

# 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*)

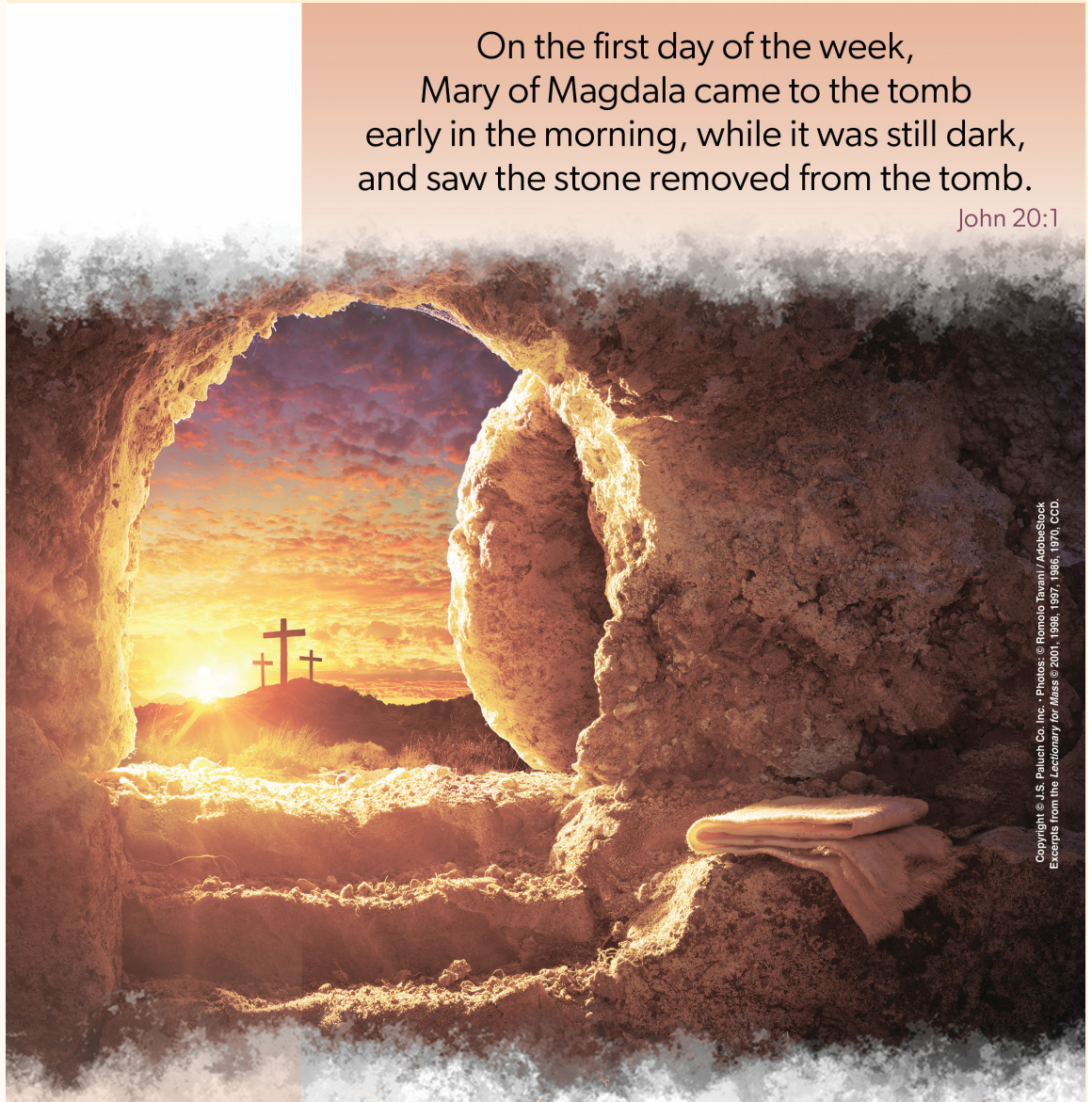
Sundays  
7:30 am  
9:30 am  
11:30 am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays  
3:30-4:30 pm

On the first day of the week,  
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb  
early in the morning, while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

John 20:1



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APRIL  
**17**  
2022

*Easter*  
**SUNDAY**

## Please pray for our sick

James Adduci  
Alisa Allen  
Sandy Anderson  
Jack Aylward  
Dave Balseqiz  
Ada Bantola  
Maryann Barone  
Michael Barone  
Hanns Bell  
Ella Bitterman  
Jennifer Bitterman  
Brian Burke  
Allison Lamberts Burns  
Jim Cabrera, Sr.  
Maria Elena Castro  
Karen Cervenkova  
Lisa Cicero  
Al Cieslik  
Patricia Clifford  
Kathy Connor  
Georgene Cook  
Julio Correa  
Rita Cross  
Mary Elaine Cruz  
Linda Dameron  
Anetta Derango  
Krystyna Derecki  
Kathe Doremus  
Nick DuBay  
Karen Durbin  
Ralph Eckhoff  
Concepcion Edoño  
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  
Marcia Grisanzio  
Daniel Guzman  
Jennifer Hammerschmidt  
Deborah Lynn Harris  
Betty Hass  
Jeremy Heintz  
John Heitzler, Jr.  
Joseph & Joy Henczel  
Baby Luke Hougau  
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  
Korri 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  
Bill Paschke  
Josie Pasciak  
Jim Paulissen  
Owen Payton  
Bane Petrov  
Joseph Pirofalo  
Brittney Prehn  
Ian Prosser  
Al Ptak  
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 Strachta  
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  
Christina Belcher-Ugolini  
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

**Deacons:** Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

**Secretaries:** Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides

.....Ext 0 or 600.....

**Secretaria Hispana:**.....Ext 601

**Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations:**

.....Jim Nolan.....Ext 604

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

**Director:** Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

**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](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org)

For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office.

Please keep in your prayers our  
Deacons who are preparing  
for the Priesthood:

**Rev. Mr. Brian Geary**  
**Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang**

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

### COVID-19 PROTOCOLS-UPDATE

1. Effective February 28, 2022, the Diocese of Joliet has issued an update to COVID-19 protocols. Masks are recommended but not required in church and office settings. Everyone should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks. 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.
2. Effective Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be lifted. Please see page 5 for a letter from the bishop about the dispensation.
3. To read the diocesan COVID-19 updated protocols in detail, go to: [dioceseofjoliet.org](http://dioceseofjoliet.org). Search for "COVID-19 Guidelines."



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  
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army  
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF  
A1C Seth Kelley  
Airman Nicholas Kostecka  
Lt. Crystal Kotvan  
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 Sarlitto  
AN Michael Schieve  
PFC Keegan Serbick  
Major Jim Smolucha  
Major Mike Smolucha  
SPC Thomas Stanhope  
AFSSgt Zachary Ushman  
Lt. Keith Wolfe

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ:

On behalf of Deacon Brian, Deacon Alex, and  
our entire SJB Staff, I would like to wish you all  
a very Happy Easter!!

May the Resurrection fill you and your families with the  
Light of Christ and may all  
our souls be lead to Heaven this Easter Season!

In Christ,  
Fr Chris





**Easter Sunday of the  
Resurrection of the Lord  
April 17, 2022**

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins  
through his name.

— *Acts 10:43*

**Our Sanctuary Lamps**

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

Chapel † *Ambrosio Madera, Sr.*

Church ♥ *Peace*



\*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.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, April 16 Holy Saturday, Vigil Easter Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass)

8:00 pm Easter Vigil ♥† People of the Parish

**Sunday, April 17-Easter Sunday of The  
Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 a.m. †♥ The People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

11:30 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

**Monday, April 18-Easter Monday**

8:30 a.m. † John Noonan, Health & Intentions (*Maureen Garro*)

**Tuesday, April 19**

7:00 a.m. † Barbara Paskewic (*Marilyn Petersen*)

**Wednesday, April 20**

7:00 a.m. † Fr. Parnisari (*Jack Aylward*)

**Thursday, April 21**

7:00 a.m. † Arnold Pins (*JoAnn Pins*)

**Friday, April 22**

12:00 p.m. † James & Rose Marecek, Wedding Anniv. (*The Lambert Family*)

† Fr Arno Dennerlein

♥ Health & Intentions, Amy Mortensen (*Terrence Denniger*)

† Michelle Szymczak (*Linda McKee & Ron Szymczak*)

† Women's Cursillo Weekend

† Mary Dodge (*Fran Hartigan*)

**Saturday, April 23-Vigil, Divine Mercy Sunday**

5:00 p.m. † Paula Lange (*Maryann Dusza*)

† Fr Edwin Joyce, Anniv. of Death, 4/15/2004

† Paula Lange (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Millie Sperando (*John Dusza & Family*)

† Cynthia Kalat (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)

♥ Health & Intentions, Christine Snyder (*Rick & Mary Carlson*)

**Sunday, April 24-Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:30 a.m. † Doris Morrissey (*The Morrissey Family*)

9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † John Pohodich (*John Pelican*)

**HOLY SATURDAY & EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Holy Saturday**

8:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing

Easter Egg Hunt on East Lawn (*immediately following  
Easter Basket Blessing*)

No Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm confessions

8:00 pm Easter Vigil-Church

**Easter Sunday**

7:30am-Church

9:30am-Church

11:30am-Church

*No confessions on Holy Saturday, April 16*

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION**

**Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm.** All Confessions are in the Church. No confessions on Holy Saturday, April 16th.



Please pray for

***Jongrang (Jong) Tenjum***

who passed away on April 4, 2022.

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

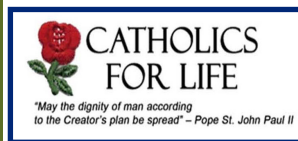
Our Parish Offices will be closed on Good Friday  
and Easter Monday. We will reopen on  
Tuesday, April 19 at 8:00 a.m.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday after Easter, April 24th. There will be a service at 3:00 pm in the Chapel. The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy, is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread

On June 29, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See promulgated a decree creating new indulgences that may be gained by the faithful in connection with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. This decree grants a plenary indulgence to those who comply with all the conditions established, and a partial indulgence to those who incompletely fulfill the conditions. It is allowed for one to go to Confession up to 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and still receive the indulgences.

~Worship Commission



## HAPPY EASTER

*The Lord who died for our salvation is risen.*

*Thanks be to God!*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*



## Cursillo Corner-Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

### ULTREYA

Join us for the next Ultreya on Saturday, May 14. Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following, we will head downstairs to Sebahar Hall. The Ultreya will begin at 9:30 and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/tea and snacks will be provided.

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Our Cursillo Community will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month on-line. The next Chaplet will be held via Zoom on May 1 at 8:00 pm. Friends and family are welcome. The Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

### CURSILLO WEEKENDS

The Women's 131st Cursillo Weekend is at full capacity with 38 women registered. Our parish is proud to be sponsoring, Judi Gonzalez, Rosi Rodriguez, Val Ward, Jill Rithmiller, and Linda Fuechsl! Please pray for them and all those attending the weekend. We are happy to welcome the newest Cursillistas from the men's spring weekend; Rick Loechl and Bob Ward. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit as you begin your fourth day journey!

The fall weekends are scheduled at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien for the following dates;

Men's Weekend-September 15-19

Women's Weekend-October 6-9

### NEW TO CURSILLO?

Are you interested in undergoing an exhilarating and unforgettable religious and life-changing experience? Do you want the opportunity to experience peace, serenity and joy which often eludes many of us? Would you like to grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you want to be a better role model and leader within your family and environments? If you answered yes to any of these, then this is a weekend you won't want to miss! Your experience will include being in the company of other faith-filled Catholics that will support you on your spiritual journey, both during the weekend and beyond. Cursillo will help you to become a better person and Christian in your daily life. You will have time to think, pray and learn away from the hectic pace of everyday life. The weekend includes a series of awesome and thought-provoking talks given by laity and clergy followed by small group discussion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as personal Spiritual Direction with a clergy member will be made available for those interested.

Fr. Burke recently wrote in his blog. "Consider investing 72 hours to change your life forever. Join millions around the world that have experienced a Cursillo weekend and learn how-to live-in God's grace.

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

You will need a sponsor to attend a Cursillo because there is a discipleship model in place. If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at amythel@att.net

Additional information can be found in the narthex or on our website [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org)



## 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!

March 13.....\$25,879	March 27.....\$18,923
March 20.....\$22,023	April 3.....\$25,287

## SVDP Grocery Needs

While you are out doing your shopping, would you consider picking up any of the items listed below that are on the St. Vincent de Paul Grocery list? You can bring the item to Mass and place it in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule which is open 24/7. Questions? 630-668-0918, ext 692. Thank you!

### SVDP Grocery List

- \* Applesauce
- \* Canned peaches
- \* Canned Pineapple
- \* Cooking Oil
- \* Breakfast Cereal
- \* Tomato soup
- \* Beef soups
- \* Laundry detergent
- \* Dishwashing Liquid
- \* Paper towels
- \* Toilet Paper



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 your church website and click Give Online.**
- 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!

[www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org)

**\*QUESTIONS?** Contact our parish office to speak with Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

## FROM OUR DIOCESE: *DONATING-WAR RELIEF IN UKRAINE*

For those of you who would like to donate to war relief in Ukraine, our Diocese's website resource page suggests Catholic Relief Services -Ukraine. If you would like to donate to Catholic Relief Services/Ukraine, go to our website, [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org), click on WeShare. Click on "View All Second Collections." At the top you will see Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ukraine Relief. Monies donated this way will be sent to our diocese who will forward to Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with "Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine" in the memo line, and we will forward to the diocese.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION APRIL 24-CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** There will be a special collection on April 24th. Donations offer financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the [Catholic Home Missions Appeal](#), Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. An envelope is in your packet for your convenience.

## NEWS FROM OUR SJB SCHOOL-INVEST IN KIDS TAX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Since the inception of the program in 2018, St. John the Baptist Catholic School has received **\$487,000** in donations, which has been used to fund **106 scholarships**. As you may be aware, we have an amazing matching opportunity. For each dollar, up to \$40,000, two generous donors have pledged to match donations from new donors to the tax credit scholarship program. Simply put, \$40,000 becomes \$80,000 during the month of April! Please keep the donations coming and let's add to the number of scholarships for eligible St. John the Baptist students! For more information about the program or the donation process, please contact principal, Joanne Policht at [Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org) or text Fr. Jeff Putthoff at 347-PUTTHOF (347-788-8463).



## NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### First Eucharist Workshop!

If you happened to pass our complex on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup>, you may have wondered “what is going on at SJB!”

It was our First Eucharist Workshop! It was a morning where the children/teens preparing to receive First Communion were able to spend the morning with their parents as they learned so many new things related to their upcoming celebration, April 30<sup>th</sup>!

The morning began with Fr. Chris explaining why we Catholics believe the consecrated host is the true Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, not just a symbol, as other denominations believe. And because we believe this to be true, we believe our Church is a holy place, a place where Jesus resides. And why when we pass in front of the tabernacle, we genuflect or bow to show our respect and love of Jesus!

The group was divided into four groups, where they visited five sites: (and the volunteers who helped out)

**Bread making:** the children were given a container to mix the ingredients for bread; mixed here to bring home to bake. If you see any of these children ask them about their personalized spoon! They then could share with family at their next meal, just like Jesus did at the Last Supper. (Meghan, Victoria, Viviana, Icela and Isabella)

**Plate decorating:** each child was given a plate to decorate, using stencils of the chalice, host, grapes, hearts and bible. These were baked and will become their keepsake of their special day. (Debbi, Elle, Alina and Victoria)

**Chapel/church tour:** Deacon Brian walked the families through the chapel and sacristy, explaining all the statues, vessels, vestments, windows, and everything used during Mass. Moms and dads very much enjoyed this part, maybe more than our kiddo's. (Deacon Brian and Heidi)

**Video:** families watched a portion of a video that described the hours leading to and the Last Supper. (Vincent and Mrs. Neumann)

**Music:** our last site was learning our music for First Eucharist! (Mrs Rose and Mrs. Stroner)



RE families making bread

And thanks to our Catechists, who without their dedication, none of this could take place! Mrs. Burnson, Mrs. Cirelli, Mrs. Juardo. Mrs. Seay, and Mrs. Terrazas.

*~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education*



Cutting out stencils and decorating plates.



Deacon Brian is reminding everyone of their Baptism, the Easter Candle, and the oils used when baptizing.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### ALEX'S PROJECT-CARE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Born in a small town in Siberia, Alex McCall was adopted at seven years old and came to West Chicago in 2003 to live with his forever family. For the first seven years of his life he didn't have much and was thrilled to come to all the comforts of home. Alex became an active member in his church, St. John the Baptist, school, and Boy Scouts where he received his Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed participating in many service projects that benefited others. Since he knows how it feels to have nothing, he has always wanted to give back and pay forward. When he started working, he decided to take some of his pay and help stock the shelves of the Ronald McDonald House. **That was the beginning of the "Alex Project".** Each year there is a different beneficiary. His project has donated toys to Shriner's Hospital, Ronald McDonald, and Central DuPage Hospital. This is the sixth annual project – **making Care Bags for the homeless.** He did the same project in 2021 and there was such a need for help he decided to repeat the project. **With everyone's help, each Care Bag is filled with new socks, gloves, hat, hand warmers, face mask, sanitizer, toothpaste and brush, and other toiletries.** There are special bags made for the children with extra items just for kids. The students of St. John's Religious Education help decorate and fill these bags. Last year over 500 bags were distributed to organizations that help the needy. PADS, Hesed house, Midwest Veterans Shelter, Elmwood Park Veterans Shelter, Wayne Township, Milton Township, DuPage County Sheriff and various police departments.

With everyone's continued help and support, this project will be a great success and help many people who are having a difficult time. **If you would like to donate to help with the project, please contact the Religious Education Office at St. John the Baptist Parish. There is a great need for the items listed above or if you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are appreciated.**

*~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education*

### RE UPDATE ON ST. PADDY DAY GIFT BAGS AND DECORATIONS

*~Maureen Brennan, RE Director*

As you may recall, a request went out for treats/goodies, socks, gift cards and of course St. Paddy's Day Decorations for our Veterans located in the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Vets. And of course, St. John the Baptist Parishioners came through again! (As they did for the Vets for Valentine's day.)

We made and packaged up all of the donations into 11 bags: Six went to Miller House, which is transitional housing, two to Tammy's Trace, which houses women, and three to the

Larson House, which houses the homeless Vets.

Pictured here is the Vet who answered the door who said "Thank you so much for remembering us! We really appreciate all the goodies and the gift cards, and the handwritten thank you notes from the children! Thank you again!"



The day I delivered the St. Paddy's Day gift Bags, Rizik Momhammad, the Program Officer, was at the commissary. He is the gentleman pictured below with the remainder of the gift bags. He offered to bring these treats to Tammy's Tracy and Miller House! He is at the back entrance of the commissary, where someone had just dropped off items and a Vet has just picked up her supplies.

Thank you, St. John the Baptist Parishioners, for always giving to our Vets! Next bags will be for Memorial Day!





# Operation Andrew Dinner

Monday, April 25, 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm

St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield

The Operation Andrew Dinner is an informal evening open to young men high school age or older. It is an opportunity to have dinner with priests from the Diocese of Joliet. There will be a presentation on priesthood as well as an opportunity to ask questions and have the chance to meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Dads may join their sons for the evening with their local priest; please be sure to RSVP early so Fr Chris can make plans to attend, as well.

*For more information about Vocations, go to: [www.vocations.com](http://www.vocations.com)*



## sharing CHRIST

a seven-week mission

For those who have completed  
Following Christ, the third Christ-Life  
Trimester begins Tuesday, April 5, 2022.  
Please go to [stjohnwinfield.org/sharing-christ](http://stjohnwinfield.org/sharing-christ)  
for info and registration.


Start time:  
7:00 pm

Questions? Please email  
[christlife@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:christlife@stjohnwinfield.org)




The Office of Adult Formation invites you to join us for

# BE FORMED



- WEEKLY VIDEOS
- SMALL GROUPS
- PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP
- MONTHLY NIGHTS OF REFLECTION

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MASTERS



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MORE INFO AND  
TO REGISTER

## SEASON 5

### THE SACRAMENTS AND THE CHURCH FATHERS

[WWW.DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG/BEFORMED](http://WWW.DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG/BEFORMED)  
SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2022



## NEWS FROM OUR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL

### LENT PROJECTS

If you happen to come into the St. John the Baptist School office and glance at the entryway/office bulletin board, you can see what the fourth and fifth graders created in technology to reflect on Lent. The fourth graders and fifth graders created imaged crosses and hearts in Google Slides depicting what Lent means to them. They learned the techniques of layering and cropping. Also, they learned to take images from the web and make them their own with highlighting and complementary colors. The students' written reflections on the crosses and hearts have either a bible scripture, a Saint quote, a goal, or an almsgiving or fasting statement of which to do during this Lenten season. It was great to connect technology with religion and the season of Lent.

Have a blessed and fun filled Easter!  
Mrs. Murray and her fourth graders,  
Mrs. Redar and her fifth graders,  
Mr. Hollatz the Technology teacher



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPELLING BEE

Thank you, Dr and Mrs. Madden for hosting the Knights of Columbus Annual Spelling Bee back on February 11th! And, congratulations to our building winners! ~ *SJB School Principal Joanne Policht*



## St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus 2022 Scholarship Applications now available!

The Knights are continuing their Knights of Columbus Scholarship program for **college-bound** students of Winfield and St. John's Parish. The criteria for consideration for these scholarships are: be a resident of Winfield zip code 60190, have a family business in Winfield, have an affiliation with the KOC Council 8002 (member, son, daughter, grandchild, etc.), or be a registered parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church, Winfield, IL.

Applications are available at your local high school, in our parish office vestibule, **and on the Winfield Knights website:** [www.Winfieldknights.org](http://www.Winfieldknights.org). Kindly execute, and return by mailing to: Knights of Columbus, c/o St. John the Baptist, 0S233 Church St., Winfield, IL, 60190. Write the words "Scholarship Application" on the back of the envelope, and it must be postmarked no later than **April 19, 2022**, and received by **April 25, 2022**.

Please note: the applicant will complete Parts I and II of the form. Use additional pages if necessary. Part III is to be completed by school officials, attached to in a sealed envelope or mailed to the Knights at St. John's.

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, **Wednesday April 20th at 7:00 pm** at the home of Jean Daniell. We will discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net) May 18th: *The Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler



## ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE PREPARATORY



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"Shadow" a current SFHS student for a day to see what life is like as a Spartan.

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Parents are invited for a tour while school is in session Monday through Friday at a variety of convenient times.



Register For All Events At:  
[SFHSCOLLEGEPREP.ORG](http://SFHSCOLLEGEPREP.ORG)

**7th GRADE NIGHT**  
Friday, April 29, 2022  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**ART SHOWCASE**  
Thursday, April 14, 2022  
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**INFORMATION SESSION**  
Wednesday, May 11, 2022  
9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**BOYS VOLLEYBALL**  
Thursday, May 12, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Spyglass Athletic Center vs. Hinsdale South  
Free admission for middle school students

**13:1**  
Student-Teacher Ratio



**27**  
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### SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8002 SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

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3:00pm to 7:00pm

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## KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN

*"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!"*  
-St. Padre Pio

We, the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. John, get together to pray the Holy Rosary, every other Wednesday evening. We will convene again at St. John's Fire Pit (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Pavilion) on **Wednesday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m.**, to offer our thanks for our many gifts and blessings and to pray, as well, for our many individual needs and intentions:

- for deliverance from the scourge of abortion,
- for the end of the pandemic and its effects,
- for the suffering and the sick,
- for the strayed and neglectful of faith,
- for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and
- in special thanks for our great Pastor, Fr. Chris Lankford

Afterwards, we'll get together for good conversation, supplemented by tasty snacks and "libations." Hope you can join us.

--Sean Conley and Mike McGrath



## 2022 CCW Woman of the Year

Two women are being honored this year!

Joan Pacer is featured here.



Joan Pacer graduated summa cum laude from Mundelein University with a degree in English Journalism.

While working on her Masters and at the Dental Journal as an editor, she met and started dating a professor in the dental school at Loyola.

They married and started a family and had four children. One of her daughters reminisced about growing up with Joan as her mother:

"She never watched television without mending. Her hands were always busy with mending her family's clothing because money was tight on a teacher's salary."

Joan values education. She held her own summer school each summer for her children, and encouraged them to read; *all her children are life-long readers because of this woman.* They lived in a house full of books.

Joan would only allow quality television in their home, provided music lessons for all her children, and passed along her life-long love of art, even purchasing a lifetime membership to the Art Institute in her early 20s after college.

She is always thinking of others and likes to help. Lately, it has been behind the scenes. She supports charitable organizations throughout the country. And, within our own community, she purchases magazine subscriptions for Winfield Woods, for both women and men, providing a shopping bag full of magazines every month to Winfield Woods. She also purchases and donates needed supplies for Winfield Woods.

Joan has the God-given gift of focusing on details and, along with her artistic eye, this is where CCW has really benefitted from this woman.

Joan turned our craft-oriented jewelry into a professional looking jewelry store. Her gift of arranging jewelry in beautiful displays, along with placing the big backboard for necklaces that can attract attention across Sebahar Hall, taking the time to put the earrings on punched cards and putting the date on all the jewelry, and curating our jewelry, has directly increased all of our bazaar and garage sale profits, which CCW, in turn, uses to help our community.

Here are some of the things our members said about Joan when they nominated her:

- "She has done the jewelry for years, and now, while quietly at home, she still helps curate and sort the jewelry for our bazaars, year-round."
- "When younger, she attended meetings, and even now, when she can no longer attend, she still supports our activities any way she can."
- "She is in her 90s and still is part of CCW!"
- "20 plus years in CCW as a board member, treasurer, this honor is long overdue."
- "Years of dedicated service to the Church and CCW. Even today, with her many physical problems, she continues to help us."

**CONGRATULATIONS, JOAN PACER!**

**2022 CCW Woman of the Year**  
**Two women are being honored this year!**  
**Sheila Hornyak is featured here.**

Our Woman of the Year 2022 has always been a very busy person...busy with the activities of being mom to four children as Girl Scout leader, attending high school sports events, *and* church activities, that included her active membership in the CCW at St. Mark's, Wheaton. She enjoyed cooking for her family, decorating her home and traveling with her husband and kids. (They were active tent campers when the children were young.)

About 25 years ago, she and her husband, John, became members at St. John the Baptist, *and we're so glad they did!*



In the 1990s Sheila was hired to teach 2nd grade at SJB School and was soon “promoted” to teaching 4<sup>th</sup> grade, where she remained for many years. Her teaching abilities, not to mention her sparkling reputation at St. John's School, brought her the respect and admiration of parents, teachers and administrators alike.

- She was Teacher Liaison to the School Board.
- She served, by the pastor's invitation, on Principal search committees.
- After her retirement, she was a Diocese of Joliet substitute teacher and she volunteered to teach in St. John's' religious education department.
- Our WOY has musical talent, too, and she is a long time member of the church choir and a cantor.
- Sheila attends Friday Morning Bible Study.
- And for a few years, when SJB had an active Vocations Commission, she was a member of that Commission.

*And finally*, as Sheila had planned to do all along, and harkening back to her service at St. Mark's, she joined our St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women in 2011 and has been actively involved with us ever since. Sheila:

- Served as CCW president or as Co-President for 4 - 5 years.
- Served as CCW Vice President/Co-vice president for 2 years.
- Attends our events, always helping with the details in a “hands on” style.

*She does what needs to be done!*

- Volunteers at Young at Hearts, often contributing a dish to serve and helps decorate.
- She's friendly and welcoming to all. *(She's a real drawing card for CCW.)*
- Sheila has done all this with outstanding effort and love for the Lord and the Church.

In nominating her, one of our members said: “This honor is long overdue!”

**CONGRATULATIONS, SHEILA HORNYAK!**

***Both Sheila Hornyak and Joan Pacer will be honored at the annual Woman of the Year Mass at the Cathedral of St. Raymond on April 23, 2022.***

## 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, May 5, 2022, in the Parish Office Dining Room. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Beginning March 3rd, Adoration hours are expanded to 12 hours every Thursday, immediately following 7:00 am Mass, until 8:00 pm in the Chapel. 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.



## Miscellaneous

**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. 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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) or [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) and [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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.



## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

**Young  
at Hearts** 

We're Firing Up Our Ovens Again!   
**COME JOIN US** for our April "Welcome Spring"  
**YOUNG AT HEARTS LUNCHEON**



on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall

Our ovens are firing up again and we can't wait to share our home-cooked delicacies with you as we welcome Spring!

Feast on BBQ Hamburgers in Secret Sauce, Mac n Cheese, Provencal salad (an Ina Garten recipe), along with coleslaw, beets, salad, and Jello. Our meal will finish off with delicious, assorted desserts. We hope to see you there :)

Young at Hearts is open to anyone 55 or better.  
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If you have any questions, please call Harriett @ 630-682-1218.



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