

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



Third Sunday of **LENT**

March 24, 2019

“Sir, leave the fig tree for another year;
perhaps it will bear fruit.”

Luke 13:8-9

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish **2019 LENTEN MISSION**

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday

March 24, 25 & 26th 7-8 PM

TALKING TO GOD



How did Jesus show us to pray?
How do we discern?
What is Contemplative prayer?
How is our life a prayer?
Do we spend time listening?



With Fr. David Peck,
Pastor of St. John Neumann Church, St. Charles, Illinois.
Spiritual Director and instructor for the Diocesan
Theological Institute and the Diaconate and Ministry
Formation Programs in the Rockford Diocese.

Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Ada Bantola
James Bestler
Nancy Bockelmann
Bill Brach
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Debra DePauw
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
Jim Hale
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Edy Jacobs
Lottie Jakubiec
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Lynn Kadohph
Mary Kallas
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Joe Konopka
Sharleen Kosusnik
Margaret Krisch
Gerry Krug
Teri Kubacki
Korrin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb

Rick LeBreux
Dolores Lewandowski
Nancy Liden
Haley Lipnisky
Marilyn Loechl
Sam Mahre
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Michaela Maracheschi
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Golden McGee
Bessy Miller
Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
John Naill
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North

Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin)
Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
Joan Pacer
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Tracy Pesavento
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Terry Propst
Ian Prosser
Tim Ptak
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Marvin Rothweil
Susan Rothweil
Helen Russ
Bob Salat
John "Bud" Schramer

Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dolores Snyder
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Mary Tarchala
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Sheila Tomaszewski
Maria Vargas
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Catherine Vogel
Genevieve Welch
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. Matt Pratscher/Padre Mateo

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Keith Wolfe/Padre Keith

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

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

Secretaria Hispana:Ext 601

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

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

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Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

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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

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
Sgt 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
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A.
Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
1st Lt. Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
PFC Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
SSG Curtis Sigourney, US Army
Major Jim Smolucha
Captain Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are approaching our Passover: Easter. On the first Feast of Passover, the Hebrew people were enslaved by the pharaoh in Egypt. As Moses pleaded with the pharaoh on behalf of his people to let them go, the angel of death passed over the houses of the Hebrew people who had sprinkled the blood of a lamb on their doorposts. This event led them to be freed from slavery to the pharaoh and, guided by God, begin their forty year journey to the Promised Land. Jesus' betrayal and death occurred on the Passover in order to fulfill it. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, our lamb, whose blood was poured forth upon the wood of the cross. By Jesus' death and resurrection, death has passed over us and we have been set free from slavery to sin so as to journey to the Promised Land of Heaven. Just as the Passover is the most sacred feast that reminds the Jewish people of their identity, so, too, Easter reminds us of who we are and where we are going. We have been given a great gift, a gift more precious than anything the world can ever give. The Creator Himself, God, has given Himself to us so that we can have eternal life. I can't earn eternal life by my own merits and actions. I am only human, but God has chosen to unite humanity to Himself, and, in a perfect act of love and mercy, has conquered sin and destroyed death so that we might have life and have it in abundance in the Promised Land of Heaven.

Today, tomorrow, and Tuesday, we have the opportunity to grow deeper in our prayer lives and in friendship with God. Fr. David Peck will be presenting our parish mission, and the topic is "Talking to God". I encourage you to attend.

I also would like to bring to your attention that Wednesday, April 3rd, is Life Advocacy Day. There will be buses leaving for Springfield from Corpus Christi Church in Carol Stream to advocate for the innate dignity of human life and against two particular bills that would repeal bans on partial birth abortion, conscience protection, certain clinical regulations, and parental notification. You can register to participate at dioceseofjoliet.org/life. Do not hesitate to contact our representatives, and please continue to pray for our lawmakers, and let us pray for and accompany those who find themselves in crisis pregnancies.

Know of my daily prayers for all of you, and let us continue to pray for one another.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Nos acercamos a nuestra Pascua. En la primera fiesta de la Pascua, los hebreos fueron esclavizados por el faraón en Egipto. Cuando Moisés le pidió al faraón en nombre de su pueblo que los dejara ir, el ángel de la muerte pasó por encima de las casas de los hebreos que habían salpicado la sangre de un cordero en los postes de sus puertas. Este evento los llevó a ser liberados de la esclavitud al faraón y, guiados por Dios, comenzar su viaje de cuarenta años a la Tierra Prometida. La traición y la muerte de Jesús ocurrieron en la Pascua para cumplirla. Jesucristo es el Cordero de Dios, nuestro cordero, cuya sangre fue derramada sobre la madera de la cruz. Por la muerte y resurrección de Jesús, hemos sido liberados de la esclavitud al pecado y la muerte para viajar a la Tierra Prometida del Cielo. Así como la Pascua es la fiesta más sagrada que recuerda a los judíos su identidad, también la Pascua nos recuerda quiénes somos y hacia dónde nos dirigimos. Se nos ha dado un gran regalo, un regalo más precioso que cualquier cosa que el mundo pueda dar. El Creador mismo, Dios, se ha entregado a nosotros para que podamos tener vida eterna. No puedo ganar la vida eterna por mis propios méritos y acciones. Soy solo humano, pero Dios ha decidido unir a la humanidad con Él mismo y, en un acción perfecta de amor y misericordia, ha vencido el pecado y destruido la muerte para que podamos tener vida y la tengamos en abundancia en la Tierra Prometida del Cielo.

También me gustaría llamar su atención sobre que el miércoles 3 de abril es el Día de la Defensa de la Vida. Habrá autobuses que saldrán hacia Springfield desde la Iglesia Corpus Christi en Carol Stream para abogar por la dignidad innata de la vida humana y contra dos proyectos de ley en particular que anularían la prohibición del aborto por nacimiento parcial, la protección de conciencia, ciertas regulaciones clínicas y la notificación a los padres. Pueden registrarse para participar en dioceseofjoliet.org/life. No duden en ponerse en contacto con nuestros representantes y sigamos rogando por nuestros legisladores.

Conozca mis oraciones diarias por ustedes y sigamos orando los unos por los otros.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo

Mass Intentions for the Week



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*)

Monday, March 25

7:00 a.m. † Steve Wroblewski (*John Toboja*)

7:50 a.m. ♥ Living, Brother Knight, William Doerfler, for Good Health (*Pat & Jim Marino*)

Tuesday, March 26

7:00 a.m. † Lupe Muñoz

7:50 a.m. † Manuel Garza, Jr.

Wednesday, March 27

7:00 a.m. † Leo Slovacek

7:50 a.m. † The Unborn & Their Parents

Thursday, March 28

7:00 a.m. † Dolores Pratscher

7:50 a.m. † Diana Schillo (*Walt & Therese Martineau*)

Friday, March 29

7:00 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

7:50 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

Saturday, March 30

8:30 a.m. ♥ All Who are Dealing with Mental Health Issues

Vigil for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

† Leo Slovacek (*Jack Aylward*)

† Wally Roskuszka (*Maryann Duszka*)

† Mary & Stan Flis (*Cathy Johnston*)

† Thomas O'Neill (*Mike & Diane Wheeler*)

Sunday, March 31, The Fourth Sunday in Lent

7:30 a.m. † Abe Rundell (*Cecily & Larry Langellier*)

9:30 a.m. † Fritz Karwoski (*Alice & Skip Higgins*)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † La intención del sacerdote

Mass Celebrants for:

Saturday, March 30:

5:00 pm-Fr Matt

Sunday, March 31:

7:30 am-Fr Matt; 9:30 am-Fr Matt;

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

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

Giuliana R. Capigatti

who passed away on March 14, 2019.

Our sympathies are extended to her husband, Andrew, and to all of her family & friends.



Please pray for

Valerie Ann Schulze

who passed away on March 12, 2019.

Our sympathies are extended to all of her family & friends.



Please pray for

John Voce

who passed away on March 14, 2019.

Our sympathies are extended to all of his family & friends.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

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



Who: Knights of Columbus
What: Lent Fish Fry Dinner
When: Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, April 5 & 12
Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
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 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.



Prayer
Fasting
Almsgiving

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Lent & Holy Week Schedule 2019

Vespers

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

Stations of the Cross-Fridays

March 22, 29, April 5, 12
 after 7:50a Mass & 7p, 7:30p-Español

Children's Stations of the Cross

2p Fridays, March 22, April 5, 12

Parish Lenten Mission-This Week

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

Cursillo Corner

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

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

Attend A Lenten Parish Mission

Talking to God-St. John the Baptist

March 24, 25, & 26 7-8 pm

See Bulletin cover for further details.

Deacon Keith Strohm

Our Lady of Mercy, 701 S. Eola Rd., Aurora

Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27, 9-10:30am AND 7-8:30pm.

Popular Catholic speaker Deacon Keith Strohm presents the Parish Mission: The Father's Delight – God is Love; Breaking the Power of Sin; Unleashing the Spirit.

Fr. Richard Simon

Holy Cross Catholic Church 2300 Main St., Batavia

Tues & Wed, April 9-10, 2019 • 6:30pm

Host of Father Simon Says on Relevant Radio

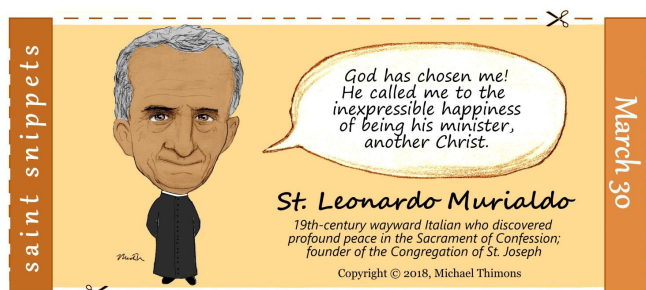
Cursillo Spring Weekend Schedule

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

Join Bishop Conlon on April 3rd for Life Advocacy Day

to meet with legislators in Springfield to encourage them to Vote "No" towards the horrific [anti-life legislation](https://dioceseofjoliet-ohd.formstack.com/forms/life_advocacy_day_2019). You can register at https://dioceseofjoliet-ohd.formstack.com/forms/life_advocacy_day_2019 There is bus transportation from two locations.

ILLINOIS BISHOPS WARN AGAINST EXTREME ABORTION LEGISLATION IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, misnamed the Reproductive Health Act, include so many harmful provisions the full effect of these bills can hardly be imagined. We know the legislation:

- seeks to define abortion as health care and a fundamental right;
- removes abortion clinics from a regulatory framework designed for significant medical procedures;
- attacks a carefully constructed agreement in law on how hospitals care for the victims of sexual assault;
- repeals the ban on partial birth abortion;
- repeals legal protections for doctors and hospitals who decline to participate in abortions;
- requires private health insurance in Illinois to fully cover the cost of abortion;
- removes the requirement that only doctors can perform abortions;
- as well as many other changes that in totality require us to treat abortion as a celebrated right instead of a heart-wrenching tragedy.

Abortion is not health care. It is the intentional taking of innocent and defenseless human life. Moreover, provisions in the law that allow healthcare providers to live and work in accordance with their sincerely-held moral beliefs are not wrong. Freedom of religion and conscience protections are fundamental rights, enshrined in our state and federal constitutions, and they must be respected.

House Bill 2467 and Senate Bill 1594 seek to repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, which has been in statute since 1995 and enforced since 2013, ensures parents are involved in profound medical decisions involving their children. Every other state bordering Illinois – Wisconsin, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa – requires at least parental notification. It is a broadly-supported, reasonable safeguard that allows parents to properly exercise love and care for their children. Our government should support families, not undermine them.

Opposition to these bills do not require one to assume a pro-life political position. Opposition should be the natural result of applying reason, fairness and a basic respect for human dignity to the examination of their contents. We cannot further devalue human life to the extent proposed in this legislation without dire consequences for ourselves.

Please continue to pray for the babies and moms. After only 5 days into the 40 Days for Life campaign, 31 babies were saved that they know of. How many more that our prayers saved will only be know when we meet our Lord in heaven.

The movie *Unplanned* starts 3/29 at many local theaters. Check you movie listing for times.



Council of Catholic Women

March –April 2019 activities

Thurs., March 28th* **CCW Board meeting 7:00pm Sebahar Hall**
**please note date change because of Lenten Mission*

April 6th **CCW First Saturday Mass 8:30am in the Chapel**

April 9th **CCW General meeting 7:00pm Sebahar Hall**
GAME night! Bring your favorite board, card or dice game.
After the meeting, we will play games, chat & have dessert.



April 17th **Young at Hearts Luncheon 11:30am Sebahar Hall**

April 30th **CCW Board meeting 7:00pm Sebahar Hall**

Congratulations to Cathy Johnston CCW Women of the Year!

Cathy will be honored on April 27th at the annual Woman of the Year Mass & Luncheon at the Cathedral of St. Raymond sponsored by JDCCW. A complete story on Cathy will be posted in a future parish bulletin.



Council of Catholic Women-Collecting Rosaries in Any Condition-Ongoing

CCW will be continuing making & refurbishing 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 donations marked "CCW Mission Rosaries" in the parish office vestibule. We have a box marked for them. Thank you.





We congratulate

Douglas Mateas & Deirdre Rudolph

who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage

on March 16, 2019.

Best Wishes to the Both of You!



*Welcome to
Our Newly Baptized!*

March 16, 2019

Colin Connor Moricle

Child of Erin & Timothy Moricle

Maxwell Scott Smrz

Child of Rebecca & Matthew Smrz

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY ON MARCH 25TH

Each year on December 25 we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. For centuries the Church has also celebrated his conception on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. Our parish Respect Life Committee invites you on March 25th to begin a nine month commemoration of the gestation of the Child Jesus in Mary's womb, and to Spiritually adopt a baby that is in danger of abortion. Around the 25th of each month in the bulletin will be a bulletin article explaining 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. There will be prayer cards on the tables in the narthex of the Church and Chapel and by the baby poster in the Church. 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 FIRST MONTH –MARCH 25 TO APRIL 25
"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee..." With her acceptance of God's will, Mary's body prepares to carry Jesus in her womb. During this first month of pregnancy, the baby's heart is beating, and by the 20th day, the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are developed. He has arms, legs, eyes, ear, kidneys a liver, a mouth and an umbilical cord. A placenta forms as a barrier to keep his mother's blood separate, while allowing nourishment and oxygen to pass through. The awesome news that a mother is with child can be greeted with great joy or dread-filled sorrow. Each year in the U.S. some 1.7 million mothers and fathers choose to still those beating hearts and reject those budding lives. Pray for all mothers and fathers that they may choose life for their unborn children.

**All are welcome to attend the FRIENDS of the
Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund
23rd 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

SPRING LUNCHEON



**Catholic Daughters
of the Americas®**
Court 432

DATE: Saturday, March 30, 2019

TIME: 11:00am - 1:00pm

PLACE: ARC Center

Reed Keppler Park

201 W. National St., W. Chgo

DONATION: \$8 Adults

\$6 Children 10 and Under

For Tickets, call: Sylvia 630.231.0603

Salads, Dessert, Beverages

50/50 Raffle, Raffle Baskets

Raffles Close @ 12:30pm

Drawing shortly after 12:30pm

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 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.

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:

(No practice 3/24-Spring Break)

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

Questions, call

Maureen Brennan at 630-682-4400,
ext. 613 or

maureenb@stjohnwinfield.org

RE NEWS-\$\$ Change for Change

This past 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!

~Maureen Brennan, Religious Education Director



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@sjbwinfield.org
to reserve your space!



SUNDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL-FISHING

Several weeks ago at Sunday Morning Preschool, we read about Jesus meeting fishermen, so we became fishermen, as well. Thanks to the Winfield Public Library and my brothers, Ken and Don, for all the supplies that enabled our preschoolers to fish with poles, look at lures, and our pre-

schoolers were even able to take home worms (not live ones!). We fished with nets (like the apostles) and brought in a haul, just like Peter. And we got to eat fish crackers!!! Our Sunday Morning preschoolers loved fishing like the apostles!!!

*~Miss Jeanne, Sunday Morning
Preschool
Coordinator*



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL-FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Monaco's 4th grade students got a firsthand lesson in what it was like to be an immigrant in the 1900's during their annual Immigration Day. The students chose a country, a new name, and an occupation and set sail on their American adventure. They had to pass through eight immigration inspection stations. Many parent volunteers were needed to make the day a success. A special thank you to Officer Gerry McIntyre, from the Winfield Police Department, who also volunteered.

~Mrs. Monaco, Fourth Grade Teacher at SJB



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.**

February 17.....\$20,836.36

February 24.....\$20,053.00

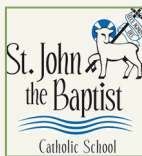
March 3.....\$27,015.64

March 10.....\$23,932.92

March 17.....\$20,244.79



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.

Second Collection Next Weekend- Catholic Relief Services

In your packet of envelopes, you'll find an envelope for Catholic Relief Services. "Your donations help our brothers and sisters . . .

In the United States:

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS). Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC). Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them" (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or* Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or* Psalm 95.

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or* Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or* John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

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SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Monday: Annunciation of the Lord

Friday: Abstinence

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

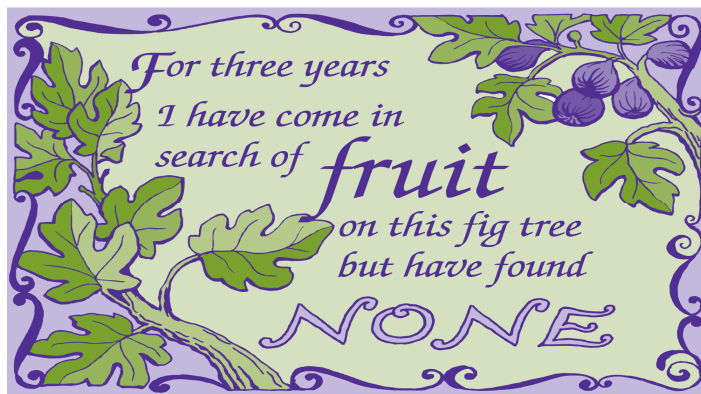
Alternate readings (Year A):

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;

Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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."



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: 1-630-890-2857.

Thank you.



Activities This Week at St. John's

Saturday, March 23

8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use
9a-Religious Education Classes Today-School Hall, Church
At Masses-Boy Scouts May Be Selling Plants-Narthex

Sunday, March 24

Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel
At All Masses-Boy Scouts May Be Selling Plants-Narthex
8:30a-Parish Office Dining Room in Use
9a-Baptism Preparation Class-Spanish-Sodonna Hall
9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall
NO Living Stations Practice-(Spring Break)
7p-8p-Lenten Mission-Church

Monday, March 25

SJB School on Spring Break-3/25-3/29. Resumes 4/1
3p-5p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall
4:15-5:30p-Cursillo Fourth Day Group using Youth Ministry Room
6p-Boy Scout Troop Meeting-School Hall
6:30p-Guadalupanos Monthly Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room
7p-Knights of Columbus General Meeting-Sebahar Hall
7p-8p-Lenten Mission-Church

Tuesday, March 26

7:30a-24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration Begins-Chapel
SJB School on Spring Break-3/25-3/29. Resumes 4/1
6p-8p-SJB School Play Rehearsal-School Hall
7p-8p-Lenten Mission-Church, followed by a Reception in Sebahar Hall

Wednesday, March 27

6:45a-Eucharistic Adoration Ends-Chapel
SJB School on Spring Break-3/25-3/29. Resumes 4/1
9:30a-Cantor Practice-Church
NO Religious Education Classes today-Spring Break
8p-Adult Choir Practice-Church

Thursday, March 28

SJB School on Spring Break-3/25-3/29. Resumes 4/1
7a-12p-High School Ministers-Deanery Cluster Meeting-Sodonna Hall
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-CCW Board Meeting-Sebahar Hall (moved from Tues., 3/26)
7p-Handbell Choir Practice-Church
7p-Alcoholics Anonymous-Sodonna Hall
7p-Sisters in Faith Monthly Meeting-Parish Office Dining Room

Friday, March 29

SJB School on Spring Break-3/25-3/29. Resumes 4/1
9:30a-Friday Morning Bible Study-Sebahar Hall

NO Knights' Fish Fry Tonight-See you next Friday, April 5th, 5p-7p

Saturday, March 30

8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use
NO Religious Education Classes today-Spring Break
9:30a-St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting-Sodonna Hall

Sunday, March 31

Rosary after 7:30a Mass-Chapel
NO Sunday Morning Preschool Today-(Spring Break)
5p-Living Stations Practice-Church

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"Sir, leave it for this year also,
and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it;
it may bear fruit in the future.
If not you can cut it down." Lk 13:8-9

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*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.*



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.

Music Schedule for the Month of April: At the 5p-Organ/Cantor; 7:30a-Classic Ensemble; 9:30a-Contemporary Ensemble; 11:30a-Adult Choir. **Easter:** 8p-Variety; 7:30a-Classic Ensemble ; 9:30a Church-Bell Choir; 9:30a Chapel-Organ, Cantor; 11:30a-Adult Choir

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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Catholic Sports Camps

Catholic Sports Camps are faith-filled experiences where leaders are built, sports are played, and faith is strengthened. Each camp is designed to be a fun, inspiring, and challenging week of sports with the integration of learning the Catholic faith. For the summer of 2019, we have 9 sports and 12 camps throughout the Diocese of Joliet and beyond! Families may go to www.catholicssportscamps.org to register now.

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



Tutors Needed for 1st-8th Grade

Volunteers are needed to help children in First Grade through Eighth Grade who are struggling in school. Please call Tom Masterson at: 630-653-4818



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Questions contact Lisa Shannon, Program Coordinator Totus Tuus. lshannon@dioceseofjoliet.org



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