ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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MASS TIMES

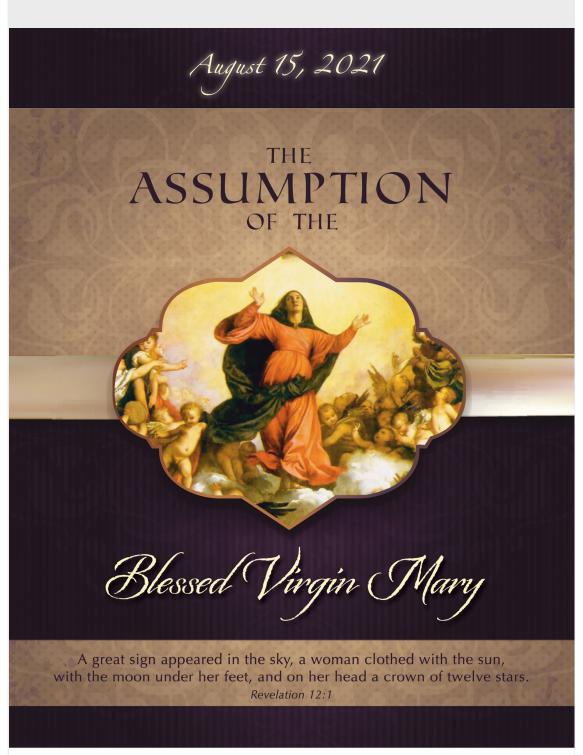
Mondays -**Thursdays** 7:00 am

Fridays 12:00 pm

Saturdays Confessions-3:30-4:30 pm

5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

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



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Please pray for our sick

James Adduci Alisa Allen Sandy Anderson Jack Aylward Dave Balseqiz Ada Bantola Michael Barone Ella Bitterman Jennifer Bitterman Floyd Bosch Brian Burke Allison Lamberts Burns Jim Cabrera, Sr. Karen Cervenka Lisa Cicero Al Cieslik Patricia Clifford Kathy Connor Georgene Cook Carol Connors Julio Correa Rita Cross Mary Elaine Cruz Linda Dameron Anetta Derango Kathe Doremus Nick DuBay Karen Durbin Ralph Eckhoff Concepcion Edaño Joan Enders Aaron Erickson William Ferdinand Patrocinia Fernandez

Valerie Fraser Kyle Freed Dolores Gabriel Monica Garcia Gregory Garlt Darlene Gedvilas Danny Gonzalez Judy Gonzalez Dawn Grant Destin Green Daniel Guzman Jennifer Hammerschmidt Deborah Lvnn Harris Betty Hass Jeremy Heintz John Heitzler, Jr Joseph & Joy Henczel Edy Jacobs Pat Jakubiec Jason Jensen Margarita Jimenez Andrew Jin Shawn Jurgensen Charles Kadolph David C. Kadolph Lynn Kadolph Mary Kallas Kathy Kamphaus Brandon Karimi Ken Kasnicka Carter Kettner Donna Kevil Gerry Krug Margaret Kuhn Korrin Kupris

Ivanna Lamb Rose Marie Lambert Ken Larson Nancy Liden Haley Lipnisky Marilyn Loech Sam Mahre Beth Majerczyk Gianna Malorny John Maltese Linda Marczewski Jan Masters Al Mathieu Diane Maher Alex McCall Michael McCall Perri McCall Patricia Meschler Bessy Miller Colette Miller Mavette Monales Thomas Morris Rosa Mostek Megan Mueller Mary Lu Mulcahy Lauren Mungo Joan Murdock Tim Murnane John Naill Becky Neal Johnny Neal Maura Neuens Clare North

Alex Novak Andy Nowak Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard Joseph O'Brien Larry Orni Joan Pacer Lori Pacer *Charlie Parisi* Bill Parker Josie Pasciak Jim Paulissen Owen Payton Molly Peters Bane Petrov Joseph Pirofalo Brittney Prehn Ian Prosser Tim Ptak Theresa Ratterman Mary Rauch Sam Reyes Alicia Ricciardi Cooper Rojas Gertie Romero Monica Romero Kelli Rooney Katherine Rose John Rossi Sister Audrey Rothweil Marvin Rothweil Susan Rothweil **Bob Salat** 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 Sumano Ewa Sarnacka Lucy Szwed Mary Tarchala Deborah Terry Virg Tobin Jim Toman Erin Anderson Tugman Benjamin Vargas Maria Vargas Keith Venard Martha Vescio Virginia Underwood Dolores Vasquez Genevieve Welch Emily Wilson Kylie Wells-Long Paula Winterhalder Flizabeth Wood Susan Woodbury Lexie Youngberg Larry Zengri

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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 who is preparing for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS-UPDATE

As of June 11, in accordance with the Diocese of Joliet, parishioners do not have to sign up for Mass. Full capacity inside our Church and Chapel is allowed. Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask. There will be a section in Church (if you are facing the altar, the section is to the extreme right, along north wall) to sit if you feel more comfortable social distancing and with people who are wearing masks. We will continue to refrain from offering blood of Christ in a chalice at Communion for the time being. Singing is allowed. The bishop's dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place for the time being, with the intention of providing our parishes and our parishioners the opportunity to navigate and adjust to these new guidelines and protocols.



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 PFC Gerard Kostecka Airman Nicholas Kostecka Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski Sgt. David Lawless SrA Robert Lawless Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao Commander Matthew Luff CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell ABH2 Sean Phillips Captain Colleen Rezabek Captain Kevin Rezabek A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez Cpl Riley Santoyo Sgt Ian Sarlitto AN Michael Schieve PFC Keegan Serbick Major Jim Smolucha Major Mike Smolucha SPC Thomas Stanhope AFSSgt Zachary Ushman Lt. Keith Wolfe

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

While contemplating the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, I came across some insights from an article where Pope Francis addresses Mary's Assumption. Please consider these excerpts from his 2020 article:

"On the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mary's assumption into Heaven was an infinitely greater achievement than man's first steps on the moon. When man set foot on the moon, he (Neil Armstrong) said a phrase that became famous: 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.' In essence, humanity had reached a historic milestone. But today, in Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we celebrate an infinitely greater achievement. Our Lady set foot in Heaven. This step of the little Virgin of Nazareth was the giant leap forward of mankind. In Mary's assumption into Heaven, one sees life's end goal: "not to gain the things here below, which are fleeting, but the patrimony above, which is forever. Our Lady set foot in Heaven: she went there not only in spirit, but with her body as well, with all of herself. That one of us dwells in the flesh in Heaven gives us hope: we understand that we are precious, destined to rise again."

In my first homily at St. John's, I stated that our goal while living here on earth is Heaven. You may have noticed on the front page of our weekly bulletin I have added the words,



"Leading Souls to Heaven." My personal mission as your pastor is to help you get there. And I want all of us, as parishioners of St. John's, to do what we can to help others on this path. How do we get there? Mary's life on earth shows us a path. She listened to God and obeyed His will. Through our prayers, words and actions, may we follow Mary's example while here on earth.

In Christ, Fr Chris

Father in heaven.

all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you.

In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb
was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness
and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Prayer is from catholic.org

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2021

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(The 7:50 am Masses are offered privately by our priests for the intentions that have been promised; there are no public 7:50 am Masses.* Until further notice no new 7:50 am Mass Intentions will be taken.)

Saturday, August 14

No 8:30am Mass

Vigil Mass of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. † Richard Aylward (Jack Aylward)

† Fred Dusza (The Dusza Family)

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (Colette Miller)

† John Hornyak (SJB Adult Choir)

† John Oldershaw (Michael & Pat Hussey)

† Marguerite Quinn (The Conley Family)

† Mrs. Cathy Chambers (Pat & Breda Herward)

Sunday, August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. † Bill Rose (The Rose Family)

9:30 a.m. † Antoinette Fabianski (The Fabianski Family)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

No 1:30 p.m. Mass

Monday, August 16

7:00 a.m. † Manuel Garza, Jr. (Benavides Family)

Tuesday, August 17

7:00 a.m. † John "Gino" Smalley (Harriett Kunesh)

Wednesday, August 18

7:00 a.m. † Evelyn Zawislak (Lois & Chuck Kirk)

Thursday, August 19

7:00 a.m. † Joseph & Timothy Lambert (Rose Marie Lambert)

Friday, August 20

12:00 p.m. † John J. O'Connor (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Saturday, August 21

No 8:30am Mass

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Ray Bonardi (John & Sheila Otto)

† Carmen Kramer (Dan & Jennifer Kalina)

† Ann Crossman (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

† Martha O'Connor (Michael & Pat Hussey)

† Susan Daniels (Rick & Mary Carlson)

† Fred Dusza (Butch Hansen)

† Chuck Johnston (Butch Hansen)

Sunday, August 22, Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Seth, Bella & Samantha Vermillion (The Vermillion

Family)

11:30 a.m. † Frank Krenc (The Fuller Family)

No 1:30 p.m. Mass

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ Raymond Stachniak, Sr. Church † Giuliana Capigatti



*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.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sunday, August 15, 2021, Not A Holyday of Obligation This Year

Because The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Sunday this year, it is not a



Holyday of obligation; therefore, there will not be special Mass schedule. However, since it is the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, please join us at any of our weekend Masses. If you are unable to attend Mass due to COVID-19 issues. know the dispensation from

the Sunday obligation, including Holydays, is still in effect. Our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass is livestreamed. See our website for the YouTube link.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance & Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the church on the most outer aisle, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, maintaining a six-foot distance. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, & asked to socially distance while waiting.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, August 14, 3:30 pm-Fr Michael
- Saturday, August 21, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris

Pardon Our Dust













SCHOOL DOOR RAMP



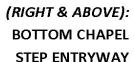








(LEFT): SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF CHURCH





Restoration work continues at our church home. This past week, concrete work was completed on some of our entry-ways and sidewalks around campus. Pictured here are before and work in progress photos of our religious education steps, the chapel doors, the sidewalk in front of the church and our school ramp. As you can see in the before photos, the cement work was cracked and falling apart. The after photos of the concrete work show our entryways repaired and ready to lead souls to heaven!

Improvements and enhancements such as these that are happening to our church and chapel home and to our school are due to the generosity of our St. John's parishioners and through fundraising efforts such as Father Chris's beard "shearing" appeal held this past spring.

If you would like to help with projects like the above-mentioned and in our school, please consider donating at Mass or on our website at www.stjohnwinfield.org, click on "Give Online with WeShare," then see the "Pardon Our Dust" logo.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CURIOUS ABOU

Seek answers at Discovering Christ.



A great (free) dinner



An engaging Bible-inspired message



Discussion and conversation about the message

Seven Tuesday Nights September 21 – November 2, 2021 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Also, mark your calendars for a special retreat day on Saturday, October 23, 2021

Space is limited –
Details and Registration at
stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ

Livestream/Zoom option available! So be sure to invite friends and family who are not able to attend in person.



Welcome Back!

St. John the Baptist

Parish Picnic Sunday, August 22nd

Immediately following the 11:30 am Mass in the Grass

(For additional seating please bring a lawn chair)



Fun Events:

Food - Knights of Columbus will serve BBQ, Sweet Corn & Sides

Beverages - Beer, Wine, Pop and Water

Music - Live music by SJB Contemporary Ensemble

Yard Games - Bingo - Inflatable Games

Ways to Volunteer:

We need pop/water donations and several volunteers sign up: Online: https://signup.com/go/PYYtGLe Or on the poster in the Narthex

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Donations to the Tuition Assistance Program

In these days of the pandemic, St. John the Baptist Catholic School offers a beacon of light to parents who want the benefit of a Catholic education. Not only does St. John's Catholic School meet and exceed public school academic standards and results, religious education is included in the daily SJB curriculum. SJB students receive instruction and guidance in our Catholic faith by our Pastor, Fr. Chris, as well as our faculty. Catholic families greatly desire Catholic education; however, the \$5,000 tuition cost can pose an obstacle for them.

That is where the St. John's tuition assistance program comes in, making scholarships available to families in need. We are extremely grateful for the scholarships and grants provided by the Diocese of Joliet's Catholic Education Fund (CEF), which annually contributes a significant amount of assistance to SJB families. In addition to the monies provided by CEF, a substantial amount of tuition assistance funding comes from our parishioners.

During the 2020-21 school year, 25 of our students were granted full or partial scholarships totaling just under \$100,000 through the state of Illinois' tax credit scholarship program. We have set a goal of awarding 35 scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year which would require at least \$135,000 in donations. To date, 28 scholarships have been awarded for the coming school year and 20 eligible students remain on a wait list pending additional funding. As our school enrollment increases, the need for tuition aid rises as well and must be sustained to provide ongoing financial support for enrolled students in need.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School can use your help. We need additional donors to fully fund tuition assistance needs. There are two programs at St. John's where donations can be directed:

The Monsignor Cloos Fund - This fund was established in honor of a long-time pastor of our parish. It is directly managed by the pastor who makes the decision to provide aid and the dollar amount. Donations to the Cloos Fund qualify as a charitable deduction for federal tax filers.

Empower Illinois is a scholarship granting organization that operates under the Invest in Kids Act and offered by the state of Illinois. Donations to Empower Illinois qualify for a State of Illinois tax credit in the amount of 75% of the tuition aid contribution.

Please prayerfully consider donating to one of these funds. No donation is too small and would be greatly appreciated as it directly benefits students at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. To learn more about the donation process, contact Joanne Policht, principal, at St. John the Baptist Catholic School at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org.

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 6-9pm in the Chapel. There is no signup required. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. For an interesting Adoration article, go to:

https://
prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/04/21/things-todo-during-eucharistic-adoration/

CALLING ALL LOVERS OF LITURGICAL SONG!!!

The music program at St. John the Baptist Church is calling on all parishioners who enjoy singing at liturgies to join our ranks as cantors or choral members. New members to the parish are encouraged to investigate the program as well as members who have been here for a long time. It is said that singing means you are praying twice, so we encourage you to lift your voices in song. Since the COVID pandemic made it difficult to sing without spreading the virus, we were limited in what music we could provide, but now with the vaccines available, we are able to sing again!

Cantor practices are on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the church or can be arranged to fit your schedule, and choral practices are on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. beginning August 25th. Call Adrienne Rose at 630-653-1489 or leave your name and number at the parish office.

Picture your Kindergartner through 8th grade child at St. John the Baptist Catholic School this fall!





Come for the excellent faith formation and academics, leave with great friendships, and as loving, caring, and compassionate individuals.

Openings remain in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Even though school is out for the summer, we are busy preparing for the 2021-22 school year, and welcome you for a tour. Call Joanne Policht for more information at 630-668-2625, ext. 617. You can also visit our website at sjbwinfield.org



St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Formed in Faith, Educated in Excellence,

Embraced by Community



Enroll now at St. John the Baptist Catholic School!

Grades Kindergarten thru Eighth, 2021-2022 School Year
¡Inscríban sus hijos en la Escuela Católica de San Juan Bautista!

Grados Kindergarten a Ocho, Año Académico 2021-2022

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 2021-2022 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.



WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- You can share your gifts... Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- Leave your checkbook at home. Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 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.
- **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!

- Visit our church website and click Give Online. www.stjohnwinfield.org
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 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.

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!

July 18....\$17,782 August 1...\$28,055 July 25....\$14,846 August 8...\$23,479

ST. JOHN'S MASS LIVE-STREAMED

St. John's has set up a YouTube channel where Masses and devotions are posted. Currently, our 9:30 am Sunday Mass will be live-streamed. You can watch it live or you can go on YouTube anytime and watch the saved Masses.

There are two ways to find the Live Streamed Masses:

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

Come on over & treat yourself at the Knights of Columbus' Snack Shack!

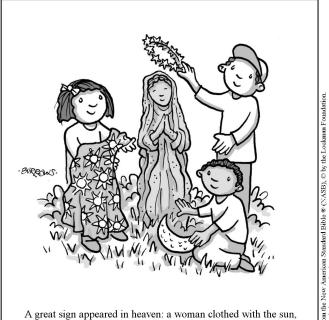
The KC trailer is at the corner of Church & Beecher from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm each Saturday & Sunday (except holidays).

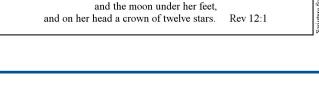
SNACK SHACK

They serve food, ice cream, pop, etc, & usually a hot sandwich. The proceeds will be used for our St. John's School!

Be sure to stop by & support SJB!

The Little Ones Jim Burrows











KOC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Family Tent @ Beecher & Church

Wood Smoked
Slow Roasted BBQ
Beef or Chicken
Salads, Corn on the Cob
and all the Trimmings

Live music by: Crocodile Jazz Band 6 – 8 pm

Individual Dinner Ticket Purchase \$40.00 2 for \$75. Table of 10 / \$350.00

TO RESERVE A TABLE OF 10, CONTACT TONY REYES @ 630-669-0501 Or order individual /couple tickets contact Sean Conley @ 630-752-0624

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2021/2022 NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

For all new families, registration forms are available online for Religious Education Sessions 2021-2022ONLINE. Please see our website at www.stjohnwinfield.org, click on Education, Religious Education and then Registration. We need the registration form, medical form and the acknowledgement form along with a \$100 deposit to complete the registration.

For returning families we have preprinted forms in the office. If you stop into the RE office, you can just check that we have the correct information. If you prefer, print out the blank forms from the website and drop off at the RE Office Monday through Thursday 8:30-2PM, Door 11.

Please note, due to COVID-19, we have changed some of the RE class times and days we meet. And seating is limited, so do not wait!

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS:

GRADES K-5

4:30-5:45PM Every week

GRADE 6

5:45-7:15PM Bi-weekly

CONFIRMATION I AND CONFIRMATION II

6:00-7:30PM Alternate weeks

SATURDAY SESSIONS:

GRADE 2-6 English 8:30-945AM-Every week

SPANISH 2:

9:00-10:15AM-Every week

FIRST YEAR COMMUNION PREPARATION: 9:00-10:15AM

Session Dates can be found on the St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org.



A NOTE FROM MAUREEN BRENNAN, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: WANTED: SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES:

Pencils, pens, glue, notebooks, folders, scissors, markers, highlighters, rulers, crayons, ruled loose leaf paper...

Please place items in designated bin in parish office vestibule by **August 16th.**Thank you, St. John's Parishioners!



LOVE KIDS?

WANT TO BLESS MOMS?

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT MOPS

We are seeking loving, responsible individuals to provide childcare for kids ages 0-6 during our meetings. This position pays \$10.00 an hour.

9:00am - 12:00pm - First and third Fridays Sept - May

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers and provides a community for local moms to build relationships, share support and learn from Gods word. We believe better moms make a better world. Will you help us?

Contact SJB MOPS at mops@stjohnwinfield.org or Contact Debbi Vermillion 630-885-2351.

SJB MOPS





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MOPS

9:15 - 11:45 AM first and third Fridays Sept - May

MOPS/MOMSNext is a community for local moms to build relationships, share support and learn from Gods word. We believe better moms make a better world. Mentor moms bring perspective on mothering, womanhood and relationships - based on biblical principles and your own life story. You would be a cheerleader, a comfort and a living testimony that it is going to be ok! Will you help us?

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SJB MOPS





ATTENTION ALL MOMS!

MOPS/MOMSNext Ministry at St. John's is for all moms in all stages of life! If you are pregnant with your first child or a grandma to many, we would love for you to be a part of our group! Have you been longing to find friendship with like-minded women who have a love for Jesus? Then this might be the group for you!

After a year spent hunkering down, living smaller, and experiencing a little more fear and anxiety than usual, we are declaring this is the year of going big. It is a year of fresh starts and turning ordinary experiences into extraordinary ones. Enthusiasm will replace worry. Friendship will replace loneliness. No longer will we wait to "get back to normal"; instead, we will start making space for the new things God has for us. We will become less guarded and more daring because this is our year to live All For Love.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month during the school year from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. We also offer free childcare onsite!

For more information, go to:

www.stjohnwinfield.org, under Parish Life select MOPS/MOMSNext or email mops@stjohnwinfield.org On Saturday, 7/31, St. John's held another very successful Run for Life. Thank you to all who participated, were sponsors, volunteered, and especially to Christine Kania who organized the race for the third time.

CATHOLICS
FOR LIFE

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

The Supreme Court has agreed to take up the case of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization and is scheduled to hear arguments this fall, and give a ruling in June. The case centers on a 2018 Mississippi law banning abortions after 15 weeks. This is the same limit that exists in France, Italy, Spain, Germany and many other countries. On July 22nd Mississippi submitted their brief and went all out for Life. Now eleven Republican state governors have cosigned a brief in the case. The governors pushed the Court to uphold Mississippi's abortion ban as well as to overturn a pair of key Supreme Court rulings on abortion in Roe and in 1992's Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey.

Today we celebrate The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven. This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." Again let us turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary in prayer for her help in ending abortion.

Prayer For Life

O God, giver of life help us to do our part to save unborn babies from death by abortion and aid pregnant mothers in distress. Please strengthen us in our efforts to end abortion. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, The Immaculate Conception in the name of Jesus. Amen



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

August 7, 2021

Amy Rosas Coss

Child of Yanelly Coss Duran & Jose Rosas Silva

Anna Connie Jaeger

Child of Karen & Jason Jaeger



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. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 2, 2021, 7:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration is on Thursday evenings from 6pm-9pm. You do not need to pre-register. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-AA is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Sodonna Hall, the basement of the parish office.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting at St. John's due to COVID-19.

MASS INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: Please call or email the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. The donation is \$10; The 5:00 pm Mass is a free-will donation. 630-668-0918, ext 0 or jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. We can mail the Mass card for you.

NEW! SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS: From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, our parish office is open, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, & from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Fridays. We ask that you wear a mask and refrain from coming into office if you do not feel well. 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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Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting,



Wednesday August 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Tsaparis. We will discuss *Still Life* by Louise Penny.

Please inquire for

directions or with any questions & RSVP Karen at karen.tsaparis@gmail.com.

Upcoming date and title:

Sept 15, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout Oct 20, *Little Woman* by Louisa May Alcott

LOVE THEM BOTH

We must love them both—those whose opinions we share and those whose opinions we reject. For both have labored in the search for truth, and both have helped us in the finding of it.

—Thomas Aquinas

NEXT ROSARY GET-TOGETHER FOR MEN OF ST. JOHN-Wed., 8/25, 7p, Fire Pit

Gentlemen: Continuing with our every-other-week schedule, we will again be praying the Rosary at the Mary Garden/KC Fire-Pit, with the same intentions in our hearts and minds: for the well-being of our Families, our Church, our Nation, and Ourselves. Afterwards, we will gather for fellowship and good conversation, enriched by snacks and liquid refreshments. Hope you can join us on:

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