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



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

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Ivanna Lamb Rose Marie Lambert Ken Larson Nancy Liden Haley Lipnisky Marilyn Loechl Sam Mahre Beth Majerczyk Gianna Malorny John Maltese Linda Marczewski Al Mathieu Diane Maher Alex McCall Michael McCall Perri McCall Patricia Meschler Bessy Miller Mayette 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 Andv Nowak Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard

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

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

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Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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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 August 19, 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. In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are recommended regardless of vaccination status. 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. The bishop's dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place for the time being.



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 DEACON'S DESK

Hello St. John's,

Three weeks ago, when I wrote what I thought was going to be my last bulletin article for a while, I didn't expect I would be writing again so soon! Given the COVID situation in Israel, our pilgrimage has been postponed once again. Today I thought I would talk about one of the promises I made at my Diaconate ordination.

At his Diaconate ordination, a man makes several promises. He promises to live a life of prayer – specifically marked by the praying of *The Liturgy of the Hours* – the Church's official prayer book. He also promises celibacy. That is, he foregoes the good that is the married life so that he may fully devote himself to the service of Christ and his Church.

There is another promise. That is, obedience. This is the only promise that I will make again when I am ordained a priest in May. By promising obedience to my bishop and his successors, I put myself at the service of the Church that I may minister wherever I am sent. Obedience seems strange to many people. We are so used to going wherever we want, when we want. Yet we must recognize, whether we have made a formal promise of obedience or not, that our lives ultimately are not our own. We are meant to give of ourselves in service to others and God. Think of marriage: as soon as one is married, their life is not their own – their life is at the service of sanctifying one's spouse and raising a holy family. Marriage, like celibacy, involves sacrifice and commitment – and a lot of it!

Obligations and promises then, hardly take away our freedom. Rather, they help direct our free will and our energies in such a way that our lives become fruitful and meaningful. It is for this reason that we as a Church are bound by certain rules. As a country too, we are obligated to follow the laws of the United States.

No doubt, over the past year and a half, we've all been asked to do things we don't want to do. We had to shelter in place for weeks on end. We couldn't go where we wanted, or do the things we used to. In some cases, we are still limited in what we can do. In short, we've been asked, in many different ways, to be obedient.

We remember then, true obedience points us to a higher ideal – one that often asks us to die to our own preferences and desires. Yet it is out of this that we are formed into the great saints we are called to be.

God bless! Den. Brian

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 29, 2021

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, August 28

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Arno Dennerlein (Jack Aylward)

† Fr Frank Vitus (Jack Aylward)

† Josephina Ligan (Carlito & Amor Gabas)

† Robert Perciobasco (Margaret Seno)

† Wardie Lewis (The Zahery Family)

† Francis Zielinski (The SJB School Sunshine Club)

† Jeanne Ptak (Patty Wandolowski)

Sunday, August 29, Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Tom Masterson (The Fabianski Family)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † Jane Snail (Karen Hall)

Monday, August 30

7:00 a.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 31

7:00 a.m. ♥ Emily Krogmeier (The Tyznik Family)

Wednesday, September 1

7:00 a.m. † Jane Snail (Joe & Dee Bryja)

Thursday, September 2

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

Friday, September 3

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions (offered privately) Charlene Kalat (Therese Martineau)

Saturday, September 4

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)
- ♥ Erin Leahy, Health & Intentions
- † Mr. Michele (Mike) Rendina (John Dusza & Family)
- † Robert D. Conley (The Conley Family)
- ▼ Deacon Dave Ritter, Health & Intentions (SJB Parish Office Staff)
- † James Arthur Schwark (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church)

Sunday, September 5, Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Amelia Alcazar (Dan & Helen Lutzenkirchen)

9:30 a.m. † Ursula Makowijczuk (Rose Flores)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, 2021, 8:30 am

Morning Mass on Labor Day, September 6, 2021, is at **8:30 a.m.** Our parish offices will be closed.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ Raymond Stachniak Church † Vicky Silva

*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 ner week



Please pray for

Colette Miller

who passed away on August 19, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to all of her family & friends.



Please pray for

Dorothy Hanlcok

who passed away on July 25, 2021.

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

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

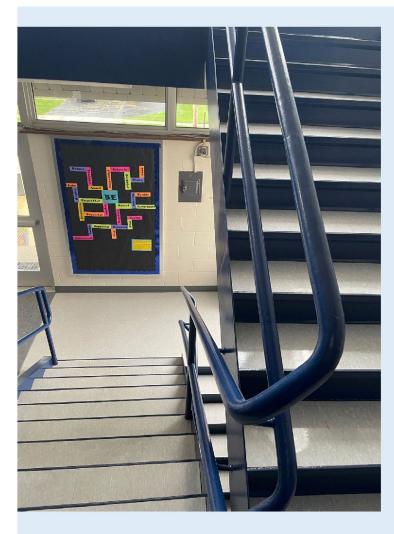
The Sacrament of Penance & Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the church on the most outer aisle, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, 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 28, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris
- Saturday, September 4, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris

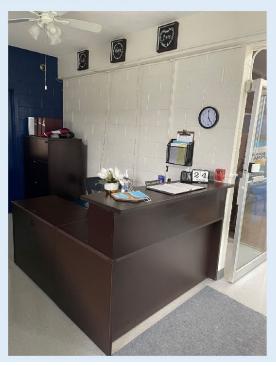
Pardon Our Dust











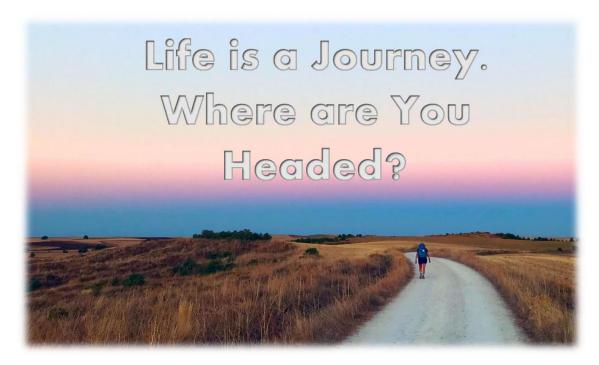
Our School Lobby

Progress continues on our school building. Photos featured here show the completed stairwell in our front school lobby which was completely gutted over the summer. New tile was installed and the area is newly painted. In addition, a new air circulation system was installed in the same area. Also shown here is our school secretary's work area. There are more details to wrap up at Mrs. Hardesty's work station, but the area exudes a welcoming atmosphere to visitors and students alike. Note the photo of a new sign installed at the top of the staircase. Visitors can gaze upon it when entering the building from the front entryway and students will see it throughout their day when they pass that way.

Improvements and enhancements such as these that are happening to our church and chapel 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 specifically with projects like the above-mentioned on our campus, 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.





Life can be overwhelming. Too many worries, too many places to be, too many items on the to-do list. Do you ever wish for some way—any way—to slow down and really consider what it's all about?

Where do you currently find your meaning?
Where do you want to find meaning?
Is it possible to be fulfilled?
These are questions worth asking.

Discovering Christ is for anyone who is curious. Enjoy a delicious dinner and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk, you can share your thoughts in a small group (and talk as much or as little as you wish). It's all done in a warm, friendly, and judgement-free environment.

Discovering Christ is fun, relaxed, and free.

Tuesdays September 21 – November 2, 6:30-8:30pm, Retreat day – Saturday, October 23 Register at stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ (Livestream/Zoom option available)



COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. There is no signup required.

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood", Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devo-



tion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects towards a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. For an interesting article about Adoration, go to:

https://

prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/04/21/things-to-do-during-eucharistic-adoration/

NEXT ROSARY GET-TOGETHER FOR MEN OF ST. JOHN-Wed., 9/8, 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: *Wednesday, September 8th*.

Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

DOERS OF THE WORD

The second reading for today begins a five-week series of selections from James, a letter that is classified among the so-called "catholic" (or universal) epistles because they are addressed to a general audience rather than to one particular community. Today's text offers important advice for Christians of every generation. God is first cited as the author of all gifts, and in particular, reference is made to the gift of baptism by which we have been made the "first fruits" of the new creation.

What follows is advice based on a very Jewish understanding of the "word" as an active force, operative in the world. We are reminded that unless we, too, become "doers" of the word, our claim to faith is empty. Today and in subsequent weeks the author reminds us that it is equally important to do the "works" of love, for example, by caring for the "orphans and widows in their affliction."

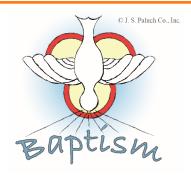
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All Are Invited to Friday Morning Bible Study

Friday Morning Bible Study will resume on Friday, September 10th. We meet every Friday in Sebahar Hall from 9:30 to 11AM. This year we will be studying some of St. Paul's letters and we will also be doing a video study, "From Genesis to Jesus" from Scott Hahn's Journey Through Scripture series.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are recommended regardless of vaccination status.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Axelson, laxelson@comcast.net, 630-293-1355.



Welcome to Our Baptized!

August 17, 2021

Jayden William Stubbs

Child of Melanie & Joshua Stubbs

Jayden was baptized with water privately on February 7, 2021, and on August 17, 2021, the additional rites of baptism were supplied.

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.



Getting Closer!

Football Mania Tickets will be on sale at all Masses August 28 & 29 Tickets are \$20 (cash or check)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Getting Closer!

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 sibwinfield.org



St. John the Baptist Catholic School
Formed in Faith, Educated in Excellence,
Embraced by Community



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!

August 1...\$28,05 August 15...\$22,121 August 8....\$23,479 August 22...\$19,130

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:

- . 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!

FROM MAUREEN BRENNAN, OUR DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

To the most generous parishioners on the planet, please see below a thank you letter from the director of Children's Programs at Bridge Communities. I so appreciate our parishioners at St. John's who ALWAYS hear the call of the needy:

Dear St. John's,

Thank you so much for the generous donation of school supplies! We provide new school supplies to all the



kids in Bridge so they are able to start the school year off on the right foot! So blessed to add these to the mix!

Thank you!

Jill Garbaliauskas & The Children's Team at Bridge Communities







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.



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!

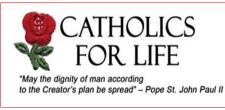
After a year spent hunkering down, living smaller, and experiencing a little more fear and anxiety than usual, we are declaring this is the year of going big. It is a year of fresh starts and turning ordinary experiences into extraordinary ones. Enthusiasm will replace worry. Friendship will replace 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





year, may this be an exciting, productive and spiritually fulfilling experience for all the children, their teachers and parents.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph hear our prayer for our children and their teachers as they return to school. Jesus, guard them through their days in all they do and say. We give you our school. We give you all the teachers and staff who work there. We give you all the children who study there. We pray our school will be place of great discovery, adventure, creativity, and a place of learning faith.

We must remember the abortion clinics never stop for a vacation and prayer warriors are always needed. With the children back in school perhaps you have some time to come to a clinic and pray for the mothers or parents going into the clinic to change their minds? With God all things are possible. If time does not permit, know God hears your prayers wherever you are and whenever you pray to him.

RAFFLE TICKETS AGAIN THIS WEEKEND AT MASS - WIN THIS PATIO SET!

MOPS/MOMSNext Ministry is selling \$20 raffle tickets at all Masses again this weekend for this beautiful new patio set! Proceeds will go to fund MOPS speakers, babysitters, and craft supplies. Look for a chance to buy raffle tickets at Good Old Days, too! Questions, contact Debbi at mops@stjohnwinfield.org





Council of Catholic Women September 2021 activities

Thurs. Sept 2nd 6:30pm Sebahar Hall
General meeting and Dinner

Election and Installation of Officers for 2021-22

Co-Presidents Jennifer Kurtyka and Sheila Hornyak
Co-Vice Presidents Theresa DeStefano and Donna Daniels

Recording Secretary Cecily Langellier Corresponding Secretary Cathy Johnston

Treasurer Judy Valentine

Sign up for dinner by contacting Sheila Hornyak by Tues., August 31

at: Phone: 630-668-2494 email: hornyak921@gmail.com

MUM Sale Sept 11-12 after all the Masses

East Lawn of church— Order forms are on the next page and in the vestibule of the parish office



Monday, Sept. 20th 5:30pm, West DuPage Deanery Mass and Dinner "Come Into the Light" hosted by St. John's in the Church and Sebahar Hall Details to follow by Sept 2nd.

Thurs. Sept. 30th 7:00pm Board meeting Sebahar Hall





Our Fall Bazaar will be held October 9-10 in Sebahar Hall. CCW is in need of hand made crafts and needlework. Gently used items in good condition such as housewares, decorative accessories, paintings, jewelry, toys, and books are greatly appreciated. Please set aside your donations until Sept 27th, when we are able to begin accepting them.



ST JOHN'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN FALL MUM SALE-Sept 11-12, 2021 NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR MUMS \$9.00 EACH

Please return completed order by THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 and leave in the parish office vestibule. ANY QUESTIONS CALL:

Venessa Lopatka 630-336-5414 venessalopatka@gmail.com

Plants can be picked up on the *EAST OUTSIDE AREA* of the church during the Mass times on the weekend of Sept 11-12.

NAME:	PHONE:	
EMAIL:		
MUMS: BRONZE/ORANGE	E LAVENDER/PURPLE	
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TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS:	x \$9.00 EACH=\$	

PAYMENT IS APPRECIATED WHEN YOUR ORDER FORM IS TURNED IN. CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO ST. JOHN'S CCW

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, Sept 15th at 7 pm at the home of Karen Tsaparis. We will discuss Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Karen at karen.tsaparis@gmail.com. Upcoming date and title: Oct 20th, Little Woman by Louisa May Alcott.



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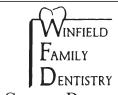
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