


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.
When he finds a pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

MATTHEW 13:45-46

**SEVENTEENTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

JULY 26
2020

Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jean Bustamante
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Nick DuBay
Ralph Eckhoff
Joann Eggebrecht
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patrocinia Fernandez
Fr. Hilary Fischer
Marie Flores
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas

Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Daniel Guzman
Jim Hale
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Paul Isherwood
Edy Jacobs
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Charles Kadolph
Lynn Kadolph
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Joe Konopka
Margaret Krisch
Gerry Krug
Korinn Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
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
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
Lesley (Tobin)
Nygaard

Joseph O'Brien
Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Bill Parker
Jackie 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
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothwell
Marvin Rothwell
Susan Rothwell
Bob Salat
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard

Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Olivia Soto
Diane Strachta
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
Genevieve Welch
Kylie Wells-Long
Elizabeth Wood
Susan Woodbury
Lexie Youngberg
Larry Zengri
New this week

Welcome - Bienvenido

*Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the
one who sent me. (Mt 10:40)*

St. John the Baptist Church wishes to welcome everyone to our community as Jesus would. For information on joining St. John's, please call the parish office.

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor/Párroco: Fr. Christopher Lankford

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jim Olofson

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

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

Secretaria Hispana:Ext 601

Business Manager:

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

Facilities Manager:

.....Aaron Simpson.....Ext 603

Music Ministry: Adrienne Rose...630-653-1489

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Religious Education:.....Office: Ext 613

Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

Youth Ministry:

Coordinator: Ruben Chavez.....Ext. 611

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

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

Phone: 630-668-2625, Fax: 630-668-7176

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

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

Mass Schedule

Public Sunday Masses have begun, 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, except for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, August 15, 2020 (not a holyday of obligation this year); we are asking for attendees to sign-up for this Mass. See page 8 or the parish website for more information..

The bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect.

Masses and devotions will continue to be online on YouTube, Facebook, and the website.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation has resumed

Confession has resumed on Saturdays from 3:30p-4:30p in the Church (see page 6 for more information). Or, you may call the parish office (630-668-0918, ext 0) to make an appointment.



**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
SA Dakota Enders
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
Airman Nicholas Kostocka
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
SSG Curtis Sigourney, US Army
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

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

Joseph Solomon

Please pray for the Seminarians working
at CDH this Summer: Greg Alberts,
Brian Geary, Aaron Minix, Tom Logue

THE PRIESTS' PAGE/LA PÁGINA DE LOS PADRES

As we announced at Masses last weekend, on Friday July 17, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Ron Hicks as the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Joliet. Bishop Hicks will be a great blessing for our diocese, and he will be installed as bishop September 29 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. While we wait for his installation, I want to invite you to pray in a special way for Bishop Hicks. While many might imagine that being bishop is a prestigious role, it is not a job many priests are gunning for. As Jesus says in the Gospel of Luke: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Or to use Spiderman's words: "With great power comes great responsibility." The bishop of Joliet is entrusted with the spiritual care of over 600,000 Catholics! And not only that, the Lord desires the salvation of all, so Bishop Hicks will work to bring every single soul in the 7 counties that comprise the diocese in relationship with Christ! That's a huge task. So while we might see him as the head of the local hierarchy, which he is, he also bears great responsibility for the mission of the Church. So let us take seriously this call to pray for him as he prepares to lead us in the coming years.

We also have restarted Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday evening in the chapel from 6-9 PM. Thursday evenings are a beautiful time to pray, as we remember Christ giving us the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday. I encourage you to come by the chapel to spend time in silence with Jesus. Too often, we think that hours of planning and organizing will set us up for success as we bring the Gospel to the world. But in reality, it all has to start in prolonged periods of silence before Jesus in the Eucharist. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." Let us abide in His Eucharistic presence this week!

In Christ,
Fr. Jim

Como anunciamos en misas el pasado fin de semana, el viernes 17 de julio, el Papa Francisco nombró al Obispo Ron Hicks como el sexto obispo de la diócesis de Joliet. El obispo Hicks será una gran bendición para nuestra diócesis, y será instalado como obispo el 29 de septiembre en la Catedral de San Raymond Nonnatus en Joliet. Mientras que esperamos su instalación, quiero invitarlos a orar de un manera especial por el obispo Hicks. Aunque muchos podrían imaginar que ser obispo es un papel prestigioso, no es un trabajo que muchos sacerdotes estén disparando. Como dice Jesús en el Evangelio de Lucas: "Mucho se requerirá de la persona confiada con mucho, y aún más se exigirá de la persona confiada con más". O usar las palabras del Hombre araña: "Con la gran potencia viene la gran responsabilidad". ¡El obispo de Joliet es confiado con el cuidado espiritual de más de 600,000 católicos! Y no solo eso, el Señor desea la salvación de todos, así que el Obispo Hicks trabajará para traer cada alma en los 7 condados que componen la diócesis en relación con Cristo. Esa es una gran tarea. Así, mientras que nosotros lo podríamos ver como la cabeza de la jerarquía local, lo que él es, él también tiene una gran responsabilidad para la misión de la Iglesia. Así que tomemos en serio este llamado a orar por él mientras que se prepara para guiarnos en los próximos años.

También hemos reiniciado la Adoración Eucarística todos los jueves por la noche en la capilla de las 6 a 9. Los jueves por la noche son un momento hermoso para orar, ya que recordamos que Cristo nos ha dado la Santa Eucaristía el Jueves Santo. Te animo a pasar por la capilla para pasar tiempo en silencio con Jesús. Con frecuencia, pensamos que horas de planificación y organización nos prepararán para el éxito al llevar el Evangelio al mundo. Pero en realidad, todo tiene que comenzar en períodos prolongados de silencio ante Jesús en la Eucaristía. "Señor, ¿a quién iremos? Tu tienes las palabras de la vida eterna." ¡Permitámonos permanecer en su presencia eucarística esta semana!

En Cristo,
Padre Jim



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Diocese of Joliet Announces Appointment of New Bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

July 17, 2020

JOLIET, IL-- Pope Francis today announced that he has named Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as the sixth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, IL. Pope Francis had previously accepted the resignation of Bishop Emeritus R. Daniel Conlon and had named Bishop Richard E. Pates as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese until a new bishop could be appointed.

Bishop Hicks, 52, will be installed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Ill. on September 29, 2020.

"The Diocese of Joliet is most grateful to Pope Francis for the appointment of Bishop Ronald Hicks as its sixth bishop," said Bishop Pates. "The bishop owns a reputation for pastoral leadership and is totally committed to the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church. He is a worthy successor to Bishop Conlon and his predecessors."

About Bishop Hicks

Bishop Hicks, a native of Harvey, IL, grew up in South Holland, IL, where he attended St. Jude the Apostle Parish and Grade School. He graduated from Quigley Seminary South in 1985. He received his B.A. in Philosophy from Niles College of Loyola University Chicago in 1989 and his Master of Divinity degree in 1994 and his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2003, both from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

Bishop Hicks served as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Chicago from 1994 to 1996 and then at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish in Orland Hills, IL, from 1996 to 1999. From 1999 to 2005, he lived and ministered at St. Joseph College Seminary as the Dean of Formation.

In July 2005, with permission from Cardinal Francis George, Bishop Hicks moved from Chicago to El Salvador to begin his five-year term as Regional Director of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) in Central America. NPH is a home dedicated to caring for more than 3,400 orphaned and abandoned children in nine Latin American and Caribbean countries.



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From 2010 to 2014, Bishop Hicks served as the Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary. During that time, he assisted with weekend Masses at St. Jerome Parish in Rogers Park, Chicago, Ill.

Bishop Hicks was appointed Vicar General of the Archdiocese by Cardinal Cupich on January 1, 2015. On September 17, 2018 he was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

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About the Diocese of Joliet

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet was established by decree of Pope Pius XII, and formed out of parts of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Diocese of Peoria and the Diocese of Rockford. Samuel Cardinal Stritch of the Archdiocese of Chicago installed Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara as Joliet's first Bishop (1948-1966) at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on March 24, 1949. Bishop Ronald Hicks will be Joliet's sixth bishop, following also Bishop Romeo Blanchette (1966-1979), Bishop Joseph Imesch (1979-2006), Archbishop J. Peter Sartain (2006-2010) and Bishop R. Daniel Conlon (2011-2020).

The Diocese of Joliet presently serves 616,000 parishioners in 118 parishes & 7 missions across DuPage, Will, Kendall, Grundy, Kankakee, Ford and Iroquois counties in Illinois. The Diocese additionally serves thousands of students across its 42 elementary schools, 8 high schools and 3 universities. Volunteers from our communities serve in countless ministries at their parishes and through our overseas missions, while Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Joliet serves tens of thousands through its mobile food pantries, Daybreak Center in Joliet, early childhood services, counseling and aging and disability services.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021 NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Registrations are being taken for Religious Education Sessions 2020-2021 [ONLINE](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org). Please see our website for all necessary forms at www.stjohnwinfield.org, then click on Religious Education Parent Information.

However, if you prefer, print out the forms and drop off at the RE Office Monday through Thursday 8:30-3PM, Door 11.

Or, stop in at Door 11 and we will give you the necessary paperwork. Please wear a mask.

Please note, due to COVID-19, we have changed some of the RE class times and days we meet. And seating is limited, so do not wait!

TUESDAY SESSIONS: 4-5:15PM and 5:45-7PM English Only 1st-5th grade (4th and 5th grades will meet on campus one week and eLearn the opposite week.)

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS: 5:45-7PM – Spanish Sessions (Second year)
6:00-8:00PM -6th grade alternates with Confirmation I and Confirmation II

Session Dates can be found on the last page of the Family Handbook 2020-2021 on the St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 26, 2020

All things work for good for those who love God.
— Romans 8:28a

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



(The 7:50a Masses are offered privately for the intentions that have been promised; none were scheduled this week.)

Saturday, July 25

8:30 a.m. † Joan Heitzler (Betty & Charlie Parisi)

Vigil Mass of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (Colette Miller)

† Thomas Hanlock (The Hanlock Family)

† Angela Marino (The Marino Family)

♥ Jim & Dorothy Hanlock, Health & Intentions
(The Hanlock Family)

Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Deacon Andrew Niello, Anniversary of Death

11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Zengri, Greco & Pecora
Families (Larry Zengri)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Magdalena Gonzalez (Azucena Piedra
Gonzalez)

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

7:00 a.m. † Joseph Grabowski (Rita Grabowski)

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 a.m. ♥† The Entile Family, Living & Deceased (The Entile
Family)

Thursday, July 30

7:00 a.m. † Barbara Connors (Carol Connors)

Friday, July 31

7:00 a.m. † Abe Rundell (Monica Rundell)

Saturday, August 1

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

Vigil Mass of The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Calogero Schipani (Lonks Family)

♥ Serritella Anniversary (The Serritella Family)

† Karen Scimeca (Jayme & Jennifer Kurtyka)

† The Stutzke Family (The Hanlock Family)

† The Eder Family (The Hanlock Family)

† Phyllis Snyder (The Carlson & Olszanowski Families)

† Eugene Olszanowski (Snyder, Carlson & Olszanowski
Families)

Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)

11:30 a.m. † Rose Marie, Robert & Sam DiGangi, Deceased
(Larry Zengri)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Antonio Vasquez, Birthday Anniversary

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ Living, Roger Scheiblein
Church † Alan Stuart



*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.

*Exception: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, August 15, is not a holyday this year so there will not be special Masses, but we ask if you are attending the 8:30a Mass on August 15th, please sign-up as indicated above. More information about the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is on page 8.

**DAILY MASS CLARIFICATION-
TIME & MASS INTENTIONS**

Currently, there is one daily **public** Mass Monday through Friday at St. John's, which is celebrated at 7:00 a.m. The second Mass at 7:50a is not a public Mass due to time restrictions in-between Masses for COVID-19 sanitizing.

Any Mass Intentions that are already scheduled for the 7:50a Mass will be prayed for privately by our priests. The Intention will appear in the bulletin.

Until further notice, we will not be scheduling new Mass Intentions for the 7:50a Mass. As stated above, if there is already an Intention scheduled for a 7:50a, it will be prayed for privately by our priests.

If you have any questions about this, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Thank you for your patience.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance and Confession has resumed 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 and privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, and asked to socially distance while waiting.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, July 25, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, August 1, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim

ATTENTION PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE EUCHARISTIC ADORERS- YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

One of our most beautiful ministries at St. John's, Eucharistic Adoration, has begun again, in a shortened form, on Thursday evenings, from 6p-9p. Your help is needed to make this happen. If you are not familiar with what Eucharistic Adoration is, it is the worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

We are offering adorers Thursday evenings from 6p-9p for 1 hour slots.

To accomplish this, we need volunteers to greet, sign-in and usher the adorers to a pew, then following the COVID-19 guidelines, sanitize after the adorer has left.

If you believe God is calling you to this ministry and you would like to spend some quiet time with our Lord, will you consider **volunteering**? Please call Arlene Reichert at 630-890-2857, or the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, to get more information on this beautiful opportunity to deepen your relationship with God.

Thank you.



ST. MARTHA



Mass Celebrants for:

Saturday, July 25: 5p-Fr Jim

Sunday, July 26: 7:30 am-Fr Jim; 9:30 am-Fr Jim;

11:30 am-Fr Chris ; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Chris

Saturday, August 1: 5p-Fr Chris

Sunday, August 2: 7:30 am-Fr Chris; 9:30 am-

Fr Chris; 11:30 am-Fr Jim; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Jim

ST. JOHN'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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.

To find the St. John's channel:

1. Go to YouTube;

2. Search for

St. John the Baptist Winfield

1. Click on our St. John's

Church logo:



Wedding Anniversary Mass

Live-Streamed
Cathedral of St. Raymond

August 23, 2020
2:00 PM

The 42nd Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be Live-Streamed on Sunday, August 23 at 2 pm from the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to view the Live-Stream celebration and receive an anniversary certificate sent in the mail. Bishop Richard E. Pates will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. To receive your certificate in the mail, please register by August 14 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or register online at <https://bit.ly/3fBY3VN>.

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Not A Holy Day of Obligation This Year

This year The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Saturday, August 15, 2020. It is not a holyday of obligation this year. Therefore, there will not be a special Mass schedule. However, since it is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, please join us on Saturday, August 15th at the regular Mass at 8:30a in the Church if you are



able. Please register online for this Mass, at stjohnwinfield.org or by calling the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Also, we will livestream this Mass; you may watch the 8:30a Mass on our YouTube Channel; search for St. John the Baptist Winfield and click on the St. John's Church logo.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Weekend of July 25/26, 2020)

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

Congratulations to Father Andrew Buchanan who was ordained on Saturday, June 20, 2020. If you would like to send him a card, his address is:

Rev. Andrew Buchanan
St. Dominic Parish
440 E. Briarcliff Rd
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

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Rev. Matthew Pratscher
St. John Paul II Catholic Church
956 S. 10th Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Solomon prays for an understanding heart (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12).

Psalm — Lord, I love your commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — All things work for good for those who love God (Romans 8:28-30).

Gospel — The one who knows of the kingdom of heaven brings new and old from the storeroom (Matthew 13:44-52 [44-46]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11;
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14;
Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33
-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Martha
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola
Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori; First Saturday

SAINT MARTHA (first century) - July 29

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as “burdened with much serving” (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, “Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?” Jesus’ response, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part” (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, “Go and do likewise” (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha’s sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three “hosts of the Lord,” recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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Sacraments at St. John's



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

July 18, 2020

Isabel Maria Estrada

Child of

Samantha (Lessard) & Alejandro Estrada



We congratulate

**Elizabeth Loretta Siebert &
Trevor Martin Holzman**

who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage
on July 17, 2020.

Best Wishes to You!



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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.**

June 21.....	\$18,054
June 28.....	\$19,113
July 5.....	\$24,900
July 12.....	\$19,569

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

For example, if you make a \$1,000 Tax Credit Scholarship donation you receive a \$750 tax credit which lowers your tax owed to Illinois by \$750. Simple as that. If your tax bill was going to be \$3,000, you just reduced it to \$2,250.

However, what would happen if that was a deduction on your IRS Form 1040 and not a tax credit? A \$1,000 deduction, if you are in the 22% tax bracket, will lower your adjusted gross income by \$1,000, thereby lowering your tax bill by about \$220. In this scenario, we also assume that the taxpayer is itemizing their deductions. If the taxpayer takes the standard deduction (\$12,400 if filing single or \$24,800 if married filing jointly), then the \$1,000 donation would not provide any tax benefit.

Donate through Empower Illinois (empowerillinois.org), designating St. John the Baptist Catholic School as the recipient of the scholarship. Contact the school office or the parish business manager for more information.



Diocese of Joliet
School Re-Opening
July 22, 2020

St. John's is so excited to begin in person learning on August 19th, and with this most recent communication from the diocese, it looks like we are moving full speed ahead! We are working hard to ensure the safe start of school for all. Our re-opening plan has been submitted, and is currently under review. Once we receive certification from our Superintendent, we stand ready to execute it.
~Joanne Policht, SJB School Principal

Dear Pastors and Principals (Presidents) of our Catholic Schools:

I am very pleased to advise you that our plans are moving forward with full speed to open our Catholic Schools next month.

Our efforts are based on SAFETY and ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE in the context of CATHOLIC IDENTITY.

- I. SAFETY: In keeping with our responsibility in opening our schools in the context of Coronavirus, the following will be required without compromise. As with our Churches, WE CANNOT fulfill our charge without providing the safest environment possible for our teachers, students, administrative personnel or other employees.

Thus, it will be required:

- 1) To utilize masks throughout the school
- 2) Maintaining six-foot social distancing
- 3) Regular hand washing and sanitizing the school daily
- 4) Temperature check each morning
- 5)

It is recognized that some may have different opinions about these measures. Nonetheless, they are universally advocated by recognized experts and medical scientists. We want to protect all to the very best of our ability.

- II. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF CATHOLIC IDENTITY

As has been their practice, the schools will do all possible to retain the standards of Academic rigor, to enable the students to grow and achieve their intellectual capacity. Catholic culture and formation will continue to be the context in which the education is imparted.

I am very grateful to Dr. Michael Boyle, Superintendent of Schools, his team and the dedicated Principals, teachers, and volunteers who are spending enormous time in achieving this possibility of re-opening our schools. They enjoy my unwavering support.

With appropriate confidence, I am optimistic that our schools will obtain certification for re-opening. This certification will be issued by Dr. Boyle and our Catholic Schools Office. No school will be able to open without certification. Going to this extent and the considerable effort involved are representative of how greatly we value Catholic Education.

Please join me in fervent prayer that the Good Lord will guide us on this journey.

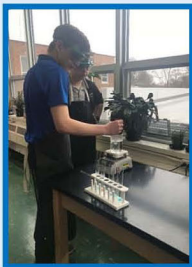
Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Richard E. Pates*

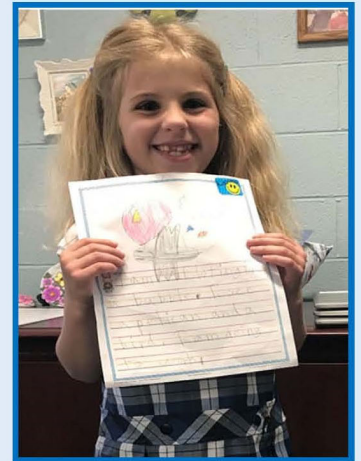
Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Joliet

cc: Most Reverend Ronald Hicks

**Picture your
Kindergartner through 8th grade child
at St. John the Baptist Catholic School this fall!**

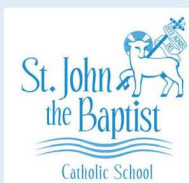


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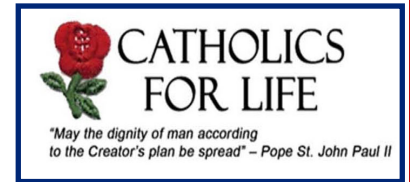
Even though school is out for the summer, we are busy preparing for the 2020-21 school year, and welcome you for a tour,

**Virtual Informational meeting on August 4 at 6:30 PM,
or call Joanne Policht for more information at 630-668-2625, extension 617.**



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CATHOLICS FOR LIFE



This Sunday is the feast day of St. Anne, Mary's mother and Jesus' grandmother. Once, while praying outside the Anchor clinic a young woman came with a man. She went into the clinic, but he stayed outside and one of the prayer warriors was able to talk to the man. He said he wanted the baby, but could not talk her out of the abortion, since they already had a young child. The prayer warrior talked to him for a while and we prayed. The man walked away, and she came and told us what he said and that she had told him to keep trying and we were praying for him. A little while later an older woman came with a toddler; it was this man's mother. She gave the toddler to the man and she went into the clinic and was able to talk the woman out of the abortion. The man, woman and child left, and the grandmother came over to us. She gave each of us a hug and thanked us for being there, for our prayers, and helping to save her grandchild. Your prayers may be what God needs to help save a baby and help the mother from making a mistake that cannot be undone. Many grandparents are missing grandchildren today due to abortion. So, pray to this special grandmother to intercede with her grandson for an end abortion.

A Prayer for Intercession, to St Anne the Grandmother of Jesus.

Glorious Saint Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke thee, and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee to take the present affair which I recommend to thee under thy special protection.

Support Healing Network is having a **FREE Support After Abortion Healing Network Virtual Conference** taking place from July 30- August 1, 2020.

The goal of the conference is to unite abortion healing service providers, educators, organizational leaders, and clergy to maximize abortion healing efforts, ultimately restoring the world from the impact of abortion. To this end, **Support After Abortion has assembled more than 40 presenters**, clergy, authors, curriculum leaders, and those impacted by abortion to share their wisdom, insights, and personal stories. For more information and to register go to <https://www.supportafterabortionvirtualconference.com/home>

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Our parish Respect Life Committee invites you to continue the nine month commemoration of the gestation of the Child Jesus in Mary's womb, which began March 25, and to spiritually adopt a baby that is in danger of abortion, if you haven't already done so. Around the 25th of each month a bulletin article will explain the growth of the babies. Choose a name for your baby and pray for them and their parents using Archbishop Fulton Sheen's prayer below and pray for them daily. Jesus and your adopted baby are counting on you.

***"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I
have spiritually adopted who is in
danger of abortion."***

THE FIFTH MONTH

It is now apparent, even in the shapeless fashions of her time, that Mary is with child. Little can she imagine an innkeeper in Bethlehem who will in the future offer her all that he can in hospitality. At five months, there is no mistaking a baby's presence. Mothers feel its reaction when startled by outside noises or even its subtly hiccup. The baby now tastes of what she drinks. Sweet is fine; sour, uh-uh! The baby is now 10 inches long and weighs more than a half-pound. Despite these evidences of life. At least 44 abortions are performed each day in the U.S. on women carrying a child five months or older.

Pray for all who respect and foster life through education, support and peaceful witnessing.

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. *Please note: due to the coronavirus, no communion taken to homebound; instead, Homebound Ministers praying over the telephone with homebound.*

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 Sick of 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.

24-Hour Adoration: Adoration will begin on Thursday evening, July 23, 2020, from 6p-9p, and will continue on Thursday evenings. Please see page 7 for details. All are welcome.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-Until further notice, AA is not meeting at St. John's, per State of Illinois guidelines.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting at St. John's due to COVID-19 restrictions. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.



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 will remain closed. Please call or email the parish office, 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

Lost and Found: When we re-open, 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.

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**FROM ST. IRENE PARISH HUSTLE UP THE HILL
FOR THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE...**

VIRTUAL HUSTLE UP THE HILL FOR THE HOMELESS

Because of social distancing guidelines related to Covid-19, this year's Hustle Up the Hill for the Homeless sponsored by St. Irene Parish will be a virtual race. Our annual race is usually held at Blackwell's Mt. Hoy. **This year's event can be completed anywhere and anytime between Aug 22-31.** Registered participants have the option of hustling up and down Mt. Hoy at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville or completing a 5K walk/run on the route of their choice. Cost is \$30 per person or \$100 for a team of 4. Those who register by Aug 1st will receive a race t-shirt.

Our most vulnerable populations have been hit hard by Covid-19 and high unemployment rates. Please help our fight to end homelessness by participating in this important fundraiser. Gather your friends and family and register at:

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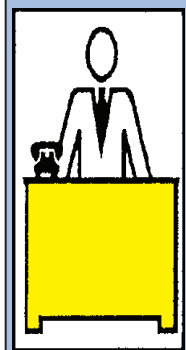
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