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MASS TIMES

Mondays
5:30 pm

Tuesdays
8:15 am

Wednesdays
5:30 pm

Thursdays
8:15 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Saturdays
5:00 pm

Sundays
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm Church

ADORATION

Thursdays Following
8:15 am Mass
& Rosary, to 8:00 pm
(Chapel)

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we begin one of my favorite weeks of the year, Catholic Schools Week! This is the 49th annual Catholic Schools Week celebration in the United States, and our Catholic grade school of St. John the Baptist will be participating in the festivities!

I want to take this opportunity to brag. I'm so proud of our Catholic School! From our wonderful principal Ms. Joanne Policht, to our wonderful teachers and faculty, to our wonderful students, I truly believe we have the best Catholic School in the Diocese of Joliet, and as the pastor of our Church and school, I stand behind that statement!

The talents of our students have really been on display this year. From new curriculum items such as our Trout in the Classroom program, to our 8th grade volleyball teams being undefeated in regular season play and our 8th grade girls' volleyball team winning the blue division championship, to four of our 8th grade athletes selected as 8th grade All Conference Award winners, to the amazing performance of our students in our Christmas play, our school is filled with such talented young men and women. I'm excited to see what's in store for the rest of the year.

At Catholic school, young men and women truly form life long bonds with the friends they make and also it brings families together. I know as a product myself of Catholic school this is the case. My best friend from Catholic preschool is still my best friend today.

Our school of St. John the Baptist provides an amazing environment for our children to make friends, thrive, receive a top of the line education, and, most importantly, have their souls led to Heaven, the Mission of our School!

Please join with me in celebrating our Catholic school and Catholic education in the United States! If you are a prospective family looking for a Christ centered, top of the line, in person education, St. John's is your school! I'm happy to talk to any family about Catholic education and I know our principal Ms. Policht is too. Also, be on the lookout for physical updates to our school building! Since my arrival, we have already put on a new roof, redone and upgraded the school lobby, painted our primary wing, made substantial improvements to our junior high wing, and completely renovated our pre-kindergarten classrooms, with more to follow. I'm very committed to providing the best facilities for our school!

And, as an additional honor, we are looking forward to February 2, 2023 when Bishop Hicks will be at St. John's to celebrate the 8:15 am School Mass and receive a brief tour of our Catholic school.

May Our Lady wrap her mantle of love, care, and protection around our school, and may all the souls of our children be led to Heaven and the Sacred Heart, of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In Christ,

Fr. Chris

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SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of January 15, 2023 were \$17,080. We thank you for your continued support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly obligations of \$23,450.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS MORNING

OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS ARE FLIPPING PANCAKES FOR US, SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023, 8-11AM. PLEASE JOIN THEM FOR A HEARTY BREAKFAST-EAT IN, OR TAKE OUT!

Are You Interested in Being Part of a Small Group?

Be Formed Season 6: Life in Christ Part 1

Meets Wednesdays at 9:15-10:15AM, Sodonna Hall, lower level of the Parish Office

Week #1 Man: The Image of God & Our Vocation to Beatitude

#2 Man's Freedom

#3 Morality of Human Acts

#4 Morality of the Passions

#5 Moral Conscience

#6 Prudence

#7 Fortitude

#8 Justice

#9 Temperance

#10 Faith

#11 Hope

12 Charity and the Gifts and the Fruits of the Holy Spirit

#13 Sin

Please call Maureen to register:

630-682-4400 X 612



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This seven-week journey begins Thursdays, February 9, 2023, 7:00-8:45 pm.

Info and Registration at stjohnwinfield.org/following-christ or use the QR code to the right.

In person and Zoom sessions will be offered! **Questions?** ChristLife@stjohnwinfield.org



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**St. John the
Baptist Catholic
Church & School**



You are cordially invited:

Prospective families are welcome to come to an Open House to launch registration for the 2023-2024 school year at St. John the Baptist School in Winfield on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM by appointment only.

You are invited to meet our teachers, principal, and student tour guides. Tour our warm and inviting school on a winter afternoon. Come learn how your child(ren) and family will benefit from the outstanding academics, faith formation, and welcoming school community at St. John the Baptist.

St. John the Baptist is located at 0S259 Church Street, Winfield. To schedule an appointment, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FACAA2AA3F49-open>. For more information, please contact principal, Joanne Policht at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or call 630-668-2625, extension 617.



OUR ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal, The Children's Fund, was mailed to all parishioners in December. You should have received it by now. You can also make a donation through We Share Online Giving on the parish website or using this link:

<https://stjohnwinfield.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/ChildrensAnnualAppeal>

Additionally, there is a blue envelope in your contribution packet. This appeal is one of our most important fundraising tools to help offset our operating expenses. Thank you to those who have already responded! Please prayerfully consider making your donation today. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU!

On behalf of the students, staff, faculty and faith and learning community, I offer our heartfelt gratitude and thankfulness for ALL the support you give to St. John the Baptist Catholic School through your unending prayers, treasures, and talents. Your loyalty and support is undeniable and for which we are blessed and grateful. Our school continues to grow and thrive and will continue to do so with your ongoing dedication.

May God continue to bless you!

With appreciation and sincerity,
Joanne Policht, St. John the Baptist Catholic School Principal



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 28, Vigil, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † The Lotysz Family (Irene Kolanowski)
 † Father Robert Noesen
 † Zenon Saldara (The Marasco Family)
 † Joann Busch (Joe & Dee Bryja)
 † James Tellone (Maryann Dusza)
 † Scott Weber (Kathy & Dave Weber)

Sunday, January 29, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Leroy Phipps (Mike & Laura McGrath)
 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's
 11:30 a.m. † Dorothy Kadzielawski (The Wheeler Family)

Monday, January 30

5:30 p.m. † John Noonan (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Tuesday, January 31

8:15 a.m. † Joann Busch (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Wednesday, February 1

5:30 p.m. † David McBride (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Thursday, February 2

8:15 a.m. † William Hickey (Ellen & Michael McGrath)

Friday, February 3

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions
 ♥† CCW, Living, Deceased & For Peace
 † Rose Garro (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Lori M. Goszezynski (Joe & Lynn Kadolph)
 † Fr Frank Vitus
 ♥ Health & Intentions, Karen Durbin

Saturday, February 4, Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Bonnie Hansen (Butch Hansen)
 † Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)
 † Dennis Wicker (Leslie Wicker)
 † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)
 † Brother Knight Timothy Sulima (The Knights of Columbus)
 † Al & Denise Harvey (Denny & Maureen Brennan)

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)
 9:30 a.m. † Joseph & Mary Nolan (Rita Grabowski)
 11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; the 5:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations. Please note: the 2023 Mass book is open.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



CHAPEL ♥ Teachers & Administrators who sustain our Catholic Schools
CHURCH ♥ All Students working hard to further their education

*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.

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN:

Come pray the Rosary & stay for a get-together, St. John's Fire Pit, 7:00 pm Wednesday, February 1, 2023 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



please pray for Virginia Ann Peppers

who passed away on January 15, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to her son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Ely, and to all her family & friends.

Please pray for our sick

Praying for our sick is one of the most important things we can do as a parish community. Please pray for the following young person:

Baby Luke Hougan

The entire prayer list is on our website, at www.stjohnwinfield.org.

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

Please keep in your prayers our Deacon and Seminarian who are preparing for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang
Seminarian Sam Bergmann

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

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

Pvt James Luigi Akin	ABH2 Sean Phillips
SRA Francis Beifuss	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Major John Berg	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Cpl Riley Santoyo
Pvt Timothy Conley	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	AN Michael Schieve
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SrA Robert Lawless	WO1 Jake Miller
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Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao	
Captain Matthew Luff	
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A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez	
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Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan _____ Ext 604
Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose _____ 630-653-1489
Grade School Office: _____ Ext 618
Principal, Joanne Policht _____
Phone 630-668-0918 Press 2 _____ Fax: 630-668-1074
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Church: www.stjohnwinfield.org School: www.sjbwinfield.org
For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office. Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Mark your calendars – 40 Days for Life begins Feb. 22

In 2022, 540 babies were saved, 6 abortion workers were converted, and 12 abortion facilities were closed. And now it's time for the 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil. The vigil begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22, and will go through Palm Sunday, April 2. We will be praying for the unborn across the street from Planned Parenthood (3055 E. New York St, Aurora, IL) each Wednesday during the campaign from 10a.m. to noon. If the weather is bad, we will pray in the chapel at Waterleaf (across from Planned Parenthood.) If you'd prefer to pray at a different time, you may sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/aurora. Be sure to attend with a prayer partner! And prayer and fasting for the unborn is always encouraged, no matter where you are.

40 Days training course for Sidewalk Outreach

Nothing saves more lives from abortion than Sidewalk Outreach. The program has been used to save lives across the country and around the world. Sign up today: 40daysforlife.com/sidewalkoutreachapplication.

"God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

The Collect from the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life,"

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