## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH





Second Sunday

The Lord God said to Abram, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so shall your descendants be."

Genesis 15:5

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## Please pray for our sick

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#### Welcome - Bienvenido

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

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

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor/Párroco: Fr. Matt Pratscher/Padre Mateo Parochial Vicar: Fr. Keith Wolfe/Padre Keith

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

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#### Mass Schedule

Weekend......Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

Misa en Español......Domingo 1:30 pm **Weekday** M-F 7:00 am & 7:50 am & Sat. 8:30 am

Confessions M-F 7:30-7:45am/Chapel Confessional Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm/Church Confessional

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: (Vigil) 5:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.-Spanish

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m., 7:50 a.m.;

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.-Church Confessional Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m.-Chapel Confessional

24-Hours of ADORATION Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. through Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.-Chapel

#### ROSARY RECITATION

- Sundays, after the 7:30a Mass-Chapel
- Weekdays, after the 7a Mass-Chapel
- Saturdays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass-Chapel

Please keep in your prayers our Seminarians who are studying for the Priesthood:

Andrew Buchanan Kyle Langan

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

Pvt James Luigi Akin **SRA Francis Beifuss** Major John Berg SPC Tyler Bowling, US Army Sat Melissa Brooker Pvt Timothy Conley Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly Captain Daniel Durbin SA Dakota Enders LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr. Pvt Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray A1C Seth Kelley Sgt. David Lawless SrA Robert Lawless Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao Corp. Collin Vincent Lopez Commander Matthew Luff PFC Andrew John McCoy CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A.

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#### A letter from our pastor, Father Matt/Una carta de nuestro párroco, Padre Mateo

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that Lent is going well for you. There are three themes in today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration that give us insight into Lent: the mountain, the Exodus, and the dazzling white appearance of Jesus.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him up the mountain to pray. The mountain is a symbol of union with God. It was on Mount Sinai where God revealed Himself by name to the Israelites and gave them the law. The mountain is a place where we are close to the heavens and gain perspective and wisdom. Lent can be compared to climbing the mountain, and our destination, the top, is union with God, which is made possible by the work of Christ on Mount Calvary, where He died for the world's salvation.

After ascending the mountain, the Gospel reminds us that "While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." This gave the apostles a glimpse of the glory of the Resurrection. Jesus was about to fulfill the covenant proclaimed by the prophets by "his exodus that he was going to accomplish." The exodus from Egypt was when the Israelites were set free from slavery to the pharaoh and journeyed to the Promised Land. The exodus Jesus accomplished is to set us free from slavery to sin and death so that we may journey to the Promised Land of Heaven.

Jesus, Moses, and Elijah became dazzling white. Through Christ, we have become dazzling white as well. We have been made as pure as snow and given a share in the glory of Christ by our baptism. When we were baptized, we wore a white garment to symbolize this. On Easter, we remember that we have been washed by the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ, set free from sin, become children of God, and made partakers of the glory of the Risen Lord. For this reason, every Easter, we renew our baptismal promises. Of course, Peter wanted to set up tents and remain at the top of the mountain, but we are meant to come down from the mountain and live out that life promised in baptism: one of prayer, peace, joy, and union in Christ.

Know of my prayers for you. Please continue to pray for one another.

In Christ, Fr. Matt

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Espero que la Cuaresma les vaya bien. Hay tres temas en el Evangelio de hoy sobre la Transfiguración que nos dan una idea de la Cuaresma: la montaña, el Éxodo y la deslumbrante apariencia blanca de Jesús.

Jesús llevó a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan con él a la montaña para orar. La montaña es un símbolo de unión con Dios. En el Monte Sinaí Dios se reveló por su nombre a los israelitas y les dio los diez mandamientos. La montaña es un lugar donde estamos cerca de los cielos y ganamos perspectiva y sabiduría. La Cuaresma se puede comparar con escalar la montaña, y nuestro destino, la cima, es la unión con Dios, que es posible por la obra de Cristo en el Monte Calvario, donde murió por la salvación del mundo.

Después de ascender la montaña, el Evangelio nos cuenta que mientras Jesús "oraba, su rostro cambió de aspecto y sus vestiduras se hicieron blancas y relampagueantes. De pronto aparecieron conversando con él dos personajes, rodeados de esplendor: eran Moisés y Elías. Y hablaban de la muerte que le esperaba en Jerusalén." Dio a los apóstoles un vistazo de la gloria de la Resurrección. Jesús iba a cumplir las promesas proclamadas por los profetas por su éxodo que sea "la muerte que le esperaba en Jerusalén". El éxodo de Egipto fue cuando los israelitas fueron liberados de la esclavitud al faraón y viajaron a la Tierra Prometida. El éxodo que realizó Jesús es liberarnos de la esclavitud del pecado y la muerte para que podamos viajar a la Tierra Prometida del Cielo.

Jesús, Moisés y Elías parecieron esplendantes. A través de Cristo, también estamos de esplendor. Por medio de bautismo hemos sido hechos tan puros como la nieve y nuestro bautismo nos ha dado una parte en la gloria de Cristo, simbolizada por la vestidura blanca que llevamos al bautismo. En la Pascua, recordamos que hemos sido lavados por la sangre del cordero, Jesucristo, liberados del pecado, convertidos en hijos de Dios y hechos partícipes de la gloria del Señor resucitado. Por eso cada Pascua renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales. Por supuesto, Pedro quería hacer tres chozas y quedar en la cima de la montaña, pero estamos destinados a bajar de la montaña y vivir la vida prometida en el bautismo: una vida de oración, paz, gozo y unión en Cristo.

Recuerden mis oraciones por ustedes y por favor sigan orando los unos por los otros.

En Cristo, Padre Mateo

## Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, March 16

8:30 a.m. ♥ Joseph & Elizabeth Hughes, Anniversary (Fr Keith)

#### **Vigil for the Second Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. † Cosgrove & Miller Families (Colette Miller)

† Bonnie Hansen (Joe & Theresa Lafontaine)

† Holy Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

† Dorothy Aylward (Maureen & Denny Brennan & Family)

† Ramona Clavel (Butch Hansen)

† Katherine McKinney (Rita Wilke)

† Paul Wolfe (Fr Keith)

#### Sunday, March 17, The Second Sunday in Lent

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † John, Kathleen & Patrick Dooley (Mary L'Hotta)

11:30 a.m. † Abram Rundell (Mary Lou & Jack Kozak)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Gabriel Gomez (Margarita Jimenez)

#### Monday, March 18

7:00 a.m. † Ruth Kuttner (The Oen Family)

7:50 a.m. † Rogers Malmquist (Lee & Donna Buchholtz)

#### Tuesday, March 19

7:00 a.m. ♥† In Thanksgiving (Rita Grabowski)

7:50 a.m. † Manuel Garza, Jr. (Amelia Alcazar)

#### Wednesday, March 20

7:00 a.m. † Shirley Stachniak (The Stachniak Family)

7:50 a.m. † Irma Grilli (The Sarlitto Family)

#### Thursday, March 21

7:00 a.m. † Ramona Clavel (Rose Flores)

7:50 a.m. † Matthew Boes (Stephen & Helen Boes)

#### Friday, March 22

7:00 a.m. ♥† The Bruss Family-Bill, Marianne, Becky, William & Evan (Vicky Staden)

7:50 a.m. † Joseph DiSylvester (St. John the Baptist Catholic Church-Religious Education Families)

#### Saturday, March 23

8:30 a.m. † James Marecek, Anniversary of Death (Lambert Family)

#### **Vigil for the Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00 p.m. † Holy Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)

† Oliver Loyd Smith (Raymond Stachniak)

† Grayson Samuel Smith (Raymond Stachniak)

† Betty Ludwig (Alice & Skip Higgins)

† Salvatore Freni (The Zahery Family)

† Dorothy Elliott (Margaret & Kevin Walsh)

#### Sunday, March 24, The Third Sunday in Lent

7:30 a.m. † Marion Karwoski (The Kerners)

9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † Henry, Marge & Adel Lenertz (The Lenertz Family)

1:30 p.m. (Spanish) ♥ Aristeo Bolanos, Living (St. John's Religious Education Families)

† Felipe Peña (The Peña Family)

Follow our seminarian, Andrew, in his Israel journey at usml.edu/pilgrimage

## **Our Sanctuary Lamps**

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

# Chapel † Grace Day Church ♥ Lottie Jakubiec, Living



\*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.

#### **Assistive Listening Devices**

Our church is now equipped with an assistive listening system to aid those with hearing aids or those who do not have hearing aids but have trouble hearing. If you have a hearing aid with a t-coil, turn it on and wear one of the two neck loop lanyards with battery pack that we have. If you do not have a hearing aid, we have three universal ear speakers with battery pack that you can use. It fits over your ear with a clip ( it doesn't go inside your ear) and has a little speaker. The volume can be adjusted to meet your needs on all the units. If you would like to try one, please see an usher prior to Mass.



Please pray for

#### **Dolores Pratscher**

who passed away on March 12, 2019.

Our sympathies are extended to her grandson, Father Matt, and to all of her family & friends.

#### **Mass Celebrants for:**

Saturday, March 23: 5:00 pm-Fr Peck

Sunday, March 24:

7:30 am-Fr Keith; 9:30 am-Fr Peck; 11:30 am-Fr Matt; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Peck

#### **Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones**

- Monday thru Friday, 7:30a-7:45a-Chapel;
- Saturday, March 16, 3:30p-Church-Fr Matt
- Saturday, March 23, 3:30p-Church-Fr Keith
- Saturday, March 30, 3:30p-Church-Fr Matt

Council of Catholic Women-Collecting Rosaries in Any Condition-Ongoing-CCW will be continuing making & refurbish-

ing rosaries to send to the Missions. Could you please help us by donating rosaries in any condition? We can use new, old, broken, pieces, crosses, medals & rosary cases. Any monetary donations will be used to buy additional supplies. Please drop off your dona-



tions marked "CCW Mission Rosaries" in the parish office vestibule. We have a box marked for them. Thank you.







Who: Knights of ColumbusWhat: Lent Fish Fry Dinner

When: Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, April 5 & 12

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM \*3/15-St. Joseph's Day Table, w/
Knights providing fish

Where: St. John's Church-Sebahar Hall Why: Fundraiser for Our KC Charities

**Cost:** Adults \$9.00, Kids \$5.00, Seniors \$8.00

How: Relax with your family while helping the

Knights of Columbus support the KC Charities. The fish is beer breaded cod and shrimp. For the kids, we have pizza and children-sized fish and spaghetti.

We also have a spaghetti dinner with garlic bread and a salad option for the vegetarians! The meal includes bread, coleslaw, potato, dessert and a drink. Free will donations for beer and wine

gladly accepted.

#### **Lenten Regulations**

- 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- 2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
- 3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.





# Lent & Holy Week Schedule 2019

#### **Vespers**

6:30p every evening during Lent until Palm Sunday, except Saturdays-Chapel

## **Stations of the Cross-Fridays**

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

after 7:50a Mass & 7p, 7:30p-Español

### **Children's Stations of the Cross**

2p Fridays, March 15, 22, April 5, 12

#### Parish Lenten Mission-

Sunday through Tuesday, March 24, 25, 26 at 7p-Church

#### Confessions/Confesiones

Mon-Fri 7:30a-7:45a\*;
Saturdays, 3:30p-4:30p,\*\*
Fridays during Lent, at 7p\*
Sundays during Lent at 9a & 11a
\*except Good Friday; \*\*except Holy Saturday

#### **Lenten Penance Service**

Tuesday, April 2, 7p-Church

**Taize Service**-Thursday, April 4, 7:30p-Chapel

#### Palm Sunday, April 14

5p (Sat), 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30a,1:30p Español

**Tenebrae-**Wednesday, April 17, 7p-Chapel

#### Holy Thursday, April 18

No morning Masses 7:30a-Morning Prayer

7p-Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper-Bilingual-Church\*
\*Followed by Adoration until Midnight

#### Good Friday, April 19

No morning Masses, No Confessions
7:30a-Morning Prayer
3p-Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7p-Español-La Pasión de Cristo-Capilla
7:30p-Living Stations of the Cross-Church

#### Holy Saturday, April 20

No 8:30a or 5p Mass & No Confessions 8:30a-Morning Prayer 12p Noon-Blessing of the Easter Baskets 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

#### Easter Sunday, April 21

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.-Church, 9:30 a.m.-Chapel, 11:30 a.m., & 1:30 p.m. Español

#### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD made a covenant with

Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Our citizenship is in heaven

(Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 [3:20 - 4:1]).

**Gospel** — Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

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#### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;

St. Patrick's Day

St. Cyril of Jerusalem Monday:

Tuesday: St. Joseph

Wednesday: Spring begins; Purim (Jewish

observance) begins at sundown

Friday: Abstinence

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo Saturday:

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;

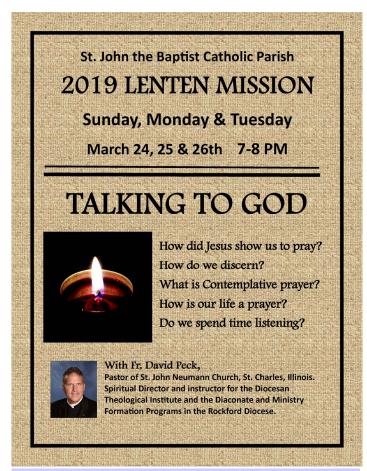
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

[5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



The Saint Paul Center will be offering their newest Journey Through Scripture study program Genesis to Jesus starting Ash Wednesday, March 6. It will be streaming for free through their site: stpaulcenter.com. From their website: "This is the study that started it all fifteen years ago. It presents the whole sweep of salvation history, and helps you make sense of the Bible, literally, from Genesis to Jesus."

In the words of a fellow parishioner, "it is a beautiful series, not to be missed."

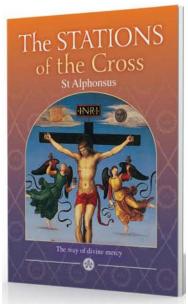
#### FEEDING THE SOUL

Our parish has a kiosk sponsored by the St. Augustine Institute located in the back of the church, stocked with books, booklets and CD's, including some Spanish materials, all for a reasonably priced suggested donation. Please take a moment to stop by and see what's available. These are perfect spiritual guides to slip in a purse or pocket, spending a few minutes to help start your day, to read during your lunch break, listen to on the train or in your car, or as an evening reflection, currently with many materials that may help make your Lenten journey truly something special.

Nuestra parroquia tiene un quiosco patrocinado por el Instituto St. Augustine ubicado en la parte posterior de la iglesia, abastecido con libros, folletos y CDs, incluyendo algunos materiales españoles, todo por una donación sugerida a un precio razonable. Por favor, tómese un momento para detenerse y ver lo que está disponible. Estos son guías espirituales perfectos para deslizarse en un bolso o bolsillo, pasar unos minutos para ayudar a comenzar el día, para leer durante su pausa para el almuerzo, escuchar en el tren o en su coche, o como una reflexión de la noche, actualmente con muchos materiales que pueden ayudar a que su viaje cuaresmal sea verdaderamente algo especial.

#### March feature: The Stations of the Cross

These classic reflections on Christ's passion by St Alphonsus retain their timeless relevance - especially for the Year of Mercy. They are enriched by a brief biography of Alphonsus, a selection of prayers penned by him, and a word on the history and value of the Way of the Cross as a "way of divine mercy." This new edition contains new color illustrations to assist prayerful devotion.





## Looking for a hands on way to help others this Lent?

St. John the Baptist High School Youth Ministry is inviting high school aged teens, parents, and any adults to set aside some time to help others.

We are scheduled to pack care packages at the Phil's Friends Hope Center warehouse on

# Saturday, March 23rd, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in Roselle, IL

A bus will be provided for everyone going and departure will be at 11:30 am from parking lot between parish and school. We are asking for \$5 per person to cover travel expense. Or, you can meet us at the packing center if you decide to do so.

We will be packing care packages for cancer patients. If interested, please fill out an online waiver.

50 people is the maximum, so space is limited. Phil's Friends Website: <a href="https://philsfriends.org/">https://philsfriends.org/</a>
To sign up: <a href="https://signnow.com/s/B9siOFeP">https://signnow.com/s/B9siOFeP</a>

Questions? Please contact, Ruben Chavez:rchavez@stjohnwinfield.org, 630-668-0918 ext. 611



## Cursillo Corner



## **Ultreya-April 13**

Saint John the Baptist will host an Ultreya in Sebahar Hall on Saturday, **April 13 following 8:30 am Mass** in the chapel. The witness speaker will be Bernadette Borgard, from St. Joseph in Downers Grove.

**Please bring a friend!** This is a great way to introduce others to the movement and help in their discernment process for attending a future weekend.

## **Opportunities for Piety, Study or Action**

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities during Lent? Check out the Volunteer Portal at givingdupage.org



Giving DuPage inspires and informs businesses, civic groups and individuals in DuPage County to share their resources of time, money, goods and services with non-profits, serving the needs of county residents.

Upon entering the Volunteer Portal you will find an extensive and varied list of available volunteer opportunities. Some examples include:

Transporting food donations to a food pantry
Mentor/Tutoring programs
Secret pal to a Senior program
Driving residents to critical medical appointments
Opportunities for Spanish Translators
Preparing a meal at the Ronald McDonald house
Providing computer support for non-profit organizations

If you prefer to make in-kind donations, you will find many needs listed on the site.

## **Cursillo Spring Weekend Schedule**

Women's 129th: April 25-28, 2019 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.

Please pray and discern if you are being called to sponsor a candidate. This is an important part of our Apostolic Action of bringing friends to Christ. Candidate applications and additional information can be found on the Joliet Cursillo Website.

"Why Cursillo?" pamphlets can be a helpful aid in discussing Cursillo with your friends. Copies can be found in the narthex of the church.

For those interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit www.jolietcursillo.org or contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at: amythel@att.net

#### **CATHOLICS FOR LIFE**

"May the dignity of man according to the Creator's plan be spread." ~Pope St. John Paul II

Following, are many opportunities to help our vulnerable brothers and sisters:

40 Days for Life Campaign runs through April 14th. It is a beautiful opportunity to join others in prayer, fasting, keeping vigil, and reaching out to the community. Through God, lives are changed during 40 Days for Life. Join in prayer and presence outside the Access Health Center, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove, IL. Go to 40daysforlife.com for more information and to sign up for vigil hours.

March 19th is the feast of St. Joseph. He is the patron saint of the Universal Church, and people call upon his aid for families, and the grace of a happy death, among other requests. Please pray to him for his help in all our Respect Life endeavors.

Diocese Of Joliet Life Advocacy Day is on Wednesday, April 3rd in Springfield. Two buses will be going from our area. To register, go to <a href="https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/">www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life/</a> Please register by Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

March 25th is the feast of the Annunciation of The Lord. Prayer cards will be available in the back of the Church and Chapel with Archbishop Sheen's prayer for Spiritual Adoption of a baby in danger of abortion. Select a name for your baby and say this short prayer daily for the baby, her parents and who may be involved in this life or death decision.

On March 28th, the movie "Unplanned" opens in theaters. This is the true story of Abby Johnson who was once a manager in a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic.

Human Trafficking Awareness Workshop, "The Hidden Slavery," on April 6, 1p-4p, at Leman Junior High School in West Chicago. Come hear from professionals, lawyers, and victims involved in this devastating endeavor that affects our country. Questions, contact 630-231-0013.

Watch the bulletin and emails for taking action against anti-life legislation bills that are being introduced in both the House and Senate in Illinois and in the federal legislature. Two websites for information are: <a href="www.ilcatholic.org">www.ilcatholic.org</a> and <a href="www.usccb.org">www.usccb.org</a>.

And, of course, the first and most helpful way to help our vulnerable brothers and sisters is through prayer, prayer, prayer. Mass, Adoration, Rosary, etc.

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

#### The Traveling Madonna of St. John's

The Traveling Madonna is a ministry which seeks to promote the Holy Rosary. We are looking for families to accept the Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary into their home for one week. A Knight will bring the statue to your home and if desired, pray the Rosary with your family. A Knight will return the following Saturday to pick up the statue. If you are interested in becoming a host of the Traveling Madonna please contact: Sean Conley, 630-835-8225, or Tony Reyes, 630-669-0501.



# The March **Young at Hearts** luncheon will take place in **Sebahar Hall** on

## Wednesday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m.

Our luncheon will feature a traditional St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage menu.

If you would like to bring a dish to share, please bring an appetizer.

We do not need any extra desserts since we will top off our meal with a delicious dessert assortment.

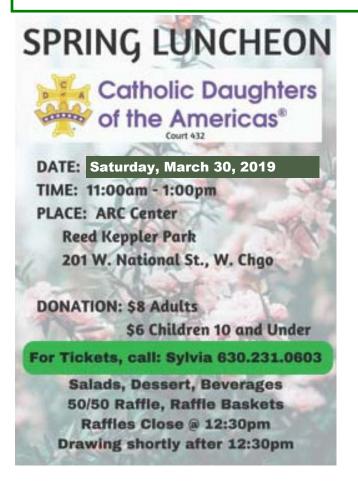


Let's get together to enjoy a wonderful St. Paddy's day lunch with old and new friends.

If you have never attended before, please join us for a great afternoon. Young at Hearts welcomes anyone 55 and better—even leprechauns!



If you have any questions, please call Dee at 630-665-0437. We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, March 20**.



All are welcome to attend the FRIENDS of the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT GET TOGETHER Saturday - March 30, 2019



## RESERVE 22 of The Village Links 485 Winchell Way Glen Ellyn, IL

Doors Open at 10:30 a.m. We will begin with our prayer service at 11:15a with a delicious Buffet Luncheon to follow. Reservations required \$30.00 per person CASH BAR and raffles. For additional information, please contact the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women office at 815-221-6249 or jdccwpresident@dioceseofjoliet.org

Looking for a place for your old palms?
There is a basket in the Church Narthex and in the entryway to the parish offices for your old palms.



## St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus 2019 **Scholarship Applications** now available!

The Knights are continuing their Knights of Columbus Scholarship program for college bound students of Winfield and St. John's Parish. The criteria for consideration for these scholarships are: be a resident of Winfield zip code 60190, have a family business in Winfield, have an affiliation with the KOC Council 8002 (member, son, daughter, grandchild, etc), or be a registered parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church, Winfield, IL.

Applications are available at your local high school, in our parish office vestibule, the Narthex of church and on the Winfield Knights website:

www.Winfieldknights.org. Kindly execute, and return by mailing to: Knights of Columbus, c/o St. John the Baptist, 0S233 Church St., Winfield, IL, 60190. Write the words "Scholarship Application" on the back of the envelope, and it must be postmarked no later than April 10, **2019**, and received by **April 17, 2019**.

Please note: the applicant will complete Parts 1 and II of the form. Use additional pages if necessary. Part III is to be completed by school officials, attached to in a sealed envelope or mailed to the Knights at St. John's.

## **Living Stations 2019**

All middle school and high school students are invited to participate in the Living Stations. Students will reenact the 14 Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.



#### Schedule:

Sunday, March 10, 5:30p-6:30p Sunday, March 17, 5:30p-6:30p Sunday, March 31, 5:00p-6:30p Sunday, April 7, 5:00p-6:30p Sunday, April 14, 5:00p-6:30p Wednesday, April 17, 5:00p-6:30p Good Friday, April 19, Practice and pizza at 5:30p Performance 7:30p

## Save the Date-2019

Religious Education Registration for 2019-2020

Wednesday, April 24, 4p-8p, or Wednesday, May 1, 4p-8p or Saturday, May 4, 9a-10a,

St. John's School Hall, Door 11 Ouestions, call Maureen Brennan at 630-682-4400, ext. 613 or maureenb@stjohnwinfield.org

## **RE NEWS-\$\$ Change for Change**

This past Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, all the children in our school and Religious Education Program, received a Ziploc freezer bag to collect their Lenten monies! As you may recall, in our Diocesan paper, Christ is Our Hope, there was an article about Catholic Charities. It shared the story of the numerous homeless children having to sleep on the floor, in sleeping bags, in the dining room in their Day Center in Joliet. Sleep on the floor-can you imagine that?

I challenged the kids to think of what it must feel like to have no bed, no soft mattress, no sheets or blankets to call their own. I challenged them to sleep on the floor in their dining rooms, in sleeping bags, for the nights during lent, and then they would know what it means to have nothing of their own. Then I challenged them to take this challenge seriously-to not spend their money on items they really do not need, but to save it for these children who have nothing. To hear the words of Jesus, saying to all of us, "Do unto others as you would have done for yourself"!

I challenged them to do extra chores and if paid, to put that money into the plastic bag. To possibly cut an activity out of their normal routine, save that money for these homeless children. In other words, give of themselves so others can live a wee bit better!

This challenge is not restricted to the children-it is for everyone! Maybe it is skip the Starbucks-give the 5 bucks to Catholic Charities. Maybe it is skip the pizza night, and have a "soup and bread" meal-give that money to Catholic Charities. Maybe it is stay home instead of going out to dinner, give that money to Catholic Charities. It can be "your sacrifice" - give it to Catholic Charities!



2019 St John the Baptist School Athletic Dept. Trivia Night

Saturday, April 27, 2019 7p, Sebahar Hall

\$25 per person/Maximum of 8 people per table

Drinks are available for purchase (Beer, Wine, Soda) B.Y.O.S (Bring your Own Snacks)

Cash or Checks Accepted; Checks can be made payable to St John the Baptist Parish

Please contact Chuck Zydek at: czydek@sibwinfield.org to reserve your space!

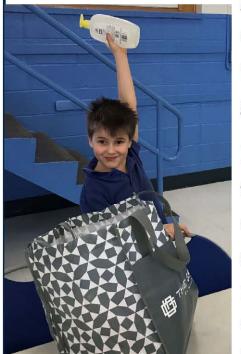


### NEWS FROM OUR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL-THIRD GRADE

Third grade has been learning about the local, state and federal governments. We have also learned about the branches of government and learned about immigration through Ellis Island.



Although



we will have a more thorough understanding of it next year, it did help us understand the fourth graders' beautiful Ellis Island presentations.

In combination with the parish, third grade participated in the recent baby shower, baby items drive. We brought in donated items and helped sort the items that were brought in from the parishioners. We had a wonderful time working with Mrs. Ward on this wonderful service project.

We are looking forward to spending this Lenten season in class learning to meditate on Jesus through prayer and song. We will spend time reflecting on prayer and scripture through journaling.

~Mrs. Seay, Third Grade Teacher



#### Sacrificial Giving

We are ever grateful for your loving generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here 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 \$23,539.

> January 20.....\$21,384.12 January 27......\$16,961.01 February 3......\$28,115.31 February 10.....\$28,807.25

#### **Helping Those in Need**

St. Vincent DePaul Society invites you again to remember the needy persons and families in our parish and in the greater Winfield community by using the monthly St. Vincent de Paul contribution envelope that appears in your regular envelope packet...or by making a contribution in the Poor Box in the narthex of the Church by the back window. Remember, any contributions you make by check are tax deductible.

Thank vou!

~ John Otto, President, St. Vincent de Paul Society

#### ADORATION REQUEST

We need parishioners who are able to commit to spending one hour each week in the chapel at St. John the Baptist. Especially needed are adorers to cover the night hours weekly from 10:00 P.M. Tuesday thru 7:00 A.M. on Wednesday morning. Most urgently needed is someone to cover 1:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M.

It is a wonderful way to experience the silence and peace of the Lord's presence as we keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament. As Jesus says to his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane in Mark 14:37, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour"? Please contact Arlene Reichert at:



#### **IRELAND**

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.





## **Monsignor Vincent Cloos Tuition Assistance Fund-**In Need of Donations



Our school is still in need of your help for the current 2018/19 school year. Would you please consider helping one family or more? Please donate to the St. John the Baptist Msgr. Cloos Scholarship Fund. If you'd like to learn more about the St. John the Baptist Msgr. Cloos Scholarship Fund for a needy family, please contact Father Matt, ext. 600. Thank you.



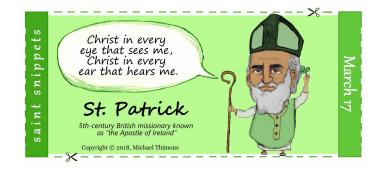
## The 2019 Catholic Ministries **Annual Appeal is Now Underway!**

Prayerfully consider your support of the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Pledge your gift to the CMAA!

Thank you to everyone who has pledged a gift to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your support will help provide Signs of Hope to so many through the 30 ministries our annual appeal benefits. Our parish's goal for the 2019 CMAA is \$105,100. Every gift — large and small — makes a difference! If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on your pledge to this year's CMAA and make your gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail, make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org, or text "Donate" to (815) 205-1949 to link to a donation form from your mobile phone.





### St. John the Baptist MOPS & MOMSNext Butter Braid Fundraiser!

Due on or before 3/18\*Pick-up 4/7 after 9:30a-Sebahar Hall

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| Apple | Cinnamon   | Cream Cheese | Raspberry | Caramel Roll | Strawberry& | Cream Cheese | 4 Cheese & Herb | Chocolate Chip       | Cranberry | Oatmeal Medley | Peanut Butter | Snickerdoodle | Triple Chocolate | White Chunk | Macadamia Nut | Total Items |
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MOPS order forms can be returned at the parish office or in the collection basket at Church (put in an envelope marked "MOPS Fundraiser.") Pickup on 4/7 will be in Sebahar Hall.

#### **ATTENTION ALL BOOK LOVERS**

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting,

Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm at the home of Carol Vigsnes. We will discuss the book, *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone.



Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP Carol @ vigsnes@comcast.net

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#### Activities This Week at St. John's

#### Saturday, March 16

8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use

9a-Religious Education Classes Today-School Hall, Church

11a-Baptisms-Chapel

11a-4p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-Check with your director-School Hall

12p-5p-Youth Ministry Room in Use

2p-Wedding-Chapel

At 5p Mass-3rd Graders

At All Masses-MOPS Fundraiser-Selling Butter Braids-Narthex

#### Sunday, March 17-Happy St. Patrick's Day!

At All Masses-MOPS Fundraiser-Selling Butter Braids-Narthex

Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel

After 7:30a, 9:30a Masses-Donut Sunday & New Parishioner Sign-Up-Sebahar Hall

9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-"Dads' Day"-Sebahar Hall

3:30p-6:30p-Girl Scouts Bingo Event-Sebahar Hall

5:30p-Living Stations Practice-Church

#### Monday, March 18

3p-5p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall

4:15-5:30p-Cursillo Fourth Day Group using Youth Ministry Room

6p-7p-1st & 3rd Group-Sebahar Hall

6p-Boy Scout Troop Meeting-School Hall

7p-Cub Scouts-Lions & Tigers Den Meeting-Sodonna Hall

Tuesday, March 19-7:30a-24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration Begins-Chapel

6p-8p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall

6:30p-Boy Scouts Patrol Leaders Conference Meeting-Sebahar Hall

7p-Cub Scouts Den #1 Meeting-Sodonna Hall

7p-Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room

Wednesday, March 20-6:45a-Eucharistic Adoration Ends-Chapel 9:30a-Cantor Practice-Church

11:30a-Young at Hearts Monthly Luncheon-Sebahar Hall

4p, 5:45p, 6:30p-Religious Education Classes today-Whole Campus 8p-Adult Choir Practice-Church

#### Thursday, March 21

5:15p-Legion of Mary-English-Trinity Boardroom

5:30p-Legion of Mary-Spanish-Youth Ministry Room

6p-8p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall

7p-Handbell Choir Practice-Church

7p-Alcoholics Anonymous-Sodonna Hall

#### Friday, March 22

9:30a-Friday Morning Bible Study-Sebahar Hall

5p-7p-Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

#### Saturday, March 23

8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use

9a-Religious Education Classes Today-School Hall, Church

Sunday, March 24-Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel

8:30a-Parish Office Dining Room in Use

9a-Baptism Preparation Class-Spanish-Sodonna Hall

9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall

5:30p-Living Stations Practice-Church

7p-8p-Lenten Mission-Church



#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

#### **Baptisms**

Baptisms usually held at two Masses each month, and two Saturdays. 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. Spiritual Preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. 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. 600, and 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 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. The group meets the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated in the bulletin weekly meeting schedule) from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Office Dining Room. You do not need to bring anything to the meeting. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

#### **Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting**

At St. John's every Thursday evening, Sodonna Hall (basement of the parish offices), 7p.- 8p. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0



#### **MASS INFORMATION**

**Pulpit Announcements-**Submissions are due by 9 a.m. on Tues. prior to the Sunday you would like the announcement made. Please include a contact name and phone number. The parish office has final approval on all bulletin articles and pulpit announcements. Email to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.



**Music Schedule for the Month of March:** At the 5p-Contemporary Ensemble; 7:30a-Classic Ensemble, 9:30a-Adult Choir; 11:30a-Organ, Cantor; Handbells do not play at Mass during Lent. Next Handbell Mass will be for Easter Sunday. **Mass Intentions** 

Visit the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. Donation is \$10. The 5p & 1:30p Masses are free-will donation.

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 A.M.- 4 P.M.

**Lost and Found-**Please check the Lost and Found box in the entry way to the vestibule of the parish office. **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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#### 2019 Catholic Sports Camps Schedule - Illinois

- Soccer: June 10-12, 2019 at IC Catholic Prep
- Hockey: June 24-26, 2019 at Nelson Ice Arena
- Football: July 1-3, 2019 at Benedictine University
- Hockey: July 15-17, 2019 at Darien Sportsplex
- Basketball: July 22-24, 2019 at Guerin College Prep High School
- Baseball: July 29-31, 2019 at Benet Academy
- Wrestling: July 29-31, 2019 at Joliet Junior College\*
- Volleyball: August 5-7, 2019 at Montini Catholic High School

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Questions contact Lisa Shannon, Program Coordinator Totus

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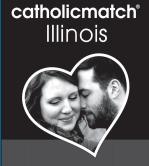
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