

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,
it remains just a grain of wheat;
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.*

John 12:24

Please pray for our sick

Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balseqiz
Ada Bantola
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Floyd Bosch
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Al Cieslik
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Carol Connors
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Kathe Doremus
Nick DuBay
Ralph Eckhoff
Concepcion Edaño
Joann Eggebrecht
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patrocinia Fernandez
Marie Flores
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel

Monica Garcia
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas
Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Daniel Guzman
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Edy Jacobs
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Shawn Jurgensen
Charles Kadolph
David C. Kadolph
Lynn Kadolph
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Joe Konopka
Gerry Krug
Margaret Kuhn
Korrin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
Rose Marie Lambert

Ken Larson
Rick LeBreux
Nancy Liden
Haley Lipnisky
Marilyn Loechl
Sam Mahre
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Patricia Meschler
Bessy Miller
Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Rosa Mostek
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Lauren Mungo
Tim Murnane
John Naill
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Andy Nowak

Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Bill Parker
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Jeanne Ptak
Tim Ptak
Theresa Ratterman
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Monica Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothweil
Marvin Rothweil
Susan Rothweil
Bob Salat
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon

Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Diane Srachta
Cynde Barone Stavros
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Lucy Swed
Mary Tarchala
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Dolores Vasquez
Genevieve Welch
Kylie Wells-Long
Paula Winterhalter
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/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

Director of Operations:

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

Facilities Manager:

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

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Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

Youth Ministry:

Coordinator: Ruben Chavez.....Ext. 615

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

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

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

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

Website:

www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

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

Brian Geary

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

Sunday Masses:
Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Misa En Español:

Domingo 1:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 am; Sat. 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confesión):

Sat. 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm (Except
Holy Sat., 4/3)

Reconciliation also on Tuesday,
March 23 & 30, 12 pm-1 pm; Thurs-
day, 3/25 during Adoration, 6pm-8pm

Adoration:

Thursday Evenings, 6:00 pm -9:00 pm

**Public Sunday Masses are contin-
uing, as well as public daily Mass
at 7am & Saturday at 8:30am. We
will have a limited amount of
available seats for Mass because
of the policy of keeping house-
holds 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 Sat-
urday morning. The bishop's dis-
pensation from the Sunday obliga-
tion is still in effect. Masses & devo-
tions will continue to be online on
YouTube which can be accessed
through our website,
www.stjohnwinfield.org, scroll
down to Social Media.**



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

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

THE PRIESTS' PAGE/LA PÁGINA DE LOS PADRES

Over the last few months, I have been watching "The Chosen" series with a friend of mine. "The Chosen" is a multi-season TV series about Jesus and His disciples that first debuted in 2019. Now, I don't want to shock you, but in my free time, I do not usually watch movies or TV shows about the Jesus or the saints. It's not that I am uninterested in the subject matter. But I usually find them poorly done, a bit cheesy, or kind of boring. But I have loved watching the first season of "The Chosen," and want to highly recommend it to all of you. The first episode can be confusing, but once you get into the series, it is wonderful. I have really enjoyed the series because it provides a more lively and human representation of the Gospels. I think a lot of times, when we hear accounts from the Gospels, we can miss just how incredible and life-changing His miracles are. Or we think that each encounter stands on its own, with a different group of witnesses each time. But what I love about "The Chosen" is that it shows how the community of believers slowly assembles around Jesus, and while they can't specifically name it, they begin to see that there is something different and deeply attractive about Jesus. Now of course, there are details not included in the Bible that the director has to fill in along the way. And the personalities of the disciples might not perfectly reflect how these men and women actually lived. But overall, it is very well produced and adds nothing that I thought was unreasonable. It is also a fun test of your biblical literacy as they weave together some of the earliest moments of Jesus' ministry. If you are interested in viewing "The Chosen," check it out on YouTube, The Chosen App, or you can buy the DVDs on <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/market>. And Season 2 will be released on Easter! The whole production is crowdfunded, so any donation to support the series and the production of future seasons helps the cause.

In Christ,
Fr Jim

Durante los últimos meses, he mirado la serie "The Chosen" con un amigo. "The Chosen" es una serie de televisión de ocho temporadas sobre Jesús y sus discípulos que debutó por primera vez en 2019. Ahora, no quiero sorprenderte, pero en mi tiempo libre, normalmente no veo películas o programas de televisión sobre el Jesús o los santos. No es que no me interese el tema. Pero generalmente las encuentro mal hechas, un poco cursis o un poco aburridas. Pero me encantó ver la primera temporada de "The Chosen" y quiero recomendarla a todos ustedes. El primer episodio puede ser confuso, pero cuando entras en la serie, es maravilloso. Realmente disfruté de la serie porque proporciona una representación más viva y humana de los Evangelios. Creo que muchas veces, cuando escuchamos a los Evangelios, podemos perdernos de cuán increíbles y transformadores son los milagros de Jesús. O pensamos que cada encuentro pasó con un grupo diferente de testigos cada vez. Pero lo que me encanta de "The Chosen" es que muestra cómo la comunidad de creyentes se reúne lentamente alrededor de Jesús, y aunque no pueden nombrarlo específicamente, comienzan a ver que hay algo diferente y profundamente atractivo en Jesús. Ahora, por supuesto, hay detalles que no están incluidos en la Biblia que el director tiene que completar a lo largo del camino. Y las personalidades de los discípulos podrían ser diferentes de cómo vivían realmente estos hombres y mujeres. Pero en general, está muy bien producido y no agrega nada que me pareciera irrazonable. También es una prueba divertida de su conocimiento bíblica, ya que entrelazan algunos de los primeros momentos del ministerio de Jesús. Si está interesado en ver "The Chosen", compruébelo en YouTube, la aplicación The Chosen, o puede comprar los DVD en <https://studios.vidangel.com/the-chosen/market>. ¡Y la temporada 2 será disponible en la Pascua! Toda la producción está financiada por donaciones. Por eso, si quiere hacer una donación para apoyar la serie, ayudaría la producción de temporadas futuras.

En Cristo,
Padre Jim

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 21, 2021**

I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
— *Jeremiah 31:33*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



*(The 7:50 am Masses are offered privately for the intentions that have been promised; there are no public 7:50 am Masses. * Until further notice no new 7:50 am Mass Intentions will be taken. If a 7:50 am Mass Intention has been previously scheduled, it will be included below and offered privately by our priests.)*

Saturday, March 20

8:30 a.m. † Shirley Stachniak (*The Stachniak Family*)

Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Shirley Stachniak (*The Stachniak Family*)

† Amelia Alcazar (*Larry & Cecily Langellier*)

† Abe Rundell (*Monica Rundell*)

† John Hornyak (*Council of Catholic Women-CCW*)

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Bill Rose (*The Rose Family*)

9:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

11:30 a.m. ♥ † People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † Alecxis Martinez (*Yolanda & Roberto Martinez*)

Monday, March 22

7:00 a.m. ♥ Augustine Garro, Health & Intentions

Tuesday, March 23

7:00 a.m. † James Marecek, Anniv. of Death (*The Lambert Family*)

Wednesday, March 24

7:00 a.m. † Gaetano Garro

Thursday, March 25

7:00 a.m. ♥ Kelley Gripp, Health & Intentions

Friday, March 26

7:00 a.m. † The Souls in Purgatory

*7:50 a.m. (*offered privately*) † Diana Schillo (*Therese Martineau*)

Saturday, March 27

8:30 a.m. † Shirley Stachniak (*The Stachniak Family*)

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday

5:00 p.m. † Shirley Stachniak (*Stachniak Grandkids*)

† Richard Vikander (*Joe & Theresa Lafontaine*)

† A.J. Winterhalter (*Larry & Cecily Langellier*)

† Abe Rundell (*Monica Rundell*)

† Amelia Alcazar (*Fred & Joan Pacer*)

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. ♥ † People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Richard Hanlock (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)

11:30 a.m. † Robert Srachta (*Diane Srachta*)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † Jim Gergits

† Marilyn Nichols

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Amelia Alcazar

Church † Giuliana Capigatti



*If you would like to request a sanctuary lamp to burn in memory of/in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office. The cost is five dollars per week.

SIGNING UP FOR MASSES-UPDATE

Parishioners do not have to sign up in advance for daily Mass, including Saturday morning 8:30a Mass. **Sign-up is still required for Sunday Mass, including Saturday at 5p.** To register for Sunday Mass, including the vigil Mass on Saturday at 5p, go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, or phone the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. **The capacity at Masses is 130 parishioners.**

ST. JOHN'S MASSES-LIVE STREAMED

St. John's has set up a YouTube channel where Masses and devotions are posted. Currently, two weekend Masses will be live streamed, the 9:30a and the 1:30p in Spanish. You can watch them live or you can go on YouTube anytime and watch the saved Masses.

There are two ways to find the Live Streamed Masses:

1. Go to www.stjohnwinfield.org,

scroll down to Social Media, and click on YouTube; or,

2. Go to YouTube; Search for St. John the Baptist Winfield; Click on our St. John's Church logo.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance & Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church.* Please wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the church on the most outer aisle, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, maintaining a six-foot distance. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, & asked to socially distance while waiting. No confessions on Holy Saturday.

*Please see page 6 for more confession times during Lent.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, March 20, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, March 27, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris/Fr Jim

53rd Sunday

It is not too late to give to our 53rd Sunday collection! You may be asking, what is a 53rd Sunday collection? A 53rd Sunday collection is asking you to consider doubling your weekly gift for one week as if there was an additional 53rd Sunday in the calendar year. We are asking our St. John the Baptist parish family to consider making a donation towards this collection to help offset unexpected expenses we've experienced during the fiscal year, especially due to COVID-19. Thank you to everyone who has already participated! 53rd Sunday donations can be placed in the regular Sunday offertory basket, or brought to the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, please go to the SJB Parish website, www.stjohnwinfield.org. Next, click on the image that says "Give online with We Share" found on the homepage. After clicking the image you will find a "53rd Sunday" link you can click and give your gift online.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John the Baptist!



Domingo 53

¡No es muy tarde para dar a nuestra colección del domingo 53! Usted puede estar preguntando, ¿qué es una colección del domingo 53? Una colección del domingo 53 le pide que considere duplicar su regalo semanal durante una semana como si hubiera un domingo 53 adicional en el año calendario. Estamos pidiendo a nuestra familia parroquial de San Juan Bautista que considere hacer una donación para esta colección para ayudar a compensar los gastos inesperados que hemos experimentado durante el año fiscal, especialmente debido al COVID-19. Gracias a todos los que ya han participado! Las donaciones del domingo 53 se pueden colocar en la cesta habitual de la ofrenda dominical, o pueden llevar lo a la oficina parroquial. Si prefiere donar en línea, visite el sitio web de San Juan Bautista, www.stjohnwinfield.org. A continuación, haga clic en la imagen que dice "Dar en línea con WeShare" que se encuentra en la página de inicio. Después de hacer clic en la imagen encontrará un enlace "53rd Sunday" puede hacer clic y dar su regalo en línea.

¡Gracias por su continuo apoyo a San Juan Bautista!

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalms — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 *or* Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

From the Chancellor, Diocese of Joliet

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 60th 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.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Stations of the Cross

- Fridays (including Good Friday), 7:00 p.m.-Church-English
- En Español, Viernes 25 de marzo, 7:00 p.m.-Capilla (no el Viernes santo)

Our Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

During Lent, our Reconciliation schedule is:

- Tuesday, March 23rd & 30th, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. (English only)
- Thursday, March 25th, during Adoration, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (English & Spanish)
- Saturdays, 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (English & Spanish) (no Confessions heard on Holy Saturday)

Please wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the Church on the most outer aisles, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, maintaining a six-foot distance. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, & asked to socially distance while waiting.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule, including the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday

No Tenebrae service during the week

Holy Thursday

No Morning Mass; 8am Morning Prayer
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration after Mass until Midnight
Night Prayer at 11:50pm
No Thursday Lent confessions from 6-8pm

Good Friday

No Morning Mass; 8am Morning Prayer
3pm Passion in English
5pm Passion in Spanish
7pm Stations of the Cross (not living stations, just regular stations, English)

Holy Saturday

No Morning Mass; 8am Morning Prayer
12pm Easter Basket Blessing
No Easter Egg hunt due to Covid
No Saturday 3:30-4:30pm confessions
8pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

7:30am
9:30am-Church
9:30am-Chapel
11:30am-Church
11:30am-Chapel
1:30pm (Spanish)

All Masses and Liturgies to take place in the Church with the exception of the second 9:30am, 11:30am Easter Sunday Masses which will be in the Chapel

Sign-up for Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 3pm & 5pm Passion on Good Friday, 8pm Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Masses will be available on our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, on **Monday, March 22, 2021.**

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 6pm-9pm in the Chapel. There is no online sign-up required at this time. Fr Jim will hear confessions during Adoration, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., in English and Spanish on March 25.



The Triduum

The Triduum is a three-day special period that commemorates the final three days of Christ's life. It begins in the evening of Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues with the celebration of the Passion of our Lord on Holy Friday, culminates with the Mass of the Easter Vigil after sundown on Holy Saturday, and ends the evening of Easter Sunday.

The days of the Triduum are central to our faith because they lead us into the heart of our identity as Catholics. Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection are the foundation of our Christian life. The Triduum is more than just an historical reenactment. It is important to keep our minds and hearts focused on our own dying and rising in Jesus Christ. We are challenged, with the catechumens, as they are baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, to re-enter Christ's paschal mystery every year, renew our baptismal promises, and to die to ourselves so that we may experience new life in Christ. Our sharing in the paschal mystery characterizes what it means to be a Christian and a life-giving member of the Catholic community.

We hope you are able to attend at least part of this beautiful liturgy.

~Worship Commission

Explanation of Holy Oils

Every year on Monday during Holy Week, there is a Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Joliet and in dioceses all over the world. The oils we use in our faith community are consecrated by the Bishop during this Chrism Mass and are placed in the ambry before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.



These oils are:

The Oil of the Sick, which is used to anoint the sick.

The Oil of Catechumens, which is used to anoint those preparing for Baptism.

The Chrism Oil, which is used to anoint infants in baptism, those being confirmed, priests and bishops during their ordination and also altars and churches at the time of their dedication.

Palm Sunday

Due to the pandemic, there will not be a procession on Palm Sunday. Palms will be blessed in the narthex at the beginning of Mass, but not distributed to the congregation until after Mass as they are leaving.

~Worship Commission



Our Art & Environment Committee needs your help!



**Please join us on
Saturday, April 3rd at
8:30am**

as we join together to decorate the Church & Chapel for Easter. We will meet in Sebahar Hall. Lots of hands are needed to help! Bring the family! We will social distance, and please wear a mask.



Please pray for

Elaine T. Duggan

who passed away on March 10, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to her son and daughter-in-law, Tom & Laura Duggan, & to all of her family & friends.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



***Welcome to Our Newly
Baptized!***

March 13, 2021

Lucas Eli Silva

*Child of
Mallory & Alex Silva*



Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

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

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

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

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

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

QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with our business manager, Mike Vallaro
630-668-0918, ext. 616.

Please remember St. John's by dropping off or mailing envelopes or by giving electronically through WeShare, which can be accessed on our website.

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

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

February 7.....\$24,571
February 14.....\$17,927
February 21.....\$21,890
February 28.....\$21,716

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Helping Those in Need

During these tough economic times, 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 you!

John Otto, President
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Helping Those in Need



St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference
of St. John Baptist Catholic Church
05233 Church Street Winfield, Illinois

Second Collection-Good Friday- For the Holy Land

There is a second collection for the Pontifical Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. For your convenience, there is an envelope in your contribution packet, or you can donate through our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, under Online Giving.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-SERVICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Please find below two different service projects our Religious Education Program invites St. John's Parishioners' participation, if you are able: ~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education, ext. 612

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans-Help a Veteran

The Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans is a non-profit agency that provides housing, supportive services and community outreach to help homeless and at-risk veterans and their families achieve self-sufficiency.*



The Shelter sent a wish list of some basic products veterans need when they visit the Freedom Commissary at the Shelter to our Director of Religious Education, Maureen Brennan; some of the wish list items are listed below. The Veteran Fulfillment Manager, John Dixon, emailed to Maureen, "We are completely out of paper towels and almost out of toilet tissue."

If you are able to donate any of the items on the list below, **please drop the items off at the parish office vestibule, and Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education, will take the items to the shelter.**

- **Personal Care Items**-Paper Towels, Toilet Tissue, Hand & Body Lotion
- **Cleaning Supplies**-All Purpose Cleaner, e.g., Mr. Clean, Fabuloso (standard size, please), Bathroom cleaning Spray, e.g., Clorox, Scrubbing Bubbles, Liquid Laundry Soap (standard size, please), Liquid Laundry Soap (standard size, please), Dryer sheets, Ziploc Bags (gallon, quart)

Due to COVID-19, the Shelter is no longer accepting used clothing or other used items. **They do accept winter items, underwear and socks in the original manufacturer packaging. All clothing must be new.**

Other items are listed on their Wish List on Amazon.com: <https://a.co/b3ifTXn>

**Founded in 2007, by Vietnam War veteran Bob Adams and SJB Parishioner and Gulf War veteran Dirk Enger, MSHV operates on a vision of no veteran left behind due to homelessness, joblessness, poverty and/or mental health issues.*

Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans

The donations keep rolling in! Thanks so much EVERYONE who has donated toilet paper, paper towels, boxes of Kleenex, hand and body lotion, laundry detergent and any cleaning supplies. As one might imagine, COVID has really taken a toll on their donations. But since we have a soft spot for our Vets, once again St. John the Baptist comes through to help those in need! The photo is of the Zagotta Family; they were wonderful to help me pack my SUV with all the above donations! Thanks so much everyone!

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

February, 2021

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to 2021! My name is Alex McCall and I am asking for your help and participation with a service project again this year. Last year we collected toys for the Ronald McDonald House and Central DuPage Hospital. This year, the project is to fill and pass out "Keep Warm" bags to the homeless and less fortunate in our community. Each bag includes a hat, gloves, socks, hand & feet warmers, mask, sanitizer, and snacks.

I have had a great response from family and friends and have been able to distribute 193 "Keep Warm" bags to these organizations: Midwest Veterans Shelter-Wheaton; Veterans Shelter-Elmwood Park; DuPage County Sheriffs; West Chicago Police Department; Milton Township Office; PADS (still need more)

There is still a huge need for more bags. Let's work together to help keep as many men, women, and children warm this winter.

Please bring any of these new items to the parish office vestibule or the Religious Education office:

Socks, gloves, and hats for men, women, children; Individual toothbrushes; Hand & feet warmers; Money to purchase these items.

You were extremely generous and helpful last year, so let's do it again this year. Our goal is to fill 300 of these "Keep Warm" bags. Together, we can help keep a lot of children and adults warm.

Thank you again for your help and prayers.

God bless you,
Alex



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the diocesan bishops of Illinois, write today out of great concern. Bills have been introduced before the Illinois General Assembly to repeal Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion Act. They are **House Bill 1797** and **Senate Bill 2190**. The enactment of this legislation would lead to tragic and irreversible outcomes.

The Parental Notice of Abortion Act simply requires that when a minor girl seeks to have an abortion, a parent or guardian is notified 48 hours before the procedure. The obvious hope of the law is that parents, by their deep love and moral obligation, will act to protect, support and guide their children. In every other facet of life, we are taught – and we teach – that parental involvement is key to the child's best interest. Repealing the Act is nothing less than an invasion into the sacred space of family life by the state, with no provision to support the minor emotionally, humanely or materially at a critical moment in her life.

It is unfortunately true that not all young people come from loving homes. In these cases, when the threat of abuse or neglect outweighs the rights of parents, the current law allows a young girl the opportunity to declare in writing that there is abuse, or she can seek an emergency hearing before a judge to explain her situation. We acknowledge that this can be emotionally difficult; however, such difficulty must be weighed against the harm done when our laws effectively undermine family life by separating children from the care of parents who love them the most. The state should do everything to support families, not destabilize them.

The existing Parental Notice of Abortion Act provides important safeguards against the evils of sexual abuse and human trafficking. If a minor girl can be taken by any adult man to an abortion clinic, in the hopes of erasing the evidence of his abuse, what protection exists outside of the girl's parent or guardian being informed? Why would we want to create such a dangerous environment?

Simply put, the Parental Notice of Abortion Act works. According to statistics gathered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, since the law's final enactment by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2013, abortions performed on minors in Illinois have decreased over 30 percent. The lives saved by this law are real and present among us.

These are the reasons every state in the Midwest and 37 states overall have laws requiring some form of parental involvement in the decision of a minor to have an abortion. Illinois has been among those states for 8 years and no obvious problems or detriments have been publicly exposed. The repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion is a tragic solution in search of a problem.

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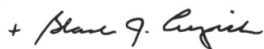
So what can you do? As Catholics of good will, we call on you to engage your elected officials – state representatives, state senators and the Governor – and urge them to oppose **House Bill 1797** and **Senate Bill 2190**.

Possible methods of contact include phone calls, letters, emails, and Zoom meetings between legislators and you, their concerned constituents. For all of these efforts, you will need to be able to identify your legislators and secure the appropriate contact information. Here is how:

Visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois' website – www.ilcatholic.org – scroll nearly to the bottom of the homepage, click on "Find Your Legislator" and input the asked-for information. Doing this will identify one's state elected officials, and simply clicking on their names will provide the contact information.

In our concern for all human life, and particularly for the struggles of young girls in these difficult circumstances and their unborn children, we ask you to participate in this effort. Together we are strong, and we can make a difference. Thank you.

Sincerely,



His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



Most Reverend David J. Malloy
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Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
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Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life) written by Pope St. John Paul II 26 years ago this week, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value of every human life. A few quotes from the document follow:



On Life and the Role of Science

"Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life." (Evangelium Vitae)

The Church and the Defense of Life

"Every individual, precisely by reason of the mystery of the Word of God Who was made flesh (cf. [Jn 1:14](#)), is entrusted to the maternal care of the Church. Therefore every threat to human dignity and life must necessarily be felt in the Church's very heart; it cannot but affect her at the core of her faith in the Redemptive Incarnation of the Son of God, and engage her in her mission of proclaiming the Gospel of life in all the world and to every creature (cf. [Mk 16:15](#))." (Evangelium Vitae)

"Not only is the fact of the destruction of so many human lives still to be born or in their final stage extremely grave and disturbing, but no less grave and disturbing is the fact that conscience itself, darkened as it were by such widespread conditioning, is finding it increasingly difficult to distinguish between good and evil in what concerns the basic value of human life." (Evangelium Vitae)

It's been 26 years since the Pope wrote those words, but things seem to have gone from bad to worse. While abortion has been legal since 1973, the life-saving Hyde Amendment has kept federal funds from being used to pay for abortions, for the past 45 years. That changed this month when Congress approved the American Rescue Plan Act (Covid Relief Bill), which among other things, includes funding for testing, vaccines, health care equipment, stimulus checks **AND TAXPAYER FUNDED ABORTIONS**. The US Catholic Bishops pleaded for pro-life protections to be included in the bill, but it was passed anyway.

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

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. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Please note: **Grief Support will meet on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. in Sebahar Hall.** Please register beforehand; call the parish office for information at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration is on Thursday evenings from 6p-9p. You do not need to pre-register. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome. Confessions will be heard from 6p-8p during Lent, in both English and Spanish.



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



Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting at St. John's due to COVID-19.

MASS INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: Please call or email the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. Donation is \$10; 5p & 1:30p Masses-free-will donation. 630-668-0918, ext 0 or jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. We can mail the Mass card for you.

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

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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Applications are available at your local high school, in our parish office vestibule, **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 14, 2021**, and received by **April 21, 2021**.

Please note: the applicant will complete Parts I 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.

NEXT ROSARY GET-TOGETHER FOR MEN OF ST. JOHN- Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m., Mary Garden/KC Fire Pit

Gentlemen: Continuing with our every-other-week schedule, we will again be praying the Rosary at the Mary Garden/KC Fire-Pit, with the same intentions in our hearts and minds: for the well-being of our Families, our Church, our Nation, and Ourselves. Afterwards, we will gather for fellowship and good conversation, enriched by snacks and liquid refreshments. Hope you can join us on:

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