

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Jesus said,
“I say to you,
you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the
netherworld shall not
prevail against it.”

MATTHEW 16:18



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST

23

2020



Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jean Bustamante
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Nick DuBay
Ralph Eckhoff
Joann Eggebrecht
Joan Enders
Jennifer Engeldahl
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patercinia 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

Business Manager:

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

Facilities Manager:

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

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

Música Español: Maria Marquez.630-562-6894

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

Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

Youth Ministry:

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

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

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

Phone 630-668-0918, Press 2, Fax: 630-668-1074

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

One thing that I frequently hear from parents is a sadness about their children not practicing the faith. They will often say that their kids are good kids, went to Catholic schools, but just don't come to Mass or seem to have any relationship with the Lord. This can be incredibly hard for parents who feel guilty, ashamed, or confused, and they are not quite sure how to proceed. This week, we celebrate two saints who can teach us about this all too common reality: St. Monica and St. Augustine. Living in northern Africa in the 4th century, Monica, a faithful Catholic, was married to Patricius, a pagan. Monica taught their son, Augustine, about the faith and how to pray, but he was never baptized. After moving to the big city of Carthage, Augustine began to live with his girlfriend and fathered a child with her, choosing to pursue pleasure, power, and fame rather than holiness. This broke Monica's heart. She constantly tried to invite Augustine to be baptized, but her pleas were always ignored. But Monica was persistent and never stopped praying for her son. She even followed him to Rome and Milan to invite him back to the practice of the faith. Augustine says that it was because of her constant prayers, and the many tears that she shed on his behalf, that the Lord was able to break through Augustine's hardness of heart. He had a profound experience reading the Scriptures, and knew that his heart was ultimately made for the Lord. After this encounter with God, he was baptized by the bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose, and would go on to become one of the most influential theologians and saints in the history of the Church. His most famous work, *The Confessions*, tells of his journey with the Lord and is regarded as one of the greatest written works of Christianity. I encourage you to read it! But looking at the story of Monica and Augustine, we learn that we can never give up on prayer, especially for children who have fallen away from the practice of the faith. And like Monica, we should continue to lovingly invite them back to the Lord. It is ultimately the Lord guiding this process, but prayer is very powerful and can soften even the hardest of hearts so that one day they might come to know Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim

Una cosa que escucho con frecuencia de los padres es la tristeza de que sus hijos no practiquen la fe. A menudo dirán que sus hijos son buenos hijos, fueron a escuelas católicas, pero simplemente no vienen a misa o parecen tener ninguna relación con el Señor. Esto puede ser increíblemente difícil para los padres que se sienten culpables, avergonzados o confundidos y no están muy seguros de cómo proceder. Esta semana celebramos a dos santos que pueden enseñarnos sobre esta realidad tan común: Santa Mónica y San Agustín. Viviendo en el norte de África en el siglo IV, Mónica, una fiel católica, estaba casada con Patricio, un pagano. Mónica le enseñó a su hijo, Agustín, sobre la fe y cómo orar, pero él nunca se bautizó. Después de moverse a la ciudad grande de Cartago, Agustín comenzó a vivir con su novia y engendró a un niño con ella, decidiendo perseguir el placer, el poder, y la fama, más bien que la santidad. Esto rompió el corazón de Monica. Trataba constantemente de invitar a Agustín a ser bautizado, pero sus súplicas siempre eran ignoradas. Pero Mónica fue persistente y nunca dejó de orar por su hijo. Incluso lo siguió a Roma y Milán para invitarlo a volver a la práctica de la fe. Agustín dice que fue por sus constantes oraciones, y por las muchas lágrimas que derramó en su nombre, que el Señor pudo romper la dureza del corazón de Agustín. Tenía una profunda experiencia leyendo las Escrituras y sabía que su corazón estaba hecho en última instancia para el Señor. Después de este encuentro con Dios, fue bautizado por el obispo de Milán, San Ambrosio, y se convertiría en uno de los teólogos y santos más influyentes en la historia de la Iglesia. Su obra más famosa, *Las Confesiones*, narra su viaje con el Señor y es considerada una de las obras escritas más importantes del cristianismo. ¡Os animo a leerlo! Pero al mirar la historia de Mónica y Agustín, aprendemos que nunca podemos renunciar a la oración, especialmente por los niños que se han apartado de la práctica de la fe. Y como Mónica, debemos seguir invitándolos amorosamente a regresar al Señor. Es en última instancia el Señor guiando este proceso, pero la oración es muy poderosa y puede ablandar incluso los corazones más duros para que algún día puedan llegar a conocer a Jesucristo.

En Cristo,
Padre Jim

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven;
and whatever you loose on earth shall be
loosed in heaven.”
— Matthew 16:19

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 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

Monday, August 24

7:00 a.m. † Harold “Bingo” Besch *(The Besch Family)*

*7:50 a.m. † Benedict & Fumiyo Sikorski *(Chris & Barbara Sikorski)*

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 a.m. † Steve Yourek

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 a.m. † Mary McAleese

Thursday, August 27

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

Friday, August 28

7:00 a.m. † Chris Clavel *(Bob Clavel)*

Saturday, August 29

8:30 a.m. † Kay Brend *(The Herbert Family)*

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † The Berry/Starkovich Family *(The Burke Family)*

† Ramona Clavel *(Bob Clavel)*

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

† Eugene Olszanowski *(Patrick & Barbara Carlson)*

† Kay Brend *(The Herbert Family)*

† Fred Dusza, Chuck Johnston *(Butch Hansen)*

Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Bill Brach *(Terry Denniger)*

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

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. *(Spanish)* † Luis Antonio Narvaez
(his daughter, Dolly Narvaez)

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † **Marjorie J. Faye Shew**
Church † **Charles “Frank” Shew**



*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
Michelle Szymczak
who passed away on
August 8, 2020.

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



Please pray for
John Greg Lowell
who passed away on
August 13, 2020.

Our sympathies are extended
to his wife, Rosemary,
and to all of his family & friends.



Please pray for
Georgia Peterson
who passed away on
August 16, 2020.

Our sympathies are extended
to her son & daughter-in-law,
Steve & Mary Peterson,
and to all of her family & friends.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, August 22, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, August 29, 3:30p-Church-Fr Jim/Fr Chris

Below is an excerpt from an August 13, 2020 email from our Diocese of Joliet Chief Development Officer, Jane Lager:

Hi Friends,

When I began my role as chief development officer at the end of February, I could have never imagined that a worldwide pandemic was looming right around the corner, changing the course of how we lived, worshiped, worked, and learned. I have spent some time with Dr. Michael J. Boyle, the new superintendent of Catholic schools, who has been in his role for a little under a month, and is also in the midst of a new job and pandemic planning. He has done an amazing job developing a plan for our Catholic school students and staff to return to their school for face-to-face learning this fall. Go to the following address to see a 1:42 minute discussion Dr. Boyle had, featured on Naperville News 17:
<https://www.nctv17.com/news/catholic-schools-readying-to-reopen/>



*Pictured, Jane Lager,
Dr. Michael J. Boyle*

We are all desperate to get some normalcy back, so to hear that our Catholic school children will be taught with their peers in a safe school environment makes me optimistic for a healthy future. I also want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to all the Diocese of Joliet principals, teachers, administrative personnel and all the parents who support our Catholic Schools. We will never forget how you led our students and families through these bewildering times, while keeping a sharp focus on the core mission of a Catholic education.

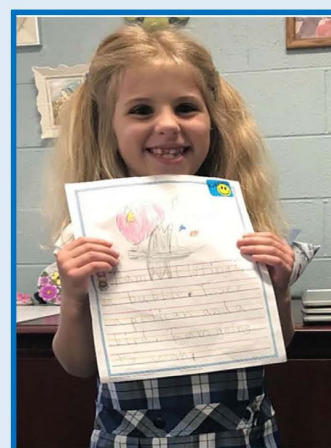
Looking forward to a healthy, prayerful and exciting school year.

Jane Lager
Chief Development Officer
Diocese of Joliet

**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.**

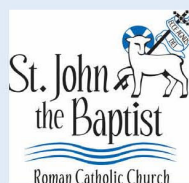


Even though school is out for the summer, we are busy preparing for the 2020-21 school year that will begin on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 with in-person learning.

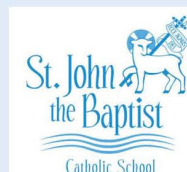
**We are pleased to announce that we are ready to implement
one-to-one Chrome Books in grades K-8.**

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**



NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DURING THE PANDEMIC!

We all know what a wild ride this COVID has taken us on, but some things remain the same. The picture above was taken about a month ago of Ms. Maria Reyes making sure her Religious Education students were prepared to receive Jesus. Poor wee kids were met at the door by a masked woman (me), sprayed with sanitizer, escorted to a Lysol chair, spaced six feet away from anyone, and then questioned—ever so gently to make sure they knew what was supposed to happen in a month, First Eucharist. If they proved to be a little rusty, they were sent home to come back the following week to try again.

This is just a little example of the dedication of our SJB Catechists! Maria started work that morning at 6 am, then she grabbed her own kids on her way home to come meet her class at 5 p.m.! She stayed until 7:00 p.m. and then went home to feed her family!

We are so blessed at SJB to have men and women of this caliber who share their faith with our young children and teens! Thank you, Lord Jesus for all your blessings! (Oh and if you could send a few more volunteers, that would be awesome.)

~Maureen Brennan, Religious Education Director

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Simon Peter said to Jesus,
"You are the Messiah, the Son ..."

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	O	I	G
L	V	H	F
I	E	O	T

O _ _ _ _ _ ."

Answer: *of the living God*

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PATIENCE

Patience is the companion of wisdom.

—St. Augustine

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 — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Christ" (Matthew 16:13-20).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

SAINT MONICA (332-387)

August 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

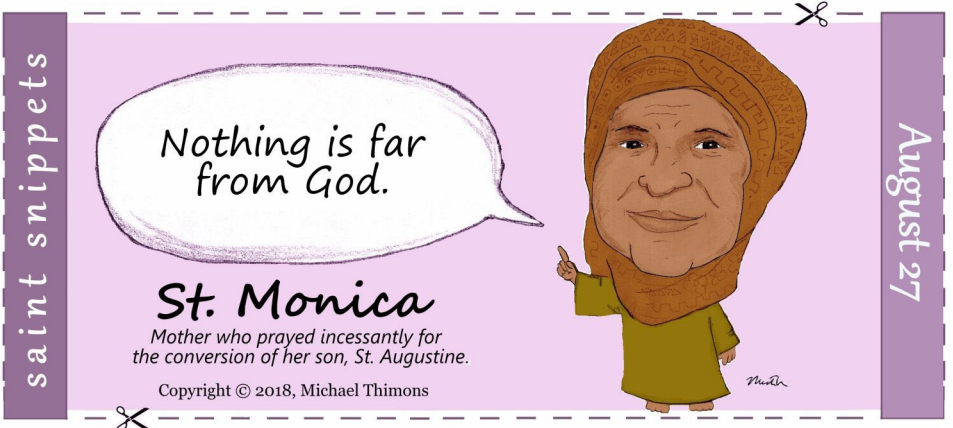
If you have any questions about this, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Thank you for your patience.

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.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist



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



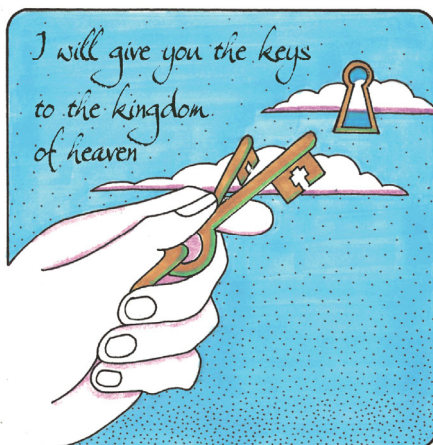
Young at Hearts

**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



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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.



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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 19.....\$15,221
July 26.....\$14,985
August 2.....\$28,779
August 9.....\$16,840

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Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

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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.

**Jesus said,
“I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.”**

Matthew 16:18

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020

TRUSTING GOD’S WISDOM

Over the past several weeks, Matthew’s Gospel has shown us a variety of Jesus’ miracles: multiplying fish and bread, walking on water, and expelling demons. Thousands of people have witnessed Jesus’ miraculous powers. Yet today, when Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus swears him to secrecy. We might wonder at Jesus’ gag order after his very public miracles. Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans captures our curiosity: “How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!” Today’s readings ask us to have faith in a marvelous God who guides us in ways we cannot fully understand. The readings from Isaiah and the Gospel both show us times when the Lord designates earthly leaders. Eliakim and Peter are fallible men, yet God entrusts them with far-reaching, even eternal, responsibility. Trusting God’s wisdom, we pray for our leaders and join together to worship the Lord.

WHAT’S IN A NAME?

In a dramatic moment, Jesus gives Simon a new name: Peter, the rock. The account of Simon’s new name is told differently in other Gospels. In John and Mark, Jesus renames Simon upon first meeting him and calling him to be one of the Twelve. Here in Matthew’s account, however, Jesus changes Simon into Peter only after he professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter’s experience helps us reflect on dramatic moments in our own lives: “What is a personal moment that affected me so radically that I seemed to become a new person? What transformative experience changed my name, either literally or figuratively?”

Sometimes a name change is built into major life moments, naturally flowing from birth, adoption, Confirmation, profession of religious vows, or marriage. But imagine if someone gave you a new name, without any warning, and without consulting you. Renaming someone is an extraordinary act. Jesus surely knows this, and renames only one of his disciples. Simon is the only disciple Jesus sets apart in this way. While the Gospels gradually reveal many of Simon Peter’s character flaws, we constantly keep in mind the day Jesus called him rock and entrusted him with the path to salvation.

CALLED BY NAME

Jesus never revokes Peter’s keys to the kingdom of heaven, even after Peter denies him during the Passion of the Lord. Jesus’ call is as immutable as stone. And so it is with each of us. At Baptism, the very first question the minister asks is “What name do you give your child?” As we are reborn in the waters of Baptism, in the name of Jesus, we receive God’s call to live in the light of Christ. Our call is irrevocable. We can do nothing to erase God’s personal call. Even if we should deny Christ himself, as Peter did, the Lord continues to love us and to desire our own love in return.

TODAY’S READINGS

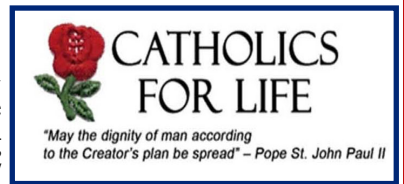
Isaiah 22:19–23
Psalm 138:1–3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33–36
Matthew 16:13–20

Saint Peter, undated
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CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

Volunteers are now praying on the grounds of Waterleaf Women's Center 12 hours a day, right opposite Planned Parenthood in Aurora. Aurora will also be a vigil site for the 40 Days for Life vigil starting Wednesday, 9/23 and running until Sunday, 11/01. You can sign up for either/or at www.40daysforlife.com/aurora.



While on a visit to the Dachau concentration camp in Germany in 1975, Cardinal John O'Connor, made a promise to do everything in his power to protect human life. The very interesting story of how that promise brought about the start of The Sisters of Life religious order in 1991 can be found on their website www.sistersoflife.org. The sisters believe every person is valuable and sacred. They have given their lives for that truth. The website contains articles, videos, audio files and more. You can download their quarterly magazine, *Imprint*, or register to receive a print version mailed to you. The summer issue has some interesting, informative, and uplifting articles. A few of the titles are "Beyond the Storm" and "Staying Anchored During Difficult Times." The love and joy on the faces of the sisters shown on their website and the magazine is moving. Hopefully, we can take inspiration from these nuns and witness to the value and sacredness of every person by finding time to pray and perhaps witness at the abortion clinic.

Below is one of the prayers from *Imprint* magazine.

What does it mean to say, "Mary, be with me?"

As Mary carried Jesus close to her heart and protected Him when He was young...

Mary wants to carry and protect me, too.

As Mary asked Jesus to turn water into wine at the wedding of Cana...

Mary asks Jesus to hear my prayers, too.

As Mary stood at the foot of the cross and shared in His suffering...

Mary stays close to me and helps me carry my crosses, too.

Mary be with me.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

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

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.

I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

THE SIXTH MONTH

Mary now feels the quickening of the Child Jesus who proclaims his presence within her womb. She sings to him and feels his response. At six months, a special covering (vernix) forms to protect the baby's skin from the fetal waters. The baby's eyes, closed since the seventh week, are now open to the surroundings. The infant is now 12 inches long and weighs one and one half pounds. This baby could survive birth. Despite the fact that a child of six months has a chance of life, women may legally abort their unborn at any time throughout the nine months of their pregnancy.

Please pray for all physicians, midwives and nurses that they may recognize the sanctity of life and God as the author of that life.

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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JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR DIOCESE OF JOLIET & SURROUNDING PARISHES

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Network Admin/IT Coordinator that supports the Director of Information Technology with system analysis, supporting, maintaining, and upgrading of the Diocese of Joliet technology systems.

Qualified candidates please email cover letter, resume and salary requirements to humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

To view a full job description and other opportunities, visit:
<http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/sectioncontent.php?secid=1>

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:

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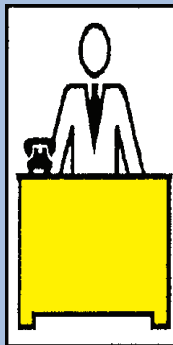
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