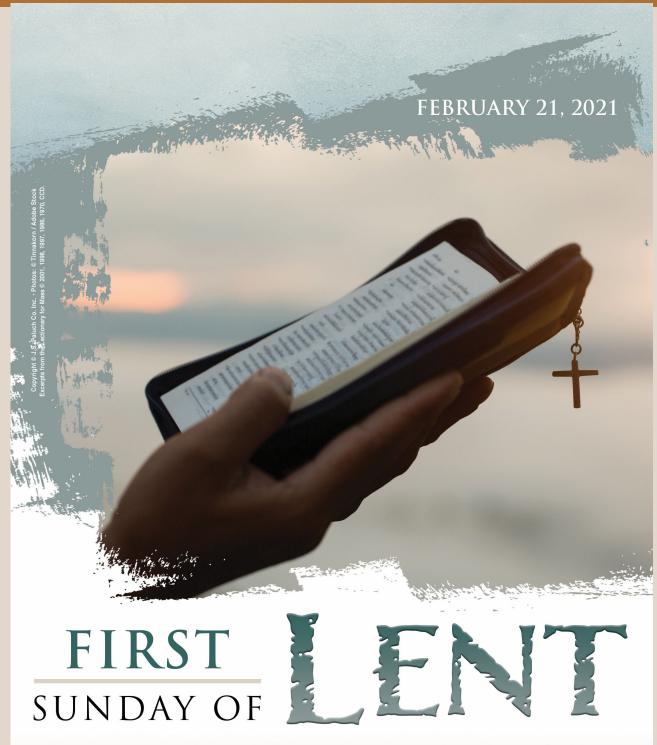
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15

Please pray for our sick

Alisa Allen Sandy Anderson Jack Aylward Dave Balseqiz Ada Bantola Ella Bitterman Jennifer Bitterman Brian Burke Allison Lamberts Burns Jim Cabrera, Sr. Karen Cervenka Al Cieslik Patricia Clifford Kathy Connor Georgene Cook Carol Connors Julio Correa Rita Cross Mary Elaine Cruz Linda Dameron Anetta Derango Kathe Doremus Nick DuBay Ralph Eckhoff Concepcion Edaño Joann Eggebrecht Joan Enders Aaron Erickson William Ferdinand Patrocinia Fernandez Marie Flores John Fuechsl

Monica Garcia Gregory Garlt Darlene Gedvilas Danny Gonzalez Judy Gonzalez Dawn Grant Destin Green Daniel Guzman Jennifer Hammerschmidt Deborah Lynn Harris Betty Hass Jeremy Heintz John Heitzler, Jr. Joseph & Joy Henczel Edv Jacobs Jason Jensen Margarita Jimenez Andrew Jin Shawn Jurgensen Charles Kadolph David C. Kadolph Lynn Kadolph Mary Kallas Kathy Kamphaus Brandon Karimi Ken Kasnicka Carter Kettner Donna Kevil Joe Konopka Gerry Krug Margaret Kuhn Korrin Kupris Ivanna Lamb Rose Marie Lambert

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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. Christopher Lankford Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jim Olofson Deacon: Den. Dave Ritter

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Youth Ministry:

 Coordinator:
 Ruben Chavez......Ext. 615

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 Office: Ext 618

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 Joanne Policht.......Ext 618

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Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarian who is preparing for the Priesthood:

Brian Geary

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

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Misa En Español: Domingo 1:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 am; Sat. 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confesión):

Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm (See page 5 for additional confession times during Lent)

Adoration:

Thursday Evenings, 6:00 pm -9:00 pm

Public Sunday Masses are continuing, as well as public daily Mass at 7am and Saturday at 8:30am. We will have a limited amount of available seats for Mass because of the policy of keeping households six feet apart; you must sign up through our parish website to reserve a seat for Sunday Masses, including the 5p on Saturday evening, www.stjohnwinfield.org. You do not need to sign up for Daily Masses, including the 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning. The bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect. Masses and devotions will continue to be online on YouTube which can be accessed through our webwww.stjohnwinfield.org, scroll down to Social Media.



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

Pvt James Luigi Akin **SRA Francis Beifuss** Major John Berg Sat. Tyler Bowling, US Army Sat Melissa Brooker Pvt Timothy Conley Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly Major Daniel Durbin LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr. Sqt. Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray A1C Seth Kelley PFC Gerard Kostecka Airman Nicholas Kostecka Sqt. David Lawless SrA Robert Lawless Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao Commander Matthew Luff CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell

ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
PFC Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

THE PRIESTS' PAGE/LA PÁGINA DE LOS PADRES

As we begin this season of Lent, I want to encourage everyone to take the opportunity to go to confession before Easter. Listening to the words of Jesus, it is clear that we must repent, or turn away from sin, if we truly desire to live the fullness of the Gospel. And that is exactly what happens when we confess our sins and receive the Lord's mercy and forgiveness. Due to Covid restrictions, we will not have a parish wide confession service this Lent. But to make up for that, we have decided to offer extended hours of confessions in Lent: every Tuesday from 12-1 PM, every Thursday from 6-8 PM, and our usual Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM. And if those times are difficult, Fr. Chris and I are always happy to set up an appointment for confession.

I know that there are a lot of concerns about confession, so I want to address a few of those here. First, if you are nervous of not knowing exactly what to say or messing up the prayers, don't worry about it. The Lord is grateful that you are there, and we are happy to help you along the way. The best way to prepare for confession is to do a thorough examination of conscience, so you can confess what you have done and how many times. We don't need stories or excuses, just what has happened. If you need a good examination of conscience, there are many good options online! If it has been a while since your last confession, don't let that be an obstacle! The Lord's mercy is greater than anything we could ever imagine. Especially when you go to confession behind the screen, the priest has no idea who you are, and even if he did, he can never, ever say anything about it. Ever. And remember that confession isn't a place of judgement and condemnation, but a place of healing and new freedom. Let us listen to the words of Jesus: "There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety -nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

In Christ, Fr Jim

Al comenzar esta temporada de Cuaresma, quiero animar a todos a aprovechar la oportunidad para confesarse antes de Pascua. Al escuchar las palabras de Jesús, es claro que debemos arrepentirnos, o apartarnos del pecado, si realmente deseamos vivir la plenitud del Evangelio. Y eso es exactamente lo que sucede cuando confesamos nuestros pecados y recibimos la misericordia y el perdón del Señor. Debido a las restricciones de Covid, no tendremos un servicio de confesión en toda la parroquia esta Cuaresma. Pero para compensar eso, hemos decidido ofrecer un horario extendido de confesiones en Cuaresma: todos los martes de 12-1 PM, todos los jueves de 6-8 PM, y nuestro sábado habitual de 3:30-4:30 PM. Y si esos tiempos son difíciles, el P. Chris y yo siempre estamos felices hacer una cita para la confesión.

Yo sé que hay muchas preocupaciones sobre la confesión, así que quiero abordar algunas de ellas aquí. Primero, si está nervioso por no saber exactamente qué decir o por olvidar las oraciones, no se preocupe. El Señor está agradecido de que estés allí y estamos felices de ayudarte en el camino. La mejor manera de prepararse para la confesión es hacer un examen de conciencia, para que pueda confesar lo que ha hecho y cuántas veces. No necesitamos historias ni excusas, solo lo que ha sucedido. Si necesita un buen examen de conciencia, ¡hay muchas buenas opciones en línea! Si ha pasado mucho tiempo desde tu última confesión, ¡no dejes que eso sea un obstáculo! La misericordia del Señor es más grande que cualquier cosa que podamos imaginar. Especialmente cuando te confiesas detrás de la pantalla, el sacerdote no tiene idea de quién eres, e incluso si lo hiciera, nunca, nunca podrá decir nada al respecto. Y recuerde que la confesión no es un lugar de juicio y condenación, sino un lugar de sanación y nueva libertad. Escuchemos las palabras de Jesús: "Habrá más gozo en el cielo por un pecador que se arrepiente que por noventa y nueve justos que no tienen necesidad de arrepentimiento."

En Cristo, Padre Jim

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2021

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(The 7:50 am Masses are offered privately for the intentions that have been promised; there are no public 7:50 am Masses.* Until further notice no new 7:50 am Mass Intentions will be taken. If a 7:50 am Mass Intention has been previously scheduled, it will be included below and offered privately by our priests.)

Saturday, February 20

8:30 a.m. † Evelyn Zawislak (Lois & Chuck Kirk)

Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Edgardo Castro (*The Castro Family*) † A.J. Winterhalder (*Carol Vigsnes*)

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † David Dobrovic (*The Fabianski Family*) 9:30 a.m. † James Bartelli (*The Bartelli Family*) 11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish 1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † Jose Cuiriz (*Lupe Cuiriz*)

Monday, February 22

7:00 a.m. † Oscar & Estella Lambert (Rose Marie Lambert)

Tuesday, February 23

7:00 a.m. † A.J. Winterhalder (Tom McGrath)

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 a.m. † Bill Rose (The Rose Family)

Thursday, February 25

7:00 a.m. † The Deceased Members of the Doyle Family (Jack Aylward)

Friday, February 26

7:00 a.m. † Giovanni Malandruccolo (Marianne & Joe Yassine)

Saturday, February 27

8:30 a.m. ♥ John & Amy Garro, Health & Intentions

Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Margaret Wrobel (Maryann Dusza)

♥ Paul Bennema (Vicky Staden & Maureen Brennan)

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † William Sifer (Dan Conley)
9:30 a.m. † Richard Hanlock (Kathie Brewer)
11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish
1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † La intención del sacerdote

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



Chapel † Al Hartigan Church † Giuliana Capigatti

*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.

SIGNING UP FOR MASSES-UPDATE

Parishioners do not have to sign up in advance for daily Mass, including Saturday morning 8:30a Mass. <u>Sign-up is still required for Sunday Mass, including Saturday at 5p.</u> To register for Sunday Mass, including the vigil Mass on Saturday at 5p, go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, or phone the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. The capacity at Masses is 120 parishioners.

ST. JOHN'S MASSES-LIVE STREAMED

St. John's has set up a YouTube channel where Masses and devotions are posted. Currently, two weekend Masses will be live streamed, the 9:30a and the 1:30p in Spanish. You can watch them live or you can go on YouTube anytime and watch the saved Masses.

There are two ways to find the Live Streamed Masses:

1. Go to www.stjohnwinfield.org,



scroll down to Social Media, and click on YouTube; or,

2. Go to YouTube; Search for St. John the Baptist Winfield; Click on our St. John's Church logo.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance & Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church.* Please wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the church on the most outer aisle, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, maintaining a six-foot distance. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, & asked to socially distance while waiting.

*Please see page 5 for more confession times during Lent.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, February 20, 3:30 pm Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, February 27, 3:30 pm Fr Chris/Fr Jim

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.

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 6pm-9pm in the Chapel. There is no online sign-up required at this time.

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.

https://

prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/04/21/things-to-do-during-eucharistic-adoration/

Fr Jim will hear confessions during Adoration, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., in English and Spanish. See above, right, for more information about confessions.

Stations of the Cross, beginning February 19

- Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-Church-English
- En Español, Viernes, 7:00 p.m.-Capilla

Please wear a mask and social distance. No booklets will be provided.

Our Lenten Confession Schedule, beginning February 18

Beginning Thursday, February 18th, during Lent, confessions will be heard:

- Tuesdays, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. (English only)
- Thursdays, during Adoration, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)
- Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (English & Spanish)

Please wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the Church on the most outer aisles, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, maintaining a six-foot distance. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, & asked to socially distance while waiting.

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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Online prayers, reflections, & devotions

https://mycatholic.life

https://dynamiccatholic.com

https://www.catholic.org/lent

Breviary (Liturgy of the Hours) on IBreviary App & Website Apps & Websites for Relevant Radio, Word on Fire, & Formed NEW! Scott Hahn, St. Paul Center, Lent 2021, Parousia: The Bible and the Mass, sign up to watch 10 free episodes: https://stpaulcenter.com, click on Parousia the Bible and the Mass



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- You can share your gifts... Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- Leave your checkbook at home. Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 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.
- 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!

- Visit our church website and click Give Online. www.stjohnwinfield.org
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
- 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 our business manager, Mike Vallaro 630-668-0918, ext. 616.

Please remember St. John's by dropping off or mailing envelopes or by giving electronically through WeShare, which can be accessed on our website.

Sacrificial Giving-We are ever grateful for your loving generosity & sharing in the Ministries of serving the Lord at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Parish Collections-Abram tithed (giving at least 10%) as a symbol that he depended totally on God. Moses said tithing was holy and an act of worship. Yes, even Jesus talked about money because money is a necessary part of our lives and it is also a necessary part of the viability of the church. Our tithe is merely a way to recognize that. Each family should prayerfully discern their own situation and understand that tithing is God's plan for supporting the church and the poor. We are ever grateful for your generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here at St. John the Baptist. **Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$22,941.**

January 17.....\$17,760 January 24....\$10,626 January 31....\$26,071 February 7....\$24,571

Thank you for your generosity and support!

A SECOND COLLECTION WAS HELD ON ASH WEDNESDAY FOR BRIDGE

packet there is a blue envelope for Supporting Bridge Communities, on Ash Wednesday. If you haven't already done so, please consider helping 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.

PLEDGE YOUR GIFT TO THE CMAA

Last weekend was Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

(CMAA). Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$109,000 goal. Because not



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all of us have returned to worshiping in person, Fr Chris mailed a packet to parishioners last week. Included will be the envelope many of us use to make a gift at Mass, as well as more information on how the CMAA shines the light of Christ not only in our parish, but across the diocese. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to our parish, for our needs. To make a gift, complete and return your pledge envelope in the mail, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

"DRIVE BY" KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent



5 pm to 7 pm Fridays... Feb. 19, Feb. 26, March 5, March 12, March 26

We're still Fryin'!

Besides the Fish Dinners, menu will also include the following: Shrimp Dinners, Fish and Shrimp Combo, Fish Tacos, Spaghetti Dinners, Pizza and Salads Includes all the sides, packaged, hot and ready for YOU!

Prices are: Adults \$10 Kids \$5 Seniors \$9

NOW YOU CAN ORDER ONLINE! PLACE ONLINE ORDERS BY 6:45 PM ON THE DAY OF THE FRY! WWW.STJOHNWINFIELD.ORG

- ORDER BY PHONE-CALL SEBAHAR HALL, 630-668-0918 EXT 651
- CALL SEAN P CONLEY DIRECTLY, 630-835-8225

- WALK-UP ORDERS ACCEPTED
- PICK-UP LOCATION: COME INSIDE SEBAHAR HALL OR **WE'LL DELIVER YOUR ORDER TO YOUR CAR**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-SERVICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Please find below two different service projects our Religious Education Program invites St. John's Parishioners' participation, if you are able: ~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education, ext. 612

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans-Help a Veteran

The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans is a nonprofit agency that provides housing, supportive services and community outreach to help homeless and at-risk veterans and their families achieve self–sufficiency.*



The Shelter sent a wish list of some basic products veterans need when they visit the Freedom Commissary at the Shelter to our Director of Religious Education, Maureen Brennan; some of the wish list items are listed below. The Veteran Fulfillment Manager, John Dixon, emailed to Maureen, "We are completely out of paper towels and almost out of toilet tissue."

If you are able to donate any of the items on the list below, please drop the items off at the parish office vestibule, and Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education, will take the items to the shelter.

Personal Care Items

Paper Towels
Toilet Tissue
Hand & Body Lotion

Cleaning Supplies

All Purpose Cleaner, e.g., Mr. Clean, Fabuloso (standard size, please)

Bathroom cleaning Spray, e.g., Clorox, Scrubbing Bubbles

Liquid Laundry Soap (standard size, please) Liquid Laundry Soap (standard size, please) Dryer sheets

Ziploc Bags (gallon, quart)

Due to COVID-19, the Shelter is no longer accepting used clothing or other used items. They do accept winter items, underwear and socks in the original manufacturer packaging. All clothing must be new.

Other items are listed on their Wish List on Amazon.com: https://a.co/b3ifTXn

*Founded in 2007, by Vietnam War veteran Bob Adams and SJB Parishioner and Gulf War veteran Dirk Enger, MSHV operates on a vision of no veteran left behind due to homelessness, joblessness, poverty and/or mental health issues. February, 2021

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to 2021! My name is Alex McCall and I am asking for your help and participation with a service project again this year. Last year we collected toys for the Ronald McDonald House and Central DuPage Hospital. This year, the project is to fill and pass out "Keep Warm" bags to the homeless and less fortunate in our community. Each bag includes a hat, gloves, socks, hand & feet warmers, mask, sanitizer, and snacks.

I have had a great response from family and friends and have been able to distribute 193 "Keep Warm" bags to these organizations: Midwest Veterans Shelter - Wheaton Veterans Shelter - Elmwood Park DuPage County Sheriff West Chicago Police Department Milton Township Office PADS (still need more)

There is still a huge need for more bags. Let's work together to help keep as many men, women, and children warm this winter.

Please bring any of these new items to the parish office vestibule or the Religious Education office:

- Socks, gloves, and hats for men, women, children
- Individual toothbrushes
- Hand & feet warmers
- Money to purchase these items

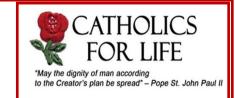
You were extremely generous and helpful last year, so let's do it again this year. Our goal is to fill 300 of these "Keep Warm" bags. Together, we can help keep a lot of children and adults warm.

Thank you again for your help and prayers.

God bless you,

Alex





The Spring 2021 Campaign—Feb. 17 - Mar. 28

The Aurora Planned Parenthood's abortion clinic is the largest in the Midwest. Up to 75% of women will be a "no show" for their appointment when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion clinic. Bring a friend and come out to Aurora to pray, between 7am – 7pm.

3051 E. New York St., Aurora, IL – Parking in the south parking lot (facing Planned Parenthood) at Waterleaf or behind Autozone. Questions? Contact- 40days4lifeaurora@gmail.com
Phil Price, Co-Leader 252-205-0991

RESPECT LIFE CREED

I believe in life.

I believe every human being is made in the image and likeness of God.

I believe that every human is endowed with the right to life from the moment of conception till the time of natural death.

I believe that every human being should be treated with dignity and sanctity.

I pledge myself to defend life wherever I see it being disgraced or degraded.

Therefore

I will respect the unborn; the tiny life within its mother's womb reflects the miracle of creation.

I will respect the child, who stands innocently at the threshold of life waiting to be molded by my word and example.

I will respect the handicapped, whose physical deformity only emphasizes the true richness of the soul within.

I will respect the young, whose life harbors the dreams of tomorrow.

I will respect the mentally handicapped, whose perception of this world may be different, but no less real than mine.

I will respect the old, who have traveled down many roads that I have yet to see.

I will respect the dying, who should leave this world from loving, caring arms.

I will respect others with all their failings, for their lives are an extension of mine, their sins – my sins, their glory – my glory.

I will do all that is in my power to foster respect for life in my home, my community and in my country.

I believe in life.

Amen.

https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/life/documents/RespectLifeCreed.pdf

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10,

15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



Please pray for

Jennifer Jean Mulcahey

who passed away on February 8, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to her husband, Marty Mulcahey, and to all of her family & friends.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;

Rite of Calling the Candidates

to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending

Monday: Washington's Birthday;

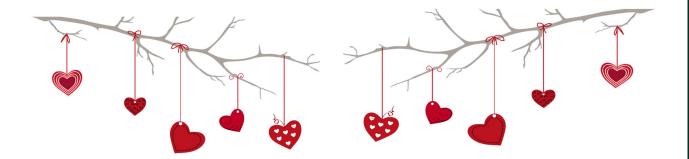
Julian Calendar Lent begins

Tuesday: St. Polycarp

Thursday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Gregory of Narek



Thank You

Winfield Woods residents enjoy a blessed Valentine's Day



Winfield Woods staff accepting the Gift bags. Fran Hartigan, our CCW member is wearing the winter scarf.

On Thursday, February 11th, Council of Catholic Women delivered 149 gift bags to Winfield Woods Healthcare Center. When our CCW published a notice to our members and parishioners, we never expected such a great response! We needed to provide 122 bags and with many who donated several bags and numerous supplies, we were able to give them 149 bags. Cash donations will be used for a future need at Winfield Woods. *Students from our parish school created beautiful valentines too!* Additionally, we gave bags to our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry and PADS in Wheaton. Our Council wanted to do something for Winfield Woods since we had not been able to provide the Prayer Service and BINGO games weekly after the pandemic hit last March. This also gave us an opportunity to serve the most vulnerable safely.

MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR LENT 2021 (forwarded from our Diocese of Joliet)

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem" (Mt 20:18)

Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil* 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the "living water" of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. Mt 6:1-18), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (fasting), concern and loving care for the poor (almsgiving), and childlike dialogue with the Father (prayer) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.

1. Faith calls us to accept the truth and testify to it before God and all our brothers and sisters.

In this Lenten season, *accepting and living the truth revealed in Christ* means, first of all, opening our hearts to God's word, which the Church passes on from generation to generation. This truth is not an abstract concept reserved for a chosen intelligent few. Instead, it is a message that all of us can receive and understand thanks to the wisdom of a heart open to the grandeur of God, who loves us even before we are aware of it. Christ himself is this truth. By taking on our humanity, even to its very limits, he has made himself the way – demanding, yet open to all – that leads to the fullness of life.

Fasting, experienced as a form of self-denial, helps those who undertake it in simplicity of heart to rediscover God's gift and to recognize that, created in his image and likeness, we find our fulfilment in him. In embracing the experience of poverty, those who fast make themselves poor with the poor and accumulate the treasure of a love both received and shared. In this way, fasting helps us to love God and our neighbour, inasmuch as love, as Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves (cf. Fratelli Tutti, 93).

Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. *In* 14:23). Fasting involves being freed from all that weighs us down – like consumerism or an excess of information, whether true or false – in order to open the doors of our hearts to the One who comes to us, poor in all things, yet "full of grace and truth" (*In* 1:14): the Son of God our Saviour.

2. Hope as "living water" enabling us to continue our journey.

The Samaritan woman at the well, whom Jesus asks for a drink, does not understand what he means when he says that he can offer her "living water" (Jn 4:10). Naturally, she thinks that he is referring to material water, but Jesus is speaking of the Holy Spirit whom he will give in abundance through the paschal mystery, bestowing a hope that does not disappoint. Jesus had already spoken of this hope when, in telling of his passion and death, he said that he would "be raised on the third day" (Mt 20:19). Jesus was speaking of the future opened up by the Father's mercy. Hoping with him and because of him means believing that history does not end with our mistakes, our violence and injustice, or the sin that crucifies Love. It means receiving from his open heart the Father's forgiveness.

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In these times of trouble, when everything seems fragile and uncertain, it may appear challenging to speak of hope. Yet Lent is precisely the season of hope, when we turn back to God who patiently continues to care for his creation which we have often mistreated (cf. Laudato Si', 32-33; 43-44). Saint Paul urges us to place our hope in reconciliation: "Be reconciled to God" (2 Cor 5:20). By receiving forgiveness in the sacrament that lies at the heart of our process of conversion, we in turn can spread forgiveness to others. Having received forgiveness ourselves, we can offer it through our willingness to enter into attentive dialogue with others and to give comfort to those experiencing sorrow and pain. God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.

In Lent, may we be increasingly concerned with "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement, and not words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 223). In order to give hope to others, it is sometimes enough simply to be kind, to be "willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference" (ibid., 224).

Through recollection and silent prayer, hope is given to us as inspiration and interior light, illuminating the challenges and choices we face in our mission. Hence the need to pray (cf. Mt 6:6) and, in secret, to encounter the Father of tender love.

To experience Lent in hope entails growing in the realization that, in Jesus Christ, we are witnesses of new times, in which God is "making all things new" (cf. Rev 21:1-6). It means receiving the hope of Christ, who gave his life on the cross and was raised by God on the third day, and always being "prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls [us] to account for the hope that is in [us]" (1 Pet 3:15).

3. Love, following in the footsteps of Christ, in concern and compassion for all, is the highest expression of our faith and hope.

Love rejoices in seeing others grow. Hence it suffers when others are anguished, lonely, sick, homeless, despised or in need. Love is a leap of the heart; it brings us out of ourselves and creates bonds of sharing and communion.

"Social love' makes it possible to advance towards a civilization of love, to which all of us can feel called. With its impulse to universality, love is capable of building a new world. No mere sentiment, it is the best means of discovering effective paths of development for everyone" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 183).

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. It enables us to view those in need as members of our own family, as friends, brothers or sisters. A small amount, if given with love, never ends, but becomes a source of life and happiness. Such was the case with the jar of meal and jug of oil of the widow of Zarephath, who offered a cake of bread to the prophet Elijah (cf. 1 Kings 17:7-16); it was also the case with the loaves blessed, broken and given by Jesus to the disciples to distribute to the crowd (cf. Mk 6:30-44). Such is the case too with our almsgiving, whether small or large, when offered with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned and fearful because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In these days of deep uncertainty about the future, let us keep in mind the Lord's word to his Servant, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you" (Is 43:1). In our charity, may we speak words of reassurance and help others to realize that God loves them as sons and daughters.

"Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 187).

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Dear brothers and sisters, every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping and loving. The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us — as communities and as individuals — to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.

May Mary, Mother of the Saviour, ever faithful at the foot of the cross and in the heart of the Church, sustain us with her loving presence. May the blessing of the risen Lord accompany all of us on our journey towards the light of Easter.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November 2020, the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours FRANCISCUS

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NEWS & EVENTS IN OUR PARISH, DIOCESE, OUR COMMUNITY

Helping Those in Need

During these tough economic times, St. Vincent DePaul Society invites you again to remember the needy persons and families in our parish and in the greater Winfield community by using the monthly St. Vincent de Paul con-



tribution 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!

John Otto, President St. Vincent de Paul Society

MEN OF ST. JOHN-Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m., Mary Garden/KC Fire Pit

Gentlemen: Continuing with our every-other-week schedule, we will again be praying the Rosary at the Mary Garden/KC Fire-Pit, with the same intentions in our hearts and minds: for the well-being of our Families, our Church, our Nation, and Ourselves. Afterwards, we will gather for fellowship and good conversation, enriched by snacks and liquid refreshments. Hope you can join us on:

Wednesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m.

The March schedule is: March 10, March 24.

Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting Wednesday, March 17th at 7pm via Zoom.

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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Until further notice, baptisms will be held on Saturdays, practicing social distancing. Parents need to be registered parishioners and parents and godparents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! Please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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

Wedding Information

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



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

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

Hospital Visits

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

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

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the 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. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Please note: *Grief Support will meet on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Sebahar Hall.* Please register beforehand; call the parish office for information at 630-668-0918, ext. 0

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration is on Thursday evenings from 6p-9p. You do not need to pre-register. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome. Confessions will be heard from 6p-8p during Lent, in both English and Spanish.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-AA is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Sodonna Hall, the basement of the parish office.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting at St. John's due to COVID-19.

MASS INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: Please call or email the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. Donation is \$10; 5p & 1:30p Masses-free-will donation. 630-668-0918, ext 0 or jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. We can mail the Mass card for you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open, 8:00 am-4:00 p.m. 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://ebulletin.jspaluch.com and follow the prompts. 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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