

# 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

**\*Monday,  
February 21st,  
Presidents' Day:  
Daily Mass  
is at  
8:30 am**

Give, and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together,  
shaken down, and overflowing,  
will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38



**Seventh**  
**Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 20, 2022**

**Alms to the Poor**  
n.d.  
Rodolphe Bresdin  
French, 1825-1885  
Art Institute of Chicago

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## 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 Edaño  
Joan Enders  
Aaron Erickson  
William Ferdinand  
Patrocinia Fernandez

Marie Flores  
Valerie Fraser  
Kyle Freed  
Dolores Gabriel  
Monica Garcia  
Gregory Garlt  
Darlene Gedvilas  
Danny Gonzalez  
Judy Gonzalez  
Dawn Grant  
Destin Green  
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 Jakubieliski  
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  
\*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 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  
.....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  
Deacon & Seminarian who are prepar-  
ing for the Priesthood :

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

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

## COVID-19 PROTOCOLS- UPDATE

As of August 30, in accordance with the Diocese of Joliet, parishioners do not have to sign up for Mass. Full capacity inside our Church and Chapel is allowed. In accordance with Illinois state mandates, masks are required for anyone age 2 and up regardless of vaccination status. There will be a section in Church (if you are facing the altar, the section is to the extreme right, along north wall) to sit if you feel more comfortable social distancing. We will continue to refrain from offering blood of Christ in a chalice at Communion for the time being. If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please wait until the end and please receive from the priest celebrant of the Mass in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet. The bishop's dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place for the time being.



Please pray for  
those who defend  
our nation,  
those who serve  
in Active Duty

Pvt James Luigi Akin  
SRA Francis Beifuss  
Major John Berg  
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army  
Sgt Melissa Brooker  
Pvt Timothy Conley  
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly  
Major Daniel Durbin  
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.  
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas  
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman  
Sgt Pamela Gray  
A1C Seth Kelley  
Airman Nicholas Kostecka  
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski  
Sgt. David Lawless  
SrA Robert Lawless  
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao  
Commander Matthew Luff  
WO1 Jake Miller  
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell  
ABH2 Sean Phillips  
Captain Colleen Rezabek  
Captain Kevin Rezabek  
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez  
Cpl Riley Santoyo  
Sgt Ian Sarlito  
AN Michael Schieve  
PFC Keegan Serbick  
Major Jim Smolucha  
Major Mike Smolucha  
SPC Thomas Stanhope  
AFSSgt Zachary Ushman  
Lt. Keith Wolfe

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter into Lent in the next weeks, the season of praying, fasting and almsgiving, I encourage everyone to pray for an increase in vocations. My hope and desire is to increase our prayers for vocations here at St. John the Baptist, and see how effective our prayers can be.

### Inviting Others

One of the greatest things we can do is to invite someone to consider the call to religious life. If there is someone in your life or in our Church community who you think should consider religious life, pray for the courage to approach that person, and pray for the words Jesus would want you to use before you speak. You never know if God is calling you to help a young person hear the Holy Spirit.

### Praying for Deacon Brian

Please pray in a special way for Deacon Brian who will be ordained as a priest on May 21<sup>st</sup>. He has served our parish so well over the last year and a half. Pray for him as he finishes his studies at Mundelein Seminary and as he makes his final preparations for ordination.

### Praying for Seminarian Alex

And you are invited to pray for Seminarian Alex who will become a deacon on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Pray for him while he continues his pilgrimage in the Holy Land with other Mundelein seminarians, and for his journey to the priesthood.

### Praying for All Priests

Please continue to pray for our priests at St. John's and in our diocese so their souls can be led to heaven, where they will continue to pray for all of us and lead our souls to Heaven.

### Praying for your own vocation

I encourage all of us to pray for our own vocation: *"God our Father, life is your gift to me. Through baptism, you invite me to share in the gift of my life in service to others. Be with me as I choose each day to show your presence in our world. Give me the courage and generosity to respond to your love, to your call. I pray especially for those who serve you as priests, brothers, sisters, deacons and lay ministers. Keep them close to you. Open the minds and hearts of many other men and women that they may accept your challenge to build the Kingdom. Amen."*

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris

### Prayer for Vocations

*Father you call each one of us by name and ask us to follow you.*

*Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons, and Lay Ministers.*

*Inspire us as we grow to know you, and open our hearts to hear your call.*

*We ask this in Jesus's name, Amen.*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### 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

### Monday, February 21–Presidents' Day

8:30 a.m. † Aline Caron & Yvon Bellefleur

### Tuesday, February 22

7:00 a.m. † Barbara Paskewic (Fran & Joe Duckworth)

### Wednesday, February 23

7:00 a.m. † Donald Frey (Dan Conley)

### Thursday, February 24

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

### Friday, February 25

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein  
† The Souls in Purgatory  
† Betty Lakeman (The Steve & Linda Fuechsl Family)  
† Amelia Gaetano (Amy Serritella)

### Saturday, February 26–Vigil for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Alexander "Sandy" Hopkins (The Dusza Family)  
† Amelia Alcazar (Rose & Jim Effinger)  
♥ The St. John's Evangelization Committee, Health & Intentions (JR)  
♥ John & Amy Garro, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)  
♥ Jim Galdi, Health & Intentions (Rick & Mary Carlson)  
† Colette Miller (Rick & Mary Carlson)

### Sunday, February 27–The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Kathleen Wynard (Dan Conley)  
9:30 a.m. † Joseph Bolek (Marva Vickers)  
11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

## 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.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 20, 2022

Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
— Psalm 103:8

## Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Charles Struck

Church † Manny Garza, Jr.



\*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

**Leo Joseph Madonia**

who passed away on  
January 23, 2022.

Our sympathies are extended to his parents,  
Alaina & Nick Madonia, and to  
all of their family & friends.

## Expanded Eucharistic Adoration Hours

Eucharistic Adoration hours will be expanded to 12 hours every Thursday starting March 3rd. The hours are from 7:30 am, immediately following the 7:00 am Mass, until 8:00 pm in the chapel. We are looking for more people to sign up for an hour to ensure that someone is with Jesus at all times. Please consider spending an hour with Our Lord. To sign up, contact Judi Gonzalez at:

judi@thosegonzos.com

~Worship Commission

Please note: Daily Mass on Monday,  
February 21st, Presidents' Day, is at 8:30 am  
(not 7:00 am)

## LOVE AS GOD LOVES

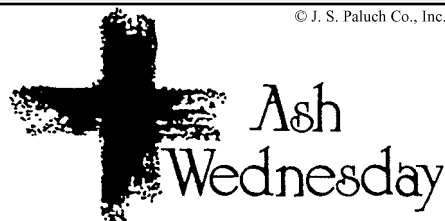
Our Gospel today continues Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, in which we heard Luke's version of the Beatitudes. This week, Jesus gives us new "commandments," telling us how to live and act in the world as his disciples, rooted in the radical love of God for humanity. It reminds us of his later speech about loving one another as he loves us, in other words with a God-like love, the kind we see in today's psalm about God's mercy. How else could we do as Jesus tells us by loving our enemies, which seems impossible, until we remember that God gave us the example of Jesus, who is like God but also like us? David understands this merciful love when he spares the life of his enemy in the first reading. Finally, Paul tells us that we will become like Jesus if we act as he did, as God does.

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### **SPECIAL COLLECTION ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND FOR BRIDGE COMMUNITITES**

In your contribution envelope packet there is an 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. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### **ASH WEDNESDAY March 2, 2022 Mass/Ash Distribution Schedule**

Our Ash Wednesday schedule for March 2, 2022 is:

- 7:00 a.m. Mass, with Ashes-Church
- 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. Continual Ashes Given. Not a Mass, nor a service-Church
- 7:00 p.m. Mass, with Ashes-Church

### **Your gift to the CMAA makes a difference**

The opening report for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin illustrates how, when we pledge our support to the CMAA, we are *devoted to the works of the Lord*.

Through the CMAA, we serve so many in our diocese, including our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Every parish, including ours, benefits from the ministries funded through the CMAA, like vocations, Catholic education and faith formation.

Our parish's goal for the 2022 CMAA is \$112,900 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/In Pew Weekend.

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

## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that, always pondering spiritual things,  
we may carry out in both word and deed  
that which is pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### Reflection question:

What can I do this week that is pleasing to God?

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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. **Beginning Thursday, March 3rd, Adoration hours will be expanded to 12 hours, from 7:30 am, following the 7:00 am Mass, to 8:00 pm.**

### 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/>



*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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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!

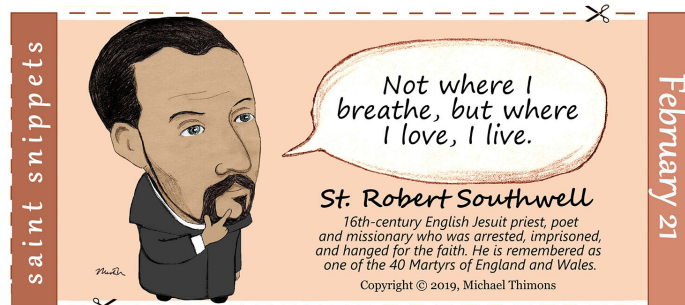
January 23.....\$16,588	February 6.....\$45,285
January 30.....\$25,546	February 13 \$38,209

## Helping Those in Need

During these tough economic times, St. Vincent De-Paul 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. Remember, any contributions you make by check are tax-deductible.

Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



# Sunday Morning Preschool Is Returning

**Sebahar Hall**

**3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 & 4/10**

**For questions reach out  
to Jeanne Hess at  
[sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com)**

**NO  
REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED**

**ARRIVE AT 9:15  
FOR CLASS  
DURING 9:30 MASS**

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

WE TRIED BEING ENEMIES, BUT  
BEING FRIENDS IS MORE FUN



Jesus said to his disciples: "But I say to you who hear,  
love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those  
who mistreat you." Lk 6:27-28

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## 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/](http://dioceseofjoliet.org/)**





## NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Pictured below to the right is the box filled with 12 individual felt hearts decorated by Mrs. Reedy's K-1<sup>st</sup> grade RE class.

Thank you everyone for the gift cards, candy, gum, handwritten notes, individual Sudoku books, and Kleenex you donated, just to name a few items. Large bags of chips and candy are going to the commissary. When done with the felt hearts, our vets can hang them on their doors.

Next is our **St. Paddy's Day Bag project!** Any individual treats can be donated and will be made up into a St. Paddy's Day decoration. 'Cause everyone knows, everyone is IRISH on St. Patrick's Day! Please drop off your donations in the parish office vestibule.

Change of previous plans where to leave **gift cards** - place in an envelope addressed to Maureen and put through the mail slot in the parish office interior door. I'll know where you want them to go. We originally had a box in the glass room outside the parish office, but someone helped themselves to the cards.

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

*Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education*



Mrs. Reedy's K-1st grade RE Class  
Valentine's Day box

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

#### LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

**March 4**

**March 11**

**(No Fish Fry on 3/18)**

**March 25**

**April 1**

**April 8**

*More details next week . . .*



## From Our Diocese - Vocations

### 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.

#### 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

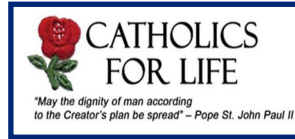
**Register Online - \$10 fee**  
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The 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil is right around the corner. The Vigil begins on Ash Wednesday, March 2 and will go through Palm Sunday, April 10. During this period of time we will peacefully pray for the Un-born across the street from Planned Parenthood from 7:00 AM -7:00 PM, Monday through Saturday. (3055 E. New York St, Aurora, IL)

This year instead of our Church signing up for three hours on the same day each week and parishioners signing up for one of the hours, we decided to let each person select their own hour, hopefully one hour each week. Adele Dunn and myself plan on praying each Wednesday from 1p.m. to 2p.m., in case you'd like to come and pray at that time. Whatever hour you choose please be sure you come with a partner, or check the calendar to be sure someone else will also be there at the time you choose. You can sign up on the calendar at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) and scroll down to "Find a vigil location". And remember, all prayers and sacrifices, wherever you are, are needed. The babies cannot help themselves, and the mothers have many voices encouraging them to choose abortion, not Life.

*"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." -Psalm 139:13-16*

The following is excerpted from the Knights of Columbus, Illinois State Council email, Right to Life Chair Couple, Ty Simmons, FDD, PGK, PFN:

Illinois Right to Life is hosting a training on how to prepare for a post-Roe America in Illinois. At the Ground Zero Tour you'll hear from Illinois Right to Life leaders and learn:

- How Illinois became a haven of abortion extremism
- Ways the abortion industry is profiting from our radical laws
- Why the Texas Heartbeat Law and the U.S. Supreme Court will affect Illinois
- Illinois Right to Life's plans to begin reducing the number of abortions in our state

How YOU can be a part of this life-saving revolution!

There are three events currently scheduled in February and March. The first one is listed below. The event is free to attend, just register at the appropriate website listed below.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 23rd from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

WHERE: Immaculate Conception, 524 E Lawrence Ave, Springfield, IL

WEBSITE: <https://illinoisrighttolife.org/groundzerotour/>



## 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](http://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](mailto:amythe1@att.net)

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

An Invitation From:

**Fr. Clive Otieno**

to ALL Men of Diocese of Joliet

## CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT

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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](http://givecentral.org/cefwgcwinter2022)

Virtual attendance is also an option. Please email Emily at

[ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:ESpray@dioceseofjoliet.org) for more information about the event or for more information on the Women's Giving Circle.



# SPRING BAZAAR

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### 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

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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

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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. \*Beginning March 3rd, Adoration hours will be expanded to 12 hours every Thursday, from 7:30 am, immediately following 7:00 am Mass, until 8:00 pm in the Chapel.



**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](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.





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- 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; contact the St. John's Parish Office, 630-668-0918, ext 600 or email, [jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org). **The deadline for the completed application is Thurs, 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.factsmtg.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.

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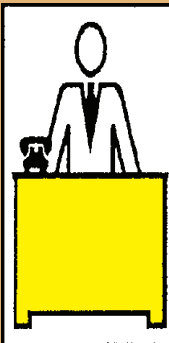
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