

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD

Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME



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THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS
AND FOLLOWED

Jesus.

MARK 1:18

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
Lisa Cicero
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
Kyle Freed

John Fuechsl
Dolores Gabriel
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
Edy 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

Korin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
Rose Marie Lambert
Ken Larson
Rick LeBreux
Dolores Lewandowski
Nancy Liden
Haley Lipnisky
Marilyn Loechl
Sam Mahre
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Patricia Meschler
Bessy Miller
Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Rosa Mostek
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Lauren Mungo
Tim Murnane
John Naill
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal

Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Andy Nowak
Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Bill Parker
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Jeanne Ptak
Tim Ptak
Theresa Ratterman
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Monica Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothweil
Marvin Rothweil
Susan Rothweil

Bob Salat
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Olivia Soto
Diane Srachta
Cynde Barone Stavros
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Mary Tarchala
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Dolores Vasquez
Genevieve Welch
Kylie Wells-Long
Paula Winterhalder
Elizabeth Wood
Susan Woodbury
Lexie Youngberg
Larry Zengri

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: Dcn. Dave Ritter

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides
.....Ext 0 or 600.....

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.....Mike Vallaro.....Ext 616

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Grade School:.....Office: Ext 618

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

Phone 630-668-0918, Press 2, Fax: 630-668-1074

St Vincent de Paul Society:.....Ext 692

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

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,

at 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 website, www.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
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army
Sgt Melissa Brooker
Pvt Timothy Conley
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly
Major Daniel Durbin
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
PFC Gerard Kosteka
Airman Nicholas Kosteka
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
CMDM (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

I have only been yelled at in confession once. I was in college, living in Rome for the semester and went to confession with one of the priest chaplains for my study abroad group. It was the only time in my life when I left confession feeling worse than when I went in. *What did Fr. Jim do???* Well, as I was listing my sins, I remembered that I had taken the Lord's name in vain a few times. So I just threw that in last second, but the priest latched on to that. He sternly reminded me of the gravity of taking the Lord's name in vain, something that, at the time, I didn't think was a huge deal. He reminded me that by doing so, I deliberately broke the second commandment. And deliberately breaking a commandment is a big deal, otherwise known as mortal sin. That obviously elevated things, because if we are in a state of mortal sin, we should not receive the Eucharist without first going to confession. Like I said, it was intense, and it was not the feel good confession I was anticipating. But by the grace of God, that experience was a real turning point for me in my own struggle with that sin. And to be honest, there are still occasions when some not great language comes out of my mouth. But if I do swear, I always swear like a Christian! So what do we take from this? Should you expect me to yell in confession so you stop sinning? No, it's not that easy. But I encourage you to look at your speech and how you use the Lord's name. Saying God, Jesus, or Christ in ways that are not rooted in love or reverence is a serious deal. And it is a habit that can be difficult to break, especially if people around us do it. But a great way to grow is to lovingly say the name of Jesus to yourself every time you use the Lord's name in vain or hear someone else do so. It is a small act of reparation, but a beautiful way to honor God's name.

In Christ,
Fr Jim

Solo me han gritado en confesión una vez. Estaba en la universidad, vivía en Roma por un semestre y me confesé con uno de los sacerdotes que ayudó en la casa donde vivía. Fue la única vez en mi vida que salí de la confesión sintiéndome peor que cuando entré. *¿Qué hizo Padre Jim?* Pues, mientras enumeraba mis pecados, recordé que había tomado el nombre del Señor en vano unas veces. Así que añadí eso en el último segundo, pero el sacerdote se fijó en eso. Me recordó severamente la gravedad de tomar el nombre del Señor en vano, algo que, en ese momento, no pensé que fuera un gran problema. Me recordó que al hacerlo, rompí deliberadamente el segundo mandamiento. Y romper deliberadamente un mandamiento es un gran problema, también conocido como pecado mortal. Eso obviamente eleva las cosas, porque si estamos en un estado de pecado mortal, no debemos comulgar hasta que puede confesarse. Como dije, fue intenso, y no fue la confesión amable que estaba anticipando. Pero por la gracia de Dios, esa experiencia fue un verdadero punto de conversión para mí en mi propia lucha con ese pecado. Y para ser honesto, todavía hay ocasiones en que uso palabras que no son buenas. Pero si llego a usar malas palabras, ¡siempre lo hago como un cristiano! Entonces, ¿qué tomamos de esto? ¿Deberías esperar que grite en confesión para que dejes de pecar? No, no es tan fácil. Pero le animo a que observe su discurso y cómo usa el nombre del Señor. Decir Dios, Jesús o Cristo de una manera sin amor o reverencia es un pecado serio. Y es un hábito que puede ser difícil de romper, especialmente si las personas que nos rodean lo hacen. Pero una excelente manera de crecer es decirte amorosamente el nombre de Jesús cada vez que usas el nombre del Señor en vano o escuchas a alguien hacerlo. Es un pequeño acto de reparación, pero una hermosa manera de honrar el nombre de Dios.

En Cristo,
Padre Jim

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2021**

The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.
— Mark 1:15

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, January 23

8:30 a.m. † Bill Rose *(The Rose Family)*

Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Jon Passini *(Mary Passini)*
† Giuliana Capigatti *(Andrew Capigatti)*

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. † Thomas Masterson *(Perry & Julie Bump)*
11:30 a.m. † Dragomir G. Peric *(Monica Rundell)*
1:30 p.m. *(Spanish)* † La intención del sacerdote

Monday, January 25

7:00 a.m. † Tom Stark, Anniversary of Death *(Marianne & Jim Russell)*

Tuesday, January 26

7:00 a.m. † Kathryn Sansonetti *(Catherine Johnston)*

Wednesday, January 27

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

Thursday, January 28

7:00 a.m. † Sister Cornelia, Anniversary of Death *(The Lambert Family)*

Friday, January 29

7:00 a.m. † Jean Bustamante

Saturday, January 30

8:30 a.m. † Deacon John Skender *(Dan Conley)*

Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Edgardo Castro *(The Castro Family)*

Sunday, January 31, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Cy Stark *(Marianne & Jim Russell)*
9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. † Pat Porfirio *(Claudine Moscinski)*
1:30 p.m. *(Spanish)* † La intención del sacerdote

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Robert Alan Elslager
Church † Amelia Alcazar



*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. **Sign-up is still required for Sunday Mass, including Saturday at 5p.** 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 100 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.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, January 23, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, January 30, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris/Fr Jim



Please pray for

Jane Snail

who passed away on
January 12, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to
all of her family & friends

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil ways in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalm — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

FEAST OF FAITH

The Penitential Rite

Standing together in the presence of the Lord, we acknowledge our weakness, our sins and faults and failings. But the penitential rite is really less about our sins than it is about God's mercy. It is not a time for individual confession, like a mini-sacrament of reconciliation. It is, rather, a preparatory rite, preparing us to praise the mercy of Christ as we acknowledge our own weakness. When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch of fish—when he realizes who is in the boat with him—he falls at Jesus' feet with the words, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). We are like Peter. The more aware of the Lord's presence we become, the more awareness we also have of our sinfulness, our weakness.

The penitential rite of the Mass takes several forms, from the traditional *Confiteor* or "I confess" to a litany, spoken or sung by the deacon or cantor with responses by the entire assembly. The penitential rite always includes the words *Kyrie, eleison; Christe, eleison*—Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. This ancient Greek prayer came to the Roman liturgy from the East, and still echoes in many of the litanies of the Eastern Rite Churches. These words turn our gaze from our own weakness to the gentleness, the kindness, the forgiving love of Christ.

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Tuesday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Wednesday: St. Angela Merici*;

Thursday: St. Thomas Aquinas

*FAMILY INFLUENCE

Disorder in the society is

the result of
disorder in the
family.



—St. Angela Merici

saint snippets



Everything I have written seems like straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.

St. Thomas Aquinas

13th-century Dominican philosopher and theologian; patron saint of Catholic schools

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January 28



Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- 1 **You can share your gifts...** Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- 2 **Leave your checkbook at home.** Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 3 **Your funds are protected.** Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.
- 4 **Support our parish consistently,** even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- 5 **Give on-the-go!** Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

- 1 **Visit our church website and click Give Online.** www.stjohnwinfield.org
- 2 **Select the collection or event of your choice.**
- 3 **Set up your donation or payment. That's it!**

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with 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.**

December 20.....\$23,927
 December 27.....\$28,067
 January 3.....\$19,730
 January 10.....\$26,639

Thank you for your generosity and support!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR DIOCESE

Our Diocese of Joliet and surrounding parishes have job opportunities. To view full job descriptions and other opportunities, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/sectioncontent.php?secid=1>

A new position was advertised at St. Petronille Parish for a Director of Young Adult Ministry. See above website address for detailed information.

SECOND COLLECTIONS THIS WEEKEND, JANUARY 23/24-*The Collection for the Church in Latin America is being combined with the Pastoral Solidarity Fund in Africa*

In your contribution envelope packet, there is an envelope for the second collection this weekend, January 23/24 to support the Collection for the Church in Latin America. This year, the Latin America collection is being combined with the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. See the next page for a letter from Bishop Hicks about the two special collections.

You may also contribute online through WeShare on our website at www.stjohnwinfield.org



Combined Collection for Latin America and Africa

January 23-24, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On **January 23-24, 2021**, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up an important collection, funding relief efforts in two parts of the world in great need.

Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

Collection for the Church in Latin America

For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Partnership in Mission, Diocese of Joliet

In response to the Gospel's call, Partnership in Mission seeks to form servants for the work of missions and justice as we reach out in service, relief and friendship to our brothers and sisters around the globe. We presently send medical, construction, outreach, and university teams to Bolivia, the Philippines, Uganda, and the Navajo Nation, as well as responding to national disasters here in the U.S.

During this time of pandemic, the need is great and it is as difficult as ever to raise the necessary funds to support this work. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean at your parishes on January 23 and 24, or by giving online at www.dioceseofjoliet.org.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet

Funds received for the combined Latin America/Africa collection in the Diocese of Joliet will be disbursed to the USCCB Office of National Collections, for the benefit of the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, as well as the Diocese of Joliet Missions Office for support of their missionary efforts in Africa and Latin America.

Office of the Bishop

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Winfield Woods Valentine's Day Service Project

Sponsored by Council of Catholic Women

St. John's CCW is asking members and parishioners to make Valentine gift bags using a 2-gallon zip lock bag. The 2-gallon bags are being provided in a box in the vestibule of the parish office, for those who don't have any in stock at home. **Drop off your filled bag (s) in the vestibule of the parish office by Monday, February 8th.** We have been in contact with staff at the Winfield Woods Healthcare Center who suggested the items on the list. We recommend you fill your bag with a few of the food items as well as non-food items. Include a note or Valentine's card and they will be touched by your kindness.

We need to fill 122 bags!

Make a resident's Valentine's Day special by filling a bag with some of these popular items :

Snack foods:

Soft cereal bars—like Nutri-Grain by Kellogg's
Mints
Cheese/cracker snacks— non-refrigerated
Lay's Potato Chips—just potato chips
Chewing Gum
Diet Coke or 7-up—get the smaller 7.5 oz cans
Ice teas
Small size candy bars/bags like:
M & M's—plain
Hershey's plain milk or dark chocolate bars
Kit-Kat bars
Instant soups
Juice Boxes

Non-Food Items:

Kleenex
Small notepads
Pens
Crayons for Coloring
Coloring books

About 1/3 of residents are diabetic

If doing a bag for a diabetic substitute with sugar-free candies

Mark the bag *Sugar-Free*

Note— Please do not include nuts or candy with nuts in your bag.

If you have any questions, contact **Venessa Lopatka** at **630-336-5414**

or email: **venessalopatka@gmail.com**

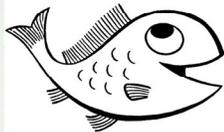
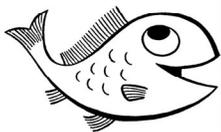
If you are unable to shop, donations are accepted and we will fill a bag for you.

Make checks payable to St. John's CCW and leave in the parish office.

Deadline is Monday, February 8th



Our St. John the Baptist Catholic School on a snowy January day.



SAVE THE DATES

St. John's Knights of Columbus

LENTEN FISH FRYs 2021

Fridays

February 19

February 26

March 5

March 12

March 26

Until COVID restrictions are changed, our Fish Frys will be for pick-up only in Sebahar Hall. *More details to come about our Fish Frys as we draw closer to Lent...*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRIVE-BY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



In celebration of Catholic Schools' Week

Enjoy **FREE** pancakes

with your choice of bacon or sausage

Sunday, January 31

8:00 am until 11:00 am

Sebahar Hall

Place advance orders starting Wed., 1/27 through

Sun., at 10 am, on St. John's website,

www.stjohnwinfield.org

Or call on Sunday, 1/31:

Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651

or Sean at 630-835-8225

Pick-up, only, at St. John's Sebahar Hall, Liberty St.



Save the date for St. John the Baptist Catholic School Open House

Prospective families are welcome to come to an open house to launch registration for the 2021-2022 school year on Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM by appointment only.

You are invited to meet our teachers, principal, student tour guides, and school board members. 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 Parish Catholic School. For more information and/or to schedule an appointment, please contact principal, Joanne Policht at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or call 630-668-2625, extension 617.

From our Director of Catholic School Marketing and Enrollment Management at the Diocese of Joliet:

“Our Catholic Schools 2019-2020 Annual Report is published in the January 2021 online issue of *Christ is Our Hope* at: <https://christisourhope.org/joliet-catholic-schools-annual-report>

As we prepare to celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 31-February 6, please enjoy reading how our Catholic schools find hope and the many ways in which We Teach More by finding God in all things through our schools.”

[Needed-Devout Catholic PreK-12 Substitute Teachers](#)

During these challenging COVID days, each Catholic school in the Diocese of Joliet is successfully implementing face-to-face instruction that honors the health and safety measures outlined in within its School Reopening Plan. As a result, several Catholic educators are needed to serve as substitute teachers at the Pre-School – Grade 12 levels. The substitute teacher candidate must love children and hold either a current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or an Illinois Substitute License. Please complete an online application by clicking on the link: <https://www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp/>

No degree in education? No problem! If you are called to this ministry, a degree in education is not a prerequisite for becoming a licensed substitute teacher. An individual who holds a BA in any discipline is eligible to apply for an Illinois Substitute License through the seamless process of transcript evaluation. For further information about obtaining a teaching license in this manner, contact Karen Udell, CSO *Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel*, at 815-221-6123.

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>

This appeal is one of our most important fund raising tools to help reduce our parish subsidy. Thank you to those who have already responded! Your generosity is invaluable. We are over 1/3 the way to our goal of \$38,000. Please prayerfully consider making your donation today. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Getting a Jump Start on Your New Year's Resolution to get Organized???



We will be having a Savers fundraiser on February 13, 2021

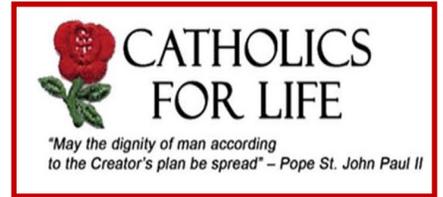
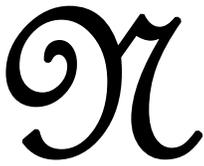
We will receive the highest return on softline donations. This includes clothes, shoes, bedding and towels. All donations must be in either 13 gallon (kitchen size garbage bags) or 33 gallon (the dark colored large garbage bags). All bags must be tied closed. Savers will accept other items in boxes, all boxes must be closed. Please NO furniture items.

We must also submit a tentative total of bags 10 days before our date, so I will be sharing a google doc in the next week or so for you to fill out with your family name and how many of each bag size or box you will be donating. One last request, If anyone has access to a box truck or has connections to borrowing one for the day, please let me know. Thanks so much!

Please Save:

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Bedding
- Towels
- Accessories
- Electronics
- Toys
- Games
- Knick-knacks

Items that are donated will be sold at the Saver's retail stores, including all gently used items and linens. Items can be dropped off between 9 am-1 pm on Saturday, February 13th. The truck will be in the St. John's parking lot behind the school. Please email Teri Momot at terisue66@yahoo.com with the number of items being donated by Wed., Feb. 3; she needs to know the number of 13 gallon bags, 33 gallon bags, and/or number of closed boxes. Questions? Teri Momot at terisue66@yahoo.com



9ine Days for Life Novena continues - a novena for the protection of human life Jan. 21 -29. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join others through livestreamed prayer events: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-livestream-events>

March for Life - Washington DC – Jan. 29 The March for Life will continue in DC as it has for the past 47 years. Sign up to watch live coverage: <https://p2a.co/Bla5nX>

24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration The Knights of Columbus Council 15022, representing Knights at Our Mother of Good Council and St. Bernard's parishes in Homer Glen have announced a special 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration. This event will be held from 4 PM Friday, January 29th to 4 PM Saturday, January 30 at **Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish**, 16043 S. Bell Road in Homer Glen. This event is being held in support of the 2021 March for Life in Washington DC beginning January 29th as well as all other Marches for Life across the country and for all Pro-Life activities during 2021. Join us for an hour or more of quiet contemplation and prayer. Reservations are required - go to www.omgccc.org, click on Mass Registration Tab to sign up. Proper social distancing and facemasks are required.

Virtual Rose Dinner Gala

The Rose Dinner, an annual pro-life gala held on the evening of the March for Life, will be held virtually this year at 7:00 pm ET on Friday, January 29, 2021. The keynote speaker and guest of honor for the event is [Tim Tebow](#), a professional athlete, NYT bestselling author, and Heisman Trophy recipient. Tickets are \$25 per person. Tickets are limited. Register at: <https://marchforlife.org/annual-rose-dinner/>

47 years of Legalized Abortion in US

If reflecting on 47 years of legalized abortion in this country is overwhelming and seemingly hopeless, there is still reason for hope in overcoming this evil. Remember God is in the details. Let us continue to pray for the unborn and to change hearts.

On January 12, 2021, the US Supreme Court granted the Trump administration's request for the reinstatement of the FDA rules requiring an in-person doctor visit before a woman can obtain abortion pills.

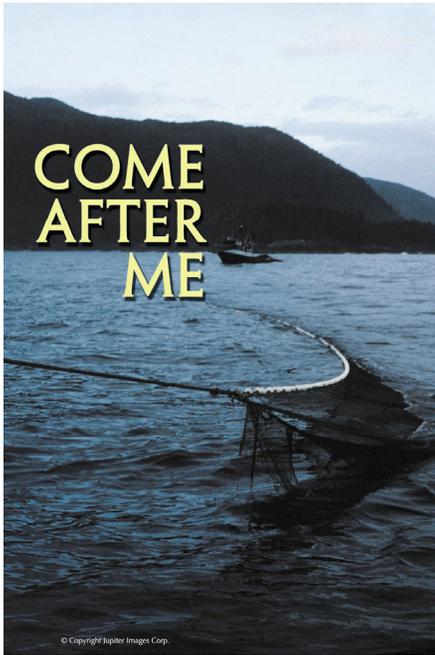
On January 12, 2021, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem proposed a bill to the legislature that would prevent abortion for babies based on Down syndrome diagnoses. Watch the touching interview with Gov. Noem on Fox & Friends <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/gov-noem-ban-abortions-down-syndrome-babies>

Prayer for the Unborn

Heavenly Father, Creator of all Life, we thank you for the gift of Life that you have given to each of us. You have made us Your children and filled us with Your Holy Spirit. We turn to You now, Our Father, to ask for Your protection for our unborn brothers and sisters. We pray that mothers and fathers will place the Life of their unborn children above their own needs and wants. We pray that family and community members will offer their support for unborn children. We pray that the well-being of both mother and child will be the focus of all health care workers. And we pray that government leaders will seek ways to uphold the dignity of human life. We place all these prayers before you through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Amen.

THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED JESUS-MARK 1:18

Mark describes the beginning of Jesus' ministry with his proclamation that the "Kingdom of God is at hand." The rest of Mark's Gospel-all of Jesus' preaching and healing, his death and resurrection-describes the inauguration of this kingdom of God. For Mark, the life of Jesus is the center point of history, where everything leads up to Jesus, and everything follows from Jesus. Mark then tells us that the first disciples follow Jesus immediately and wholeheartedly. They leave their work and family, all for Jesus. Because compared to Jesus and the life he offers, everything else is secondary.



Perhaps our invitations from God do not entail such dramatic life changes. But all who follow Jesus are called to align our life and values with his ways of love. As we continue to mature in love and in faith, we might ask: What needs to be renewed, re-oriented, or discarded in light of our life in Christ?

JONAH AND NINEVEH

Jonah makes a rare appearance this week. The book of Jonah is a fascinating tale of God, stubborn Jonah, surprising Nineveh, and the famous fish (or whale). Please consider reading the whole book, just 48 verses, together with a good commentary. The book is read at Jewish services at Yom Kippur, as a profound reflection about God and about all of us. Today's passage takes place shortly after Jonah's time in the fish's belly. Jonah finally performs the task that God asks of him, to call the people of Nineveh to repentance. (Nineveh was notorious for its brutality.) Their sudden repentance is bitterly accepted by Jonah, as he resents God's mercy for Nineveh. God reminds Jonah that the people of Nineveh are God's beloved too. Like the parable of the Prodigal Son, the story hints at the vastness of God's mercy, especially forgiveness of those who seem least deserving. We are reminded that all of us are sinners, and we are all in need of God's mercy.

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

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, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Sebahar Hall.** Please register beforehand; call the parish office for information at 630-668-0918, ext. 0

24-Hour Adoration: Adoration has begun 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.

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. Our parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the Usher's Room in the Church.

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.



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