

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday OF LENT

**Jesus said,
“I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if they die,
will live, and everyone who lives
and believes in me will never die.”**

John 11:25-26

Please pray for our sick

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

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

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

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

Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Olivia Soto
Diane Srachta
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Mary Tarchala
Jongrang Tenjum
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Genevieve Welch
Kylie Wells-Long
Elizabeth Wood
Susan Woodbury
Lexie Youngberg
Larry Zengri
New this week

Welcome - Bienvenido

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

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

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor/Párroco: Fr. Matt Pratscher/Padre Mateo

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Tom Dunn

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

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

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

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

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Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

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Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

**Rev. Mr. Andrew Buchanan
And Joseph Solomon**

Mass Schedule

Out of concern for the health and well-being of all, and in light of the directives established by the State of Illinois, Bishop Pates, the apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, has dispensed the faithful of the Diocese from the obligation of Sunday Mass and has asked that all Masses, confession times, public church services and devotions, and gatherings be cancelled until further notice. There will be no public celebration of the Holy Week and Easter Masses, liturgies, and devotions.

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

A Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never -permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Sacramental Requests

If you are in need of the sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the emergency line on the parish office phone number (630-668-0918).



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

Pvt James Luigi Akin
SRA Francis Beifuss
Major John Berg
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army
Sgt Melissa Brooker
Pvt Timothy Conley
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly
Major Daniel Durbin
SA Dakota Enders
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Pvt Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
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
1st Lt. Colleen Rezabek
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
Major 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:

This Sunday, we begin Passiontide. There are only two more weeks until Easter. One of the aspects most noticeable about this time is the covering of the statues and crucifixes with purple veils. This recalls St. John's observation in the eighth chapter of the Gospel that Jesus Himself hid during the last couple of weeks before His betrayal and crucifixion. During this time of the "Shelter in place" order, we can join ourselves to Jesus in His hiding. This time can help us to be more aware of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and enter into it. Every Good Friday since I was a kid, I have tried to remain silent from noon to three, because that is when our Lord hung upon the cross. Setting that time aside in a quiet and simple manner helps me to enter into it. During these next two weeks, I ask you to be intentional about praying, particular with our Lord's final days before the Resurrection. The Stations of the Cross, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of Christ, reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ, the Sorrow Mysteries of the Rosary, prayers before the crucifix, and the daily Mass readings are all helpful ways to reflect upon and meditate on our Lord's final days. The story is full of drama, and the more we pray with it, the less we will see it simply as the Lord's story and more as our Lord entering into our story. He entered into the darkness and isolation of this world with us so that He would conquer it and give us hope. He also gave us someone to help us: the Blessed Mother. At the foot of the cross, the Beloved Disciple looked upon the cross, trying to make sense of the suffering and death of our Lord, and at that moment, our Lord gave Mary to the Beloved Disciple and to all disciples to be our mother. She shows us how to trust God and how to follow Him; she keeps us close to Jesus. If you haven't prayed the rosary in while, I encourage you to do so, particularly the Sorrowful mysteries. May our Blessed Mother keep you close to our Lord now and always.

Although we are apart, I keep you close to my heart, especially in my daily prayers and Masses. Please continue to pray for me and one another.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt

Follow our Masses and devotions on the St. John the Baptist Winfield YouTube Channel and the parish website and Facebook page.



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Este domingo, comenzamos las dos semanas antes de la Pascua. Uno de los aspectos más notables de esta época es la cobertura de las estatuas y crucifijos con velos morados. Esto recuerda la observación de San Juan en el octavo capítulo del Evangelio que Jesús mismo se ocultó durante las últimas semanas antes de su traición y crucifixión. Durante este tiempo de la orden "Refugio en el lugar", podemos unirnos a Jesús. Esta vez puede ayudarnos a ser más conscientes de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor y entrar en ella. Todos los Viernes Santo desde que era niño, he tratado de estar en silencio desde el mediodía hasta las tres porque es cuando nuestro Señor estaba colgado en la cruz. Establecer ese tiempo en una manera tranquila y sencilla me ayuda a entrar en el momento. Durante las próximas dos semanas, les pido que estén intencionales sobre la oración, particularmente con los últimos días de nuestro Señor antes de la Resurrección. Las Estaciones del viacrucis, los relatos evangélicos de la Pasión de Cristo, las reflexiones sobre las siete últimas palabras de Cristo, los misterios de trieste del rosario, las oraciones antes del crucifijo y las lecturas diarias de la Misa son formas útiles de reflexionar y meditar. en los últimos días de nuestro Señor. La historia está llena de drama, y cuanto más oremos con ella, menos lo veremos simplemente como la historia del Señor y más como nuestro Señor entrando en nuestra historia. Entró en la oscuridad y el aislamiento de este mundo con nosotros para conquistarlo y darnos esperanza. También nos dio a alguien para ayudarnos: la Santísima Madre. Al pie de la cruz, el discípulo amado miró a la cruz, tratando de entender el sufrimiento y la muerte de nuestro Señor, y en ese momento nuestro Señor le dio a María al discípulo amado y a todos los discípulos para que sea nuestra madre. Ella nos enseña confiar en Dios y seguirlo; ella nos mantiene cerca de Jesús. Si no han rezado el rosario desde hace mucho tiempo, les animo a que lo hagan, especialmente los misterios de trieste. Que nuestra Santísima Madre les mantenga cerca de nuestro Señor ahora y siempre. Aunque estamos separados, les mantengo cerca de mi corazón, especialmente en mis oraciones y misas diarias. Por favor sigan rezando por mí y por los demás.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
— *Psalm 130:1*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



(All Masses offered privately for the intentions that have been promised.)

Saturday, March 28

8:30 a.m. † Edgardo Castro (*The Rundell Family*)

Vigil Mass of The Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Maria Gancayco (*The Lonks Family*)

† Maria Berardi (*The Lonks Family*)

† Richard Doria (*Maryann Dusza*)

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

† Franco Di Maso (*The Di Maso Family*)

Sunday, March 29, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Shirley Stachniak (*Harriett Kunesh*)

9:30 a.m. † Marilyn Reich (*Masterson Family*)

11:30 a.m. ♥ † People of the Parish

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

Monday, March 30

7:00 a.m. † The Poor Souls in Purgatory

7:50 a.m. † Joyce Sennett (*Jim Higgins*)

Tuesday, March 31

7:00 a.m. † Sheila Milder Tomaszewski (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)

7:50 a.m. † Joyce Sennett (*JoAnn Pins*)

Wednesday, April 1

7:00 a.m. ♥ Jim Hale, Health & Intentions (*The Hale Family*)

7:50 a.m. † Stanley Zawislak (*Lois & Chuck Kirk*)

Thursday, April 2

7:00 a.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (*Andrew Capigatti*)

7:50 a.m. † Edgardo Castro (*Bless & Ed Romero*)

Friday, April 3

7:00 a.m. † The Parish All Souls' Intentions

7:50 a.m. † Cynthia Kalat (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)

Saturday, April 4

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

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Bill Rose (*The Brennans*)

♥ Dick Hanlock, Health & Intentions (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Marie Brady Smith (*Your Nieces*)

Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Frank Perri (*The McCall Family*)

9:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. ♥ † Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (*K of C*)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † Cathal Brady (*Maureen & Denny Brennan*)

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



Chapel † *Lupe Muñoz*

Church † *Intention of the Priest*

*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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (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: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

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: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, March 29: Fifth Sunday of Lent
The Beginning of Passiontide

Thursday, April 2: St. Francis of Paola

Friday, April 3: First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday, April 4: St. Isidore; First Saturday

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, April 5: Blessing of Palms at Mass
Holy Thursday, April 9: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 10: Celebration of the Lord's
Passion & Veneration of the
Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11: Mass of the Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 12

EASTER SEASON

Easter Vigil (April 11) to Pentecost Sunday (May 31)

Divine Mercy Sunday: April 19

Ascension of our Lord: May 24

Pentecost Sunday: May 31

Second Collection on Good Friday, April 10-Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land-Commissariat of the Holy Land.

A collection is taken up in Catholic Churches to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. The annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection is requested by Pope Francis. His request continues a longstanding commitment to helping Christians in the Holy Land. An envelope is in your packet for your convenience; it can be mailed to the parish office.

The Sacred Triduum

Holy Thursday — Easter Sunday

The Triduum is a three-day special period that commemorates Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. 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 a time to remember a historical event. It is a celebration of our salvation. Every Triduum, we enter into the mystery of God's mercy and redemption. 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.

~Worship Commission

**Next Sunday, April 5, is Palm Sunday,
the beginning of Holy Week!**

THE BLESSING OF PALMS



Palms will be blessed privately on Sunday, April 5, and will be available for pick-up outside the church on Church Street.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS AND PRAYERS

Stations of the Cross

The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Jesus

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayer before the Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.

From the Chancellor of the 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.

Online prayers, reflections, and devotions for Lent and Holy Week

<https://mycatholic.life/lent-prayers-reflections/>

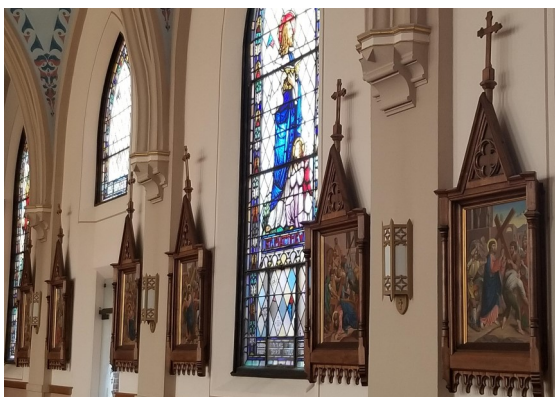
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>

<https://www.catholic.org/lent/livinglent.php>

Breviary (Liturgy of the Hour) on IBreviary App and Website

Apps and Websites for Relevant Radio, Word on Fire, and Formed





**El próximo domingo, 5 de abril,
es Domingo de Ramos,
El comienzo de la Semana Santa!**

LA BENDICIÓN DE RAMOS



Las palmas serán bendecidas en privado el domingo, 5 de abril. y luego estarán disponibles para que las recojan afuera de la iglesia por la entrada oeste de Church Street.

“Y el camino hacia la Pascua nos llama precisamente a restaurar nuestro rostro y nuestro corazón de cristianos, mediante el arrepentimiento, la conversión y el perdón, para poder vivir toda la riqueza de la gracia del misterio pascual”.

—Papa Francisco, *Mensaje para la Cuaresma*, 2019



Religious Education Registration for 2020-2021, Grades K-8

Come to one of the following days during RE to register your child/ren for Religious Education classes.

- **Wednesday, April 22**, anytime between 4pm and 8pm, **OR**,
- **Wednesday, April 29**, 4pm-8pm, **OR**,
- **Saturday, April 25**, anytime between 8:30am and 10:30am

**ENTER THRU DOOR 11,
INSIDE SCHOOL HALL**

If new to program, must bring:

- Baptismal certificate
- 1st Eucharist certificate, if applicable

Questions? Please contact:
Kathie Brewer at 630-682-4400 ext 613 or
Dianne Scheiblein at ext 614

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Grados Kindergarten a Ocho, Año Académico 2020-2021

Tuition Transfer Grant-Did you know that St. John the Baptist Catholic School offers a Tuition Transfer Grant to families who transfer their child into grades 1-7 from any non-Catholic school for the 2020-2021 school year? With this two-year grant, families will receive \$1,000 per student in year one, and \$500 per student in year two, to offset tuition. For more information, please contact the school office.

“DRIVE BY” KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent

We're still Fryin'!



5 pm to 7 pm

Fridays...

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***Full Fish or Shrimp Dinners To GO, plus
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**2020 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ATHLETIC DEPT.**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**Saturday, April 18, 2020
7pm, 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@sjbw infield.org to reserve your space!





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 your church website and click Give Online.**
- 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 16.....\$18,931
February 23.....\$17,738
March 1.....\$25,086
March 8.....\$36,149
March 15.....\$13,246
March 15.....\$6,512

Help a child receive a Catholic education at St. John the Baptist, and you can receive a 75% tax credit on your state income taxes.

WHY IS A TAX CREDIT BETTER THAN A DEDUCTION?

A tax credit is always better than a tax deduction because a credit lowers your tax bill directly. A deduction lowers your adjusted gross income on your IRS Form 1040, so the amount you get reduced off your tax bill is directly tied to your tax bracket.

Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

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

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

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

SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY

Each year on December 25 we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The Church also celebrates His conception on March 25, the feast of the Annunciation. Our parish Respect Life Committee invites you, starting on March 25, 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. On the weekend nearest the 25th of the month, there will be a bulletin article explaining the growth of babies. Choose a name for your baby and pray for them and their parents daily, using Archbishop Fulton Sheen's prayer below. There are prayer cards on the tables near the church and chapel entrances. Your adopted baby is 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.

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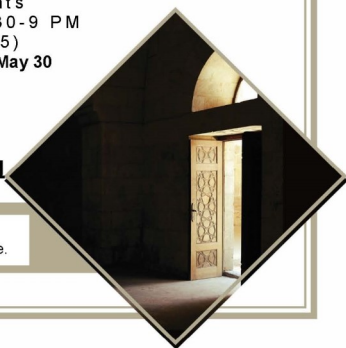
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www.stjohnwinfield.org

See also www.christlife.org

No cost to participate! Childcare available.



CURSILLO CORNER

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

Ultreya- May 9

In observance of Holy week there will be **no Ultreya at St. John's in April**. Saint John the Baptist plans to host the next Ultreya in **Sebahar Hall** on Saturday, May 9 following 8:30 a.m. Mass in the chapel.

Opportunities for Piety, Study or Action

Social distancing is our new reality. Suspending our obligation to attend Sunday Mass as well as cancellations of most of the Lenten services does not mean we can't still practice Piety Study and Action. We are called to help our brothers and sisters who have been most severely impacted by the COVID-19 virus, both physically, mentally and economically.

Celebrate Daily and Sunday Mass with Relevant Radio (visit relevantradio.com)

Pray the Rosary and Divine Chaplet (also available on relevantradio.com)

Donate to Northern Illinois Food Pantry

Send a gift card or a meal to someone going through a financial struggle

Read a Christian Book or the Bible

Watch a Christian Movie on FORMED or other Catholic sites/apps

Support Cursillo with Amazon Smile

The National Cursillo Movement is registered with the Amazon Smile Program. Smile is a website operated by Amazon that allows you to enjoy the same wide selection of products and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. When you shop on Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.com), the Foundation will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the eligible non-profit organization of your choosing.

To register the National Cursillo Movement as your charitable organization;

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Select: **National Cursillo Movement Inc.**

Why Cursillo?

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ, is one of the foundations of Cursillo. Have you invited a friend to attend a Cursillo weekend? The Cursillo movement promotes not only personal spiritual growth, but recognizes that we are called by our baptism to be active apostolic members of the Body of Christ. "Why Cursillo" pamphlets can be a helpful aid in discussing Cursillo with your friends. Copies can be found in the narthex of the church.

Women's 131st Weekend – Rescheduled to July 16-19 Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien Illinois

Please pray about sponsoring a friend. Visit the Pre-Cursillo page on the Joliet Cursillo website page for an application and resources for sponsors.

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: amserritella@gmail.com.

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. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

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

Hospital Visits

Our priests are available to make hospital visits. Because of HIPAA Laws the Hospital does not notify churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's Parish Office when a loved one is there giving us the name and room number. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized!

Homebound-Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry. *Please note: due to the coronavirus, no communion taken to homebound; instead, Ministers praying over the telephone with homebound*

Prayers of the Faithful

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

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

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

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. 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.

24-Hour Adoration: Cancelled until further notice, as of 3/18/2020. The Chapel and Church are open for personal prayer every day from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00p.m. Feel free to stop in and pray before our Lord, present in the tabernacle.



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

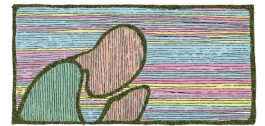
At St. John's every Thursday evening, Sodonna Hall (basement of the parish offices), 7p.-8p. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0



Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: At St. John's every Saturday, Youth Ministry Room (above garages of the parish offices), 9a-10a. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0

MASS INFORMATION

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS: As of 3/18/2020, until further notice, the parish office will remain closed to walk-ins. Please call or email the parish office, and we will respond to your inquiry during our parish office hours, Monday through Friday, 8a-4p. Please call 630-668-0918, ext 0 for the parish office, or email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the Usher's Room in the Church.

Bulletin Articles: Submissions are due by noon on Thurs., 10 days prior to the Sunday on which you wish the article to appear. . Include the name & phone number of the person submitting the article. Please email as an attachment using Microsoft Word or Publisher. Please do not include article in the body of the email. Email to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church/Iglesia Católica de San Juan Bautista

St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus 2020 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 15, 2020**, and received by **April 21, 2020**.

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.

Attn 8th to 11th Graders-CCW Scholarship-

Applications for The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2020-2021 school year. Applicants can obtain a BBSF APPLICATION from St. John's parish office entryway. FACTS must be applied for online at [https://](https://online.factsmgt.com)



Request to be added to the Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women-BBS FACTS ID#32463. If the family has already submitted a FACTS application for the upcoming year for another award, they are still eligible for the JDCCW-BBSF scholarship. Only one application need be submitted to FACTS at their online site. If you have any questions regarding FACTS, call 1-866-441-4637. DO NOT SEND the FACTS application to the JDCCW office. There is a \$35.00 fee for the FACTS application that needs to be submitted to FACTS at the time of application, along with a copy of the family's 2019 Income Tax report.

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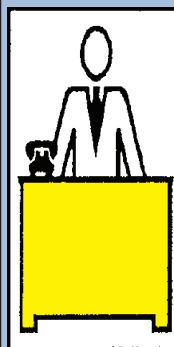


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