

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
5:00 pm
(*Sunday
Vigil*)

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022



*A voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*

Luke 3:22

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Sunday Readings, Year C

Please pray for our sick

James Adduci
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Floyd Bosch
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Maria Elena Castro
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
Krystyna Derecki
Kathe Doremus
Nick DuBay
Karen Durbin
Ralph Eckhoff
Concepcion Edaño
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand

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

Korin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
Rose Marie Lambert
Ken Larson
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
Patricia Meschler
Bessy Miller
Mayette Monales
Joseph Jr. & Maggie Morgan
Thomas Morris
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Lauren Mungo
Joan Murdock
Tim Murnane
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien

Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Charlie Parisi
Bill Parker
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Tim Ptak
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Paul & Katherine Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Monica Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothwell
Marvin Rothwell
Susan Rothwell
Bob Salat
Dwayne Sarver
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth

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

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

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor: Fr. Christopher Lankford

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides

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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 & Seminarian who are prepar-
ing for the Priesthood :

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary
Seminarian Alex Lorang

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS- UPDATE

As of August 30, 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 Illinois state mandates, masks are required for anyone age 2 and up 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. We will continue to refrain from offering blood of Christ in a chalice at Communion for the time being. If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please wait until the end and please receive from the priest celebrant of the Mass in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet. 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.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
Airman Nicholas Kostecka
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
WO1 Jake Miller
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Cpl Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlito
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!

It's great to be back from the Holy Land. Thank you so much for your prayers – everything went smoothly, and we all arrived back safe and healthy. I thought I would share some of my experiences!

After an 11-hour flight from Chicago to Tel Aviv, we were all pretty tired. The airport in Tel Aviv is renowned for its security, and this flight was no exception! After getting through security, and undergoing another Covid test, we finally met our guide and got on the bus. After about a 2-hour drive, we arrived at our guest house on the Sea of Galilee. Galilee was our home base for the first week of the trip. Many of the sites we visited were close by (we could walk to some of them), while others were farther away.

The first morning in Galilee (and every morning that week), I was greeted by a beautiful sunrise. The Sea of Galilee is where Jesus did so much of his ministry, and undoubtedly he would have seen this same sunrise many times.

Along the Sea of Galilee are several important spots. Most special for me was a spot called Tabgha. It was here that the events of John, Chapter 21 took place. Here Jesus asks St. Peter, "do you love me?" One time for each of Peter's denials. The rock where Jesus cooked breakfast is still visible. Today it's called the "Mensa Christi" or "The Table of Christ."

We also visited Mount Tabor, where Christ was transfigured and revealed his glory to Peter, James and John (Luke 9:28-36). Even today, it's difficult to get up to the top of the mountain. The bus can only drive partway up. From there we had to get into small shuttles to take us the rest of the way. It was worth it! The view was spectacular, and there is a beautiful Church on top, where we had Mass.

By far the most prayerful experience was our visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth. Here the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary (Luke 1:26-38). Her house still stands today, and is now surrounded by the Basilica itself. One can feel the holiness of the site immediately. We remember that here, Mary gave her "yes" to God, and the world was forever changed. In honor of Our Lady, my classmates and I sang several Marian hymns, and also spent some time in prayer in front of Mary's house. The inscription on the altar, "Verbum caro hic factum est" is translated as "the Word became flesh HERE." We find similar inscriptions at many other sites. We are reminded that Jesus was born at a real time and place in history, and we are privileged to be able to visit there today.

Of course, I kept all of you in prayer during my time in the Holy Land, and what a joy it was to be able to visit the site of the birth of St. John the Baptist himself! Today a chapel is built over the site, and I had the opportunity to venerate it. I prayed in thanksgiving for the entire St. John's community in Winfield. The spot is marked by a small plaque, which reads, "HERE the forerunner of the Word was born." (Luke 1:57-80)

Next week I'll share some pictures from my time in Jerusalem!

Dcn. Brian



Nazareth-Mary's house



Sunrise on the Sea of Galilee



Tabgha



Chapel of St. John the Baptist



Deacon Brian venerating the spot of St. John the Baptist's birth

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 8- Vigil for the Baptism of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Ambrosio Madera (*Terrence Denniger*)
♥ In Thanksgiving for Good Health (*Eulita Francis*)
♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (*CCW*)
† Joseph & Florence Bryja (*Joe & Dee Bryja*)
† Lillian Kinnish (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)
† Theresa Ratterman

Sunday, January 9-Baptism of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Bernard Gilding (*Joan & Mary Beth Cleary*)
9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. † Alfreda Wolski (*Carol Connors*)

Monday, January 10

7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 a.m. † Rosemarie Owens (*Dan Conley*)

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 a.m. † Doris Morrissey (*The Morrissey Family*)

Thursday, January 13

7:00 a.m. † Isabella Cernick

Friday, January 14

12:00 p.m. † Giuliani Capigatti (*Andrew Capigatti*)
† Corliss Enders (*Anita Fischer*)
† Fr Arno Dennerlein
♥ Todd Morgan, Health & Intentions
(*Claudine Moscinski*)
† Dorothy Aylward (*Jack Aylward*)
♥ Virg Tobin, Health & Intentions

Saturday, January 15- Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Mary Eickhoff
† Patricia Griffin (*Margaret & Kevin Walsh*)
† Luisito Gudmalin (*Carlito & Amor Gabas*)
† Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)
† John Pohodich (*The Bartko Family*)
† Terry Jamiolkowski (*Maryann Dusza*)

Sunday, January 16-The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Christine Nizetic (*Helen & Dan Lutzenkirchen*)
9:30 a.m. † Doris Morrissey (*The Morrissey Family*)
11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

The Baptism of the Lord Year C

January 9, 2022

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † **Giuliana Capigatti**

Church ♥ **Virg Tobin, Living, for
Health & her Intentions**



*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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. Masks are required for anyone over 2 and up regardless of vaccination status.

All Confessions are in the Church. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have been so generous to the parish this Christmas. Deacon Brian, Seminarian Alex and I would like to thank all who remembered us with cards, gifts, sweets, and well wishes.

~Fr. Chris Lankford

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WANT TO BRING VALENTINE JOY AND ST. PATRICK'S DAY CHEER TO THE MIDWEST SHELTER FOR HOMELESS VETS?

I have to admit I blew it for Christmas! Normally we give the Vets a home-made Christmas stocking filled with goodies! Because this did not happen, and my "Catholic guilt" kicked in, I thought what else can we do for them?

How about making and giving them a Valentine and St. Paddy's day treat bags! I bought the felt, will make the bags and the Religious Education children/teens can decorate them. We will also make cards and letters for them!



BUT, as always, I do need your help! One of the treats they LOVED getting were gift cards for the various restaurants in Wheaton. Or, maybe you have a better idea? Perhaps all that individually wrapped chocolate candy you know your body is craving and your scale is screaming "NO MORE"?

So let's make the Vets' winter less depressing by making them a homemade felt Valentine and St. Paddy's day Bag filled with goodies!

Please drop off your goody bag donations in the glass room of the parish offices. There is a basket waiting to be filled!

Thank you so much for all your help on these projects. We couldn't do this without you!

Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

From the Diocese of Joliet's Facebook page...

Pope Francis issued a letter to married couples on 26 December 2021 for the "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year which runs from March 19 through June 26, 2022. The letter can be found at: <https://bit.ly/3z1hvG8>

(If you are unable to access the website, please call the parish office and we can provide a copy of the letter.)



"May every family be a place
of acceptance and understanding."

Pope Francis



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

<https://prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/04/21/things-to-do-during-eucharistic-adoration/>



Adoration at St. John's

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Baptism of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God,
who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do this week to be well pleasing to God?

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BAPTISMAL DEATH AND RESURRECTION

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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ST. JOHN'S MASSES-LIVE STREAMED

Our 9:30 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed.

There are two ways to watch the Mass:

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





Join Us! WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- 1 You can share your gifts...** Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- 2 Leave your checkbook at home.** Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 3 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.
- 5 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!

- 1 Visit our church website and click Give Online.** www.stjohnwinfield.org
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.**
- 3 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 Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

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!

December 12...\$24,594	December 26...\$16,525
December 19...\$20,129	January 2.....\$25,439

End of Year Contributions

As a reminder to our parishioners, all contributions to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church must be received at the parish office or be postmarked by December 31 in order for those contributions to be credited to you on your 2021 parish contribution statement.

Contributions received after January 1st will be posted to your 2022 statement. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 630-668-0918, x604.

Thank you for your understanding and support of St. John's.

~Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Operations & Facilities

TURNING THE TIDE

When everything goes against you, till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe



Cursillo Corner

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

January Ultreya

Saint John the Baptist will begin hosting Ultreya's on the second Saturday of the month. Our next Ultreya is scheduled for **Saturday January 8**. Join us in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary. Immediately following, we will walk downstairs to Sebahar Hall. The Ultreya will begin at approximately 9:30. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the Cursillo Movement.

Cursillo Weekends

We are excited to announce the return of Cursillo weekends this spring at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois. The schedule is as follows.

Is your spiritual life where you want it to be? Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus? If not, then this is a weekend you won't want to miss!

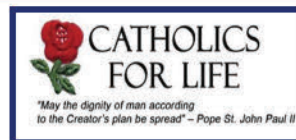
Men's Weekend **March 3-6**
Women's Weekend **April 21-24**

There are a series of awesome and thought provoking talks given by laity and clergy members. Small group discussion follows each talk. Throughout the weekend you will experience daily Mass, prayer time, rosary, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as personal Spiritual Direction with a clergy member is also available.

The Cursillo movement promotes not only personal spiritual growth, but recognizes that we are called by our baptism to be active apostolic members of the Body of Christ. The goal of the movement is not about "preaching the good news" but to **become** the good news and in a natural way, our actions will become evangelical in our daily lives.

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

If you have an interest in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at amythe1@att.net You will also find additional information in the narthex or on our **website** www.jolietcursillo.org



Our Catholics for Life news this week is from Waterleaf Women's Center, Aurora, Illinois...

Happy New Year! Because of your prayers and constant support throughout 2021, you have provided Waterleaf with joy, peace, and so many reasons to celebrate! Because of you we served over **1,400** unique clients during **2,520** appointments where we conducted:

980 pregnancy tests
1,475 ultrasounds
100+ Parenting Coaching
and
600+ Heathy Relations Education Sessions!

Together, we joyfully welcomed **128** babies to the Waterleaf family!

In 2021, together we witnessed the miracles of saving the lives of the unborn. It was young couples changing their minds and crossing the street to enter our clinic, the ever miraculous ultrasounds that change the hearts and minds of abortion determined women, and the abundance of resources and support from our Aspire team.

We could not have provided any of the services and assistance necessary to equip these young women and men to choose life without YOU!

As we say goodbye to 2021 and welcome 2022, we know that every year end marks a new beginning, and we here at Waterleaf believe that in 2022...

The best is yet to come!

We invite you to continue to join us in our heartfelt crusade to make 2022 the best year for Waterleaf yet!

Wishing you and your family a new year full of blessings,

The Waterleaf Team





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CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION



**COME,
FOLLOW
ME**

LUKE 18:22

following Christ

a seven-week journey

Begins Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 7-8:45 pm.

Info and Registration at stjohnwinfield.org/following-christ
or fill out form below and return to Welcome Desk or
Parish Office. Questions? ChristLife@stjohnwinfield.org



-----Registration Form -----

Following Christ – 2/8/22 – 3/22/22, 7-8:45 pm.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

Would you prefer to stay in the same group as Discovering Christ? _____

Would you prefer the Livestream/Zoom option? _____

MEN OF ST. JOHN-ROSARY GET-TOGETHER

Fire Pit, -East Side of Church Grounds

Wed., January 12, 7:00 pm

Gentlemen: We will pray 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, January 12th. Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Jan 19th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss the swap book received or a book of your choice, if you were not at our October meeting. Please inquire with any questions to Jean Daniell @ tjdaniell@att.net



Upcoming Book Club:
Wednesday, Feb 16th, book title TBD

ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

A DAY OF SUPPORT AND REFLECTION.

FREE ZOOM ONLINE EVENT
DATE: January 22, 2022
TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Zoom link to follow upon registration

Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally overwhelming and frustrating. Papers may be placed in a desk drawer and/or not completed. In an effort to help petitioners complete their part of the process, the Office for Family Ministry, in collaboration with the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, is once again offering an **OPTIONAL Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners** on Saturday, **January 22, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ONLINE via Zoom.**

This free workshop is designed for divorced persons who have already started the annulment process by petitioning the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, have submitted their Matrimonial Fact Sheet and have a current case in process but have not yet completed the Marriage Summary Long/Questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

The day will include time for prayer and reflection, a witness talk, and time for questions related to the long questionnaire. To register, please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at <https://bit.ly/2Bv0drA>.

Attendance at this day of support is very helpful but not mandatory.

Registrations must be received no later than January 17, 2022

A Day of Support and Reflection for Annulment Petitioners
Saturday, January 22, 2022

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ PARISH _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS (for confirmation) _____

Please register online at <https://bit.ly/2Bv0drA>

email your information to: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org

call 815-838-5334

or send form to: The Office of Family Ministry, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403

Join the diocesan mission trip to the Navajo Nation in June

The Diocese of Joliet will resume its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona.

The June 4-17 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc.

"It's not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture," said diocesan missions coordinator Bruce Carlson.

The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during the past two years because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

Informational meetings on the trip will be held on Jan. 4 and 12 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, email bcarslon@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.



St. John the Baptist Catholic School Open House News

You are cordially invited:



Prospective families are welcome to come to an open house to launch registration for the 2022-2023 school year at St. John the Baptist School in Winfield on **Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM by appointment only.**

You are invited to meet our teachers, principal, student tour guides, and school board members. Tour our warm and inviting school on a winter afternoon. Come learn how your child (ren) and family will benefit from the outstanding academics, faith formation, and welcoming school community at St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist is located at 0S259 Church Street, Winfield.

To schedule an appointment, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FACAA2AA3F49-inperson>. For more information, please contact our principal, Joanne Policht at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or call 630-668-2625, extension 617.



MY BELOVED CHILD

In today's Gospel we hear the voice from heaven call Jesus "my beloved Son" (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22). It tells us that Jesus is the Son of God.

At your baptism you were called a "child of God," that is, God's beloved son or daughter. With words and signs the Church reminds us of God's love for us, and the ways in which we must always try to act as a child of God. Connect the symbols with the prayers used in the Rite of Baptism that describe how we are to live as a chosen child of God.



See in this white garment
a sign of your Christian dignity.
Bring that dignity unstained
into the everlasting life of heaven.



Walk always as a child
of the light.
Keep the flame of faith
alive in your heart.

God anoints you with
the chrism of salvation.
Live always as a
member of his body.



I baptize you
in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

Ask your family to share with you their memories of the day you were baptized.
Perhaps they have pictures or videos of that special day.
Try to ask yourself each day, "How can I live and act as a beloved child of God?"

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

DON'T BE AFRAID TO PRAY
LIKE JESUS. IF THE HEAVENS
OPEN AND YOU HEAR GOD
SPEAK, THAT WOULD BE COOL!



Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while he was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are my beloved Son, in you I am well-pleased." Lk 3:21-22

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners for at least six months and parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! If Godparents are married, their marriage needs to be blessed by the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our RCIA classes are for any adult wanting to become Catholic. This is the time when questions are answered and formation begins. So, whether you are answering God's call to join the church, seeking to participate fully in the sacraments, or looking to find answers about the Catholic faith, RCIA is for you. RCIA sessions meet weekly from September until Easter. Jim and Rosanne Druckemiller are co-directors and they can be reached by contacting the church office at 630-668-0918. Call soon and get excited about the Catholic faith. We can't wait to meet you!



Wedding Information

Getting married? Give us a ring! Please contact one of the parish priests as soon as you become engaged and at least six months before the wedding date. Spiritual preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Catholics need to be attending church every Sunday. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

Give one of our priests a call PRIOR to your surgery, so that anointing can be given at a time when you are less stressed. Call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, & set a time to come in BEFORE your surgery for anointing.

Hospital Visits

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our priests are unable to make a hospital visit unless the situation is dire. To receive communion while in the hospital, please make the request to a hospital Chaplain. Because of HIPAA Laws the Hospital does not notify Churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's Parish Office when a loved one is in the hospital so prayers can be offered. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized.

Homebound-Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

Prayers of the Faithful

If you or someone in your family is sick and would like to be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Masses, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the Please Pray for the Sick in the Church bulletin, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. The next Grief Support meeting is Thurs. evening, February 3, 2022, in the Parish Office. To verify start time of meeting, or for more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

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.



MASS INTENTION INFORMATION

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Our parish office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. 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 <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx> and follow the prompts. SJB's zip code is 60190. You will automatically receive the church bulletin each week to your email; it usually arrives late Saturday morning in your inbox.



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