

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twentieth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord ...
I will bring to my holy mountain ...
for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Isaiah 56:6, 7

The Holy Mountain, folio 3 from *Monte Sancto di Dio*, 1477
Baccio Baldini (Italian, c. 1436-1487)
Chicago Institute of Art (CIC)

Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balseqiz
Ada Bantola
Jennifer Bitterman
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
Ralph Eckhoff
Joann Eggebrecht
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patrocinia Fernandez
Fr. Hilary Fischer
Marie Flores
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas

Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Daniel Guzman
Jim Hale
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Paul Isherwood
Edy Jacobs
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Charles Kadolph
David C. Kadolph
Lynn Kadolph
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Joe Konopka
Margaret Krisch
Gerry Krug
Korin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
Ken Larson

Rick LeBreux
Dolores Lewandowski
Nancy Liden
Haley Lipnisky
Marilyn Loechl
Sam Mahre
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Bessy Miller
Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Rosa Mostek
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
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
Lori Pacer
Bill Parker
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 Rothwell
Marvin Rothwell
Susan Rothwell
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
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
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. Christopher Lankford

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jim Olofson

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

Facilities Manager:

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

Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose...630-653-1489

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Religious Education:.....Office: Ext 613

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

Public Sunday Masses have begun, as well as public daily Mass at 7am and Saturday at 8:30am. We will have a limited amount of available seats for Mass because of the policy of keeping households six feet apart; you must sign up through our parish website to reserve a seat for Sunday Masses, including the 5p on Saturday evening, at www.stjohnwinfield.org. You do not need to sign up for Daily Masses, including the 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning. The bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect.

Masses and devotions will continue to be online on YouTube.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm &

Sun. 7:30, 9:30 11:30 am

Misa En Español:

Domingo 1:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 am; Sat. 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confesión):

Sat. 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Adoration:

Thursday Evenings,

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm



**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.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
PFC Gerard Kostecka
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
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
PFC Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

**Please keep in your prayers
our Seminarian who is preparing
for the Priesthood:**

Joseph Solomon

**Please pray for the Seminarians working
at CDH this Summer: Greg Alberts,
Brian Geary, Aaron Minix, Tom Logue**

THE PRIESTS' PAGE/LA PÁGINA DE LOS PADRES

This Wednesday is the first day of school for our kids here at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. As a proud product of Catholic education, I am excited to welcome the kids back to our school for another great year of learning. While this year may bring many new challenges, we remain committed to providing a good Catholic education here in Winfield. I know that in many minds, there are concerns about the health and safety of our teachers and students. And while no plan is fool-proof, I can assure you that we are taking every step possible to ensure that in-person learning can happen in a safe and effective manner. So I ask for your prayers for our principal, our teachers, and our students and families, that they might have a safe start to the school year this week!

Now I don't want to brag, but I was a student in Catholic schools for 23 years! So I can speak personally to the benefits that the students receive from the gift of Catholic education. First and foremost is the focus on the faith. One thing that makes Catholic schools unique is the fact that religion isn't just a subject among others, but Christ is seen and encountered in all that is done. Learning the faith, then, isn't just about passing tests and reciting prayers, but learning how Jesus walks with us throughout every aspect of our lives. Students encounter Him in their studies, their games, their friendships, their service projects, and their free time. Another noteworthy characteristic of Catholic education is the community. There is a real bond between the students, teachers, and families that all make up the school community. The fact that attending a Catholic school is a choice creates a natural sort of "buy in," but even on top of that, the community experience is something that is real and tangible. Students are known and cared for as individuals, ensuring that each student can reach his or her fullest potential. And the education they receive is high quality, preparing them well for whatever lies ahead! So while it is a sacrifice to send your kids to a Catholic school, there is so much goodness that the sacrifice is definitely worth it. So let us thank God for the gift of Catholic education and pray for the upcoming school year here at SJB!

In Christ,
Fr. Jim

Este miércoles es el primer día de clases para nuestros niños aquí en la escuela de San Juan Bautista. Como un producto orgulloso de la educación católica, estoy emocionado de dar la bienvenida a los niños de nuestra escuela para otro año de aprendizaje. Este año puede traer muchos desafíos nuevos, pero seguimos comprometidos a ofrecer una educación católica aquí en Winfield. Yo sé que en muchas mentes hay preocupaciones sobre la salud y seguridad de nuestros maestros y estudiantes. Y aunque ningún plan es infalible, puedo asegurarles que estamos dando todos los pasos posibles para garantizar que el aprendizaje en persona pueda suceder de una manera segura y eficaz. ¡Así que les pido sus oraciones por nuestro director, nuestros maestros y nuestros estudiantes y familias, para que puedan tener un comienzo seguro del año escolar esta semana!

Ahora no quiero jactarme, ¡pero fui estudiante en escuelas católicas por 23 años! Así que puedo hablar personalmente de los beneficios que reciben los estudiantes del don de la educación católica. Primero y principal está el enfoque en la fe. Una cosa que hace que las escuelas católicas sean únicas es el hecho de que la religión no es solo un tema entre otros, sino que Cristo es visto y encontrado en todo lo que se hace. Entonces, aprender la fe no se trata solo de pasar pruebas y recitar oraciones, sino de aprender cómo Jesús camina con nosotros en cada momento de nuestra vida. Los estudiantes lo encuentran en sus estudios, sus juegos, sus amistades, sus proyectos de servicio y su tiempo libre. Otra característica importante de la educación católica es la comunidad. Existe un vínculo real entre los estudiantes, los maestros y las familias que forman la comunidad escolar. El hecho de que asistir a una escuela católica sea una elección crea una "aceptación" natural, pero incluso además de eso, la experiencia comunitaria es algo real y tangible. Los estudiantes son conocidos y cuidados como individuos, lo que garantiza que cada estudiante pueda alcanzar su máximo potencial. ¡Y la educación que reciben es de alta calidad, lo que los prepara bien para lo que se avecina! Entonces, es un sacrificio enviar a sus hijos a una escuela católica, pero hay tanta bondad que el sacrificio definitivamente vale la pena. ¡Demos gracias a Dios por el regalo de la educación católica y oremos por el próximo año escolar aquí en SJB!

En Cristo,
Padre Jim

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2020**

Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.
— *Isaiah 56:1*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



(The 7:50a Masses are offered privately for the intentions that have been promised; there are no public 7:50a Masses)*

**Saturday, August 15-The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary (not a Holyday
of Obligation this year)**

8:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Vigil Mass of The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Fred Dusza (*The Maryann Dusza Family*)
† Cosgrove & Miller Families (*Colette Miller*)
† Linda Marie Fagen (*Marianne & Jim Russell*)
♥ The Chase Hanlock Family, Health & Intentions
(*The Hanlock Families*)

Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. † John, Kathleen & Patrick Dooley (*Mary L'Hotta*)
11:30 a.m. † Pagliugh Family, Deceased Members (*Lonks Family*)
1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † La intención del sacerdote

Monday, August 17

7:00 a.m. † John Schramer (*Fran Hartigan*)

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 a.m. † Thomas Gallagher (*The Rundell Family*)

Wednesday, August 19

7:00 a.m. † Frank Jarczykowski (*Dolores Lewandowski*)
*7:50 a.m. † Evelyn Zawislak (*Lois & Chuck Kirk*)

Thursday, August 20

7:00 a.m. † Bill Rose (*The Rose Family*)

Friday, August 21

7:00 a.m. † Joseph Michael Lahart (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)

Saturday, August 22

8:30 a.m. † Henry, Marge & Adel Lenertz (*The Lenertz Family*)

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Thomas Hanlock (*The Hanlock Family*)
† Robert Ferguson (*Religious Education Staff & Families*)
† Mary Lindquist (*Linda LeBreux*)
† Rose Besch Tabor

Sunday, August 23, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Charlene Lucken (*Rose Marie Lambert*)
9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)
1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † La intención del sacerdote

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ *All Those Receiving
1st Eucharist at St. John's
over the next few weeks*

Church ♥ *All Teachers & Catechists*

*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.



SIGNING UP FOR MASSES-UPDATE

Parishioners do not have to sign up in advance for daily Mass, including Saturday morning 8:30a Mass. **Sign-up is still required for Sunday Mass, including Saturday at 5p.** To register for Sunday Mass, including the vigil Mass on Saturday at 5p, go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, or phone the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.



Please pray for
Luanne Martin
who passed away on
August 10, 2020.

Our sympathies are extended to
her son, James Martin,
and to all of her family & friends.



Please pray for
Michelle Szymczak
who passed away on
August 8, 2020.

Our sympathies are extended to
her mother, Linda McKee,
and to all of her family & friends.

**Sacrament of Penance &
Reconciliation has resumed**

Confession has resumed on Saturdays from 3:30p-4:30p in the Church. Or, you may call the parish office (630-668-0918, ext 0) to make an appointment.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, August 15, 3:30p-Church-Fr Jim
- Saturday, August 22, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim



Diocese of Joliet
School Re-Opening
July 22, 2020

Update from our school principal, Joanne Policht: *"I am excited and proud to share that the St. John the Baptist Catholic School Reopening Plan has been approved and certified. Many thanks go to our reopening team - Donna Gudanick, Angela Murray, Lori Seay, Aaron Simpson, and Board Member, Gretchen LeMay, for their contributions and work on the plan. Please know that we are working very hard to implement our plan for the safety and well-being of all, and we can't wait for school to start with in person learning on Wednesday, August 19, 2020."* ~Joanne Policht, St. John's School Principal

Dear Pastors and Principals (Presidents) of our Catholic Schools:

I am very pleased to advise you that our plans are moving forward with full speed to open our Catholic Schools next month.

Our efforts are based on SAFETY and ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE in the context of CATHOLIC IDENTITY.

- I. SAFETY: In keeping with our responsibility in opening our schools in the context of Coronavirus, the following will be required without compromise. As with our Churches, WE CANNOT fulfill our charge without providing the safest environment possible for our teachers, students, administrative personnel or other employees.

Thus, it will be required:

- 1) To utilize masks throughout the school
- 2) Maintaining six-foot social distancing
- 3) Regular hand washing and sanitizing the school daily
- 4) Temperature check each morning

It is recognized that some may have different opinions about these measures. Nonetheless, they are universally advocated by recognized experts and medical scientists. We want to protect all to the very best of our ability.

- II. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF CATHOLIC IDENTITY

As has been their practice, the schools will do all possible to retain the standards of Academic rigor, to enable the students to grow and achieve their intellectual capacity. Catholic culture and formation will continue to be the context in which the education is imparted.

I am very grateful to Dr. Michael Boyle, Superintendent of Schools, his team and the dedicated Principals, teachers, and volunteers who are spending enormous time in achieving this possibility of re-opening our schools. They enjoy my unwavering support.

With appropriate confidence, I am optimistic that our schools will obtain certification for re-opening. This certification will be issued by Dr. Boyle and our Catholic Schools Office. No school will be able to open without certification. Going to this extent and the considerable effort involved are representative of how greatly we value Catholic Education.

Please join me in fervent prayer that the Good Lord will guide us on this journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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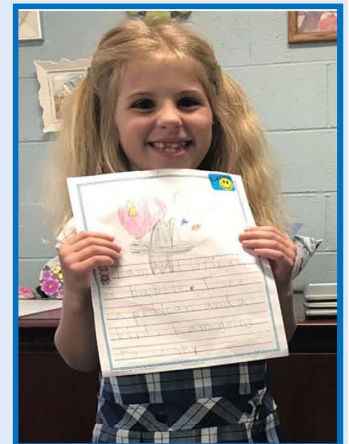
Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Joliet

cc: Most Reverend Ronald Hicks

**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.**

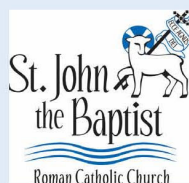


Even though school is out for the summer, we are busy preparing for the 2020-21 school year that will begin on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 with in-person learning.

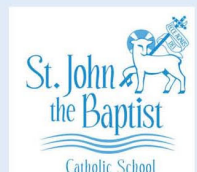
**We are pleased to announce that we are ready to implement
one-to-one Chrome Books in grades K-8.**

Please call Principal Joanne Policht for information at 630-668-2625, extension 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**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021 NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Registrations are being taken for Religious Education Sessions 2020-2021 ONLINE. Please see our website for all necessary forms at www.stjohnwinfield.org, then click on Religious Education Parent Information.

However, if you prefer, print out the forms and drop off at the RE Office Monday through Thursday 8:30-3PM, Door 11.

Or, stop in at Door 11 and we will give you the necessary paperwork. Please wear a mask.

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!

TUESDAY SESSIONS: 4-5:15PM and 5:45-7PM English Only 1st-5th grade (4th and 5th grades will meet on campus one week and eLearn the opposite week.)

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS: 5:45-7PM – Spanish Sessions (Second year)
6:00-8:00PM -6th grade alternates with Confirmation I and Confirmation II

Session Dates can be found on the last page of the Family Handbook 2020-2021 on the St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

We all know COVID has really turned our lives upside down, but not all for the worse, either! We are exercising more; just try to find a bike in the stores! We know the names of all the birds in our back yard! Our relationships are held closer to our hearts! (Unless we were ready to throttle one another after being locked up in our homes!) Some of us know more about technology now, than we did before!

Now the flip side...our stoves need to be cleaned because we are actually using them! We forgot how to shop in person! And yes, don't forget the COVID 15 lbs! Another negative is mail was delivered and TONS unopened until too late, **such as Catholic Charities asking for donations for School Supplies!** We missed their dead line, but I am sure any donation at any time will be welcomed!

So, if you see a sale, and you want to help a family in need, please purchase any school supplies you can and drop them off in the glass room outside the Parish Office. Religious Education will deliver them when we have our normal truck load to Catholic Charities!

Again, thank you, St. John's Parishioners! Your generosity always goes above and beyond the call of duty!

ATTENTION PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE EUCHARISTIC ADORERS- YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

One of our most beautiful ministries at St. John's, Eucharistic Adoration, has begun again, in a shortened form, on Thursday evenings, from 6p-9p. Your help is needed to make this happen. If you are not familiar with what Eucharistic Adoration is, it is the worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

We are offering adorers Thursday evenings from 6p-9p for one (1) hour slots.

To accomplish this, we need volunteers to greet, sign-in and usher the adorers to a pew, then following the COVID-19 guidelines, sanitize after the adorer has left.

If you believe God is calling you to this ministry and you would like to spend some quiet time with our Lord, will you consider **volunteering**? Please call Arlene Reichert at 630-890-2857, or the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, to get more information on this beautiful opportunity to deepen your relationship with God.

Thank you.



Online prayers, reflections, &devotions

<https://mycatholic.life>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com>

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

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

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

ST. JOHN'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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

Currently, two weekend Masses will be live streamed, the 9:30a and the 1:30p in Spanish. You can watch them live or you can go on YouTube anytime and watch the saved Masses.

To find the St. John's channel:

1. Go to YouTube;

2. Search for

St. John the Baptist Winfield

1. Click on our St. John's

Church logo:



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD: “Stand firm in justice; do what is right” (Isaiah 56:1, 6-7).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — The gifts and the calling of God are unable to be revoked (Romans 11:13-15, 29-32).

Gospel — Recognizing the Canaanite woman's great faith, Jesus told her, “It shall be done as you wish” (Matthew 15:21-28).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: St. John Eudes

Thursday: St. Bernard

Friday: St. Pius X

Saturday: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (*Holy Sonnets*, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.

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Sacraments at St. John's



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

August 8, 2020

Maddalena Elisabeth DiNuzzo

Child of

Jill (Morano) & Vince DiNuzzo

Matthew Thomas Huisman

Child of

Magdalena (Banbor) & Benjamin Huisman

Baptisms have begun again at St. John's. Our amazing Reopening volunteers welcome each individual family on scheduled Saturdays, checking in the 15 maximum guests and cleaning our Chapel afterward. Pictured here is one of our newest St. John's parishioners; she will be getting baptized on October 10th!



Council of Catholic Women



Dear Women of the Parish:

Another year is beginning with CCW meetings and activities. We invite you to join our organization and become as involved as you choose. All women of St. John's are really CCW members, but by joining and paying dues, you will be more aware of what we are about. By attending CCW activities as well as the events we assist the parish with, you will have the opportunity to get to know the people of this great community here at St. John's. Below is a list of upcoming meetings and activities for September. Stop by any of these events to get to know us. You can also send in a dues payment with the pink envelope that was included with the July-August parish envelopes. Any envelope will do, just include your name, address, phone number and email, if you like, and drop off at the parish office or in the collection basket at Mass. Indicate CCW on the envelope.



Thursday, Sept. 3rd CCW Board Meeting 7:00pm Sebahar Hall

Saturday, Sept. 5th CCW First Saturday Mass 8:30am, followed by Rosary in Mary Garden



Sat-Sun, Sept. 12th-13th MUM Sale-Outside Church, East Entrance-after All Masses



Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020 CCW General Meeting 9:30a Sebahar Hall



**Young at Hearts We do not have a date yet when Young at Hearts will resume.
We will gather as soon as possible.**

Young at Hearts 



Thursday, Sept. 24th CCW Board Meeting 7:00pm. Sebahar Hall

A BEAUTIFUL VOCATION STORY-EMMA TYZNIK

St. John's very own Emma Tyznik has been accepted into the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, in Gower, Missouri. She first became acquainted with the Sisters through her parents who were given information about Benedictines of Mary from a priest in the family. Emma is answering the call to "offer her life to Jesus, through Mary, on behalf of all priests." Emma is excited and said it was her prayer life and her spiritual preparation that helped her answer God's call. Father Tom Dunn is her spiritual advisor.

All of Emma's gifts from the Lord will find a home in the convent; Emma will be praying for the vocation of priesthood, sewing vestments for priests, helping with the planting and harvesting of food, as well as cooking. And the convent is rich in singing, which is inspiring to Emma. The convent sells CDs of their singing on their website.

Our CCW has made a \$100 donation to The Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles in honor of Emma.

All our prayers are with you, Emma.

If you would like more information about the Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles, their website is: <https://benedictinesofmary.org/>





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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.**

July 12.....\$19,569
July 19.....\$15,221
July 26.....\$14,985
August 2.....\$28,779

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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.

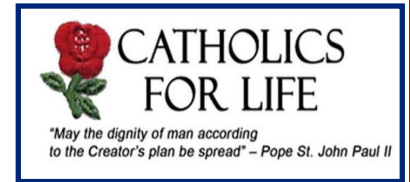
However, what would happen if that was a deduction on your IRS Form 1040 and not a tax credit? A \$1,000 deduction, if you are in the 22% tax bracket, will lower your adjusted gross income by \$1,000, thereby lowering your tax bill by about \$220. In this scenario, we also assume that the taxpayer is 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.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

Some interesting items in the news regarding Respecting Life:

Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White, is hosting a virtual National Minority Donor Awareness Month "Wave Away the Waiting" to promote organ/tissue donation for multicultural communities at www.LifeGoesOn.com.



From *The National Catholic Register* August 2, 2020 edition:

The U.S. Supreme Court's 5-4 ruling in *Espinoza v. Montana* overturns the long-time prohibition of state-funded scholarships and vouchers for tuition assistance at Catholic and other faith-based schools. This had been pushed for by the Trump administration.

Sadly, the court also ruled by a 5-4 vote on July 16, allowing the resumption of federal executions after a 17-year moratorium. Many bishops have condemned this ruling.

Thanks to the Bambino Gesù Hospital's ("the Pope's hospital") commitment in favor of the dignity of every human life, a successful surgery on two girls conjoined at the back of the head was completed on June 5th. Such a successful operation on twins conjoined in that way was considered unprecedented, as no other similar case has been reported in the scientific literature so far. Thank you, God for this hospital and the faith and skill of the surgical team who performed the surgery.

As we celebrate the feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Mother, let us continue to prayer to her for her help in assisting us to do all we can to promote, protect and respect all Life.

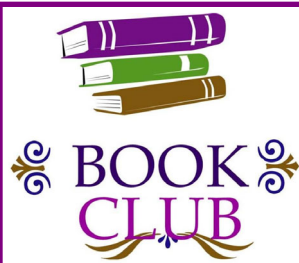
Prayer for The Feast of the Assumption

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, we believe in your triumphant Assumption into heaven where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen of Heaven and Earth. We are confident that you intercede for us now (make your intention.) After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb, O kind, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. O Queen assumed into heaven, pray for us. Amen

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 19th at 7pm. We will meet outside at the pavilion near the Mary Garden at St John's. Bring a face covering and a chair. We will discuss the book, *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah. Please RSVP or contact Jean with any questions at tjdaniell@att.net.

Upcoming book club dates: Sept 16 and Oct 21.



FROM ST. IRENE PARISH HUSTLE UP THE HILL FOR THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE...

VIRTUAL HUSTLE UP THE HILL FOR THE HOMELESS

Because of social distancing guidelines related to Covid-19, this year's Hustle Up the Hill for the Homeless sponsored by St. Irene Parish will be a virtual race. Our annual race is usually held at Blackwell's Mt. Hoy. **This year's event can be completed anywhere and anytime between Aug 22-31.** Registered participants have the option of hustling up and down Mt. Hoy at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville or completing a 5K walk/run on the route of their choice. Cost is \$30 per person or \$100 for a team of 4. Those who registered by Aug 1st will receive a race t-shirt.

Our most vulnerable populations have been hit hard by Covid-19 and high unemployment rates. Please help our fight to end homelessness by participating in this important fundraiser. Gather your friends and family and register at:

www.hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com

FROM OUR DIOCESE

Thank You Bishop Conlon August 7, 2020

My brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Joliet:

The Diocese of Joliet sends its continued thanks to Bishop Conlon for nine years of service. As many of you know, a Mass of Appreciation has been scheduled to take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois on **August 21, 2020 at 7pm.**

Due to local, state and diocesan event restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the Mass will be very limited. The event will be live-streamed from the Cathedral through our [YouTube channel](#).

We have created an online [GUESTBOOK](#) for those wishing to send their private messages of thanks and appreciation to Bishop Conlon for his years of service.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/thankyoubishopconlon>

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator, Diocese of Joliet

DAILY MASS CLARIFICATION- TIME & MASS INTENTIONS

Currently, there is one daily **public** Mass Monday through Friday at St. John's, which is celebrated at 7:00 a.m. The second Mass at 7:50a is not a public Mass due to time restrictions in-between Masses for COVID-19 sanitizing.

Any Mass Intentions that are already scheduled for the 7:50a Mass will be prayed for privately by our priests. The Intention will appear in the bulletin.

Until further notice, we will not be scheduling new Mass Intentions for the 7:50a Mass. As stated above, if there is already an Intention scheduled for a 7:50a, it will be prayed for privately by our priests.

If you have any questions about this, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Thank you for your patience.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance and Confession has resumed on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Please 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 and privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, and asked to socially distance while waiting.

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.



Wedding Anniversary Mass

Live-Streamed
Cathedral of St. Raymond

August 23, 2020
2:00 PM

The 42nd Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be Live-Streamed on Sunday, August 23 at 2 pm from the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to view the Live-Stream celebration and receive an anniversary certificate sent in the mail. Bishop Richard E. Pates will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. To receive your certificate in the mail, please register by August 14 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or register online at <https://bit.ly/3fBY3VN>.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Until further notice, baptisms will be held on Saturdays, practicing social distancing. 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, Homebound 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. Please note: Grief Support will not be meeting until further notice, due to COVID-19.

24-Hour Adoration: Adoration has begun on Thursday evenings from 6p-9p. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-Until further notice, AA is not meeting at St. John's, per State of Illinois guidelines.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting at St. John's due to COVID-19 restrictions. 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: 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 or rosab@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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HELPING THOSE IN NEED

During these tough economic times, St. Vincent DePaul Society invites you again to remember the needy persons and families in our parish and in the greater Winfield community by using the monthly St. Vincent de Paul contribution envelope that appears in your regular envelope packet or by making a contribution in the Poor Box in the Narthex of the Church by the back window. Remember, any contributions you make by check are tax-deductible.

Thank you!

John Otto, President
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Helping Those In Need



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NEEDED: Picnic Tables for Pavilion

Our parish is seeking a donation of up to two picnic tables for our Pavilion east of the Church. Preferably, the picnic tables would have the seats attached to the table.

Please contact Aaron at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, if you have a picnic table to donate to St. John's.

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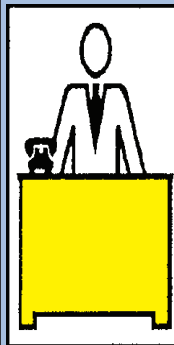


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