

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

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is in the LORD.
He is like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream.

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Sixth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 13, 2022

Te burao (The Hibiscus Tree)
1892
Paul Gauguin
French, 1848-1903
Art Institute of Chicago

Please pray for our sick

James Adduci
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balseqiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Maria Elena Castro
Karen Cervenk
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 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 Hougán
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 Murock
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
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
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

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides
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Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation).....Ext 600

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Website: 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
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



Bishop Hicks' Column



February 2022 Kindness: the antidote to a cold heart

February can be one of the coldest months of the year. While we may differ on our preference between cold or hot weather, I think we can all agree no one wants a cold heart. St. Catherine of Siena reminds us that, "The human heart is always drawn by love." However, without attending to our relationship to Jesus, it is all too easy for our hearts to turn cold or even lukewarm. In a homily by Pope Francis given in 2016, the Holy Father exhorted, "A lukewarm heart becomes self-absorbed in lazy living and it stifles the fire of love."

So, how do we keep our hearts from turning cold or lukewarm until the spring comes? In other words, how do we keep our hearts on fire with our love for God and neighbor? While there are many possible ways to accomplish that, let me suggest one yet profound way: namely, the practice of kindness.

Recently in our Blanchette Catholic Center, one of our employees was asked what she wanted for her birthday. She replied with one word, "Kindness." Why did she ask for the gift of kindness? I think it is because she has been inundated with what so many of us have been experiencing, specifically a growing amount of rudeness, anger and unforgiving spirit in an increasingly polarized world. Anyone who works specifically in customer service, or just with "people" in general, reports a rise in angry outbursts, both verbally and physically.

While we all want others to be more kind to us, we all also need to work on how to be more kind to others. To do this, a few years ago, someone introduced me to the "FIVE" rule. If you are ever provoked to respond to someone in an unkind way, ask yourself, "Before any nasty words leave my mouth, how will I feel about what I am about to say in the next five seconds? In five minutes? In five hours? In five days? And in five years? It is possible that we might feel better in the next five seconds, five minutes or even five hours. However, it is always good to take a wider perspective and ask, "Is what I am about to say something I will be proud of or regret in the next five days or five years?"

In the Gospels, Jesus gives us an example of what it looks like to be grounded in kindness. In the times that he is dismissed, criticized, opposed, jeered, mocked, and even tortured physically, he responds with a

cumulative and resounding, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." As we lean into Jesus, our daily prayer lives help to connect to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we appeal to his love and mercy.

We may be tempted to reject this movement toward kindness because it may be interpreted as a sign of weakness. We might think, "Fine, I am willing to be kinder to others. But that will not help change the rude and angry behaviors of so many other people out there!" However, never forget that kindness is wonderfully infectious. As St. Augustine wrote, "One loving heart sets another on fire." In other words, when we speak and act with kindness, it can spread and multiply in others.

At the Diocese of Joliet, we model and multiply the kindness that Jesus displayed in his life and his works in our ministries. Our Catholic schools teach kindness when students are instructed in Catholic social teaching as part of the regular curriculum. Our Catholic Charities teaches kindness when providing a room for the homeless at Daybreak Shelter or delivering food to the needy through its mobile food pantry. Our adult formation program teaches kindness when accompanying individuals through a study of the Gospels. And our vocations program teaches kindness when helping young men and women discover the fullness of a life devoted to the Lord.

The need for kindness is why the theme for our **2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)** is "Devoted to the Works of the Lord." It is through the kindness found woven throughout our works dedicated to God that we find peace and salvation. I encourage you to learn more about our ministries and how you can multiply the kindness of our works through the CMAA by going to the following website: www.jolietdioceseappeal.org

I hope you agree that none of us wants to have cold or lukewarm hearts. We long for hearts on fire with love of God and neighbor. As we wait for the spring, might we consider to be the change we want to see in the world by practicing kindness frequently. As St. Teresa of Kolkata said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." †

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 12—Vigil for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Sandy Hopkins (*The Milder Family*)
♥ John P. Heybach & Mary Susan Heybach,
50th Wedding Anniversary (*The Conley Family*)
† Fred Dusza (*The Dusza Family*)
† Grace Galeon (*Carlito & Amor Gabas*)
† Doris Morrissey (*The Morrissey Family*)
† Abe Rundell (*Monica Rundell*)

Sunday, February 13—The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. † Larry Ascenzo (*St. John the Baptist Parish Family*)
11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

Monday, February 14—Valentine's Day

7:00 a.m. † Giuliana Capigatti

Tuesday, February 15

7:00 a.m. ♥ Thomas Andrew Denniger, Health & Intentions
(*Terrence Denniger*)

Wednesday, February 16

7:00 a.m. † Amelia Alcazar (*Jack Aylward*)

Thursday, February 17

7:00 a.m. † Brian Clement (*Ralph & Linda Grieco*)

Friday, February 18

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein
† Florence Gimbut (*Genevieve Rohr*)
† Robert O'Malley (*The Tom Fallon Family*)
† Ursula Makowiczuk (*Rose Flores*)

Saturday, February 19—Vigil for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Charles Kadolph (*Rose & Jim Effinger*)
† James Bartelli (*Bernie & Chris Bartelli*)
† Anita Wilke (*Rita Wilke*)
† Donald E. Rericka (*The Rericka Family*)
† Lucille Vogt (*The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)
† Abe Rundell (*Monica Rundell*)

Sunday, February 20—The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Evelyn Zawislak (*Lois & Chuck Kirk*)
9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. ♥ Venessa Lopatka, Health & Intentions

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 13, 2022

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied."
— Luke 6:20-21a

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Giuliana Capigatti

Church ♥ Karen Durbin



*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.



Please pray for

Jon B. Meyer

who passed away on
January 25, 2022.

Our sympathies are extended to his mother,
Barbara Meyer, his brother & sister-in-law,
Jim & Peggy Meyer, and to
all of his family & friends.



Please pray for

Doris Borter

who passed away on
February 2, 2022.

Our sympathies are extended to her adult children
and their spouses at St. John's,
Steve & Libby Borter, Gary & Val Borter,
Deborah & Don Grondfeldt, and to
all of her family & friends.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

O God, who teach us that you abide
in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace
as to become a dwelling 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:

How can I allow God's grace to fashion me into a pleasing dwelling for the Lord?

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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 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/>



Looking for a place for your old palms? There is a basket in the parish office entryway for you to drop off your old palms. Thank you.

In honor of Presidents' Day, all parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, and will re-open on Tuesday, February 22 at 8:00 a.m.



following Christ

Following Christ: An Adult Formation
Seven-Week Journey

Tuesdays, February 8th through March 22nd at
7-8:45 pm in Sebahar Hall

Questions? Christlife@stjohnwinfield.org or call the
parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0

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, February 23rd, 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

ST. JOHN'S MASSES-LIVE STREAMED

Our 9:30am Sunday Mass is live-streamed. There are 2 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!

January 16.....\$19,699	January 30.....\$25,546
January 23.....\$16,588	February 6.....\$45,285

WHEN YOU HAVE A CAR TO DONATE, YOU "AUTO THINK"...SVDP!

When you hear those radio ads encouraging the donation of your used car, please keep in mind that your car will most likely NOT be given to someone who can use it. Such cars are usually sold at auction or dismantled for the resale of their parts. That may serve the profit-purposes of a charitable organization. Yet it's not very practical for people who have serious transportation needs, but can't afford to buy a car.

On the other hand, when you donate your car to St. Vincent de Paul, once we have determined that it is safe and functional, we put it directly into the hands of a needy person or family, so it can be used...to drive to work, to go on family errands, or to meet the many other practical needs for getting around. We have no paper-work complications. And we have no large management salaries or administrative costs to pay. We simply serve the needy. So when you're ready to surrender your car, keep St. Vincent de Paul first on your list of options. Call **630-293-9755**. We'll pick up the car and get it into the hands of someone who can really use it.

SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL-Join Us During Lent

Our Sunday Morning Preschool Program has been away for a while, I know. But we want to start up again, even if it is on a limited basis this spring. During Lent we will offer a drop in Sunday Morning Preschool during 9:30am Mass. Miss Jeanne and her teens will be there to share a story, a craft, maybe a game or a science experiment.

Classes at the 9:30 am Mass begin on 3/6 and continue on 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 and 4/10. Those unfamiliar with Sunday Morning Preschool, classes are held in Sebahar Hall (the hall below the church). We are inviting children ages 3 through 5. No registration required, bring your mask and be ready for FUN.

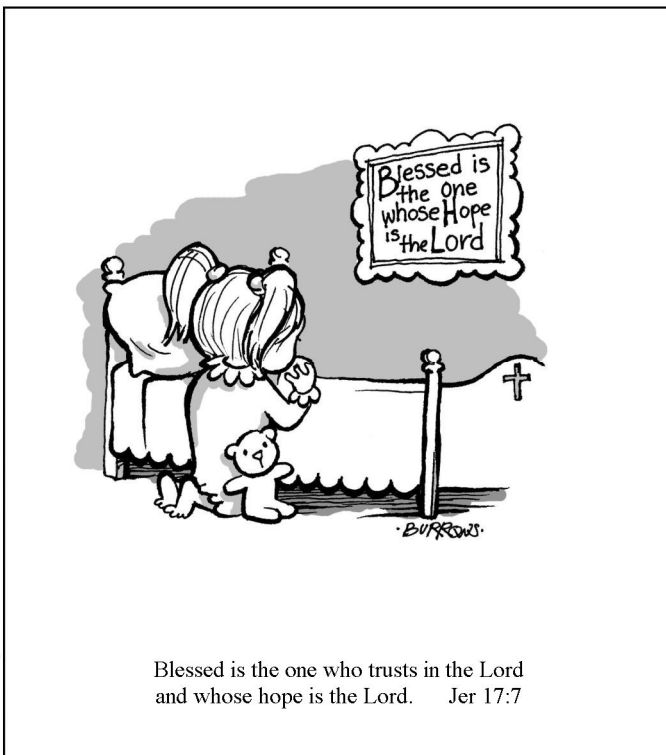
Any questions reach out to Miss Jeanne at sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com or 630-926-7864.

I cannot wait to see you!!

~Jeanne Hess, Sunday Morning Preschool Coordinator

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**Welcome to Our Newly
Baptized!**

February 5, 2022

Nora Kristen Allen

*Child of
Emily (Schaffer) & Patrick Allen*



Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting-Day of Recollection Retreat

February 26, 2022

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School, 701 Plainfield Rd, Darien, IL 60561

Scouts K-12 with age appropriate sessions, RSVP Required, Visit dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting

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

Progress on the Heart-Shaped Bags for Midwest Homeless Shelter

The photo to the right is of Mrs. Reedy/Mrs. Romero's Kindergarten/1st grade class after they decorated the felt bags with hearts for Valentine's Day! As you can see by the “smiling eyes,” they were pretty excited to be a part of this service project. We are still collecting items for the bags. **We especially need gift cards to make these bags EXTRA SPECIAL!** An extra special thank you goes out to Marilyn for the felt hats she made! Thanks so much everyone!

~Maureen Brennan, DRE



Vocations

Our Seminarian Alex Lorang is pictured here with Jeremy Leganski, Frank Pusateri and Jared Rutnicki who all resided at St. John's last summer. Along with other Diocese of Joliet third-year Mundelein Seminarians they are on pilgrimage in the Holy Land. Please pray for these pilgrims that they will grow closer to the Lord as they walk the roads He walked, and through this experience be formed into the priests they are called to be.



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.

YOUNG ADULTS 18-22
Apply Now
to be a
Totus Tuus
2022 Leader!



TOTUS TUUS
SUMMER 2022
COMING JUNE & JULY!!!

A week long Catholic Camp held at a local parish led by college students & Joliet Diocese seminarians

Now accepting registrations

DAY PROGRAM
YOUTH
(GRADES 1 - 6)

EVENING PROGRAM
TEENS
(GRADES 7 - 12)



Totus Tuus is a parish summer program designed to cultivate a love for the Lord through the sacramental life of the Church and open the hearts of the participants to live out their Catholic faith daily.

JEREMIAH DAY
Vist Mundelein Seminary
Saturday, April 2, 2022
Young Men Grades 7-10

Campus Tour
Meet our Seminarians



Lunch Sports



Adoration Mass

Enjoy a day with the Joliet seminarians at Mundelein Seminary. You will enjoy a day of activities that include a tour of the seminary, a talk about hearing God's call, lunch, Mass and a chance to play sports with the seminarians.



MUNDELEIN
SEMINARY

Register Online - \$10 fee
<https://conta.cc/3kxuPg7>



www.vocations.com 815-221-6171

For more information about Vocations, go to: www.vocations.com



Cursillo Corner

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

March Ultreya

Join us for the next Ultreya Saturday, March 12. We will begin with Rosary at 9:00 a.m. in Sodonna Hall. The Ultreya will begin at 9:30 in Sodonna Hall and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/Tea and snacks will be provided. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the Cursillo Movement!

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 March 6 at 8:00 pm. Friends and family are welcome. Please text Amy at 630-561-4328 to receive the zoom link, or check you Joliet Cursillo emails for the link.

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. Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend. Applications are available for download at www.jolietcursillo.org.

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

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.

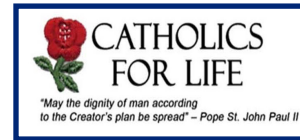
The Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as personal Spiritual Direction with a clergy member will be made available for those interested.

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 amythe1@att.net

Additional information can be found in the narthex or on our website www.jolietcursillo.org



Today we celebrate World Marriage Day. May God bless all married couples today and in all their future years together.

On Saturday, 1/29, eight parishioners from St. John's took part in a Walk for Life. It began at St. Petronille in Glen Ellyn at 8:00 a.m. with the celebration of Mass. The pastor, Fr. Thomas Milota, then led a large crowd on a 2.4 mile Eucharistic Procession to St. James in Glen Ellyn. Those who were not able to walk went to St. James and prayed until they were joined by the walkers to celebrate Benediction together. Contributions from the walk were donated to Waterleaf Women's Center.

If you missed seeing anything on the Washington D.C. March you can go to this web site [Missed the March for Life? Here it is, in a 45-second video | Catholic News Agency](#) for a 45 second video of the whole March and some of the speeches. Fr. Mike Schmitz, Bible in a Year, gave a great speech. Do watch it.

On December 16th the Biden administration permanently lifted the in-person dispensing requirement on the abortion pill mifepristone. This then allows for widespread at-home abortions through telemedicine. Pro-life advocates and physicians are warning of serious risks to women due to this action. You can go to www.usccb.org/prolife/abortion for information on the facts, the major risks and complication from chemical abortions.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer..."

- St. Pope John Paul II

FEELING BLESSED

Congratulations! Welcome to the Kingdom! Rejoice and leap for joy! Sounds a little like Easter, doesn't it? Well, in a very real way, it is. This Sunday, the scriptures remind us that we are blessed and beloved, especially when we have difficulties and don't feel especially blessed. Jesus reminds us that God blesses us in our trials, so we should trust in the saving power of God. We are "raised from the dead," as it were, each time we arise from our hardships. The ultimate proof of all of this is our new life in Christ, who died so that we could be free of sin, and was raised from the dead so that we might all have new life. Wouldn't that be something? A new life, in which poverty is riches and sadness is transformed into lightness of spirit? It's a topsy-turvy world, isn't it? Do you feel blessed today?

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An Invitation From:

Fr. Clive Otieno

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CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

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Thursday, February 24th 2022, 5:30pm

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The Women's Giving Circle, a fund of the Catholic Education Foundation, is hosting an afternoon event on **Saturday, February 26th from 1-3pm**, to sip, savor and be spiritual with other like-minded Catholic women. Tickets may be purchased online and include 2 glasses of wine and charcuterie: givecentral.org/cefwgcwinter2022 Virtual attendance is also an option. Please email Emily at ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org for more information about the event or for more information on the Women's Giving Circle.



SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Marriage Day
Monday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius;
Valentine's Day
Thursday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

-Matthew 28:19

Sts. Cyril and Methodius

Two brothers and Byzantine theologians in the 9th-century. They are known as the "Apostles to the Slavs" because of their missionary work with the Slavic people.

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February 14

Young at Hearts...JOIN US



**for our Valentine's Luncheon on
Wednesday, February 16th
@ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall**

It's time for the Young at Heart's Valentine's Day luncheon!

You will ♥ this menu featuring:



Roasted Chicken

Scalloped Potatoes

Garden Salad

Mixed Vegetables

and assorted desserts.

Free-will donations accepted.

Young at Hearts is open to anyone 55 or better. Please wear a mask.

If you have any questions, please call Harriett @ 630-682-1218.

BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY JDCCW THROUGH CCW AT ST. JOHN'S

Dear Parents of 8th-through 11th Graders who are planning to attend a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2022-2023 School Year:

Each year, our Joliet Diocese CCW offers a scholarship to a student who will be attending one of the following Catholic High Schools next school year: Benet Academy, Lisle; Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee; IC Catholic Prep, Elmhurst; Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet; Montini Catholic High School, Lombard; Providence Catholic High School, New Lenox; St. Francis High School, Wheaton. The students must:

- Have a financial need;
- Student must actively attend a Catholic Parish in the Diocese of Joliet with an active Council of Catholic Women (St. John's has an active CCW);
- The scholarship includes a one-time stipend to be paid directly to the student's high school based on funds available for the calendar year.

Applications for the JDCCW Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to be completed; please contact the St. John's Parish Office, 630-668-0918, ext 600 or email, jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. **The deadline for the completed application is Thursday, March 17, 2022 to the parish office. (Please request an application as soon as possible; part of the application required a pastor letter and a signed statement from the principal or Director of Religious Education.)**

FACTS must be applied for online at: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/4FV06>. Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBSF FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application needs to be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS, call: 1-866-412-4637. **DO NOT SEND** the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35.00 fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2020 Income Tax report. The JDCCW does not see any of your financial information.



SPRING BAZAAR

FEB 26 & 27

VENDOR fair with Spring CCW

This & That

We are in need of gently used *Spring Seasonal & St. Patrick's Day* knick-knacks or home accessories. If you have items to donate, drop them off in the vestibule of the parish office—label them “CCW”

Vendors participating—Many are parishioners:

Barbara Miles—Handmade beaded jewelry

Chiro One Wellness Center—Chiropractic care

Claire Tansley -Aprons, Shawls, Tote bags

D. Nowacki & T. Cornell - Handmade Jewelry

Denise Glapinski—Bedding- sheets, pillowcases, etc.

Denise Braun—Decorated cookies, cakes etc.

Donna Vanagunas - Handmade crafts, spring, etc.

Genevieve Pratscher - Cross Stitch & Needlepoint

Gloria Mizik - Dolls, puff quilts, bunnies

Janis Arquette—Linens and Quilts

Jeannette Kielp—Author of books for sale

Juarez Boyd—American Girl doll clothes & household linens

Laura Ziccardi - Tastefully Simple

Linda Wu—Knitted shawls, hats

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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, March 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.



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. 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.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

BOOK CLUB

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. Please inquire with any questions to Jean Daniell @ tjdaniell@att.net



Upcoming Book Club:

Wednesday, March 16th, *Once Upon A Wardrobe*

Wednesday, April 20th, *The Personal Librarian*



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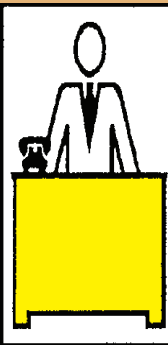
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