

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022

Catholic Schools Week, January 30, 2022 through February 5, 2022



MASS TIMES

Mondays -
Thursdays
7:00 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Saturdays
5:00 pm
(Sunday
Vigil)

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm



Enjoying pajama day, Kindergarten
thanks SJB Parishioners for your prayers
and support of our Catholic school!

We are truly blessed!



Please pray for our sick

James Adduci
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Lorrie Bernard
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Maria Elena Castro
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Al Cieslik
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Carol Connors
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Krystyna Derecki
Kathe Doremus
Nick DuBay
Karen Durbin
Ralph Eckhoff
Concepcion Edaño
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand

Patrocinia Fernandez
Marie Flores
Valerie Fraser
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel
Monica Garcia
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas
Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Marcia Grisanzio
Daniel Guzman
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Baby Luke Hougan
Edy Jacobs
Pat Jakubiec
Monique Jakubielski
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Shawn Jurgensen
Mary Kallias
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Gerry Krug

Margaret Kuhn
Korin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
Rose Marie Lambert
Ken Larson
Nancy Liden
Haley Lipnisky
Marilyn Loechl
Sam Mahre
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Patricia Meschler
Bessy Miller
Mayette Monales
Joseph Jr. & Maggie Morgan
Thomas Morris
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Lauren Mungo
Joan Murdock
Tim Murnane
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard

Joseph O'Brien
Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Charlie Parisi
Bill Parker
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Tim Ptak
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Paul & Katherine Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gerie Romero
Monica Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothweil
Marvin Rothweil
Susan Rothweil
Bob Salat
Dwayne Sarver
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth

Dolores Snyder
Diane Srachta
Cynde Barone Stavros
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Lucy Szwed
Mary Tarchala
Deborah Terry
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Michael Torri
Erin Anderson Tugman
Christina Belcher-Ugolini
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Dolores Vasquez
Genevieve Welch
Emily Wilson
Kyle Wells-Long
Pat Waltz
Paula Winterhalder
Elizabeth Wood
Susan Woodbury
Lexie Youngberg
Larry Zengri
New this week

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
0S233 Church St.
Winfield, IL 60190

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor: Fr. Christopher Lankford

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides

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Secretaria Hispana:.....Ext 601

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Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

RCIA (Convert Preparation):.....Ext 600

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

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

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

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

For information on joining St. John's, please
see our website or call the parish office.

Please keep in your prayers our
Deacon & Seminarian who are prepar-
ing for the Priesthood :

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary
Seminarian Alex Lorang

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS- UPDATE

As of August 30, in accordance with the Diocese of Joliet, parishioners do not have to sign up for Mass. Full capacity inside our Church and Chapel is allowed. In accordance with Illinois state mandates, masks are required for anyone age 2 and up regardless of vaccination status. There will be a section in Church (if you are facing the altar, the section is to the extreme right, along north wall) to sit if you feel more comfortable social distancing. We will continue to refrain from offering blood of Christ in a chalice at Communion for the time being. If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please wait until the end and please receive from the priest celebrant of the Mass in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet. The bishop's dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place for the time being.



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

Pvt James Luigi Akin
SRA Francis Beifuss
Major John Berg
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army
Sgt Melissa Brooker
Pvt Timothy Conley
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly
Major Daniel Durbin
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
Airman Nicholas Kostecka
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
WO1 Jake Miller
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Cpl Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
PFC Keegan Serbick
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
Lt. Keith Wolfe

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we begin one of my favorite weeks of the year, Catholic Schools Week! This is the 48th 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 hard-working principal Ms. Joanne Policht, to our excellent teachers, 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 winning some volleyball championships 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 lifelong 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, and painted our primary wing. I'm very committed to providing the best facilities for our 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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 29—Vigil for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Marguerite Quinn (*David & Patti Hill*)
† Alexander "Sandy" Hopkins (*Maryann Dusza*)
† Lori M. Goszczyski (*Joe & Lynn Kadolph*)
♥ The SJB Evangelization Committee (*JR*)
† Dorothy DiMaria (*Knights of Columbus*)
† Jane Bigelow

Sunday, January 30—The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Albert Peterson (*Dan Conley*)
9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. † Cy Stark, Anniversary (*Marianne & Jim Russell*)

Monday, January 31

7:00 a.m. † Betty Parisi

Tuesday, February 1

7:00 a.m. † Lois Mastaler (*The VFW 6791 Auxiliary*)

Wednesday, February 2

7:00 a.m. † Rose Garro (*Maureen & Joe Garro*)

Thursday, February 3

7:00 a.m. † Alfreda Wolski (*Carol Connors*)

Friday, February 4

12:00 p.m. † Bonnie Hansen
† Fr Arno Dennerlein
† Michael Baldwin (*Brennan Family*)

Saturday, February 5—Vigil for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Thanksgiving Mass for Success at Work
(*Eulita Francis*)
♥† CCW, Living, Deceased & for Peace
† Joseph & Mary Nolan (*Rita Grabowski*)
† Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)
♥ Joe Burkard, Health & Intentions
† Lucille Vogt (*The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)

Sunday, February 6—The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased
9:30 a.m. † Fr John Wiederhold, Anniversary of Death
11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 30, 2022

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ Barb Kasprzyk

Church ♥ Our Catholic School



*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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. Masks are required for anyone over 2 and up regardless of vaccination status.

All Confessions are in the Church. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn.

The Feast of St. Blasé is Thursday, Feb 3rd

There will be a general blessing of throats after the 7AM Mass on Feb 3rd and after all Masses the weekend of Feb 5/6.

~Worship Commission

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honor you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do to come closer to loving everyone in truth of heart?

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Our St. John the Baptist Catholic School Thanks You!



1st Grade thanks all our
generous and caring
parishioners from the bottom of
our hearts!

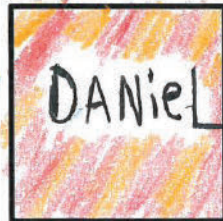
*Mrs. Burnson's second grade would
like to thank our parishioners for
their support, prayers, and generosity.
We couldn't do it without you.*



Thank you for helping our school!

3rd Grade

♥ Mrs. Seay



Our St. John the Baptist Catholic School Thanks You!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for all the generous donations that make learning possible. Thanks to you, we are able to see how kindness is truly a gift and how lucky we are to have you. We see Jesus in the generosity that you bestow upon us.

Many blessings in the New Year!

Blessings,

6th Graders of St. John the Baptist



Ryan
Landon Jacob Michael
Sienna Cristian Robert SG Izzy
Henry Arianna Abby Hannah
Kelci Nehemias

Dear St. John the Baptist Parishioners,

Thank you for all you do for our school. Our education wouldn't be the way it is without your love and charity. You are the pillar of our faith and community. You have supported us both spiritually and financially. We know that whenever we need any kind of help, we can rely on you for your prayers and guidance. We truly appreciate belonging to such a wonderful parish.

Love,
7th Grade

Dear St. John the Baptist Parishioners,

Thank you for all your support and all that you have given us.

We truly appreciate everything you do---each and every day---by being examples of Christ.

In blessings,

St. John the Baptist 8th Grade Ladies

Abby Lacey Clover
Sophia Elizabeth
Colisabeth Sami El



Our St. John the Baptist Catholic School Thanks You!

With thanks from the
3-year old Preschool class



Dear Parishioners,

We are thankful to you for the many ways you support us. We appreciate your prayers, donations, and generosity to our school. Because of your support, we are grateful that we have a school where we learn about God and are able to go to weekly Mass. We appreciate that we have materials and books to use for our learning and have many great experiences with our many friends and teachers.

With many thanks and gratefulness for you,
Mrs. Redar's Fifth Grade Class

Thank you St. John the Baptist Parish! We are blessed by your support of our school!



From,
Pre-K 4 classroom 102
Mrs. Beardsley Mrs. Fuhrman

And
Christian Ruby Nellie Alicia Eliana
Lucas Maggie Omar Ryleigh Margaret
Siena Wesley Carson Caiden Julia
Jimmy Jack Nathan Emma Stellar
Brendan Annabelle Nolan Ava



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Location: Pal Joey's
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Date: February 1, 2022
(Tuesday)

Time: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Phone: 630-231-9393

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 Friday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.
 Saturday 12 - 10 p.m.
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- 2 Leave your checkbook at home.** Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 3 Your funds are protected.** Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.
- 4 Support our parish consistently,** even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- 5 Give on-the-go!** Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

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

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

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

QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

Sacrificial Giving

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

Parish Collections

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

January 2.....\$25,439	January 16.....\$19,699
January 9.....\$23,469	January 23.....\$16,588

"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!"
-St. Padre Pio

We, the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. John, get together to pray the Holy Rosary, every other Wednesday evening. We will convene again at St. John's Fire Pit (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Pavilion) on **Wednesday, February 9th, at 7:00 p.m.**, to offer our thanks for our many gifts and blessings and to pray, as well, for our many individual needs and intentions:

- for deliverance from the scourge of abortion,
- for the end of the pandemic and its effects,
- for the suffering and the sick,
- for the strayed and neglectful of faith,
- for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and
- in special thanks for our great Pastor, Fr. Chris Lankford

Afterwards, we'll get together for good conversation, supplemented by tasty snacks and "libations." Hope you can join us.

--Sean Conley and Mike McGrath

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Open House News

You are cordially invited:



Prospective families are welcome to come to an open house to launch registration for the 2022-2023 school year at St. John the Baptist School in Winfield on **Sunday, January 30, 2022 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. St. John the Baptist is located at 0S259 Church Street, Winfield.

To schedule an appointment, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FACAA2AA3F49-inperson>. For more information, please contact our 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. Hopefully, you have received it by now. This appeal is one of our most important fundraising 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.

You can also make a donation through We Share Online Giving on the parish website at the following link:

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



Cursillo Corner

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

February Ultreya

St. John the Baptist is once again hosting Ultreya's on the second Saturday of each month. Our next Ultreya is scheduled for Saturday, February 12. Join us in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary. Immediately following, we will have our Ultreya (location at St. John's TBD). The Ultreya will begin at 9:30 and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/Tea and snacks will be provided. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the Cursillo Movement!

Cursillo Weekends

We are excited to announce the return of Cursillo weekends this spring at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois. The schedule is as follows. Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend.

Men's Weekend **March 3-6**
Women's Weekend **April 21-24**

New to Cursillo?

Are you interested in undergoing an exhilarating and unforgettable religious and life-changing experience? Do you want the opportunity to experience peace, serenity and joy which often eludes many of us? Would you like to grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you want to be a better role model and leader within your family and environments? If you answered yes to any of these, then this is a weekend you won't want to miss!

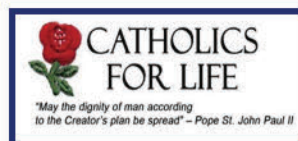
Your experience will include being in the company of other faith-filled Catholics that will support you on your spiritual journey, both during the weekend and beyond. Cursillo will help you to become a better person and Christian in your daily life.

You will have time to think, pray and learn away from the hectic pace of everyday life. The weekend includes a series of awesome and thought-provoking talks given by laity and clergy followed by small group discussion.

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

Bring your appetite, as there will be plenty of food, fun and fellowship! Transportation to and from the weekend will be provided.

If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Seritella at amythe1@att.net You will also find additional information in the narthex or on our website www.jolietcursillo.org



We have reached the end of January. A month filled with Masses, prayers, sacrifices, and marches for an end to abortion, and with high hopes that the Federal law allowing abortion may soon be reversed. The Mass for Life was held on Sunday 1/16 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond and Bishop Hicks was the presider. The Catholic bishops of the United States designated January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The annual Respect Life Novena was held from January 19-27. Chicago's March for Life was held on Saturday January 9th. and thousands marched. And the march that started it all, the Washington D.C. march was held on January 21st. One of the last marches of the month was held yesterday 1/29 in Glen Ellyn and several parishioners from our parish joined it. Masses, penance, praying and marches, all for Life, a great way to spend the month.

We must have hope. We are told that the Word came into the world as light in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it... The darkness of death, the darkness of abortion, will be overcome by hope and by faith – your hope, your faith. And we have reason for hope... look at you – there is our hope. Look at the wonder of you, so many of you, after years and years and years of marching, and praying, and sacrificing, at your own expense, freezing in the cold, walking in the snow, praying the rosary outside clinics...it is you who are the hope of the world, you who are the light of the world in today's darkness, so we must have hope – you are the reason for the hope."

- John Cardinal O'Connor at the March for Life, January 21, 1992

Waterleaf's 12th annual "Evening of Hope" will be held at the Abbington in Glen Ellyn on February 5th. Tickets are still available. Go to their website onechoiceonelife.org for further information.



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Info and Registration at stjohnwinfield.org/following-christ
or fill out form below and return to Welcome Desk or
Parish Office. Questions? ChristLife@stjohnwinfield.org



-----Registration Form -----

Following Christ – 2/8/22 – 3/22/22, 7-8:45 pm.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

Would you prefer to stay in the same group as Discovering Christ? _____

Would you prefer the Livestream/Zoom option? _____

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WANT TO BRING **VALENTINE JOY** AND **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CHEER** TO THE **MIDWEST SHELTER FOR HOMELESS VETS?**

I have to admit I blew it for Christmas! Normally we give the Vets a home-made Christmas stocking filled with goodies! Because this did not happen, and my "Catholic guilt" kicked in, I thought what else can we do for them?

How about making and giving them a Valentine and St. Paddy's day treat bags! I bought the felt, will make the bags and the Religious Education children/teens can decorate them. We will also make cards and letters for them!



BUT, as always, I do need your help! One of the treats they LOVED getting were gift cards for the various restaurants in Wheaton. Or, maybe you have a better idea? Perhaps all that individually wrapped chocolate candy you know your body is craving and your scale is screaming "NO MORE"?

So let's make the Vets' winter less depressing by making them a homemade felt Valentine and St. Paddy's day Bag filled with goodies!

Please drop off your goody bag donations in the glass room of the parish offices. There is a basket waiting to be filled!

Thank you so much for all your help on these projects. We couldn't do this without you!

Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

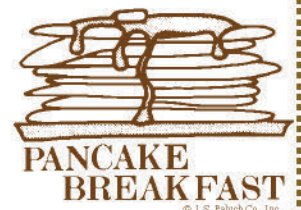
DRIVE THRU OR SIT IN. ONLINE ORDERS WELCOME.

Featuring a display of all the Keep Christ in Christmas beautiful art work that our St. John's schoolchildren worked on for a contest.

**Sunday, February 6th
8:00 am until 11:00 am
Sebahar Hall**

**Place advance orders starting Wed., 2/2 through Sun., 2/6 at 10:00 am,
on St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org**

**Or call on Sunday, 2/6:
Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651
or Sean at 630-835-8225
Sebahar Hall, Liberty St.**





**St. John the Baptist
Council of Catholic Women
February 2022 events**

Saturday, Feb 5th 9:30am in Sebahar Hall

Join us for a light breakfast, General Meeting, and service project to benefit Winfield Woods. You can also sign up to help with the Spring Bazaar.

We will be assembling gift bags for 130 residents at Winfield Woods

Bring items for the bags we put together such as :

Crayons, notepads and pens

Small size Chocolate candy bars *without* nuts

Kleenex packs, Gum or mints

Single serve snack packs of cookies, crackers, or cereal bars



If you can't attend, drop off donations in the parish office by Friday, Feb 5th.



Saturday, Feb. 5th Rosary in the Chapel at 4:30pm



Spring Bazaar is the weekend of February 26-27, 2022.

**This is a Vendor fair with Spring This & That and a Raffle.
Set up work day is Friday, Feb 25th**

We need VENDORS ! Contact:

Theresa DeStefano at: destefano1961@gmail.com or

Donna Daniels at: ABENBABE@aol.com

Young at Hearts is planned for: Feb 16th



Thursday, Feb 24th 7:00pm in Sebahar Hall Board meeting



Members are always welcome to attend!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners for at least six months and parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! If Godparents are married, their marriage needs to be blessed by the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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



Wedding Information

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



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

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

Hospital Visits

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our priests are unable to make a hospital visit unless the situation is dire. To receive communion while in the hospital, please make the request to a hospital Chaplain. Because of HIPAA Laws the Hospital does not notify Churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's Parish Office when a loved one is in the hospital so prayers can be offered. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized.

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

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the Please Pray for the Sick in the Church bulletin, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. The next Grief Support meeting is Thurs. evening, February 3, 2022, in the Parish Office. To verify start time of meeting, or for more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration is on Thursday evenings from 6pm-9pm. You do not need to pre-register. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.



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



MASS INTENTION INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; The 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Our parish office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We ask that you wear a mask and refrain from coming into office if you do not feel well. You are always welcome to call or email the parish office, as well, and we will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible. Please call 630-668-0918, ext. 0 for the parish office, or email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

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

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



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Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, February 16th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. Please inquire with any questions to Jean Daniell @ tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming Book Club:

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