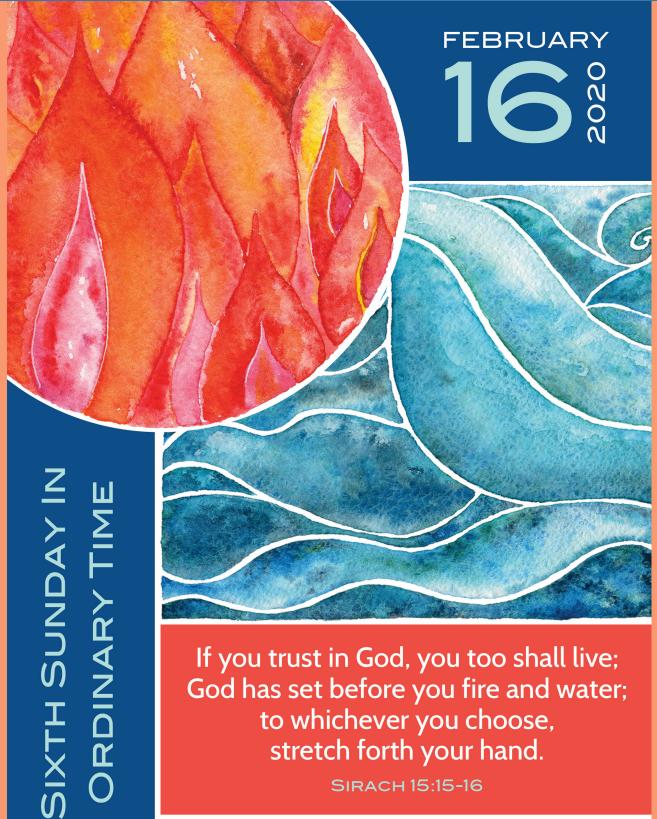
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to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

SIRACH 15:15-16

Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann Alisa Allen Sandy Anderson Jack Aylward Dave Balseqiz Ada Bantola Jennifer Bitterman Nancy Bockelmann Brian Burke Allison Lamberts Burns Jean Bustamante Karen Cervenka Lisa Cicero Kathy Connor Georgene Cook Julio Correa Rita Cross Mary Elaine Cruz Linda Dameron Debra DePauw Anetta Derango Nick DuBay Ralph Eckhoff Joann Eggebrecht Joan Enders Aaron Erickson William Ferdinand Patrocinia Fernandez Fr. Hilary Fischer Marie Flores Kvle Freed Dolores Gabriel

Gregory Garlt Darlene Gedvilas Danny Gonzalez Judy Gonzalez Dawn Grant Destin Green Daniel Guzman Jim Hale Jennifer Hammerschmidt Deborah Lynn Harris Betty Hass Jeremv Heintz John Heitzler, Jr. Joseph & Joy Henczel Paul Isherwood Edy Jacobs Jason Jensen Margarita Jimenez Andrew Jin Charles Kadolph Lynn Kadolph Mary Kallas Kathy Kamphaus Brandon Karimi Ken Kasnicka Carter Kettner Donna Kevil Joe Konopka Margaret Krisch Gerry Krug Korrin Kupris

Ken Larson Rick LeBreux Dolores Lewandowski Nancy Liden Haley Lipnisky Marilyn Loechi Sam Mahre Beth Majerczyk Gianna Malorny John Maltese Linda Marczewski Jan Masters Al Mathieu Diane Maher Alex McCall Michael McCall Perri McCall Goldena McGee Bessy Miller Colette Miller Mavette Monales Thomas Morris Megan Mueller Mary Lu Mulcahy Lauren Mungo Tim Murnane John Naill Becky Neal Johnny Neal Maura Neuens Clare North Alex Novak

Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard Joseph O'Brien Larry Orni Joan Pacer Josie Pasciak Jim Paulissen Owen Payton Molly Peters Bane Petrov Joseph Pirofalo **Brittney Prehn** Ian Prosser Tim Ptak Theresa Ratterman Mary Rauch Sam Reyes Alicia Ricciardi Cooper Roias Gertie Romero Kelli Rooney Katherine Rose John Rossi Marvin Rothweil Susan Rothweil **Bob Salat** Scott Schwartz Sven Segerlund John Shannon Desireé Sheppard Evelvn Skriba Dan Smyth

Dolores Snyder Olivia Soto Diane Srachta *Doug Stephan* Hugh Stott Michael John Stralko Rosemary Sumang Mary Tarchala Virg Tobin Jim Toman Erin Anderson Tugman Sheila Tomaszewski Benjamin Vargas Maria Vargas Keith Venard Martha Vescio Virginia Underwood Genevieve Welch Kylie Wells-Long Élizabeth Wood Susan Woodbury Lexie Youngberg Larry Zengri *New this week'

Welcome - Bienvenido

Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. (Mt 10:40)

St. John the Baptist Church wishes to welcome everyone to our community as Jesus would. For information on joining St. John's, please call the parish office.

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918 **Pastor/Párroco:** Fr. Matt Pratscher/Padre Mateo

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Tom Dunn **Deacon:** Dcn. Dave Ritter

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides

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Principal: Joanne Policht......Ext 618

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Mass Schedule

Weekend......Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am Misa en Español......Domingo 1:30 pm Weekday M-F 7:00 am & 7:50 am & Sat. 8:30 am

Confessions M-F 7:30-7:45am/Chapel Confessional Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm/Church Confessional

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.-Spanish

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.-Church Confessional

Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.-Chapel Confessional

24-Hours of ADORATION Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. through Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.-Chapel

ROSARY RECITATION

- Sundays, after the 7:30a Mass-Chapel
- Weekdays, after the 7a Mass-Chapel
- Saturdays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass-Chapel

BAD COMPANY

People who live solely for themselves are eventually corrupted by their own company.

—Anonymous

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarians who are studying for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Andrew Buchanan Joseph Solomon



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 Sat Melissa Brooker Pvt Timothy Conley Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly Major Daniel Durbin SA Dakota Enders LCPI Ciro Esquivel. Jr. Pvt Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray A1C Seth Kelley Airman Nicholas Kostecka Sqt. David Lawless SrA Robert Lawless Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao Commander Matthew Luff CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A.

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ABH2 Sean Phillips
1st Lt. Colleen Rezabek
1st Lt. Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
PFC Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
SSG Curtis Sigourney, US Army
Major Jim Smolucha
Captain Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

A letter from our pastor, Father Matt/Una carta de nuestro párroco, Padre Mateo

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Today's first reading, which comes from the fifteenth chapter of the book of Sirach, is about choices: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch

forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." Sirach is encouraging us to choose to follow God and walk in His ways. When Jesus speaks of the commandments, He is challenging. When speaking of and interpreting the commandments in today's Gospel (Mt. 5:17-37), this is the one area where Jesus appears stricter than the scribes and the Pharisees. He defends the Law and the prophets, expounds on the Law, says that "whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven," and warns His disciples not to narrowly interpret the Law as simply being a checklist, as being something solely external. The Law helps us to follow God. Behind every commandment is a virtue (the "why" of the rule) that can and should extend to other parts of one's life. Jesus is always challenging us to go deeper, to see the why, which is often about faith, humility, charity, purity, responsibility, integrity, respect, and selfcontrol, and to follow Him.

One time in which we think about how well we are following Jesus is Lent. Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching: February 26. I encourage you to start thinking about Lenten practices this year, particularly around each discipline: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We have Lenten reflection booklets in the narthex, a Lenten mission next month on recognizing God's presence, Stations of the Cross, daily Mass and Vespers, weekly adoration, additional confession times, and the fish fry on Fridays.

Also, I encourage you to attend the informational meeting on ChristLife this Sunday the 16th. We are looking for volunteers, and I invite you to participate and to invite others to the series. It will help us to discover Christ and follow Him.

Know of my prayers for you and your loved ones, and please continue to pray for one another.

In Christ, Fr. Matt

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

La primera lectura de hoy, que es del capítulo quince del libro de Sirácides, nos da dos opciones: "Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos; permanecer fiel a ellos es cosa

tuya. El Señor ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras. Delante del hombre están la muerte y la vida; le será dado lo que él escoja." Nos anima a elegir seguir a Dios y caminar en sus caminos. Cuando nuestro Señor Jesús habla sobre los mandamientos en el Evangelio de hoy (Mt. 5: 17-37), parece más estricto que los escribas y los fariseos. Defiende la Ley y los profetas, expone la Ley, dice que "el que los cumpla y los enseñe, será grande en el Reino de los cielos." y advierte a Sus discípulos que no interpreten la Ley como simplemente una lista de verificación, como algo únicamente externo. La ley nos ayuda a seguir a Dios. Detrás de cada mandamiento hay una virtud (el "por qué" de la regla) que puede y debe extenderse a otras partes de la vida. Jesús siempre nos reta a profundizar, a ver el por qué, que a menudo se trata de fe, humildad, caridad, pureza, responsabilidad, integridad, y respeto y seguirlo.

Una vez en la que pensamos qué tan bien estamos siguiendo a Jesús es la Cuaresma. El miércoles de ceniza se acerca rápidamente: 26 de febrero. Les animo a iniciar pensando en las prácticas de Cuaresma, particularmente según cada disciplina: oración, ayuno y limosna. Tenemos libritos de reflexión cuaresmal en el nártex y habrán la viacrucis, misa diaria, Vísperas, adoración semanal, horas adicionales de confesión y el pescado frito los viernes.

Estory rezando por ustedes y sus seres queridos, y por favor sigan rezando los unos por los otros.

En Cristo, Padre Mateo

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2020

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 15

8:30 a.m. † John Kosusnik (Sharleen, Robert & Roger Kosusnik)

Vigil Mass of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Fred Dusza (The Maryanne Dusza Family)

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (Colette Miller)

† Scott Weber (The Weber Family)

† Ronald Fortune (Marianne Wyssine)

† Shirley Moreen (The Moreen Family)

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Jim Bartelli (The Bartelli Family)

11:30 a.m. † Ursula Makowijczuk (Rose Flores)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Jose Cuiriz (Granddaughter Guadalupe)

† Feliciana Rojas (Granddaughter Guadalupe)

Monday, February 17

7:00 a.m. † Edgardo Y. Castro (The Ross Family)

7:50 a.m. † For the Poor Souls

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

7:50 a.m. † Frances & Thomas Borowczyk (Tom & Karen Borow)

Wednesday, February 19

7:00 a.m. ♥ Debbie DePauw (Religious Education-6th Graders)

7:50 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

Thursday, February 20

7:00 a.m. † George Lauer (The Oen Family)

7:50 a.m. † Evelyn Zawislak (Lois & Chuck Kirk)

Friday, February 21

7:00 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

7:50 a.m. † Blase & Ruth Ziomek (Dolores Lewandowski)

Saturday, February 22

8:30 a.m. † Oscar & Estella Lambert (Rose Marie Lambert)

Vigil Mass of The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Bill Rose (Marianne & Jim Russell)

† Thomas Hanlock (The Hanlock Family)

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † John, Kathleen & Patrick Dooley (Mary L'Hotta)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † Henry, Marge & Adel Lenertz (The Lenertz Family)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † La ntención del sacerdote

Mass Celebrants for:

Saturday, February 22: 5p-Fr Tom

Sunday, February 23: 7:30 am-Fr Matt; 9:30 am-Fr Matt;

11:30 am-*Fr Tom*; 1:30 pm/Spanish-*Fr Matt*

Saturday, February 29: 5p-Fr Matt

Sunday, March 1: 7:30 am-Fr Tom; 9:30 am-Fr Tom;

11:30 am-Fr Matt; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Matt

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ Marge Ackermann, Living Church † Bonnie Hansen



*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.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Monday thru Friday, 7:30a-7:45a-Chapel
- Saturday, February 15, 3:30p-4:30p-Fr Tom
- Saturday, February 22, 3:30p-4:30p-Fr Matt



Please pray for

Angela Marino

who passed away on January 24, 2020.

Our sympathies are extended to her son & daughter-in-law, Jim & Pat Marino, & to all of her family & friends.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19;

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13;

1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

In honor of Presidents' Day, all parish offices & our SJB school will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020. The parish offices will reopen on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

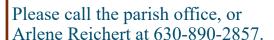


EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

COME TO THE quiet...

Spend some spiritual time with Our Lord who is truly present on the altar in St. John's Chapel during our 24-hour Adoration from Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m. through Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. All are welcome.

We need a permanent Adorer for the Tuesday 8a-9a hour of Adoration.





CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have cer-

God's commandments

Obey and teach

tain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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discovering Christ

Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that invites every person, baptized or unbaptized, to encounter the love of God the Father, enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

Discovering Christ will be held on Monday evenings beginning April 20, and many volunteers are needed to help run the program.

Please come to a brief informational meeting -

Sunday, 2/16, 12:30 PM (after Mass) in Sebahar Hall

to learn more about this exciting new program for our Parish and find out how you can be involved.

Please contact Rosanne Druckemiller with any questions - 630.849.6424

See also *Christlife.org* for more info on the program.

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SPRING BAZAAR FEB 22 & 23

Sponsored by Council of Catholic Women

Our annual Spring Bazaar will be held in Sebahar Hall.

This is a VENDOR fair with CCW bake sale and Spring This & That.

We are in need of gently used "Spring Seasonal" knick- knacks or home accessories. If you have items to donate, drop them off in the vestibule of the parish office — label them "CCW."

Donations of bakery can be dropped off in Sebahar Hall on Friday, 2/21 between 10:00am and 2:00pm, Saturday 2/22 starting at 8:30am and Sunday morning Feb 23rd.

For more information contact Cecily at 630-665-5946

RAFFLE - FREE

Will feature items donated by our Vendors FREE ticket at entrance to the Bazaar

Hours – Sat 10am -4pm Sun 8am -1pm

Hand crafted
Fashion and Home
accessories
Food & Kitchen
products

Jewelry

Cosmetics

CCW Bakery Spring This & That



From the Chancellor, Diocese of Joliet LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
- 3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- 4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
- 5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
- 6. Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.



This weekend, and until our supply runs out,

Lenten Magnificats, both in
English & Spanish,
will be available in the narthex at all Masses.

The suggested donation is \$1.00.



You are invited to... OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRYS!

Ash Wednesday is February 26, 2020

5p-7p on each of the following Fridays:

- February 28
- March 6
- March 13
- March 27
- April 3



Adults \$10, Kids \$5, Seniors \$9

Please join our Knights of Columbus fundraiser for their charities while relaxing with your friends & family. The fish is beer-breaded cod. For the kids, we have pizza & children-sized fish & spaghetti.

For adults, we also have a spaghetti dinner with garlic bread, and a salad option for the vegetarians! The meal includes bread, coleslaw, potato, dessert & a drink. Free-will donations for beer & wine gladly accepted.

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE Wednesday, February 26, 2020

- 6:15a Latin Mass w/Ashes-Chapel
- 7:00a Mass w/Ashes-Church
- 8:00a Mass w/Ashes-Church
- 4:00p-Ash Service-Church
- 6:00p-Ash Service-Bilingual-Church
- 7:00p Mass w/Ashes-Church
- 7:00p Spanish Mass w/Ashes Chapel

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2020

Vespers- 6:30p every evening during Lent until Palm Sunday, except Saturdays-Chapel

Stations of the Cross-Fridays, Feb 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27,

April 3 after 7:50a Mass & 7p, 7:30p-(Spanish)

Children's Stations of the Cross

2p Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

Parish Mission on Prayer-Sunday through Tuesday,

March 15, 16, 17 at 7p-Church

Confessions/Confesiones

Mon-Fri 7:30a-7:45a*; Saturdays, 3:30p-4:30p,**
Fridays during Lent, at 7p*
Sundays during Lent at 8:30a & 10:30a
*except Good Friday; **except Holy Saturday
Taize Service-Thursday, March 19, 7:30p-Chapel

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 31, 7p-Church

Palm Sunday, April 5

5p (Sat), 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30a,1:30p Español **Tenebrae,** Wednesday, April 8, 7p-Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 9

No morning Masses 7:30a-Morning Prayer

7p-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper-Bilingual-Church*

*Followed by Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, April 10

No morning Masses, No Confessions
7:30a-Morning Prayer
3p-Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7p-Español-La Pasión de Cristo-Capilla
7:30p-Living Stations of the Cross-Church

Holy Saturday, April 11

No 8:30a or 5p Mass & No Confessions 8:30a-Morning Prayer 12p Noon-Blessing of the Easter Baskets 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.-Church, 9:30 a.m.-Chapel, 11:30 a.m., & 1:30 p.m. Español



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOU VOTER INFORMATION

"As Catholics/Christians we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support." Faithful Citizenship NCCB 2016

Since it is difficult for the average citizen to find accurate information about how the many candidates stand on the life issues, **Illinois Right to Life Action** has prepared non-partisan voter information based on responses to a questionnaire, public statements, and/or voting records. *This guide is not an endorsement and may not be used to advance the candidacy of any individual*. For information go to the IRL Action web site at www.VoteProLifeIllinois.com or call 630-358-0042 for assistance

VOTER REGISTRATION

If you have changed your address, changed your name, or turned 18 then you need to update your registration, or register for the first time. The deadline to register is February 19, twenty-seven days before the March 17 primary. Or you can register online until March 3rd at the Board of Election website http://www.dupageco.org/election. You can go to this website for any questions. PLEASE don't be indifferent. We need every person of faith to be ready to vote on March 17th. Christians could (and should) turn this state around.

Edmund Burke said, "All that is essential for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

SPEAKOUT ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

End the Injustice is the theme of the **2020 SpeakOut Illinois Conference** on Saturday, February 29th, at **Drury Lane Oakbrook**, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace. The SpeakOut committee is comprised of dozens of pro-life and pro-family organizations who, once a year, present a lovely breakfast with outstanding speakers, and display tables where you can learn more about the good work that each organization specializes in.

Mary-Louise Hengesbaugh will be the featured speaker. She was the Respect Life Director for the Archdiocese of Chicago and is the Chair of *Illinois Citizens for Ethic Political Action Committee (ICE-PAC)*. She also organized *Girls Health First* in response to the extreme 2019 abortion law in Illinois. As Miss Wisconsin she spoke to over 180,000 teens and young adults in 23 states on abstinence before marriage and is the author of **Standing With Courage**. You will learn how to fight for your values in a state that is deeply divided on issues regarding life.

Pastor Ceasar Leflore will receive the **Henry Hyde Award** in recognition of his years of pro-life work as founder and executive director of The Beloved Community Development Coalition, working for community transformation in the southeast suburbs of Chicago, He is a published author and holds positions with several pro-life and pro-family ministries both here in Illinois and nationally, including **Life Education and Research Network (LEARN)**, **Illinois Family Institute**, **Southland Coalition for Life** and **40 Days for Life**.

To register go to <u>www.speakoutillinois.org</u> or call **Ann** at **773-777-2900**. Tickets are \$65 before 2/17, \$30 for Clergy and Students. Display area opens at **8:00 a.m.** with a full breakfast and talks beginning at **9:00 a.m.**

Several of us have attended this conference and it is always a very informative and worthwhile conference.

Helping Those in Need

St. Vincent DePaul Society invites you again to remember the needy persons and families in our parish and in the greater Winfield community by using the monthly St. Vincent de Paul contribution envelope that appears in your regular envelope packet or by making a contribution in the Poor Box in the Narthex of the Church by the back window.

Thank you! ~John Otto, President St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Traveling Madonna of St. John's

The Traveling Madonna is a ministry which seeks to



promote the Holy Rosary. We are looking for families to accept the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary into their home for one week. A Knight will bring the statue to your home and if desired, pray the Rosary with your family. A Knight will return the following Saturday to pick up the statue. If you are interested in becoming a host of the Traveling Madonna please contact: Sean Conley, 630-835-8225, or Tony Reyes, 630-669-0501.

Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference

The opening report for the 2020 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how

Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

the 30 ministries supported through our annual appeal truly exemplify this year's theme, Be Kind and Merciful. These ministries allow the diocese to serve our most vulnerable brothers and sisters and assist parishes, including ours.

Our parish's goal for the 2020 CMAA is \$105,700, with 70 percent of the amount we raise over this goal returned to us for our needs. Please prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA and make a commitment next week during our CMAA Commitment/InPew Weekend.

Thank you for considering the most generous pledge possible to this year's annual appeal.



Bridge Communities Ash Wednesday Collection, February 26, 2020

In your contribution envelope packet there is a blue envelope for *Supporting Bridge Communities*, on Ash Wednesday. Please help our church help Bridge Communities whose mission is to transition homeless families to self-sufficiency by working with partners to provide mentoring, housing, and supportive services in DuPage County. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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.

January 5.......\$25,376 January 26....\$18,148 January 12......\$21,997 February 2....\$27,964 January 19......\$15,711 February 9....\$20,819





ur February Young at Hearts luncheon will take place in Sebahar Hall on

Wednesday, February 19 at 11:30 am.

Our menu will feature delicious roast chicken along with a hash brown casserole, 3-bean salad, corn bread, beets, and more! If you would like to bring a dish to share, please consider an appetizer. We do not need any extra desserts since we have plenty.

Let's get together to enjoy a "heart-y" Valentine lunch as we gather with old and new friends. If you have never attended before, please join us for a great afternoon. Young at Hearts welcomes anyone 55 and better—see you there!

If you have any questions, please call Dee at 630-665-0437. We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday**, **February 19**.

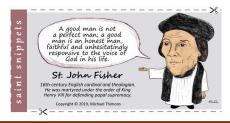


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Thursday, February 20th 6:00 - 9:00 pm (6:00 - 7:00 pm Potluck Dinner)

St. Joan of Arc Church, Parish Center, Room 22 820 Division St., Lisle, IL

For more information and to RSVP, visit: signupgenius.com/



Attention All Moms: You are invited!



Please join us on the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 9:30am. At MOPS, women come together to be encour-

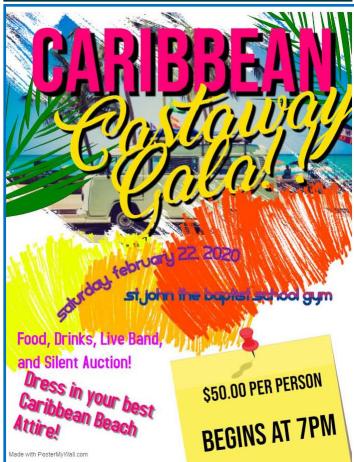
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aged and supported by

other moms who are in the same season of life. For more information please contact

mops@stjohnwinfield.org.

MOPS is looking for assistance with childcare the first and third Friday each month during the school year from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The pay is \$10.00 per hour. Please note that the completion of Protecting God's Children is a requirement. If interested, please contact Debbi Vermillion at 630-885-2351 or mops@stjohnwinfield.org.



All parishioners and their friends are welcome & invited to our St. John the Baptist's School's annual spring fundraiser to be held in our school gym. This is a major fundraising event for our school this academic year. Our goal is to raise more than \$30,000 to expand, upgrade and enhance our school curriculum and facility in order to continue to provide a quality, Catholic faith-based education for our students. This event will include raffles, silent & live auctions, entertainment and, of course, fun! If you would like to attend, have questions, or would like to donate an auction item, please contact our principal, Joanne Policht, at 630-668-2625, ext. 617.

Activities This Week at St. John's

Saturday, February 15

No Religious Education Classes today

8:30a-10a-Guadalupanos Meeting-Sodonna Hall

9a-10a-Overeaters Anonymous-Youth Ministry Room

9:30a-11a-Catholics for Life-Speakers-Illinois Right to Life Action & Pro-Family Alliance-Free-All Welcome!-Sebahar Hall

11a-Baptisms-Chapel

After All Masses-Lent Magnificat Companion Booklets-\$1 Donation Suggested-Narthex

Sunday, February 16

After All Masses-Lent Magnificat Companion Booklets-\$1 Donation Suggested-Narthex After 7:30a, 9:30a Masses-Donut Sunday & New Parishioner Registration-Sebahar Hall Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel

9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall

9:30a-12:30p-RCIA Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room Reserved

12:30p-1:30p-Evangelization Cmte-Christlife Information Meeting-Sebahar Hall 2p-9p-Sebahar Hall in Use

Monday, February 17-Presidents' Day

All SJB Parish Offices Closed, SJB School Closed-Presidents' Day

4p-Cursillo Fourth Day Group Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room

6p-8p-1st & 3rd Group-Sebahar Hall

7p-School Development Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room

Tuesday, February 18

7:30a-24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration begins, through Wednesday at 6:50a-Chapel 6p-9p-Spanish Music Practice-Youth Ministry Room

6:45p-Boy Scouts Troop Patrol Leaders' Conference-School, Mezzanine

7p-Parish Pastoral Council-Parish Office Dining Room

Wednesday, February 19

6:50a-24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration ends-Chapel

9:30a-Cantor Practice-Church

11:30a-Young at Hearts-Sebahar Hall

4p, 5:45p, 6:30p-Religious Education Classes-Whole Campus

8p-Adult Choir Practice-Church

Thursday, February 20

5:15p-Legion of Mary-English-Trinity Boardroom

5:30p-Legion of Mary-Spanish-Youth Ministry Room

7p-West DuPage Deanery Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room

7p-Alcoholics Anonymous-Sodonna Hall

7p-Handbell practice-Church-contact Joyce Schram

Friday, February 21

9:30a-Friday Morning Bible Study this morning-Sebahar Hall

9:30a-MOPS-Parish Office Building

10a-2p-Drop off baked goods in Sebahar Hall for CCW Spring Bazaar

7p-Cub Scouts Den #1 Arrow of Light-Sodonna Hall

Saturday, February 22

9a-Religious Education Classes-SJB School Bldg

9a-10a-Overeaters Anonymous-Youth Ministry Room

10a-4p-CCW Spring Bazaar-Sebahar Hall

After All Masses-Lent Magnificat Companion Booklets-\$1 Donation Suggested-Narthex 7p-Caribbean Castaway Gala-our St. John's School Gala-SJB School Gym

Sunday, February 23

After All Masses-Lent Magnificat Companion Booklets-\$1 Donation Suggested-Narthex 8a-1p-CCW Spring Bazaar-Sebahar Hall

8:30a-9:30a-Teaching Parish Committee Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room

Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel

9:30a-No Sunday Morning Preschool Today

9:30a-12:30p-RCIA Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room Reserved

At 1:30p Mass-Baptisms

3p-6p-Cub Scout Blue & Gold-School Hall

Monday, February 24

4p-Cursillo Fourth Day Group Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room

6:45p-Boy Scouts Troop Meeting-School, Mezzanine

7p-Knights of Columbus Meeting-Sebahar Hall

Looking ahead...

- Wednesday, February 26-Ash Wednesday (see page 7 for schedule of Masses, Services)
- Friday, February 28, 5p-7p, Knights' 1st Lenten Fish Fry-Sebahar

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

Ultreya- March 14, 2020

Saint John the Baptist will host an Ultreya in Sodonna Hall on Saturday, March 14, following 8:30 a.m. Mass in the chapel. Our speaker this month will be Marjorie Collette from St. Walter's Parish. Please bring a friend! This is a great way to introduce others to the movement and help in their discernment process for attending a future weekend.

Opportunities for Piety, Study or Action The Prayer of Consent: 40 Days of Meditation Practice St. Margaret Mary, Naperville (Upper Room) Beginning Sunday, February 23, Noon-5pm, and following four Monday evenings. Facilitator Al Gustafson will conduct this 40-day Lenten contemplative journey. Christians throughout the world are encountering this Presence with God through the practice of Centering Prayer – the Prayer of Consent. A sustained contemplative practice frees us from simple reaction as we become more present and open to God, others and the world. Register by calling the parish office at 630-369-0777 or email Loretta@smmp.com. Registration deadline is February 17. Cost: \$75.

#Gifted: Piety

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 205 E. Jackson St., Joliet Sunday, February 23, 4-6:30pm.

An evening of "living out our femininity through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit" presented by Elisabeth Roman, Diocesan Director of the Office for Hispanic and Ethnic Ministries. Follow at "Wow-Women of the Way" on Facebook for updates.

Why Cursillo?

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ, is one of the foundations of Cursillo. Have you invited a friend to attend a Cursillo weekend?

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.

"Why Cursillo" pamphlets can be a helpful aid in discussing Cursillo with your friends. Copies can be found in the narthex of the church.

2020 Cursillo Weekend Schedule

Weekends are held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien Illinois

April 16 – 19 Women's 131st June 25 – 28 Men's 139th July 16 – 19 Women's 132nd Oct 8 – 11 Men's 140th Nov 5 – 8 Women's 133rd

For those interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit www.jolietcursillo.org or contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at: amserritella@gmail.com



St. Joseph's Day Table

The St. Joseph's Day Table is an annual tradition celebrated in honor of Italy's favorite Saint!
Sicilians prayed to St Joseph during a famine and were blessed with an abundance of food.
Please come share this banquet with your fellow parishioners & members of the community!

Friday, March 20, 2020 5-7 pm in Sebahar Hall

LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

Consider helping out at St. Joseph's Day Table - many hands make light work!

Come and help serve, then stay and enjoy the music and the camaraderie of your fellow parishioners! Volunteers could also come and dine, then stay to help with clean up.

Call, text or email Karen Tsaparis if you are interested in making this year's St. Joseph's Table the best ever.

Karen.tsaparis@gmail.com 630-917-0565

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

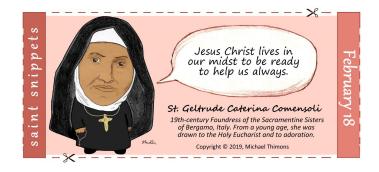
Monday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite

Order; Presidents' Day St. Peter Damian

Friday:

Saturday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;

Washington's Birthday



NEWS FROM OUR SJB CATHOLIC SCHOOL-PRESCHOOL

SJB Preschoolers are 100 Days Smarter!

During January:

- -We celebrated Catholic Schools Week with all kinds of fun activities
- -We learned about the Epiphany and the seven sacraments in religion.
- -We learned about the letters M, N and O and the sounds they make.
- -We walked to the library for story time.
- -We enjoyed our first ever "Donuts with Dads"
- -We learned about Arctic animals and what happens when water freezes.











In February:

- We had our throats blessed by Fr. Matt.
- We celebrated our 100th day of preschool!
- -We are excited to exchange Valentines with our friends.
- -We will learn about dental health.
- -We will read our new Happily Ever After story, "The Nightingale"
- -We look forward to attending Mass on Ash Wednesday









Attn: Middle & High Schoolers!

As a Lenten commitment this year, why not help in The Living Stations! Have fun, meet new people, and deepen your faith, too, with this one of a kind experience as a narrator or one of the many characters involved with the Passion



of our Lord, but done in the art of shadow! No experience necessary!

Practices will be held in St. John the Baptist School in the School Hall at 7pm on Tuesdays during Lent on the following dates:

- March 3rd
- March 10th
- March 24th
- March 31st
- April 7th

Please contact Mr. C the youth minister for more info 630-668-0918 ext. 611 rchavez@stjohnwinfield.org

AUDITIONS

for the St. John the Baptist Theater Department Spring Musical Production of



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Grades 3-4 will need prior approval to audition from Mrs. Bucaro

Auditions are:

Thursday, February 20th: Parishioners-3p-4p

Audition & general information, monologues & songs can be found in the Audition Packet, tinyurl.com/qmy6rsz

Please come prepared.

Both girls & boys can be cast for many of the leads!

Evening & after school rehearsals

Performance Dates-Thursday, May 7, 6p; Friday, May 8th, 1p & 7p

Any questions, please call Michelle Bucaro, 630-404-4045, mbucaro@sjbwinfield.org; ngarlic@sjbwinfield.org

Catholic Education Foundation, 2020-2021 Financial Aid

We know that Catholic education changes lives. For many families, though, the cost of tuition makes it unattainable. If a family desires a Catholic education for their student, it is the Catholic Education Foundation's mission to help them afford it.

Tuition assistance for Catholic School Students www.CEFJoliet.org

The Application Process: The Catholic Education Foundation Scholarship program is designed for K-12 students currently enrolled or applying for the next school year in any Catholic school in the Diocese of Joliet.

Application Posts online: 1/1/2020

Application Due Date: 3/2/2020 Families will be notified by email on or before 5/15/2020. The application form can be filled out online at

www.online.factsmgt.com

Questions? Please contact: Shirley Roberson, Program Coordinator, Catholic Education Foundation, 815-221-6127, sroberson@dioceseofjoliet.org

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Fundación de Educación Católica-2020-2021 Ayuda Financiera-Sabesmos que una educación Católica puede cambiar vidas. Para muchas familias el costo de la matrícula lo hace inalcanzable. Si una familia desea una educación católica para sus estudiantes, la misión de la Fundación de Educación Católica es ayudarlos a pagarla. AYUDA FINANCIERA PARA ESTUDIANTES DE ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS, www.CEFJoliet.org

PROCESO DE SOLICITUD-El programa de becas de la fundación de educación Católica está diseñado para estudiantes K-12 que están inscritos actualmente o en el próximo año escolar en cualquier escuela Católica de la diócesis de Joliet. Solicitud disponible en línea: 1/1/2020. Fecha límite: 3/2/2020. Las familias serán informadas a través de correo electrónico el 5/15/2020 oAntes puede llenar la solicitud en línea en www.online.factsmgt.com. Para cualquier pregunta contacte a: Shirley RobersonCoordinadora de Programas de la Fundación de Educación Católica, 815-221-6127, sroberson@dioceseofjoliet.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Baptisms usually held at two Masses each month, and two Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners and parents and godparents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! Please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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

Wedding Information

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



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

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

Hospital Visits

Our priests are available to make hospital visits. Because of HIPAA Laws the Hospital does not notify churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's Parish Office when a loved one is there giving us the name and room number. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized!

Homebound

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

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

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

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated in the bulletin weekly meeting schedule) from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Office Dining Room. You do not need to bring anything to the meeting. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

24-Hour Adoration: Twenty-four hour Adoration is available in St. John's Chapel from Tuesday morning after the 7:00a daily Mass until Wednesday morning at 7:00a. All are welcome.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

At St. John's every Thursday evening, Sodonna Hall (basement of the parish offices), 7p.-8p. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0



Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: At St. John's every Saturday, Youth Ministry Room (above garages of the parish offices), 9a-10a. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0

MASS INFORMATION

Pulpit Announcements: Submissions are due by 9 a.m. on Tues. prior to the Sunday you would like the announcement made. Please include a contact name and phone number. The parish office has final approval on all bulletin articles and pulpit announcements. Email to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org. **Music Schedule for February:** 5p-Cantor/Organ; 7:30a-Classic Ensemble; 9:30a-Contemporary Ensemble; 11:30a-Adult Choir. **Music Schedule for March:** 5p-Contemporary Ensemble; 7:30a-Classic Ensemble; 9:30a-Adult Choir; 11:30a-Cantor/Organ.

Mass Intentions: Visit the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. Donation is \$10:5p & 1:30p Masses-free-will donation.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the entry way to the vestibule of the parish office. **Bulletin Articles:** Submissions are due by noon on Thurs., 10 days prior to the Sunday on which you wish the article to appear. Include the name & phone number of the person submitting the article. Please email as an attachment using Microsoft Word or Publisher. Please do not include article in the body of the email. Email to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

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ATTENTION ALL BOOK LOVERS

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 19th at 7 pm at the home of Carol Vigsnes. We will discuss the book, *The Most Beautiful Woman in Florence* by Alyssa Palombo. Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP Carol at vigsnes@comcast.net



Upcoming dates and titles:

March 18: *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper April 15: *Mrs Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini

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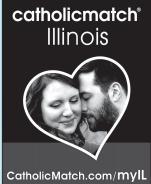


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