

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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MASS TIMES

Mondays -
Thursdays
7:00 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Saturdays
5:00 pm
(*Sunday Vigil*)

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm
(see page six for
additional Lenten
confession times
starting in April)

March 27, 2022



Fourth Sunday
of

Lent

Whoever is in Christ
is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Please pray for our sick

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Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Hanns Bell
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
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Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Maria Elena Castro
Karen Cervenka
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Al Cieslik
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Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Krystyna Derecki
Kathe Doremus
Nick DuBay
Karen Durbin
Ralph Eckhoff
Concepcion Edaño
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patrocinia Fernandez

Marie Flores
Valerie Fraser
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel
Monica Garcia
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas
Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Marcia Grisanzio
Daniel Guzman
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Deborah Lynn Harris
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John Heitzler, Jr.
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Pat Jakubiec
Monique Jakubieliski
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Shawn Jurgensen
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Gerry Krug
Margaret Kuhn

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

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

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

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

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor: Fr. Christopher Lankford

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

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

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Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

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

**Rev. Mr. Brian Geary
Seminarian Alex Lorang**

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS-UPDATE

1. Effective February 28, 2022, the Diocese of Joliet has issued an update to COVID-19 protocols. Masks are recommended but not required in church and office settings. Every-one should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks. We will continue to refrain from offering blood of Christ in a chalice at Communion for the time being. If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please wait until the end and please receive from the priest celebrant of the Mass in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet.
2. Effective Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be lifted. Please see page 5 for a letter from the bishop about the dispensation.
3. To read the diocesan COVID-19 updated protocols in detail, go to: dioceseofjoliet.org. Search for "COVID-19 Guidelines."



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

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can't believe that I will have been your pastor for two years come July 1st! Time has flown by, and it is such an honor to serve this amazing and generous community.

We have been living in a COVID-19 world for approximately two years now, and, God willing, it seems like it is starting to become a thing of the past. In this time, as you know, we have had to endure capacity limits on Masses, guidelines on hymnals and holy water, a mask mandate... (Just to name a few of the many guidelines.) Thanks be to God, however, practically all COVID-19 guidelines have been lifted by the diocese and we are well on our way back to normal.

For me it has been a tremendous blessing to have so many parishioners and families return over the past weeks and I want to make sure to invite back **ALL** of our parishioners for Mass and in-person Sacraments. The volunteers and the staff of St. John's have worked so hard to insure our church is a safe environment to worship God, and we miss having everyone here.

In a separate letter also in this week's bulletin we hear from Bishop Hicks about the lifting of the dispensation for Sunday Mass beginning this Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. As pastor, I wish to welcome everyone back for that amazing celebration as we kick off Holy Week, and I make a promise to you that we will keep St. John's as safe as possible for our parishioners as our doors are fully open for you!

With the Grace of God and your generosity, we have been financially stable in spite of the pandemic. I want to publicly say **THANK YOU** to each of you who have been so generous to our parish family! You have helped keep St. John's open through some difficult times, and I'm truly grateful for your generosity and continued support.

Just like many of you, we are feeling the effects of inflation and supply chain issues at St. John's. As well, like any household or family, we can experience unplanned expenses. I would like to briefly share a few examples:

Our Church boiler dampers are in need of replacement. The equipment has been judged obsolete making replacement costlier, and unfortunately getting those specific parts has been a challenge due to supply chain issues. Another upcoming expense is our School water main; it is leaking and the old equipment needs to be replaced, meaning the piping and valves. Also, our roof is in need of repair at the main entrance of the church; this damage has been caused by winter weather.

These are just a few brief examples of some upcoming repairs that must be addressed. It is always much more cost effective to get ahead of these repairs than to wait for failure and replacement. We are blessed with a decent savings as a parish, but a few big ticket items could deplete that quickly, and two personal goals of mine are to not leave us financially exposed, and to have the best facilities possible!

As a way of trying to help offset these expenses I feel the Lord prompting me to ask you to help supplement our contributions and donations and ask for your prayerful participation in the St. John the Baptist "53rd Sunday" collection this weekend. Can you double your normal Sunday collection amount? For example, if you normally give \$20, can you make it \$40? Or if you give \$50, can you contribute \$100? **Any additional amount is a blessing.** The hope is that with the extra funds we could offset our expenses as if we had an additional Sunday of Collections, hence the name "53rd Sunday".

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From the Pastor's Desk
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Fourth Sunday of Lent

We ask if you are able to contribute, to please use our special "53rd Sunday" envelopes from Church, or to send in to the parish office any contributions marked "53rd Sunday." There is also an option to donate on our parish website through "We Share". Simply go to www.stjohnwinfield.org. On our website, please click the image that says "Online Giving with We Share," then donate through the special "53rd Sunday" link. There also is the option to make recurring Sunday contributions on the same page if online giving is a more convenient option for you.

I understand that some parishioners may not be able to increase a donation at this time and that is understandable. However, there is a way still to give, and that is by your prayers! I ask everyone, whether you can contribute or not, please pray for the intention of a successful 53rd Sunday! I thank you in advance for your prayers and also for any financial support you are able to give. With your generous spiritual support and prayers, I know this 53rd Sunday endeavor will be successful and bear fruit.

When I arrived at St. John's, I shared in my first Sunday homily that my goal was to help everyone get to Heaven. While my role as pastor necessitates being the financial steward of our parish home, my chief mission and goal to this day will continue to be praying for all of our souls! May God reward each of you for your spiritual and financial generosity, as we continue on our journey to Heaven.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris Lankford, Pastor

LOST AND FOUND

The parable of the father and his sons is one of the most familiar of all of Jesus' stories. The father in the parable is lavish in forgiveness and revels in the return of his young son, who was lost and now is found. The older son is also lost—lost in his refusal to forgive, lost in his failure to grasp his father's generous spirit. The Israelites spent many years lost in the desert, seeking the land of milk and honey, yet often failing to seek the God who delivered and fed them. We are sometimes lost as well. We lose sight of the Lord and the Lord's ways. God never loses sight of us, however. God waits, ready for us to come to our senses, ready to welcome us back with open arms.

St. John the Baptist Parish

0S233 Church St. Winfield, IL 60190



OPEN TO ALL PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH 3RD GRADERS

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2022

Time: 12:15 pm (after Blessing of Easter Baskets@12 Noon)

Place: Gather at the church pavilion
(East side of church off Liberty St.)

Ages: Pre-school – 3rd grade

RSVP: Kathie Brewer at 630-682-4400 x613 or
kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org

Bring a non-perishable food item or
cleaning supplies for the Food Pantry.
Don't forget a basket to collect eggs!
Please dress children appropriately.
Hunt will be held in the gym if it rains!





March 27, 2022

Dear Friends,

With the onset of the coronavirus pandemic more than two years ago, our goal in the Diocese of Joliet has been to ensure the safety and well-being of all clergy, religious, lay ministers, parishioners, employees and volunteers while providing access to worship and the Eucharist. We have adjusted our safety protocols as COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increased and then decreased. I want to personally thank you for your diligence in safeguarding the health of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

When the state of Illinois lifted its mask mandate for indoor public places on February 28, we followed suit for all church and office activities. We also removed practically all other precautions, but left in place the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.

The time has come to remove that final provision, and we will do so on Palm Sunday. What better time for us all to come together again than Palm Sunday, which marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week.

Of course, if individuals are ill or contagious to others, Canon law allows them to decide for themselves if they should attend Mass.

I am excited the Diocese of Joliet will fully reunite as one body in Christ for the liturgies leading up to Easter and beyond.

I am reminded of the words Pope Francis wrote in *Fratelli Tutti* during the initial months of the pandemic: "Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."
(Paragraph 8)

Let us welcome home our family with joy and continue to pray for each other.

Paz y bien,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Bishop of Joliet

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— 2 Corinthians 5:17

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ *For Peace*

Church ♥ *All School Families on
Spring Break*



*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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 26-Vigil for Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Dorothy Zelenka (*The John Dusza Family*)
† Diana Schillo (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)
♥ SJB Evangelization Committee (*JR*)
† Doris Morrissey (*The Morrissey Family*)
† Uldarica & Ambrosio Madera, Sr. (*Bless, Ed & Stephanie Romero*)
† Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)

Sunday, March 27-The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. † Dorothy Aylward (*Jack Aylward*)
11:30 a.m. † John Pohodich (*Lita & Michael Sarlito*)

Monday, March 28

7:00 a.m. † Madelyn Marren (*Jennifer Jin & Family*)

Tuesday, March 29

7:00 a.m. † Harry Murrey (*Ellen Tarmichael*)

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 a.m. † Tom Oen (*The Oen Family*)

Thursday, March 31

7:00 a.m. † Stanley Kawislak (*Lois & Chuck Kirk*)

Friday, April 1

12:00 p.m. † Arlene Niemann (*Kevin & Beth O'Kasick*)
† Fr Arno Dennerlein
♥ Health & Intentions, Daniel Noonan (*Maureen Garro*)
† Gloria & Stan Fortman (*Patricia & Werner Welz*)
♥ Health & Intentions, Patrick Denniger (*Terrence Denniger*)
† Carol Connors

Saturday, April 2-Vigil for Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)
† Joe Konopka (*Kay Konopka*)
† Alice Olszanowski (*Rick & Mary Carlson*)
† Jeanne Carlson (*Rick & Mary Carlson*)
† Stanley Dusza (*Maryann Dusza*)
† Lucille Vogt (*Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family*)

Sunday, April 3-The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Doris Borter (*The Kosusnik Family*)
9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (*K of C*)

Stations of the Cross,

Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-Chapel

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION
Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. All Confessions are in the Church.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

During Lent, our Reconciliation schedule is:

- Saturdays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm*
- Friday, April 1, after 12:00 pm Mass
- Friday, April 8, after 12:00 pm Mass
- Saturday, April 9, one hour added to regular confession time, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
- Monday, April 11, after 7:00 am Mass
- Tuesday, April 12, after 7:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

All confessions are in Church

*except Holy Saturday, April 16, no confessions

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Lent

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray,
that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How am I preparing myself for the celebrations of Holy Week? Is there more that I can do?

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022,

7:00 pm Tenebrae service-Chapel

Holy Thursday

No Morning Mass; 8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration after Mass until Midnight-Chapel

Night Prayer at 11:50 pm

Good Friday

No Morning Mass; 8:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing

Easter Egg Hunt on East Lawn (*immediately following Easter Basket Blessing*)

No Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm confessions

8:00 pm Easter Vigil-Church

Easter Sunday

7:30am-Church

9:30am-Church

11:30am-Church

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from **from 7:30 am, following the 7:00 am Mass, to 8:00 pm in the Chapel.**

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood", Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects towards a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. For an interesting article about Adoration, go to:

<https://prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/04/21/things-to-do-during-eucharistic-adoration/>



Looking for a place for your old palms? There is a basket in the parish office entryway for you to drop off your old palms. Thank you.

1st Annual

Neighborhood Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to join in **St. John's 1st annual neighborhood walking Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 15th)**. The walking Stations will be set-up and **available from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.** Participants may begin at any time and go at their own pace to the various homes and businesses along the route. **The route will begin with the 1st Station at Mary's Garden on the east side of the Church and proceed to nearby parishioners' homes and businesses, ending with the 14th Station back in the front of the school at the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue.** The total walking distance is approximately 1 mile. The Stations will be outside and consist of a simple image of the Station and a brief reflection. Paper copies of the route will be available at the 1st Station.

Contact Linda Fuechsl at sfuechsl@aol.com with any questions.

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN

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

We, the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. John, get together to pray the Holy Rosary, every other Wednesday evening. We will convene again at St. John's Fire Pit (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Pavilion) on **Wednesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.**, to offer our thanks for our many gifts and blessings and to pray, as well, for our many individual needs and intentions:

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

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

--Sean Conley and Mike McGrath

ST. JOHN'S MASS-LIVE STREAMED

Our 9:30am Sunday Mass is live-streamed. There are 2 ways to watch the Mass:

1. Go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, scroll down and click on the YouTube logo under Media; or,
2. Go to YouTube; Search for St. John the Baptist Winfield; Click on our St. John's Church logo:



St. John the Baptist – Lenten Mission

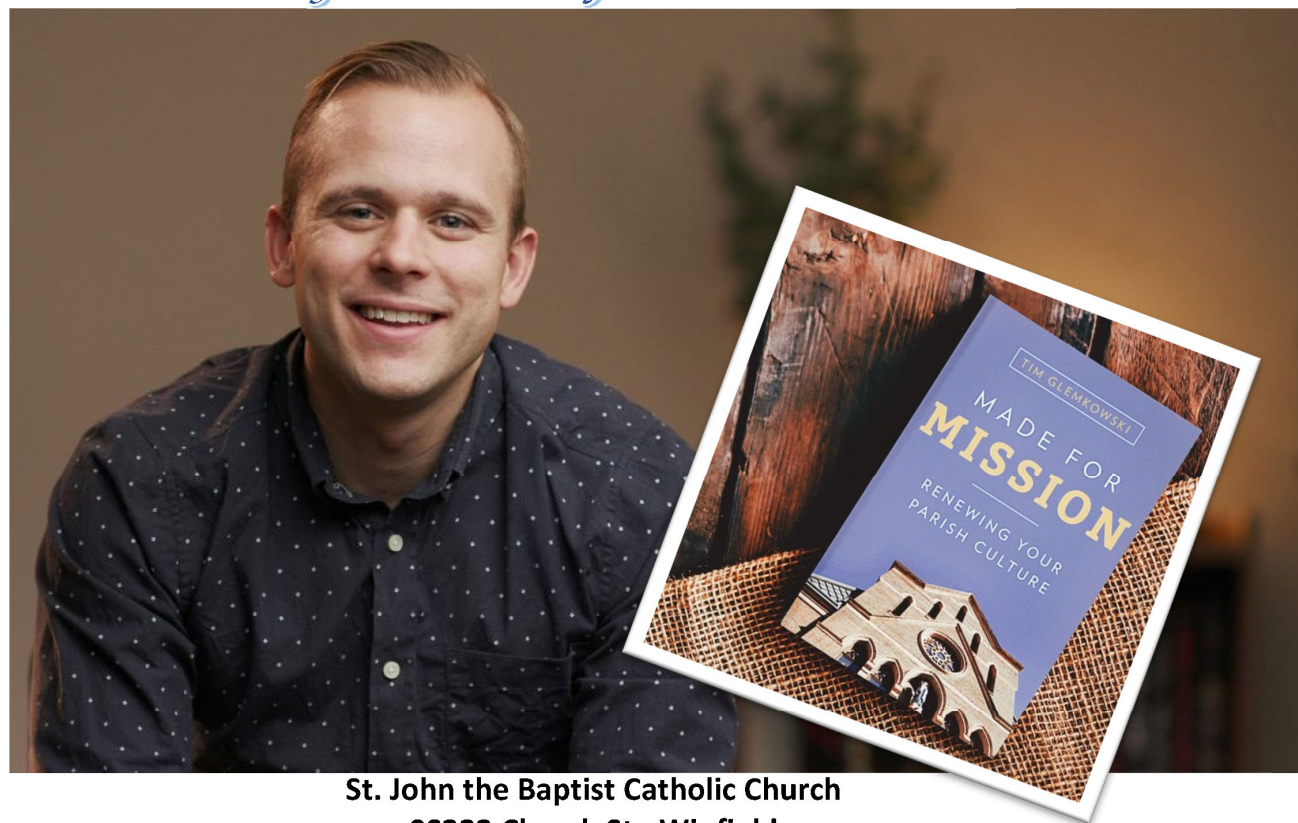
The One Great Story

Join us for two life-changing nights
Featuring Tim Glemkowski,
International Catholic speaker and author

Night one: The Story
Sunday, April 3, 7:00—8:30 pm

Night two: Apostolic Moment and Mindset
Monday, April 4, 7:00—8:30 pm

*Rediscover the heart of the life and faith
for which you were made!*



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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 Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

Sacrificial Giving

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

Parish Collections

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

February 27.....\$18,650	March 13.....\$25,879
March 6.....\$29,006	March 20.....\$22,023

FROM OUR DIOCESE: DONATING-WAR RELIEF IN UKRAINE-For those of you who would like to donate to war relief in Ukraine, our Diocese's website resource page suggests Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine. If you would like to donate to Catholic Relief Services/Ukraine, go to our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, click on WeShare. Click on "View All Second Collections." At the top you will see Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ukraine Relief. Monies donated this way will be sent to our diocese who will forward to Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with "Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine" in the memo line, and we will forward to the diocese.

CALLING ALL LOVERS OF LITURGICAL SONG!!!

The music program at St. John the Baptist Church is calling on all parishioners who enjoy singing at liturgies to join our ranks as cantors and/or choral members. New members to the parish are encouraged to investigate the program as well as members who have been here for a long time. It is said that singing means you are praying twice, so we encourage you to lift your voice in song.

Cantor practices are on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church or can be arranged to fit your schedule. Choral practices are on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm beginning February 16th. Call Adrienne Rose at 630-653-1489, or leave your name and number at the parish office and your call will be returned.

RE NEWS

SERVICE PROJECT UPDATE- BLANKETS

“ A big thank you to the students at St. John’s for their hard work and dedication at making blankets. I just returned from Guatemala on a medical/dental mission trip with Alliance for Smiles. For well over a decade, the students from St John’s have made fleece blankets for my trips. These blankets bring a big smile to the child. They are given the blanket in the recovery room after their cleft lip/palate surgery. Given that mission trips are just starting up again due to Covid restrictions, I had a surplus of blankets. I dropped the extra blankets off at a donation location and they will be shipped to children in Ukraine. Great work St John’s for helping children around the world!!”~*Mary Jensen, St. John’s Parishioner and Alliance for Smiles Volunteer*

Pictured below is a before, during surgery with an SJB-RE-made blanket, and an after photo of a child receiving cleft lip/palate surgery.



A SJB-made blanket keeping this young man warm.

Sunday Morning Preschool Is Returning

Sebahar Hall
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 & 4/10

For questions reach out to Jeanne Hess at
sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ARRIVE AT 9:15 FOR CLASS DURING 9:30 MASS

ALEX'S PROJECT-CARE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Born in a small town in Siberia, Alex McCall was adopted at seven years old and came to West Chicago in 2003 to live with his forever family. For the first seven years of his life he didn't have much and was thrilled to come to all the comforts of home. Alex became an active member in his church, St. John the Baptist, school, and Boy Scouts where he received his Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed participating in many service projects that benefited others. Since he knows how it feels to have nothing, he has always wanted to give back and pay forward. When he started working, he decided to take some of his pay and help stock the shelves of the Ronald McDonald House. **That was the beginning of the "Alex Project".** Each year there is a different beneficiary. His project has donated toys to Shriner's Hospital, Ronald McDonald, and Central DuPage Hospital. This is the sixth annual project – **making Care Bags for the homeless.** He did the same project in 2021 and there was such a need for help he decided to repeat the project. **With everyone's help, each Care Bag is filled with new socks, gloves, hat, hand warmers, face mask, sanitizer, toothpaste and brush, and other toiletries.** There are special bags made for the children with extra items just for kids. The students of St. John's Religious Education help decorate and fill these bags. Last year over 500 bags were distributed to organizations that help the needy. PADS, Hesed house, Midwest Veterans Shelter, Elmwood Park Veterans Shelter, Wayne Township, Milton Township, DuPage County Sheriff and various police departments.

With everyone's continued help and support, this project will be a great success and help many people who are having a difficult time. **If you would like to donate to help with the project, please contact the Religious Education Office at St. John the Baptist Parish. There is a great need for the items listed above or if you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are appreciated.**

~Maureen Brennan,

Director of Religious Education

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On Saturday, April 9, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet, our seminarian, Alex Lorang, will be ordained a transitional deacon. Along with Alex, the seminarians who completed their clinical pastoral education (CPE) last summer at CDH and resided here at St. John's, will also be ordained transitional deacons. The Mass will also be livestreamed; go to dioceseofjoliet.org. Their first Masses as newly ordained Deacons are:

- Rev. Mr. Alexander Lorang will assist at his first Mass as a deacon, Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 11:00 am, St. Mary, Mokena
- Rev. Mr. Jeremy Leganski will assist and preach at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 10:30 am, St. Mary, West Chicago
- Rev. Fr. Frank Pusateri will assist at a Mass of Thanksgiving, Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 11:00 am, St. Walter, Roselle
- Rev. Mr. Jared Rutnicki will assist at a Mass of Thanksgiving, Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 9:00 am, Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Bourbonnais (reception will follow)



Seminarians Alex, Jeremy, Frank & Jared. The photo was taken in Bethlehem at Shepherd's Field.

We are so proud of our seminarians!!!

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St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women Upcoming March & April 2022

Thurs., Mar. 31st 7:00pm in Sebahar Hall Board meeting. *Members are always welcome to attend!*

Sat., April 2nd Rosary in the Chapel at 4:30pm

Thurs., April 7th 7:00pm in Sebahar Hall
General Meeting

*Tonight's program will be a Purse Auction.
Donate a new or gently used purse to be auc-
tioned off. Include a gift card or some other item
with a \$10 value inside.*

Catholic Charities will benefit from
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Young at Hearts is planned for:
April 20th

Thurs., Apr. 28th 7:00pm in Sebahar Hall
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Cursillo Corner

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

Ultreya

Join us for the next Ultreya on **Saturday, April 9. Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m.** Immediately following, we will go downstairs to Sebahar Hall. **The Ultreya will begin at 9:30** and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/Tea and snacks will be provided. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the Cursillo Movement!

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Our Cursillo Community will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month on-line. The next Chaplet will be held via Zoom on **April 3 at 8:00 pm.** Friends and family are welcome. **The Zoom Meeting ID is 812 1236-0469.**

Welcome New Cursillistas!

The Men's Cursillo weekend was truly filled with the Holy Spirit! Let us continue to pray for the 26 men throughout our diocese that just experienced God in a powerful way at the Men's 139th Cursillo Weekend. A special welcome to the Cursillo Community to **Bob Ward** and **Rick Loechl** from St. John the Baptist. *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"* Mark 16:15

Women's Spring Weekend

The Women's 131st Cursillo Weekend team is in formation. The weekend will run from **April 21-24** at the Carmelite Center in Darien. We are happy to share that there are ten registered candidates already, including two from our parish, Judi Gonzalez and Rosi Rodriguez.

Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend. Applications are available for download at www.jolietcursillo.org.

New to Cursillo?

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

Your experience will include being in the company of other faith-filled Catholics that will support you on your spiritual journey, both during the weekend and beyond. Cursillo will help you to become a better person and Christian in your daily life. You will have time to think, pray and learn away from the hectic pace of everyday life. The weekend includes a series of awesome and thought-provoking talks given by laity and clergy followed by small group discussion.

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

Fr. Burke recently wrote in his blog. "Consider investing 72 hours to change your life forever. Join millions around the world that have experienced a Cursillo weekend and learn how to live-in God's grace.

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

You will need a sponsor to attend a Cursillo because there is a discipleship model in place. **If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at amythel1@att.net** Additional information can be found in the narthex or on our website www.jolietcursillo.org

ANOTHER LIFE SAVED AT THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL IN AURORA!!!



**CATHOLICS
FOR LIFE**

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

A young woman was on her way into Planned Parenthood for her scheduled abortion. **The sidewalk counselor reached out to her** as she was crossing the parking lot and **asked if she would like to talk.** The young woman walked over and told the sidewalk counselor that **she wanted to have her baby**, but she did not want the baby to be associated with the father. The sidewalk counselor explained that she did not have to put the father's name on the birth certificate. The young woman was relieved when she heard this information and **became more receptive to receiving help to keep her baby.** The sidewalk counselor reminded the young woman that there was free help across the street at Waterleaf Women's clinic. One of Waterleaf's RNs was the 40 Days for Life Day Captain at the time and **took the young woman to get the help she needed. Praise God!**

The 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil continues through Palm Sunday, April 10. Mon. thru Sat., from 7-7, across the street from Planned Parenthood, (3055 E. New York St, Aurora, IL). Sign up on the calendar at www.40daysforlife.com (scroll down to "Find a vigil location"). Come with a partner, or join Life Ministry coordinators, Linda LeBreux, and Adele Dunn from 1-2p.m. each Wednesday.

PRO-LIFE EVENTS:

THIS WEEKEND - Sunday, March 27 – 4th March for Life – West Chicago

2-4pm, Beginning at St. Mary's Parish, 140 N. Oakwood Ave, West Chicago, IL 60185.

March and witness to all, that life is sacred and to be protected from conception to natural death! This is the fourth annual March lead by St. Mary's Parish. It is a well-run, peaceful march with participants praying the Rosary and other prayers as we walk and witness. The walk is not too long, but there is a follow up car at the end of the line in case anyone needs it.

Saturday, April 9 – Chain of Life – Wheaton

520 E. Roosevelt Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189 (Compass Church Parking Lot). We will meet in the parking lot. There will be simple black and white Pro-Life signs to take and hold as you silently pray along Roosevelt Rd. All churches in the area will be talking part. It is very effective when passersby see hundreds of people on both sides of the road quietly praying and witnessing for Life.

In this the month of St. Joseph, we ask his intercession for the unborn and the success of the events that promote the sanctity of life.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God. I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from you divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of the departing souls – Pray for me.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

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

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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



Wedding Information

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



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

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

Hospital Visits

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

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

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

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

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. The next Grief Support meeting is Thurs. evening, April 7, 2022, in the Parish Office. To verify start time of meeting, or for more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Eucharistic Adoration: Beginning March 3rd, Adoration hours are expanded to 12 hours every Thursday, immediately following 7:00 am Mass, until 8:00 pm in the Chapel. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.



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



Miscellaneous

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Our parish office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. 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.

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St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus 2022 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, **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 19, 2022**, and received by **April 25, 2022**.

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