

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

As the test of what the potter molds
is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5



Nocturne: Furnace
1879/80
James McNeill Whistler
American, 1834–1903
Art Institute of Chicago

Eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022



ASH WEDNESDAY March 2, 2022



Our Ash Wednesday schedule 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**

Please pray for our sick

James Adduci
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Hanns Bell
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Maria Elena Castro
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Al Cieslik
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Krystyna Derecki
Kathe Doremus
Nick DuBay
Karen Durbin
Ralph Eckhoff
Concepcion 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 Hougán
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 Murdock
Tim Murnane
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien

Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Charlie Parisi
Bill Parker
Bill Paschke
Josie Paschke
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

Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose...630-653-1489

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
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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 February 17, 2022,
the Diocese of Joliet has
issued an update to COVID
-19 protocols. Please see
the next page for the up-
dates. 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 re-
mains 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,

Keeping you informed as I promised I would on COVID-19 guidelines, below are the most up-to-date protocols from the Diocese of Joliet that we will be abiding by. Please know my prayers for you and let's pray for an end to the pandemic.

In Christ,
Fr Chris

Diocese of Joliet



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16555 Weber Rd.
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

Revisions to Diocese of Joliet COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

February 17, 2022

With the state of Illinois lifting the mask mandate for indoor public spaces on February 28, the Diocese of Joliet will revise its protocols and lift restrictions. The following guidelines affect all church and office activities; schools and religious education continue to follow their own requirements.

Effective February 28:

- Masks are recommended but not required in church and office settings.
 - Everyone should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks.
 - If possible, parishes should consider designating special seating areas for those who wish to maintain additional precautions such as social distancing or mask-wearing.
- Communion shall still be provided only via the host.
 - Communion in the hand is the norm.
 - Pastors have discretion as to whether or not Communion shall be provided on the tongue at their parish.
 - If Communion is provided on the tongue, the previous protocols are still required: Sanitize between communicants and dispense only after those who have received in the hand are finished.
 - There is no Communion in the cup.
- Holy water may return to the fonts.
- Collection baskets may be passed through the congregation.
- Food at church activities is up to the pastor's discretion.
- Congregation may make whatever Sign of Peace they are comfortable with.
- Restrictions are removed from musicians, but masks are still recommended.
- Previously issued isolation and quarantine procedures for close contact or illness remain in effect.
- For now dispensation still remains in place.

As always if there is a change to the general COVID-19 levels, we may reinstitute protocols as necessary to keep everyone safe.

Office of the Bishop

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Monday, February 28

7:00 a.m. † Helen Siciliano (*Mary Beth Cleary*)

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2—Ash Wednesday

7:00 a.m. † Intention of the Priest
(Not a Mass: 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm—Continual Ashes Distributed)
7:00 p.m. † Intention of the Priest

Thursday, March 3

7:00 a.m. † Jeanne Ptak (*Rich & Mary Arola*)

Friday, March 4

12:00 p.m. † Jeanne Ptak (*Al Ptak & Family*)
† Fr Arno Dennerlein
† Susan DeZutel (*Shirley Axelsson*)
† Donna Moore (*Steve & Linda Fuechsl*)
† John Fuechsl (*Steve & Linda Fuechsl*)
† Mens' Cursillo Weekend

Saturday, March 5—First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)
† Stanley Salvierak (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)
† Paula Lange (*Rita Wilke*)
† Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)
† Frank Perri (*Irma & Rick McCall*)
† John Hornyak (*Michael & Beth Reedy Family*)

Sunday, March 6—The First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (*K of C*)
11:30 a.m. † John Pohodich (*The Bartko Family*)

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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 27, 2022

Every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

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

Chapel † **Betty Lakeman**

Church † **Jeanne Ptak**



*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

Carol Connors

who passed away on
February 19, 2022.

Our sympathies are extended to
her sons and daughter-in-law,
Kevin, and Brian & Evangelina Connors,
and to all of her 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

From the Chancellor, Diocese of Joliet

LENTEN REGULATIONS

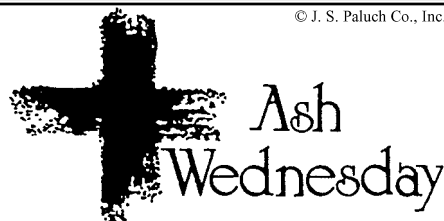
1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless 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.

**Stations of the Cross,
beginning Friday, March 4
Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-Chapel**

WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

March 2, 2022

Mass/Ash Distribution Schedule

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- 7:00 p.m. Mass, with Ashes-Church

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.

CALLING ALL LOVERS OF LITURGICAL SONG!!!

The music program at St. John the Baptist Church is calling on all parishioners who enjoy singing at liturgies to join our ranks as cantors and/or choral members. New members to the parish are encouraged to investigate the program as well as members who have been here for a long time.



It is said that singing means you are praying twice, so we encourage you to lift your voice in song.

Cantor practices are on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church or can be arranged to fit your schedule. Choral practices are on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm beginning February 16th. Call Adrienne Rose at 630-653-1489, or leave your name and number at the parish office and your call will be returned.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
that the course of our world
may be directed by your peaceful rule
and that your Church may rejoice,
untroubled in her devotion.

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 help bring about God's peaceful reign?

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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.

THE DIFFERENCE The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one often comes from a strong will, and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher



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, March 9th, 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 30.....\$25,546	February 13.....\$38,209
February 6.....\$45,285	February 20.....\$14,199

Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal of \$112,900.

This year's CMAA theme is *Devoted to the Works of the Lord*. The many ministries we fund with our gifts serve people across the Diocese of Joliet. Our parish alone could not provide the services we can when we work together, as a community of faith, to help the poor and vulnerable, form our children in the faith, strengthen vocations, and do so much more.

Seventy percent of the amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. Please make a commitment to the CMAA today by completing a pledge envelope available in the pews. Our parish is counting on you for your support. Thank you for making the most generous pledge possible to this year's CMAA.



BLESSING OF THROATS FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST. BLAISE

Pictured here are some of the Religious Education students receiving the St. Blaise blessing from Father Chris.

Here is a short explanation that might explain the connection of why we bless throats and the candles.

St. Blaise was born to rich and noble parents, and received a Christian education. He was a physician before being consecrated a bishop at a young age. At that time, the local community usually nominated a man to be a bishop based on his outstanding holiness and leadership qualities; he, in turn, was then examined and consecrated by other bishops with the approval of the Holy Father. Therefore, St. Blaise must have been a great witness of our faithful. St. Blaise, receiving a divine command, moved from the town and lived as a hermit in a cave. Wild animals visited, and he healed any that were sick and wounded. One day, a group of hunters gathering wild beasts for the amphitheater discovered St. Blaise and seized him. As he was being taken to the governor, Agricolaus, Blaise encountered a woman whose pig was being seized by a wolf; St. Blaise commanded the wolf to release the pig, and it was freed unhurt.

While in prison, he miraculously cured a small boy who was choking to death on a fishbone lodged in his throat. Also, the woman whose pig had been saved brought St. Blaise candles so that his cell would have light and he could read the sacred Scriptures.

One reason for St. Blaise's popularity was he was a physician who cured, even performed miraculous cures. Thus, those who were sick, especially with throat ailments, invoked his intercession. Eventually the custom of the blessing of throats arose, whereby the priest held two crossed candles over the heads of the faithful or touched their throats with them while he invoked the prayer of the saint and imparted God's blessing. In our present *Roman Ritual*, the priest prays, "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This practice continues in many parishes on St. Blaise's feast day. ~Catholic Education Resource Center



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-1st 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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST-March Madness

Enjoy pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage

Sunday, March 6th-8:00 am until 11:00 am in Sebahar Hall

Place advance orders starting Wed., 3/2 through

Sun., 3/6 until 10:00 am, on St. John's website,

www.stjohnwinfield.org.

Or call on Sunday, 3/6, Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651 or

Sean at 630-835-8225

Dine In or Pick-Up at St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Liberty St

~Good will donations accepted.~

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
<https://conta.cc/3kxuPg7>



www.vocations.com 815-221-6171

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

KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent



***“Dine In or Drive By”
We’re Still Fryin’!***

***5 pm to 7 pm
Fridays...
March 4, 11, 25,
April 1 & 8***

***Besides the Fish Dinners, menu will also include the following:
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Cursillo Corner

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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.

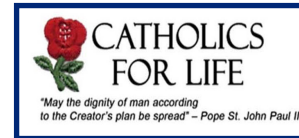
The Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as personal Spiritual Direction with a clergy member will be made available for those interested.

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



From USCCB web site:

God loves each human life from the instant of his or her conception and entrusts this gift to the protection of a mother and father. Abortion ends the life of a child and offends God. It also deeply wounds the women and men involved.

Those who are for abortion often do not know the true facts. If you go to [Abortion - Pro Life Activities | USCCB](#) you can get the following facts sheets so you are better informed and can answer their questions.

FACT SHEETS: [Chemical Abortion](#) (December 2021)

FACT SHEET: [The Women's Health Protection Act](#) (September 2021)

FACT SHEET: [Equal Rights Amendment Fact-sheet](#)

[Reality Check: The Extreme Campaign Against the Hyde Amendment](#)

FACT SHEET: [Abortion is Not Healthcare](#)

FACT SHEET: [Planned Parenthood: Setting the Record Straight](#)

FACT SHEET: [Do You Know Roe?](#)

FACT SHEET: [Roe v. Wade: Questions and Answers \(en español\)](#)

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[Related Supreme Court Decisions](#)

[Summary of Roe v. Wade and Other Key Abortion Cases](#)

[Comments on Roe v. Wade by the Supreme Court Justices](#)

[Reactions of the Appeals Court Justices](#)

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[Supreme Court's Response to the Question: When Does Life Begin?](#)

[Scientific Community's Responses to the Question: When Does Life Begin?](#)

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as precious and beloved in the eyes of the Lord; *We pray to the Lord.*



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Donna Vanagunas - Handmade crafts, spring etc.

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Gloria Mizik - Dolls, puff quilts, bunnies

Janis Arquette—Linens and Quilts

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Juarez Boyd—American Girl doll clothes

Laura Ziccardi - Tastefully Simple

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Nancy McAleese—Tupperware

Noelle Tenuto—Colorstreet nails

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Peggy Chrones—Jewelry, Vintage,

Snuggle figurines, Collectibles

Sheila Meyer—paper crafts &
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Shelly Tansley—Health, Wellness, Beauty

Stephanie Bombolewski — Collectibles,

Jim Shore, Lenox, Precious Moments

Need information contact: Theresa at: destefano1961@gmail.com



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 or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the Parish Office Vestibule.

Bulletin Articles: Submissions are due by noon on Thurs., 10 days prior to the Sunday on which you wish the article to appear. Include the name & phone number of the person submitting the article. Please email as an attachment using Microsoft Word or Publisher. Please do not include article in the body of the email. Email to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org. To subscribe to the St. John's weekly church bulletin, go to <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx> and follow the prompts. SJB's zip code is 60190. You will automatically receive the church bulletin each week to your email; it usually arrives late Saturday morning in your inbox.



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Dear Parents of 8th-11th Graders 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; contact the St. John's Parish Office, 630-668-0918, ext 600 or email, 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.



Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Mar 16th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *Once Upon A Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan. Please inquire with any questions to Jean Daniell @ tjdaniell@att.net

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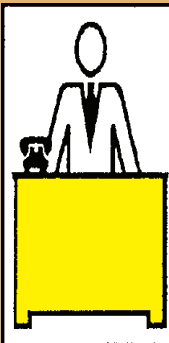
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