim Ptak Mary Rauch Sam Reyes Alicia Ricciardi Paul & Katherine Ricciardi Cooper Roias Gertie Romero Monica Romero Kelli Rooney Katherine Rose John Rossi Sister Audrey Rothweil Marvin Rothweil Susan Rothweil **Bob Salat** Dwayne Sarver Scott Schwartz Sven Segerlund John Shannon Desireé Sheppard

Evelyn Skriba Dan Smyth Dolores Snyder Diane Srachta Cynde Barone Stavros Doug Stephan Hugh Stott Michael John Stralko Rosemary Sumang Ewa Sarnacka Lucy Szwed Mary Tarchala Deborah Terry Virg Tobin Jim Toman Michael Torri Erin Anderson Tugman Christina Belcher-Ugolini Beniamin Vargas Maria Vargas Martha Vescio Virginia Underwood Dolores Vasquez Genevieve Welch Emily Wilson Kylie Wells-Long Pat Waltz Paula Winterhalder Elizabeth Wood Susan Woodbury Lexie Youngberg Larry Zengri *New this week

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 0S233 Church St. Winfield, IL 60190

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor: Fr. Christopher Lankford **Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office.

Please keep in your prayers our Deacon & Seminarian who are preparing for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary Seminarian Alex Lorang

Please pray for all the Seminarians who are studying in the Diocese of Joliet.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS-UPDATE

- 1. Effective February 2022, the Diocese of Joliet has issued an update to COVID-19 protocols. Masks are recommended but not required in church and office settings. Everyone should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks. We will continue to refrain from offering blood of Christ in a chalice at Communion for the time being. If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please wait until the end and please receive from the priest celebrant of the Mass in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet.
- 2. Effective Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be lifted. Please see page 5 for a letter from the bishop about the dispensation.
- 3. To read the diocesan COVID-19 updated protocols in detail, go to: dioceseofjoliet.org. Search for "COVID-19 Guidelines."



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 LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr. Sqt. Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray A1C Seth Kelley Airman Nicholas Kostecka Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski Sgt. David Lawless SrA Robert Lawless Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao Commander Matthew Luff WO1 Jake Miller CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell ABH2 Sean Phillips Captain Colleen Rezabek Captain Kevin Rezabek A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez Cpl Riley Santoyo Sat Ian Sarlitto AN Michael Schieve PFC Keegan Serbick Major Jim Smolucha Major Mike Smolucha SPC Thomas Stanhope AFSSqt Zachary Ushman Lt. Keith Wolfe

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is my joy to introduce to you our new Parochial Vicar beginning July 1st, Fr. Michael Groth! Welcome Fr. Michael!!

In Christ, Fr. Chris

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Greetings, Parishioners of St. John the Baptist,

As you are aware, Bishop Hicks has appointed me as your new parochial vicar, effective July 1, 2022. It is my joy to briefly introduce myself.

Born and raised in Bourbonnais, I am the only child of Todd and Deb Groth. I attended St. Martin of Tours Parish in Kankakee, where I also attended grade school. I graduated from Bishop McNamara Catholic High School in 2011 and continued to Kankakee Community College, where I was pursuing a degree in accounting with hopes of transferring to the University of Illinois. The Lord had other plans. I graduated St. John Vianney College Seminary in 2016 and "graduated" Mundelein Seminary in 2020. Bishop Pates ordained me to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on June 20, 2020. Yes, all the priestly ministry I have experienced has been with this darn virus!

These past two years, I have been assigned as a parochial vicar at Ss. Peter and Paul in Naperville and chaplain at Benet Academy in Lisle. While my assignment at Ss. Peter and Paul is coming to an end, the other half of my assignment as the chaplain of Benet Academy will be retained. One other curveball is that I am a member of the Companions of Christ, a priestly association in the Diocese of Joliet. Our association was established in 2020 off the model that exists in two other dioceses, with the central hallmark being priestly fraternity. We live together, pray together, and hold each other accountable. We minister in our as-

signments, and we serve the people entrusted to our care. Further information about our association is available on our website: companionsofchristjoliet.org

Good luck confusing Fr. Chris and I when he shaves his beard! Fr. Chris and I are good friends. If COVID didn't ruin it, he would have vested me at my priestly ordination. We served together at Immaculate Conception in Elmhurst for two years and I greatly anticipate picking up right where we left off. I look forward to getting to know each of you, your families, and the parishioners of St. John the Baptist. I deeply desire to help each of you come to know, love, and adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus, so we can do that eternally in heaven. Be assured of my prayers for you since the day of my appointment, and I humbly ask for your prayers.

In the Sacred Heart,

Fr. Michael Groth

In Midsel

53rd Sunday

It is not too late to give to our 53rd Sunday collection! You may be asking, what is a 53rd Sunday collection? A 53rd Sunday collection is asking you to consider doubling your weekly gift for one week as if there was an additional "53rd Sunday" in the calendar year. We are asking our St. John the Baptist parish families to consider making a donation towards this collection to help offset unbudgeted expenses we've experienced during the fiscal year. A tremendous thank you to everyone who has already participated! 53rd Sunday donations can be placed in the regular Sunday collection, or brought to the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, please go to the SJB Parish website, www.stjohnwinfield.org. Next, click on the image that says "Give online with We Share" found on the homepage. After clicking the image you will find a "53rd Sunday" link you can click and give your gift online.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John the Baptist!

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 7:30 am, following the 7:00 am Mass, to 8:00 pm in the Chapel.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood", Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects towards a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. For an interesting article about Adoration, go to:

https:// prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/04/21/ things-to-do-during-eucharisticadoration/

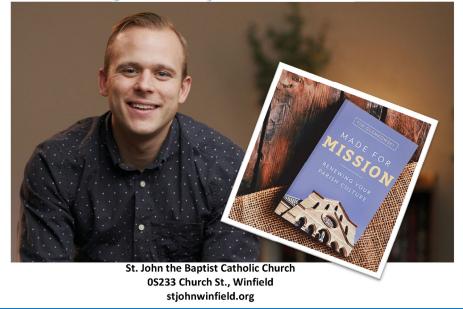
St. John the Baptist – Lenten Mission The One Great Story

Join us for two life-changing nights Featuring Tim Glemkowski, International Catholic speaker and author

Night one: The Story Sunday, April 3, 7:00—8:30 pm

Night two: Apostolic Moment and Mindset Monday, April 4, 7:00—8:30 pm

Rediscover the heart of the life and faith for which you were made!



Diocese of Joliet



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March 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic more than two years ago, our goal in the Diocese of Joliet has been to ensure the safety and well-being of all clergy, religious, lay ministers, parishioners, employees and volunteers while providing access to worship and the Eucharist. We have adjusted our safety protocols as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increased and then decreased. I want to personally thank you for your diligence in safeguarding the health of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

I am excited the Diocese of Joliet will fully reunite as one body in Christ for the liturgies leading up to Easter and beyond.

I am reminded of the words Pope Francis wrote in *Fratelli Tutti* during the initial months of the pandemic: "Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." (Paragraph 8)

Let us welcome home our family with joy and continue to pray for each other.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How do I follow the example of Jesus in loving others?

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ST. JOHN'S MASS-LIVE STREAMED

Our 9:30am Sunday Mass is live-streamed. There are two ways to watch the Mass:

- Go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, scroll down and click on the YouTube logo under Media; or,
- 2. Go to YouTube; Search for St. John the Baptist Winfield; Click on our St. John's Church logo:



HELPING YOUR NEIGHBOR

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask God simply to fill you with charity . . . with it you can accomplish what you desire.

-St. Vincent Ferrer

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— Philippians 3:8

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 2-Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)

† Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)

† Alice Olszanowski (Rick & Mary Carlson)

† Joanne Carlson (Rick & Mary Carlson)

† Stanley Dusza (Maryann Dusza)

† Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)

Sunday, April 3-The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Doris Borter (*The Kosusnik Family*) 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)

Monday, April 4

7:00 a.m. ♥ Health & Intentions of Angela Schrock (Dan Conley)

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 a.m. † Frank Perri (Irma & Rick McCall)

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 a.m. ♥ Health & Intentions of Charles & Mary LoGiudice (Jennifer Jin)

Thursday, April 7

7:00 a.m. † John Tarmichael (Ellen Tarmichael)

Friday, April 8

12:00 p.m. † Joseph Kissell, Jr (Kevin & Beth O'Kasick)

† Rose Wolfinger (Pat & Michael Hussey)

† Fr Arno Dennerlein

† Brian Clement (Rita Grabowski)

† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)

♥ Health & Intentions of Sandy Sadler

(Donna Buchholtz & Pat Jacobs)

Saturday, April 9-Vigil for Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. † Helga Chavez (The Marasco Family)

† Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

† Dorothy Hanlock (Michael & Beth Reedy)

† Bob Dapser (Maryann Dusza)

♥ Health & Intentions of Gary Olszanowski (Rick & Mary Carlson)

† Abe Rundell (Monica Rundell)

Sunday, April 10-Palm Sunday

7:30 a.m. † Corliss Enders (Anita Fischer) 9:30 a.m. † Rita Bevilacqua (Donna Gacek) 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † John Temes Church † Lupe Muñoz



*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.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-Chapel

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. All Confessions are in the Church.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

During Lent, our Reconciliation schedule is:

- Saturdays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm*
- Friday, April 1, after 12:00 pm Mass
- Friday, April 8, after 12:00 pm Mass
- Saturday, April 9, one hour added to regular confession time, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
- Monday, April 11, after 7:00 am Mass
- Tuesday, April 12, after 7:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

All confessions are in Church

*except Holy Saturday, April 16, no confessions

Our Art & Environment Committee needs your help!



Please join us on Saturday, April 16th at 8:30am

as we join together to decorate

the Church & Chapel for Easter. We will meet in Sebahar Hall. Lots of hands are needed to help! Bring the family!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule, including the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday

Tuesday, April 12, 2022,

7:00 pm Tenebrae service-Chapel

Holy Thursday

No Morning Mass; 8:00 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration after Mass until Midnight-Chapel Night Prayer at 11:50 pm

Good Friday

No Morning Mass; 8:00 am Morning Prayer 3:00 pm Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing
Easter Egg Hunt on East Lawn (immediately following
Easter Basket Blessing)
No Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm confessions

8:00 pm Easter Vigil-Church **Easter Sunday**

7:30am-Church 9:30am-Church 11:30am-Church

1ST ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All are welcome to join in St. John's 1st annual neighborhood walking Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 15th). The walking Stations will be set-up and available from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Participants may begin at any time and go at their own pace to the various homes and businesses along the route. The route will begin with the 1st Station at Mary's Garden on the east side of the Church and proceed to nearby parishioners' homes and businesses, ending with the 14th Station back in the front of the school at the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue. The total walking distance is approximately 1 mile. The Stations will be outside and consist of a simple image of the Station and a brief reflection. Paper copies of the route will be available at the 1st Station.

<u>Contact Linda Fuechsl at sfuechsl@aol.com</u> with any questions.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION APRIL 10TH

Before the 9:30 am Mass, blessing of the palms will take place in the Mary garden, weather permitting. After the blessing, there will be a procession around the north side of the Church, entering the Church through the west doors.

Worship Commission

TENEBRAE SERVICE

On Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Tenebrae Service in the Chapel.

The word "Tenebrae" means darkness or shadows and is a Holy Week devotion that dates back to the seventh or eight century A.D. It is characterized by the successive extinguishing of candles as the service progresses. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story - the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events; and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter.

It is a very moving service and we hope you will be able to join us. ~Worship Commission

THE TRIDUUM

The Triduum is a three-day special period that commemorates the final three days of Christ's life. It begins in the evening of Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues with the celebration of the Passion of our Lord on Holy Friday, culminates with the Mass of the Easter Vigil after sundown on Holy Saturday, and ends the evening of Easter Sunday.

The days of the Triduum are central to our faith because they lead us into the heart of our identity as Catholics. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection are the foundation of our Christian life. The Triduum is more than just an historical reenactment. It is important to keep our minds and hearts focused on our own dying and rising in Jesus Christ. We are challenged, with the catechumens, as they are baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, to reenter Christ's paschal mystery every year, renew our baptismal promises, and to die to ourselves so that we may experience new life in Christ. Our sharing in the paschal mystery characterizes what it means to be a Christian and a life-giving member of the Catholic community.

We hope you are able to attend at least part of this beautiful liturgy.

~Worship Commission

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. Thank you for your generosity and support!

March 6......\$29,006 March 20.....\$22,023 March 13.....\$25,879 March 27.....\$18,923

SVDP Grocery Needs

While you are out doing your shopping, would you consider picking up any of the items listed below that are on the St. Vincent de Paul Grocery list? You can bring the item to Mass and place it in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule which is open 24/7. Questions? 630-668-0918, ext 692. Thank you!





QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

Learn how to double your impact with a new Tax Credit Scholarship donation in April to St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Informational Meeting April 5 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Cecilia/School Hall

Featuring SJB Catholic School Principal Joanne Policht and Ed Burjek, Meryll Lynch Senior VP of Wealth Management

New Donor X 2 = Tax Credit Scholarships

MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY

SJB has enrolled 10+ new students through this program in the last 4 years. Help fund 50+ scholarships to SJB students for 2022-23 and watch your gift - and our school - grow.

To attend the meeting, call the school office at 630-668-2625 ext. 618.

FROM OUR DIOCESE: DONATING-WAR RELIEF IN UKRAINE

For those of you who would like to donate to war relief in Ukraine, our Diocese's website resource page suggests Catholic Relief Services -Ukraine. If you would like to donate to Catholic Relief Services/ Ukraine, go to our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, click on WeShare. Click on "View All Second Collections." At the top you will see Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ukraine Relief. Monies donated this way will be sent to our diocese who will forward to Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with "Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine" in the memo line, and we will forward to the diocese.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



ALEX'S PROJECT-CARE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Born in a small town in Siberia, Alex McCall was adopted at seven years old and came to West Chicago in 2003 to live with his forever family. For the first seven years of his life he didn't have much and was thrilled to come to all the comforts of home. Alex became an active member in his church, St. John the Baptist, school, and Boy Scouts where he received his Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed participating in many service projects that benefited others. Since he knows how it feels to have nothing, he has always wanted to give back and pay forward. When he started working, he decided to take some of his pay and help stock the shelves of the Ronald McDonald House. *That was the beginning of the "Alex Project"*. Each year there is a different beneficiary. His pro-

ject has donated toys to Shriner's Hospital, Ronald McDonald, and Central DuPage Hospital. This is the sixth annual project - making Care Bags for the homeless. He did the same project in 2021 and there was such a need for help he decided to repeat the project. With everyone's help, each Care Bag is filled with new socks, gloves, hat, hand warmers, face mask, sanitizer, toothpaste and brush, and other toiletries. There are special bags made for the children with extra items just for kids. The students of St. John's Religious Education help decorate and fill these bags. Last year over 500 bags were distributed to organizations that help the needy. PADS, Hesed house, Midwest Veterans Shelter, Elmwood Park Veterans Shelter. Wayne Township, Milton Township, DuPage County Sherriff and various police departments.

With everyone's continued help and support, this project will be a great success and help many people who are having a difficult time. If you would like to donate to help with the project, please contact the Religious Education Office at St. John the Baptist Parish. There is a great need for the items listed above or if you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are appreciated.

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

St. John the Baptist Parish

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OPEN TO ALL PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH 3RD GRADERS

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2022

Time: 12:15 pm (after Blessing of Easter Baskets@12 Noon)

Place: Gather at the church pavilion

(East side of church off Liberty St.)

Ages: Pre-school – 3rd grade

RSVP: Kathie Brewer at 630-682-4400 x613 or

kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org

Bring a non-perishable food item or cleaning supplies for the Food Pantry. Don't forget a basket to collect eggs! Please dress children appropriately. Hunt will be held in the gym if it rains!









TOTUS TUUS SUMMER 2022

COMING JUNE & JULY!!!



DAY PROGRAM (GRADES 1 - 6)

A week long Catholic Camp held at a local parish led by college students & Joliet Diocese seminarians

EVENING PROGRAM (GRADES 7 - 12)

Now accepting registrations



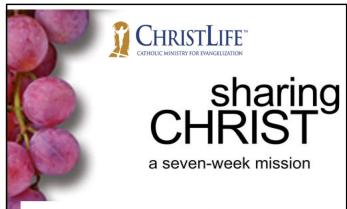
Totus Tuus is a parish summer program designed to cultivate a love for the Lord through the sacramental life of the Church and open the hearts of the participants to live out their Catholic faith daily.

St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus 2022 Scholarship Applications now available!

The Knights are continuing their Knights of Columbus Scholarship program for college-bound students of Winfield and St. John's Parish. The criteria for consideration for these scholarships are: be a resident of Winfield zip code 60190, have a family business in Winfield, have an affiliation with the KOC Council 8002 (member, son, daughter, grandchild, etc.), or be a registered parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church, Winfield,

Applications are available at your local high school, in our parish office vestibule, and on the Winfield Knights website: www.Winfieldknights.org. Kindly execute, and return by mailing to: Knights of Columbus, c/o St. John the Baptist, 0S233 Church St., Winfield, IL, 60190. Write the words "Scholarship Application" on the back of the envelope, and it must be postmarked no later than April 19, 2022, and received by April 25, 2022.

Please note: the applicant will complete Parts 1 and II of the form. Use additional pages if necessary. Part III is to be completed by school officials, attached to in a sealed envelope or mailed to the Knights at St. John's.



For those who have completed Following Christ, the third Christ-Life Trimester begins Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Please go to stjohnwinfield.org/sharing-christ for info and registration.

Questions? Please email christlife@stjohnwinfield.org

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN

"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!" -St. Padre Pio

We, the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. John, get together to pray the Holy Rosary, every other Wednesday evening. We will convene again at St. John's Fire Pit (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Pavilion) on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m., to offer our thanks for our many gifts and blessings and to pray, as well, for our many individual needs and intentions:

- for deliverance from the scourge of abortion,
- for the end of the pandemic and its effects,
- for the suffering and the sick,
- for the strayed and neglectful of faith,
- for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and
- in special thanks for our great Pastor, Fr. Chris Lankford

Afterwards, we'll get together for good conversation, supplemented by tasty snacks and "libations." Hope you can join us.

--Sean Conley and Mike McGrath



St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women Upcoming April 2022 events

Thurs., April 7th 7:00pm in Sebahar Hall

General Meeting

Tonight's program will be a Purse Auction. Donate a new or gently used purse to be auctioned off. Include a gift card or some other item with a \$10 value inside.



Catholic Charities will benefit from the auction proceeds!





Young at Hearts is planned for: April 20th

Sat., April 23rd

1:00pm Cathedral of St. Raymond

Woman of the Year Mass—Congratulations to:

Sheila Hornyak and Joan Pacer, St. John's CCW Women of the Year for 2022 who will be recognized at this Mass.

An article on Sheila and Joan will be posted at a later date in the parish bulletin.

Thurs., Apr. 28th 7:00pm in Sebahar Hall Board meeting

End of year discussion regarding donations & events



We're Firing Up Our Ovens Again! (3) COME JOIN US for our April "Welcome Spring" YOUNG AT HEARTS LUNCHEON

on Wednesday, April 20th @ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall

Our ovens are firing up again and we can't wait to share our home-cooked delicacies with you as we welcome Spring!

Feast on BBQ Hamburgers in Secret Sauce, Mac n Cheese, Provencal salad (an Ina Garten recipe), along with coleslaw, beets, salad, and Jello. Our meal will finish off with delicious, assorted desserts. We hope to see you there:)

Free will donations accepted.
Young at Hearts is open to anyone 55 or better.
Masks are optional.



If you have any questions, please call Harriett @ 630-682-1218.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Enjoy pancakes with your choice of

bacon or sausage

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am until 11:00 am in Sebahar Hall

Place advance orders starting Wed., 3/30 through Sun., 4/3 until 10:00 am, on St. John's website. www.stjohnwinfield.org.

Or call on Sunday, 4/3, Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651 or Sean at 630-835-8225

Dine In or Pick-Up at St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Liberty St ~Good will donations accepted.~

KNIGHTS EASTER VIGIL DINNER, **FUNDRAISER, SAT., APRIL 16TH**

The Knights of Columbus are taking orders for Tony's woodfired slow roasted Angus boneless prime rib from Wheaton Meat market.

Please contact Sean Conley at 630-835-8225 to place your order by Friday, April 8. Include your name, phone number, pick -up time & which size dinner you'd like to order. (Please, no special requests.)

Pick-up is Saturday, April 16 between 12pm-2pm at St. John's Sebahar Hall. Make check payable to KOC 8002. Proceeds go towards the Sebahar Kitchen Renovation Phase II.

Prime Rib - 10 oz/serving

10 oz
20 oz
30 oz
40 oz
50 oz
60 oz

Each dinner includes:

- 10 oz. prime rib
- 1 side au jus
- 1 side horseradish sauce
- 1 baked potato
- 1 side sour cream
- 1 dinner roll with butter
- 1 chocolate brownie



All food will be hot and wrapped and ready to go straight to your oven or right to the table.

KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent



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5 pm to 7 pm Fridays... March 4, 11, 25, **April 1 & 8**

Besides the Fish Dinners, menu will also include the following: Shrimp Dinners, Fish and Shrimp Combo, Fish Tacos, Spaghetti Dinners, Pizza, Enchiladas and Salads Kids \$7 eniors \$10 Includes all the sides, packaged, hot and ready for YOU!

YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE! PLACE ONLINE ORDERS BY 6:30 PM ON THE DAY OF THE FRY! www.stjohnwinfield.org

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ULTREYA

Join us for the next Ultreya on Saturday April 9. Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following, we will go downstairs to Sebahar Hall. The Ultreya will begin at 9:30 and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/Tea and snacks will be provided. Our witness speaker is Marianne Kinkley from St. Michael's Parish. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the Cursillo Movement!

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Our Cursillo Community will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month on-line. The next Chaplet will be held via Zoom on **April 3 at 8:00 pm**. Friends and family are welcome. **The Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.**

Women's Spring Weekend

The Women's 131st Cursillo Weekend team is in formation. The weekend will run from **April 21-24** at the Carmelite Center in Darien. We are happy to share that there are eighteen registered candidates already, including two from our parish, Judi Gonzalez & Rosi Rodriguez. We pray for the others in our parish that are still discerning the call to attend this weekend. Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend. Applications are available for download at **www.jolietcursillo.org.**

NEW TO CURSILLO?

Are you interested in undergoing an exhilarating and unforgettable religious and life-changing experience? Do you want the opportunity to experience peace, serenity and joy which often eludes many of us? Would you like to grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you want to be a better role model and leader within your family and environments? If you answered yes to any of these, then this is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Your experience will include being in the company of other faith-filled Catholics that will support you on your spiritual journey, both during the weekend and beyond. Cursillo will help you to become a better person and Christian in your daily life. You will have time to think, pray and learn away from the hectic pace of everyday life. The weekend includes a series of awesome and thought-provoking talks given by laity and clergy followed by small group discussion.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as personal Spiritual Direction with a clergy member will be made available for those interested.

Fr. Burke recently wrote in his blog. "Consider investing 72 hours to change your life forever. Join millions around the world that have experienced a Cursillo weekend and learn how-to live-in God's grace.

Finally, bring your appetite, as there will be plenty of food, fun and fellowship! Transportation to and from the weekend will be provided.

You will need a sponsor to attend a Cursillo because there is a discipleship model in place. If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at amythel@att.net Additional information can be found in the narthex or on our website www.jolietcursillo.org

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

Welcome to April, welcome to Spring, happy Lent. We hope it has been a good Lent for you so



far. We are sure all the prayers and sacrifices that have been offer for Life have led to the many saves occurring during the 40 Days for Life vigils. (At least three that we know of at Waterleaf alone.) If you have not been able to come out to Waterleaf to pray hopefully you will be able to during this last week of the vigil. Any time 7a.m. to 7p.m. at 3055 E. New York St, Aurora, IL, Monday through Saturday, and bring a friend.

This Saturday, April 9th, is the Chain of Life on Roosevelt Rd. from 10:15-11:30. We will meet at Compass Church Parking Lot at 520 E. Roosevelt Rd, Wheaton IL 60189. This is a silent ecumenical prayer event. This event is like the Chain of Life prayer event in October. People hold plain white signs with a simple life affirming message and form a single line, praying silently for an end to abortion for one hour. Please bring a chair if that is easier for you and if one hour is too long you can leave earlier. This is such a great, peaceful witness for Life to all the many driving on Roosevelt Rd., and to the others they may tell about it. It really helps to show how people are for Life. PLEASE try to join us. If you'd like to carpool email me rylinda@comcast.net.

Oh God, who is the Beginning and the End, hear our prayers as we cry out to you to end the merciless shedding of innocent blood in our nation and throughout the world.

Through death you have conquered death and through your life we experience eternal and everlasting life.

Cause life to spring forth in the hearts of all people and bring forth a love and respect for life that will dominate our culture.

May your kingdom and church apprehend and overtake the culture of death that has prevailed through deceit and selfishness; may the Seed of the woman crush the head of the serpent through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday April 20th at 7:00 pm at the home of Jean Daniell. We will discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming date and title:

May 18th: The Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

June 15th: TBD

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners for at least six months and parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! If Godparents are married, their marriage needs to be blessed by the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, 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

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our priests are unable to make a hospital visit unless the situation is dire. 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 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.

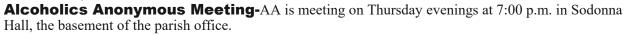
Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the Please Pray for the Sick in 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 next Grief Support meeting is Thurs. evening, April 7, 2022, in the Parish Office Dining Room. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Eucharistic Adoration: Beginning March 3rd, Adoration hours are expanded to 12 hours every Thursday, immediately following 7:00 am Mass, until 8:00 pm in the Chapel. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.





Miscellaneous

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; The 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Our parish office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. You are always welcome to call or email the parish office, as well, 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 or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the Parish Office Vestibule.

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.

To subscribe to the St. John's weekly church bulletin, go to

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Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report his/her suspicions to civil authorities. Contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800 -252-2873) or the local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

Denuncia de abuso sexual

Cualquier persona que tenga motivos de sospecha que un niño ha sido abusado o está siendo abusado debe informar a las autoridades civiles. Contacto: Departamento de Illinois de Servicios para Niños y Familia: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) o la policía local. El Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Diócesis de Joliet está disponible para ayudar a las víctimas / sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil por parte de un ministro, empleado o voluntario de la Iglesia Católica. El Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas informará al Obispo Hicks y coordinará los esfuerzos de apoyo y acompañamiento pastoral para ayudar en el proceso de curación. El Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas también puede proveer asistencia en hacer un informe a las autoridades civiles. Póngase en contacto con la Diócesis de Joliet Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas en el 1-815-263-6467.







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