St. John the Baptist
Roman Catholic Church

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: *(Vigil)* 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., 7:50 a.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

HOLY DAY/SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE-

Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018:

- ***7a-Mass-Church***
- ***8a-Mass-Church***
- ***4p Liturgy of the Word Service w/ Ashes-Church***
- ***6p Liturgy of the Word Service w/ Ashes-Bilingual-Church***
- ***7p Mass-Church***
- ***7p Mass-Español-Chapel***

(See full Lenten & Easter Schedule, pg 7)

RECONCILIATION

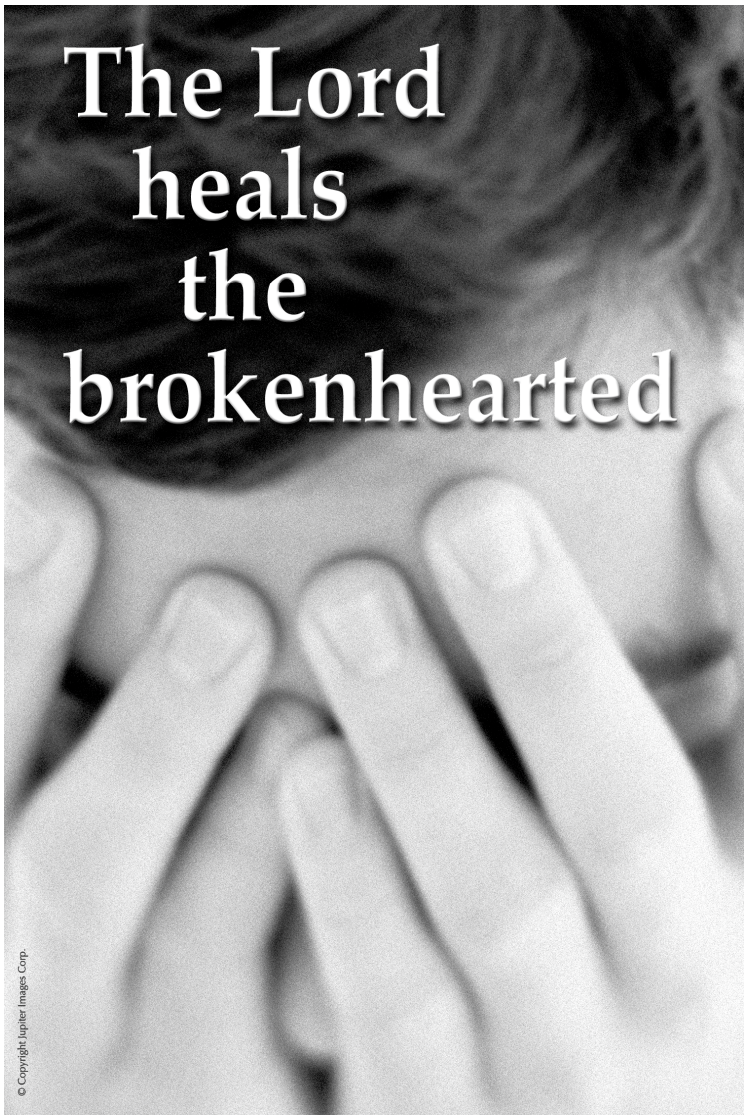
Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m./ Church Confessional
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m./ Chapel Confessional

24-Hours of ADORATION

Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. through Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

Sundays, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass
Weekdays, after the 7:00 a.m. Mass
Saturdays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass



The Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us to proclaim: "Ecce Agnus Dei; Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the Good News of Jesus Christ."

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Please pray for our sick

Dorothy Aylward
Dan Babcock
Nancy Babcock
Ada Bantola
Lucy Bernard
James Bestler
Brian Burke
Mary Ellen Butz
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Anetta Derango
Nick DuBay
Ralph Eckhoff
Joann Eggebrecht
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patrocinia Fernandez
Fr. Hilary Fischer
John Flanigan, Jr.
Marie Flores
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas
Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Bonnie Hansen
Deborah Lynn Harris
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph Henczel
Joy Henczel
Margaret Hess
Edy Jacobs
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Bill Johnson
Lynn Kadolph
Mary Kallas
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Sharleen Kosusnik
Margaret Krisch
Gerry Krug
Teri Kubacki
Korrin Kupris
Linda Kurzawa
Ivanna Lamb
Rick LeBreux
Dolores Lewandowski
Nancy Liden
Marilyn Loechl
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Goldena McGee
Bessy Miller
Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Tim Murnane
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
Joan Pacer
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Tracy Pesavento
Ian Prosser
Tim Ptak
Mary Rauch
Alicia Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Katherine Rose
Marvin Rothweil
Susan Rothweil
Helen Russ
Bob Salat
John "Bud" Schramer
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desireé Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dolores Snyder
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Mary Tarchala
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Sheila Tomaszewski
Ed Underwood
Maria Vargas
Keith Venard
Catherine Vogel
Genevieve Welch
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. Keith Wolfe/Padre Keith
Deacon: Mr. Dave Ritter, Rev. Mr. James Olofson
Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides
…….Ext 0 or 600……
Secretaria Hispana: ……..Ext 601
Director of Finance & Administration:
…….Deborah Birutis……....Ext 616
Business & Facilities Manager:
……...Aaron Simpson..…….....Ext 603
Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose…630-653-1489
Música Español: María Marquez.630-562-6894
Religious Education:……....Office:Ext 613
Director: Maureen Brennan……..Ext 612
RCIA (Convert Preparation).....Ext 600
Youth Ministry:
Parish Office……..630-668-0918, Ext. 0
Grade School:…….Office: Ext 618
Principal: Mickey Tovey……..Ext 618
Phone: 630-668-2625, Fax: 630-668-7176
St Vincent de Paul Society.……..Ext 692

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

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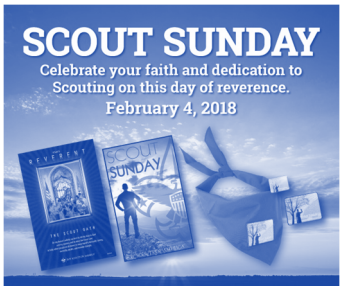

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Job experienced months of misery and troubled nights (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading — I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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

Rev. Mr. James Malik

Rev. Mr. James Olofson

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

Pvt James Luigi Akin
SRA Francis Beifuss
Captain John Berg
Sgt Melissa Brooker
Lt Deandra Carbone
CMR Nicholas Carbone
Pvt Timothy Conley
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly
Captain Daniel Durbin
SA Dakota Enders
AF3C John L. Enders
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Pvt Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Corp. Collin Vincent Lopez
Cmdr Matthew Luff
PFC Andrew John McCoy
GSCS (SS/SW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Jason Ptak
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
A1C Zachary J. Ushman

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that Lent begins in only a week and a half. Ash Wednesday is February 14th this year, and ashes will be distributed at the Masses at 7am, 8am, 7pm in the church (English), and 7pm in the chapel (Spanish), as well as at a 4pm Liturgy of the Word Service in English and a bilingual 6pm Liturgy of the Word Service. Beginning that following Sunday, Deacon Jim will give the parish mission. The title of the mission is "It's Not What You Know; It's Who You Know", and the presentations will be from 7pm to 8pm on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, February 18th through the 20th. I also hope you will make use of the additional confession times on Sunday mornings at 9am and 11am as well as the Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday, March 20th. Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays after the 7:50am Mass as well as at 2pm with the school children, 7pm in English, and 7:30pm in Spanish. In addition to these, we have daily Mass and confessions, the Taize prayer service, Fr. Keith's talks, Operation Rice Bowl, Lenten reflection booklets, and Friday fish fries. I pray that this upcoming Lenten season is one in which we grow closer to Christ through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I encourage you to do one of each, making a Lenten promise to do something charitable, to give something up, and make more time for prayer or a particular devotion. It is good to remember that Fridays are days of abstinence from meat for those who are 14 years old and older and that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence for those of age 18 until 59.

Friday, February 2nd, was the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. On the fortieth day after the birth of our Lord, Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple. So now, after forty days, we have blessed the statues of the Baby Jesus and put them away until Christmas. Saturday, February 3rd, was the Memorial of St. Blaise. After all of the Masses this weekend, we are blessing throats using the blessed candles. With the flu season being as bad as it is, please be respectful and understanding of one another and the concerns of others, especially during the Sign of Peace. We have omitted the personal greetings before Mass. Let us continue to keep each other in prayer.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Es difícil creer que la Cuaresma comience en sólo una semana y media. El miércoles de ceniza es el 14 de febrero de este año, y las cenizas serán distribuidas en las misas a las 7 a.m., 8 am, 7 pm en la iglesia (Inglés), y a las 7 pm en la capilla (español), así como a un servicio de la Liturgia de la palabra a las 4 pm en Inglés y un servicio de la Liturgia de la palabra bilingüe a las 6 pm. Comenzando el domingo siguiente, el Diácono Jim dará la misión parroquial. El título de la misión es "No es lo que sabes; Es a quién conoces ", y las presentaciones serán de las 7 pm a las 8 pm el domingo, lunes y martes 18 de febrero al 20. También espero que haga uso de los tiempos de confesión adicionales los domingos en la mañana a las 9 am y 11 am, así como el servicio de Penitencia Cuaresmal el martes, 20 de marzo. Las estaciones de la Cruz serán rezadas los viernes después de la Misa de 7:50 am, así como a las 2 pm con los niños de la escuela, 7 pm en inglés, y 7:30 pm en español. Además de estos, tenemos Misa y confesiones diarias, el servicio de oración de Taizé, los platicas de Padre Keith, cuenco de arroz de operación, los folletos de reflexión Cuaresmales, y pescado frita del Viernes. Oro para que este próximo tiempo de Cuaresma sea uno en que nos acerquemos más a Cristo a través de la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. Los animo a hacer uno de cada uno, haciendo una promesa Cuaresmal de hacer algo caritativo, renunciar a algo y dedicar más tiempo a la oración o a una devoción particular. Es bueno recordar que los viernes son días de abstinencia de carne para los que tienen 14 años o más y que el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de ayuno y abstinencia para los que tienen entre 18 y 59 años.

El viernes 2 de febrero fue la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, también conocida como Candelaria. En el cuadragésimo día después del nacimiento de nuestro Señor, María y José presentaron a Jesús en el Templo. Así que ahora, después de 40 días, hemos bendecido las estatuas del niño Jesús y las guardamos hasta Navidad. El sábado, 3 de febrero, fue el Memorial de San Blas. Después de todas las Misas este fin de semana, estamos bendiciendo gargantas usando las velas benditas. Con la temporada de gripe siendo tan malo como es, por favor sean respetuosos y comprensivos de uno y otro y las preocupaciones de los demás, especialmente durante el signo de la paz. Hemos omitido los saludos personales antes de la Misa. Continuemos reteniéndonos unos a otros en oración.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 3

8:30 a.m. ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace *(CCW)*

Vigil for The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Tom Hanlock *(Len Hanlock & Family)*
† Alfreda Wolski *(Carol Connors)*
† Bonnie Curby *(Rose & Jim Effinger)*
† Ursula Makowijczuk *(Mark & Julie Chandler)*
† Sylvia Oen *(Joan Lukasch)*
† The Hanlock Family

Sunday, February 4, *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m. † Terry Conley *(Grace Cleary)*
9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased *(K of C)*
1:30 p.m. (*Spanish)* † Acción de Gracias por la familia Venegas *(Padi Raymundo Venegas y Felisa Hernandez)*

Monday, February 5

7:00 a.m. ♥† Living & Deceased Members of Grabowski & Nolan Families *(Rita Grabowski)*
7:50 a.m. ♥ Living, Ginger Carpenter *(Bill & Terri Carpenter)*

Tuesday, February 6

7:00 a.m. † Fr. John Wiederhold, Anniversary of Death
7:50 a.m. † Sylvia Zalucki *(Barbara M. Napolitano)*

Wednesday, February 7

7:00 a.m. † A. J. Milder
7:50 a.m. ♥ Living, Linda Stites, Good Health *(Jim & Pat Marino)*

Thursday, February 8

7:00 a.m. † Ursula Makowijczuk *(Rita Wilke)*
7:50 a.m. † Maureen Ellenwood Pluvinage *(The Medick Family)*

Friday, February 9

7:00 a.m. † Joseph, Timothy & Randy Lambert *(Rose Marie Lambert)*
7:50 a.m. † Elsie Boes *(The Stephen Boes Family)*

Saturday, February 10

8:30 a.m. † Joseph Martino *(Joe & Beth Pirofalo)*

Vigil for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Fred Dusza *(The Dusza Family)*
† Tom Hanlock *(The Hanlock Family)*
† Marvin & Evelyn Kleinedler *(Bing Besch)*
† Cosgrove & Miller Families *(Colette Miller)*
† Sylvia Oen *(Ethel Sorgatz)*
† Cynthia Norton *(Barbara M. Napolitano)*

Sunday, February 11, *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 a.m. † Henry, Marge & Adele Lenertz *(The Lenertz Family)*
9:30 a.m. † John & Kathleen Dooley *(Mary L'Hotta)*
11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
1:30 p.m. (*Spanish)* † Maria Alicia Correa *(Familia Carrillo)*

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

Saturday, February 3-3:30 p.m.-Fr Matt*
Saturday, February 10-3:30 p.m.-Fr Keith*
****Church Confessional***
*Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.***
***Chapel Confessional*

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † *Harold "Bingo" Besch*
Church † *Deceased Children of Jeretina Family-Monica, Matthew & John*

*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

Laura Ann Grieco

who passed away on January 22, 2018.

Our sympathies are extended to her brother & sister-in-law, Ralph and Linda Grieco, and to all of her family & friends.

Please pray for

Elsie Boes

who passed away on January 15, 2018. Our sympathies are extended to The Stephen Boes family & friends.

The Feast of St. Blasé
Saturday, February 3

Throats will be blessed the weekend of February 3 & 4th at all Masses, including the 8:30a Mass on Sat., 2/3.

~Worship Commission

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scouting Sunday
Monday:	St. Agatha
Tuesday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Thursday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking
Saturday:	St. Scholastica

Mass Celebrants for:

Saturday, February 10-5:00 pm-*Fr Matt*

Sunday, February 11

7:30 am-*Fr Keith;* **9:30 am**-*Fr Keith*;**11:30 am**-*Fr Matt*; **1:30 pm**/Spanish-*Fr Matt*

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

"May the dignity of man according to the Creator's plan be spread."
~ Pope John Paul II

We're having a Baby . . . *Shower*, that is!

NEXT WEEKEND, Feb. 10-11, please bring a *new* baby item to benefit Birthright in Joliet, which offers free pregnancy tests, counseling with alternatives to abortion, community resource information and clothing resources to women in crisis pregnancies.

Please bring your item in the bassinet in the narthex BEFORE Mass. 100% of all donations (monetary as well) go to the clients they serve. They are in need of the following:

- **DIAPERS, always needed!-especially sizes 4 & 5**
- **Onesies, & small sleepers-greatest need is newborn**
- **12-15 month outfits for boys or girls. *THESE ITEMS MAY BE GENTLY USED***
- **Shampoos, baby wash, baby wipes**
- **Sorry, no large items due to limited space; no toys or rattles**

THANK YOU for your generosity!

~Catholics for Life at St. John the Baptist

Birthright International
We love them both...

Art & Environment Chairperson Needed

We are looking for a chairperson for our Art and Environment committee.

This would involve maintaining and arranging live plants for the main church and the chapel and decorating for feast days. If you have a talent for flower arranging or have a love for plants, this is a good place to use those talents. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please contact Shirley Axelson on 630-293-1355.

MOPS

*St. John the Baptist's **Mom's Group called MOPS** is inviting all moms to come to the **1st & 3rd Friday** of each month during the school year for community, conversation, crafts, food & friendship.*
Our next meeting is:

Friday, February 16
9:30a - 11:30a
Youth Ministry Room
(above parish offices)

Children are always welcome!

Questions? Contact MOPS at debbivermillion@yahoo.com

Council of Catholic Women-Collecting Rosaries in Any Condition-*Ongoing*-CCW will be continuing making & refurbishing rosaries to send to the Missions. Could you please help us by donating rosaries in any condition? We can use new, old, broken, pieces, crosses, medals and rosary cases. Any monetary donations will be used to buy additional supplies. Please drop off your donations marked "CCW Mission Rosaries" in the parish office vestibule. We have a box marked for them. Thank you.

Como un proyecto continuo, CCW está haciendo y reacondicionamiento rosarios para enviar a las misiones. Podemos utilizar nuevas, antiguas, rotas, pedazos, cruces, medallas y casos de Rosarios. Por favor dejar sus Donaciones en la caja marcadas "CCW Misión Rosarios" en el vestíbulo de la oficina de la parroquia. Gracias.

Bible Study Opportunity During Lent at St. Mary's, West Chicago

The Leavened Kingdom: A Look at the Book of Judges and the Teachings of Christ - *A bible class will be offered at St. Mary's in West Chicago on Tuesdays during Lent from 6:30p to 8p. This six-week course will cover the book of Judges, particularly considering how the lessons of the book are relevant to us today. There will be a $30 charge for the class. For more information or to sign up, email Dan.Wartsbaugh@stmarywc.org. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, February 18. Class begins on Tuesday, 2/20/18, and continues on 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, & 3/27.*

Sacrificial Giving

We are ever grateful for your loving generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here 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 $25,845.**

December 31…….$30,353
January 7……...$26,601
January 14……$15,536
January 21……$22,990

Monsignor Vincent Cloos Tuition Assistance Fund-

In Need of Donations

Our school is still in need of your help for the current 2017/18 school year. Would you please consider helping one family or more? Please donate to the St. John the Baptist Msgr. Cloos Scholarship Fund. If you'd like to learn more about the St. John the Baptist Msgr. Cloos Scholarship Fund for a needy family, please contact: Deborah Birutis, ext. 616, or Father Matt, ext. 600. Thank you.

"Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: You don't give up."

~Anne Lamott

ASH WEDNESDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR BRIDGE COMMUNITIES

In your envelope packet there is a blue envelope for *Supporting Bridge Communities*, for our Ash Wednesday special collection. 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.

Estate Planning Gifts

When making or updating your will, please consider a gift to St. John the Baptist. An estate planning attorney can assist you in adding your bequest or endowment. If you want to leave the proceeds of an insurance policy or IRA assets to St. John's, be sure to indicate this on the insurance form or IRA beneficiary forms and not in your will because insurance proceeds or IRA assets will be disposed of by the terms of the insurance policy or IRA document and not your will.

Please remember the good works of our parish in your will. For more information on how you can accomplish this, please contact Father Matt Pratscher at the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Thank you.

Every gift to the CMAA makes a difference!

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
Diocese of Joliet

The opening report for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin details the many ways our annual appeal helps us do God's work here on earth and be His partners in caring.

As you will read in the opening report, the CMAA supports thirty ministries that benefit so many throughout the Diocese of Joliet. Your gifts to the CMAA will make a difference to members of our parish, friends and neighbors, and our brothers and sisters in need. Please complete the pledge card you received from the Diocese of Joliet and return it in the provided envelope or bring it with you to Mass next weekend.

Our parish's goal for the 2018 CMAA is $107,700. If we raise more than this goal, 70% of the amount paid over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is a great benefit for our parish! Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your gift to this year's CMAA, and making the most generous pledge possible.

Seniors Invited to Defer Property Taxes

Qualified senior citizens, aged 65 years and older are invited to apply for the Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. The program allows participants to defer property tax payment until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues 6 percent simple interest until paid. To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed $50,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes.

The application period closed March 1, 2018. For more information, contact the DuPage County Treasurer's Office at 630-407-5900 or www.dupageco.org/treasurer. *~Gwen Henry, Treasurer*

Lent & Holy Week Schedule 2018

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14
Masses: 7a, 8a, 7p-Church, 7p Español-Chapel
Services, with Ashes-4p, 6p-Bilingual

Vespers
6:30p every evening during Lent except Saturdays-Chapel
(beginning Thursday evening, 2/15)

Stations of the Cross
Fridays, February 16, 23, March 2, 9,16, 23
after 7:50a Mass & 7p, 7:30p-Español

Children's Stations of the Cross
2p Fridays, February 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16 (not on 3/23 because of early dismissal)

Taize Service
Thursday, March 15, 7:30p-Chapel

Confessions/Confesiones
Mon-Fri 7:30a-7:45a*; Saturdays, 3:30p-4:30p,**
Fridays during Lent, at 7p*
Sundays during Lent at 9a & 11a
**except Good Friday; **except Holy Saturday*

Lenten Penance Service
Tuesday, March 20, 7p-Church

Palm Sunday, March 25
5p, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30a,1:30p Español

Tenebrae
Tuesday, March 27, 7p-Chapel

Holy Thursday, March 29
No morning Masses
7:30a-Morning Prayer
7p-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper-Bilingual-Church*
*Followed by Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday, March 30
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, March 31
No 8:30a or 5p Mass & No Confessions
8:30a-Morning Prayer
12 Noon-Blessing of the Easter Baskets
8:00p - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 1
7:30a, 9:30a-Church, 9:30a-Chapel,
11:30a, & 1:30p Español

SAVE THE DATE-*OUR PARISH MISSION*

This year's parish mission

***"It's Not What You Know; It's Who You Know,"* presented by Deacon Jim Olofson**

February 18, 19, 20 from 7p-8p,

with a reception in Sebahar Hall
following the Tuesday night talk.

Activities This Week at St. John's

Saturday, February 3
8:30a-Youth Ministry Room in Use
8:30a-CCW First Saturday Mass in Chapel followed by Breakfast & General Meeting & Program by Sharon Weber-"Dig It"-Sebahar Hall
9a-Religious Education Classes-School, School Hall
Lenten Reflection Booklets at All Masses-$2 Donation
Sunday, February 4
Lenten Reflection Booklets at All Masses-$2 Donation
After 7:30a Mass-Rosary for Life-Chapel
9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall
12p-6p-Sebahar Hall in Use
6:30p-Middle School Youth Group-Youth Ministry Center
Monday, February 5
6p-Boy Scout Troop Meeting-School Hall
7p-Den Meeting-Sodonna Hall
Tuesday, February 6
Following 7a Mass Rosary for Life-Chapel
7:30a-24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel
12p, 1p-Parish Office in Use
Wednesday, February 7
6:45a-Eucharistic Adoration Ends
9:30a-Cantor Practice-Church
4p, 5:45p, 6:30p-Religious Education Classes-Whole Campus
7p-Grief Support Group-Parish Office Dining Room
8p-Choir Practice-Church
Thursday, February 8
5:30p-Legion of Mary-Spanish-Youth Ministry Room
6p-Legion of Mary-English-Trinity Boardroom
7p-Den Meeting-Sebahar Hall
7p-Handbell Rehearsal-Church
7p-Alcoholics Anonymous-Sodonna Hall
Friday, February 9
9:30a-Friday Morning Bible Study-Sebahar Hall
6p-8p-SJB School Junior High Dance-School Hall (Cecilia Hall)
Saturday, February 10
8:30a-Youth Ministry Room in Use
Following the 8:30a Mass-Cursillo Ultreya-Sebahar Hall
9a-Religious Education Classes-School, School Hall
2p-8p-School Hall in Use
2p-11p-Sebahar Hall in Use
Before All Masses-Catholics for Life Birthright Baby Shower-Narthex
Lenten Reflection Booklets at All Masses-$2 Donation
Sunday, February 11
Before All Masses-Catholics for Life Birthright Baby Shower-Narthex
Lenten Reflection Booklets at All Masses $2 Donation
After 7:30a Mass-Rosary for Life-Chapel
9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall
6p-Middle School Youth Group-Meet at DuPage Convalescent Center for Bingo

BOOK CLUB

Join St. John's Book Club
at our next monthly meeting:

Wednesday,
February 21st at 7pm

We will meet at the home of Sylvia Juric and discuss the book, ***The Husband's Secret*** by Liane Moriarty.

Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP to Sylvia at sylviajuric@yahoo.com

LIVING STATIONS

All **middle and high school students** are invited to participate in the Living Stations. Students will reenact the 14 Stations of the Cross on Good Friday. Participating in the Living Stations can be a meaningful Lenten activity. By reenacting our Lord's Passion and death on the cross, middle and high school students will grow closer to our Lord during Lent. There are a wide range of positions available for all different interests including speaking roles, non-speaking parts, narrators, and costume and lights helpers. We are flexible with the practice attendance and everyone is welcome to bring friends.

Here's our schedule:

All practices are in the Church

Schedule:

Sunday, February 25, 5:30p-6:30p
Sunday, March 4, 5:30p-6:30p
Sunday, March 11, 5:00p-6:30p
Sunday, March 18, 5:00p-6:30p
Sunday, March 25, 5:00p-6:30p
Wednesday, March 28, 5:00p-6:30p

Good Friday, March 30,
Practice & pizza at 5:30p
Performance 7:30p

Questions? Contact: Jennipher Graf – Trillum92016@yahoo.com - (630)659-4101

MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOUTH GROUP

All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are welcome to join our group each Sunday from 6:30p-8pm. We begin with an open gym followed by a meeting in the youth group room.

2018 Winter/Spring Schedule

- Sunday, 2/4, 6:30p meeting
- Sunday, 2/11, 6-8pm, Meet at Dupage Convalescent Center for Bingo.
- Sunday, 2/18, No meeting, Joseph play with Mrs. Brennan at Drury Lane, meet at church at 1p, $35
- Sunday, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 6:30p meeting
- Saturday, March 24, Noon-5p-Lock-In
- Sunday, 3/25 & 4/1(Easter Sunday) - no meeting
- Sunday, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13 - 6:30p meeting

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
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State of Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship-Donor Instructions
Receive up to 100% of Catholic School Tuition

To make a donation and receive up to 75% tax credit donors must register with www.mytax.illinois.gov. After the registration process, which can take up to 10 business days, donors will be ready to reserve their tax credit when applications open on 1/2/18. Once their credit has been reserved, donors have 60 days to make their donations and help students get the education they deserve. Please make sure you assign your donation to St John the Baptist Catholic School in Winfield. The Empower Illinois Scholarship Granting Organization is up and running as of 12/11/17. Please visit www.EmpowerIllinois.org for program and process details. Finally, please visit www.weteachmore.org for up-to-date details.

If you think you cannot afford a Catholic education for your children, think again. (New Date!) The Illinois House and Senate passed a new 5 year program for Tax Credit Scholarships (TCS) for students in private schools. Students in grades K-12 may receive a tax credit scholarship beginning with the 2018/19 school year but here is the catch. Tax credits will be available on a first come, first serve basis beginning noon on **January 31, 2018** using a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) called "Empower Illinois" who will distribute scholarships to qualified students within our diocese and other Illinois dioceses.

If you would like a Catholic education for your children and did not know how you could afford it, please visit our website for Bishop Conlon's Tax Credit Scholarship Letter and FAQ's. The information is on our home page at www.stjohnwinfield.org or you can visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ILTCSP.

Si usted cree que no se puede permitir una educación católica para sus hijos, piensa otra vez.-La Casa de Illinois y el Senado pasaron un nuevo programa de 5 años para las Becas de Crédito Tributario (TCS) para estudiantes en escuelas privadas. Los estudiantes en los grados K-12 pueden recibir una beca de crédito tributario comenzando con la 2018/19 año escolar pero aquí está la captura. Los créditos tributarios estarán disponibles por orden de llegada, comenzando mediodía el 31 de enero de 2018, usando una organización de otorgamiento de becas (SGO) llamada "Empower Illinois" que distribuirá a los estudiantes calificados dentro de nuestra diócesis y otros Illinois Diócesis. Si usted desea una educación católica para sus hijos y no sabía cómo se lo podía permitir, por favor visite nuestro sitio web para la Carta de Becas y Preguntas Frecuentes sobre el Crédito Fiscal del Obispo Conlon. La información está en nuestra página de inicio en www.stjohnwinfield.org o puedes visitar www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ILTCSP.

SPRING BAZAAR
FEB 24 & 25

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."
For more information contact Cecily at 630-665-5946

RAFFLE –
Sunday, 2/25
Will feature items donated by Vendors

New hours –
Sat 10am -4pm
Sun 8am -1pm

Hand crafted Fashion and Home accessories

Food & Kitchen products

Jewelry

Cosmetics

CCW Bakery
Spring This & That

Cursillo Corner

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

INTERESTED IN MAKING A CURSILLO?

WHAT IS A CURSILLO?

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning Short Course. A Cursillo therefore is a short course in Christianity. While Cursillo originated in Spain in 1944, the lay movement has spread to millions of people in 60 countries. There are approximately 3,400 Cursillistas in the Joliet Diocese representing the men and women of all ages and ethnicities. It is an instrument of renewal by which Christianity can permeate, live and grow in today's world.

To explain a Cursillo to someone who has never experienced it is difficult and somewhat mystifying. The reason behind the mystery is God. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special/unique way throughout the movement. For some, it is a total turnabout in their lives; for others, it is a grand awakening; for yet others, it is an enrichment of what they have already known and have been living. We do not promise anything or judge anyone – we simply offer the program and rely on the grace of God and the openness of the individual to produce its benefits.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Cursillo weekends are held in the spring and fall at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.

- **The Men's 135th weekend will be held March 1-4 2018.**
- **The Women's 127th weekend will be held April 5-8 2018.**

If you are interested in attending an upcoming Cursillo please call/text Amy Serritella at 630-561-4328 or email amythe1@att.net.
Further information can also be found at www.jolietcursillo.org

ST. JOHN ULTREYA

St John the Baptist will host our next Ultreya in Sebahar Hall on **Saturday, February 10th following the 8:30 am Mass**. Please bring a friend. This is a great way to introduce others to the movement & help in their discernment process for attending a future weekend.

For those interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit ***www.jolietcursillo.org*** *or contact Amy Serritella at: amythe1@att.net*

Mark your calendars for Our Knights of Columbus' **Lenten** Fish Fry Fridays from 5p-7p:

- ***February 16**-Sebahar Hall*
- *(No Fish Fry 2/23-CCW Spring Bazaar)*
- ***March 2**-Sebahar Hall*
- ***March 9**-Sebahar Hall*
- *(No Fish Fry 3/16-St. Joseph's Day Table)*
- ***March 23**-Sebahar Hall*

We're Burying the Alleluia
Tuesday, February 13
6:30p Vespers in the Church

During Lent, alleluia is not proclaimed until we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ on Easter, the cause of our hope and joy. The evening before Ash Wednesday, join us as we "bury" the alleluia and prepare for Lent.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday, February 14

Masses
7a
8a
7p-Church
7p Español-Chapel

Services, with Ashes
4p
6p-Bilingual

BELLARMINE Jesuit Retreat House

A Day of Reflection for Men & Women

BELLARMINE Jesuit Retreat House

February 14, 2018 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Retreat Master: Fr. Michael Class, SJ

Retreat Title: *Ash Wednesday Reflection: Fasting as Physical Prayer*

Join us for an Ash Wednesday day of reflection with Bellarmine's Executive Director, Fr. Michael Class, SJ. As we begin our season of Lent many of us pledge a Lenten fast. Traditionally many of us give up something we like, chocolate, desserts etc. We feel a sense of deprivation, (and look forward to it ending on Easter!) but do we recognize that fast as a form of prayer? Fasting is a form of prayer, a physical prayer we do with our bodies and our minds. The key is to listen to what God has to say to us while doing that prayer.

The day will include a retreat talk, time for quiet reflection, Mass with distribution of ashes, and lunch.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SAINT PATRICK AND IRISH LEGENDS

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH

SEBAHAR HALL: 7:00 PM

Son of Erin, Terry Lynch shares folktales from the Emerald Isle. He brings to life the traditions of Saint Patrick, fairies, banshees and leprechauns.

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.

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT SAYS "THANK YOU!"

Thank you to the volunteers pictured here for decorating our parish home for Christmas! Our Church, Chapel and Narthex were beautiful!

Put your Sunday Offering on "AUTOMATIC" and leave the rest to us!!!

Automatic Offering is an easy and convenient way to maintain your Stewardship to St. John the Baptist. By signing the Automatic Offering, you will:

- Free yourself of monthly check writing
- Have a record of payment on your bank statement
- Save the cost of checks
- Easy, timely contributions even when you are out-of-town or on vacation

To enroll in the Automatic Offering Program, just fill out the information below and return your form with your envelope or to the parish office.

YES, please put my Sunday Offering on *AUTOMATIC!!!**

Name _____ Env. No._____
Address _____
City/State/Zip_____
Daytime Phone # _____

_____Please DEBIT my account on the Monday of each WEEK in the amount of $_____.
_____Please DEBIT my account on the 1, 2, 3, or 4 (circle one) MONDAY of each MONTH in the amount of $_____
Financial Institution Routing No. _____Acct. No._____
Checking ____ or Savings ____ Name of Bank_____
Please start AUTOMATIC OFFERING on _____ (1st day of week or month).

I (We), authorize St. John the Baptist to initiate weekly or monthly debits in the above-listed amount, beginning on the indicated start date and continuing thereafter, for my Church Offering until I so designate from the above financial institution specified by me. I understand the funds will be withdrawn each week/month as I have specified, and that it is my responsibility to ensure sufficient funds are in my account at that time. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing at least 30 days prior to the next effective withdrawal date. I acknowledge that the origination of **ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law.**

Signature_____ **Date**_____
Signature_____ **Date**_____

***Please call Dianne @ the Parish Office for information on Credit Card Debit, 630-668-0918, ext 614. NOTE: One month notice required for any changes.**

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!

Parish Registration

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at: 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Or, see our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org. You can download a new parishioner form & return it completed to the parish office or in the Sunday collection basket. Or, register in Sebahar Hall after the 7:30a or 9:30a Mass at Donut Sunday on February 18.

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, x600.

Tutors Needed for 1st-8th Grade

Volunteers are needed to help children in First Grade through Eighth Grade who are struggling in school. Please call Tom Masterson-
630-653-4818

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. 600, and 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 Saint 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 or 600, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found box in the entry way to 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.** (Holidays may change due dates for articles because of publishing demands). Include the name and 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 or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org

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 or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org

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, please call the parish secretary at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings 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

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. Catholics need to be attending church every Sunday.

Reporting Sexual Abuse-Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report his/her suspicions to civil authorities. Contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

Denuncia de abuso sexual-Cualquier persona que tenga motivos de sospecha que un niño ha sido abusado o está siendo abusado debe informar a las autoridades civiles. Contacto: Departamento de Illinois de Servicios para Niños y Familia: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) o la policía local. El Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Diócesis de Joliet está disponible para ayudar a las víctimas / sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil por parte de un ministro, empleado o voluntario de la Iglesia Católica. El Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas informará al Obispo Conlon y coordinará los esfuerzos de apoyo y acompañamiento pastoral para ayudar en el proceso de curación. El Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas también puede proveer asistencia en hacer un informe a las autoridades civiles. Póngase en contacto con la Diócesis de Joliet Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas en el 1-815-263-6467.

February Music Schedule*

5p-Organ/Cantor
7:30a-Classic Ensemble
9:30a-Contemporary Ensemble
*11:30a-Adult Choir**
**2nd & 4th Sundays-Handbell Choir*

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation, All Souls & Ash Wednesday To be announced with each Special Mass

Eucharistic Adoration ~ Tues. from 7:30a - Wed. 6:45a & First Friday Rosary & Adoration-7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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!

Weddings

Spiritual Preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.

Iglesia Católica de San Juan Bautista

Requisitos Sacramentales

Confesiones-los Sábados de las 3:30-4:30 pm/Confesión de la Iglesia De lunes a viernes, 7: 30-7: 45 am / Capilla Confesional

Bautismos • Las clases pre bautismales son requeridas antes de fijar la fecha del Bautismo. Bautismos normalmente son el **4°** Domingo del Mes.

Bodas • Preparación Espiritual empieza no menos de SEIS MESES de anticipo. No haga preparaciones para su Celebración antes de reunirse con el párroco.

Adoración del Santísimo los Martes 7:30a a Miércoles 6:45a

Sacramento de los Enfermos y Visitas de la Comunión

• Llame a la oficina

Quince Años y Presentaciones • Llame a la oficina para hablar con la Secretaria Hispana. Las familias de las quinceañeras necesitan ser miembros de la Parroquia y estar confirmadas.

Secretaria Hispana Para hablar con la secretaria hispana, llame el Lunes, Martes y Jueves 8:00 AM a 2:00 PM, 630-668-0918, a extensión 601.