

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



THEN I, JOHN,
SAW A NEW HEAVEN
AND A NEW EARTH.

REVELATION 21:1

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

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

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

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

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

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 7:30 am,
following the 7:00 am Mass, to 8:00 pm in the Chapel, and all are welcome!

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

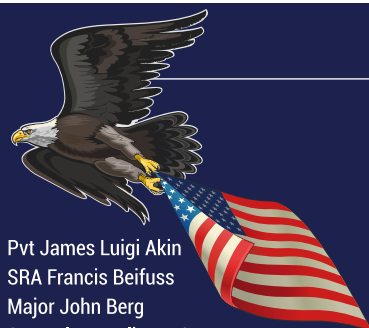
Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the
consecrated Eucharist. For an interesting article about Adoration, go to:

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

Please pray for our sick

James Adduci	Mayette Monales
Alisa Allen	Joseph Jr. & Maggie Morgan
Sandy Anderson	Thomas Morris
Jack Aylward	Megan Mueller
Dave Balseqiz	Mary Lu Mulcahy
Ada Bantola	Lauren Mungo
Maryann Barone	Joan Murdock
Michael Barone	Tim Murnane
Hanns Bell	Becky Neal
Ella Bitterman	Johnny Neal
Jennifer Bitterman	Maura Neuens
Brian Burke	Clare North
Allison Lamberts Burns	Alex Novak
Jim Cabrera, Sr.	Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Lawrence Campbell	Joseph O'Brien
Cyndi Casanova	Larry Orni
Maria Elena Castro	Joan Pacer
Karen Cervenka	Lori Pacer
Lisa Cicero	Charlie Parisi
Al Cieslik	Bill Parker
Patricia Clifford	Bill Paschke
Kathy Connor	Josie Pasciak
Georgene Cook	Jim Paulissen
Julio Correa	Owen Payton
Rita Cross	Bane Petrov
Mary Elaine Cruz	Joseph Pirofalo
Linda Dameron	Brittney Prehn
Anetta Derango	Ian Prosser
Krystyna Derecki	Al Ptak
Kathe Doremus	Tim Ptak
Nick DuBay	Mary Rauch
Karen Durbin	Sam Reyes
Ralph Eckhoff	Alicia Ricciardi
Concepcion Edaño	Paul & Katherine Ricciardi
Joan Enders	Cooper Rojas
Aaron Erickson	Gertie Romero
William Ferdinand	Monica Romero
Patrocinia Fernandez	Kelli Rooney
Marie Flores	Katherine Rose
Valerie Fraser	John Rossi
Kyle Freed	Sister Audrey Rothweil
Dolores Gabriel	Marvin Rothweil
Monica Garcia	Susan Rothweil
Gregory Garlt	Bob Salat
Darlene Gedvilas	Dwayne Sarver
Danny Gonzalez	Scott Schwartz
Judy Gonzalez	Sven Segerlund
Dawn Grant	John Shannon
Destin Green	Desiree Sheppard
Marcia Grisanzio	Evelyn Skriba
Daniel Guzman	Dan Smyth
Jennifer Hammerschmidt	Dolores Snyder
Deborah Lynn Harris	Diane Srachta
Betty Hass	Cynde Barone Stavros
Jeremy Heintz	Doug Stephan
John Heitzler, Jr.	Hugh Stott
Joseph & Joy Henczel	Michael John Stralko
Baby Luke Hougan	Rosemary Sumang
Edy Jacobs	Ewa Sarnacka
Pat Jakubiec	Lucy Szwed
Monique Jakubielski	Mary Tarchala
Jason Jensen	Deborah Terry
Margarita Jimenez	Virg Tobin
Andrew Jin	Jim Toman
Shawn Jurgensen	Michael Torri
Mary Kallas	Erin Anderson Tugman
Kathy Kamphaus	Christina Belcher-Ugolini
Brandon Karimi	Benjamin Vargas
Ken Kasnicka	Maria Vargas
Carter Kettner	Martha Vescio
Donna Kevil	Virginia Underwood
Gerry Krug	Dolores Vasquez
Margaret Kuhn	Genevieve Welch
Korin Kupris	Emily Wilson
Ivanna Lamb	Kylie Wells-Long
Rose Marie Lambert	Pat Waltz
Ken Larson	Paula Winterhalder
Nancy Liden	Elizabeth Wood
Haley Lipnisky	Susan Woodbury
Marilyn Loechl	Lexie Youngberg
Donna Maday	Larry Zengri
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	

*NEW THIS WEEK



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 Dalz
Major Daniel Durbin

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

LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	Captain Kevin Rezabek
ATC Seth Kelley	ATC Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Cpl Riley Santoyo
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	AN Michael Schieve
Sgt. David Lawless	PFC Keegan Serbick
SrA Robert Lawless	Major Jim Smolucha
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao	Major Mike Smolucha
Commander Matthew Luff	SFC Thomas Stanhope
WO1 Jake Miller	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell	Lt. Keith Wolfe

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm sorry to have had to share the news with you last weekend at Masses that Fr. Michael Groth is no longer assigned to our parish and that we will not be having a second priest assigned to us. Believe me, I was very much looking forward to having Fr. Michael be part of our community, but the Diocese decided another parish had a greater need than us for a second priest. I wish Fr. Michael all the best at his new assignment at St. Joseph Parish in Downers Grove, IL. They are lucky to have him!

Obviously this was hard news to receive, and it really impacts how we function as a parish. Only having one priest I've tried my best this past year to keep things in terms of the Sacraments as similar as possible to when we had two priests. If you recall the only Masses we stopped were the 1:30pm Spanish Mass due to my inability to speak Spanish, and the Saturday morning Mass at 8:30am due to having an evening Mass already scheduled and leaving room on the calendar for funerals and weddings on Saturday.

I'm so happy things have opened up and are getting back to normal. It's great to see how much truly goes on at our parish and how many ministries exist. If you recall, I was assigned during the height of COVID, so I'm really getting my first taste at how much really goes on here, and I know there are more activities that eventually will be resumed.

I really think St. John's is in a good spot, and I pray Our Blessed Mother continues to wrap her mantle of love, care, and protection around us, and keeps interceding for us to her Son.

Having so much going on at St. John's and being one priest, there is a reality that comes with all of this. I'm about to be very transparent with all of you. I can't keep at the level I've been going. In fact, when I spoke with Bishop Hicks and told him some of the details on what I've been doing at St. John's as the only priest, he himself said you can't continue at that pace.

I know my own personal health has suffered in the past year, and I NEED to take better care of myself so I can continue to function as your priest and be in it for the long run.

That being said, beginning Monday, June 6, I'm introducing a summer Mass schedule at St. John's. The daily Masses will be as follows:

Monday 5:30pm Tuesday 8:15am Wednesday 5:30pm Thursday 8:15am Friday 12:00pm

The weekend Mass schedule will remain the same as it currently is.

I know this is not the "perfect" schedule. I know this schedule is going to upset some. I know it'll also make some happy who maybe haven't been able to go to Daily Mass previously.

The Mass times are based on the parishes around us. We have a number of morning Masses at the parishes surrounding us; however, there are not any local evening Masses.

The hope is that this schedule will meet a need of all our parishioners for at least two days out of the week since the times cover morning, afternoon, and evening. For those who need an early Mass before work, the hope is the inconvenience isn't too great due to the number of surrounding parishes offering a number of morning Mass times and the opportunity a number of days out of the week to go to Mass after work.

I realize this is a big change. I'm hopeful this new schedule will allow me to recharge and get the proper sleep, prayer, and exercise that I need to best serve you, while still making sure the Mass is offered and made available each day for you, my beloved parishioners of St. John's.

Please pray for me, and be assured of my prayers for you. May all of our souls continue to be led to Heaven, our Mission and our Goal!

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



please pray for
Rosann Erdmann

who passed away on April 15, 2022.

Our sympathies are extended to her daughter,
Holly Zielinski, and to all of her family & friends.

Our Sanctuary Lamps



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

Chapel † Jim Ford
Church † Manuel Garza, Jr.

*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.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Almighty ever-living God, constantly
accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make
new in Holy Baptism may, under your
protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal.
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.*

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm.
All Confessions are in the Church.



please pray for
James Corry "Jim" Ford

who passed away on April 27, 2022.

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

Because the dispensation from the obligation to attend
Sunday Mass has been lifted, we will no longer be
live-streaming Mass at St. John's after April 24th.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

*"Behold,
God's dwelling is with the human race."*
Revelation 21:3

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, May 14, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Jeanne Ptak (Al Ptak & Family)
† Peter Dunne (Cathy & Barry McGlynn & Family)
† Charles Kadolph (St. John's Counters)
♥ Bernie & Chris Bartelli, 47th Wedding Anniversary
† Bud Morey (The Dusza Family)
† Giuliana Capigatti (Andrew Capigatti)

Sunday, May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † Louise Florian (The Florian Family)
9:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

Monday, May 16

7:00 a.m. † Lucille Pelletier (The Giacalone Family)

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 a.m. † Eugene Gawle (The Talbots)

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 a.m. † Sherri Sharon (The Conley Family)

Thursday, May 19

7:00 a.m. † Gene Connors (Carol Connors)

Friday, May 20

12:00 p.m. † Theresa Mary Ratterman (Bless & Ed Romero)
† Rose Wolfinger (The Digenan Family)
† Fr. Arno Dennerlein
† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)
† Wes Salisbury (The McLean Family)
† Al Christoffer (Ellen & Mike McGrath)

Saturday, May 21, Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Joseph & Florence Bryja (Joe & Dee Bryja)
† Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)
† Joan Berg (Barb Zeiler)
† John Pohodich (The Bartko Family)
† Doris Morrissey (The Morrissey Family)
† Lucille Vogt (The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)

Sunday, May 22, Sixth Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † Frank & Claranne Zielinski (The Catholic Schools Office)
9:30 a.m. † Brian Clement (Ralph & Linda Grieco)
11:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish

VOCATIONS



Come Away with Me

FOR SINGLE, CATHOLIC WOMEN AGE 18-35
JULY 2 - 8, 2022 | JUSTICE, ILLINOIS

Join us for a week-long discernment retreat to rest with the Father, to draw nearer to Jesus, and to be rejuvenated by the Holy Spirit. Echo with Samuel the prayer: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." What does God have in store for you? Come and see!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR:

- * PRAYING THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS WITH THE SISTERS • PERSONAL PRAYER TIME
- * DAILY MASS • DAILY ADORATION • SILENCE • REFLECTION • CONFERENCES • FUN WITH THE SISTERS! • RECREATION • AND MUCH MORE!

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Immaculate Conception Province

QUESTIONS?
Email Sr. Charbel Joseph, OP:
vocations@psistersop.com

Quarterly Gatherings May 20, 2022

4:30 PM-7:30PM

Quo Vadis Quarterly gathering of H.S. Freshmen through Senior young men will gather at The Forge in Lemont for a laser tag adventure then off to Our Lady of the Angels Retreat House in Lemont for prayer and supper with our Seminarians. Registration required and for more information, go to: www.vocations.com




RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS-EASTER EGG HUNT

Question: What happens in Sebahar Hall during Lent? The Bunny Helpers, Maryann Dusza, Therese Martineau, Jackie Roskuszka and Rita Wilke get together to match and fill the plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt! These gals filled over 1500 eggs! And they even contributed to the candy found in the eggs! Without their help, the Easter Bunny would have been embarrassed. Carol Dinelli also helped but was not pictured.



Please join us in person or Livestream

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Deacon Gregory Alberts **Deacon Brian Geary** **Deacon Thomas Logue**

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022 - 11:00 A.M.
CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, JOLIET

Deacon Brian will be celebrating his ordination to the Priesthood and first Mass May 21 and May 22. All are welcome!

Ordination:

Saturday, May 21st, 11:00am
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, IL 60435

First Mass:

Sunday, May 22nd, 11:00am
St. Mary Parish
19515 115th Ave.
Mokena, IL 60448



Join Us!

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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!

www.stjohnwinfield.org

QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations 630-668-0918, ext. 604

NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

To update you on the tax credit scholarships program, I am happy to let you know that we have awarded 25 tax credit scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year and the 26th scholarship will be awarded in the next few days. So far this year, thanks to the generosity of 20 donors, \$128,697 has been donated for scholarships for St. John's students. Please know how grateful we are for these donations. They truly make a difference for our students and families. Thank you, thank you!

If you haven't made a contribution yet, please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the tax credit scholarship program and receive a tax credit on your 2022 state taxes while making it possible for eligible current and new students to attend our school. A tax credit of 75% of the donation is received on Illinois income taxes and until July 1, parents also receive 25% of the donation as a tuition credit on 2022-23 tuition. New donors, there is still time to double your impact with our matching donations to the program. Over \$10,000 in new donations have been received, and there is at least \$25,000 left in matching dollars. Let's not let this fabulous opportunity slip away. If you have questions about the tax credit scholarship program, please contact me or Fr. Jeff Putthoff at jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org. You can also text Fr. Jeff at 347-788-8463. With a text or an email you can choose to direct your 2022 state income taxes to our school!

Joanne Policht, Principal

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

Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$22,941.
Thank you for your generosity and support!

April 24.....\$17,288

May 1.....\$28,136

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

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

Thank you!
St. Vincent de Paul Society

WHAT A GREAT WAY TO END THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION YEAR!

Mrs. Staden's 4th graders spent their last class praying on the labyrinth. These posters were made to show the world, they are on the path to heaven! They were then blessed and told to have a great summer! Stay safe and continue praying!



The Office of Adult Formation invites you to join us for

BE FORMED

- WEEKLY VIDEOS
- SMALL GROUPS
- PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP
- MONTHLY NIGHTS OF REFLECTION

LED BY
FATHER BURKE
MASTERS

SCAN CODE WITH
YOUR PHONE FOR
MORE INFO AND TO
REGISTER!

SEASON 5

THE SACRAMENTS AND THE CHURCH FATHERS

WWW.DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG/BEFORMED

SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2022

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration Dates: Any day, Monday through Thursday 9-2PM (or call and make an appointment for special time)

Current email address, as all correspondences are made using email (no registration without an email) **Baptismal certificates for new students.** Payments may be made by cash, check, or credit card. There is a \$5 processing fee if paying by credit card. If billing is required when paying by cash, a \$25 fee will be added after September 15th.

Please note beginning May 16, tuition is \$100 per family higher than the early bird rate!

Early Bird April 20 - May 15

\$200 for one child

\$300 for two children

\$400 for three or more children

Tuition May 16 - June 30

\$300 for one child

\$400 for two children

\$500 for 3 or more children

OTHER FEES:

Sacrament Fee for Gr. 2, Yr. 2, Conf. 1 & 2: + \$75

6th grade activity fee: + \$30

Any class changes: + \$10

Registrations on or after July 1 are put on a waiting list and will be notified if a class becomes available. Tuition and fees are to be paid at the time of enrollment. If you are unable to do so, payment plans are available, but a minimum of \$100 deposit (non-refundable) is asked to hold your registration for your specified class time.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

It's May! It's May! The crazy month of May! This is the month of May crownings, May baskets, first Holy Communions, Mother's Day, school plays, graduations and last but certainly not least, Memorial Day! A day when we have the opportunity to remember those in our military and especially those who have died in active duty.

This month we will be collecting items for our vets in the Midwest Shelter of Homeless Vets! A goodie bag will be delivered to the Midwest Shelter on May 30th. If you would like to help, we would love to have gift cards, personal hygiene products, sweet and salty treats, paperback books, anything to brighten their day! Thank you to Sharon for all the bath and body products! The men and women will certainly enjoy these gifts!

Any of the above items can be dropped off in the glass room off the parish office! Just mark your donation, "Vets"! Thank you again for always helping those in need!

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY 2ND BLOOD DRIVE A HUGE SUCCESS!

The blood drive held 5/2/22 was a HUGE success! The KofC team gave the Versiti team 38 registered donors; 3 were deferred and they collected 38 units considering double red donations as well as more than usual walk-ins. Because of the extremely generous folks at Saint John the Baptist Parish – up to 114 lives were saved. The goal for this one was set for 36 units and you helped that be exceeded.

The next confirmed blood drive is set for Monday, October 3, 2022. Save the date.

Questions/ comments send them to Alan Kalitzky at agkchief@gmail.com

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, May 18, 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



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING AND CONCERT

TO BENEFIT RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

Thursday, June 9, 2022

ARCADA THEATRE

6:00 pm

Live Classic Rock Concert with

Sammy & The Knights and Mitch Ryder All Star Band Tour

Tickets are \$50 each

Friday, June 10th

KLEIN CREEK

11:30 am 18-Hole Shotgun Start, Boxed Lunch

5:00-7:00 pm Cocktails and West Urban Jazz Band

6:00 pm-Wood-Fired Slow Roasted Prime Rib Dinner

For more information, contact:

Sean at seanpconley1@comcast.net

630-835-8225



CURSILLO CORNER - MAKE A FRIEND, BE A FRIEND, BRING A FRIEND TO CHRIST!

Ultreya

Join us for the next Ultreya on Saturday, May 14. Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following, we will head downstairs to Sebahar Hall. The Ultreya will begin at 9:30 and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/Tea and snacks will be provided.

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 May 1 at 8:00 pm. Friends and family are welcome. The Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

Welcome to the Fourth Day

Congratulations to the 38 Women who recently attended the 131st Cursillo Weekend! Our support and prayers are with all of them as they begin their "Fourth Day" journey. De Colores!

A special welcome to the newest Cursillistas in our parish, Val Ward, Jill Rithmiller, Rosie Rodriguez, and Linda Fuechsl. We look forward to personally welcoming you at our next Ultreya.

Fall Weekends

The Rector and Rectora for the fall weekends have been announced! Please pray for these teams as they begin their formation. We ask you also take time to discern if God is calling you to work one of these weekends. More information about team formation will be available in the coming weeks.

- Rick Hoffman (Corpus Christi)
Rector Men's Weekend-September 15-19
- Marybeth Filipowski (St. Elizabeth Seaton)
Women's Weekend-October 6-9

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!

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 amythe1@att.net. For additional information, please pick up a copy of the "Why Cursillo?" pamphlet which can be found in the narthex of our church, or visit the Joliet Cursillo website at www.jolietcursillo.org



SOME DEMONS CAN ONLY BE CAST OUT BY PRAYER AND FASTING

With spring fully upon us and summer just around the corner, we need to focus our prayer efforts for the outcome of the Supreme Court decision of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. A decision expected this June could possibly overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

From National Catholic Register – April 4, 2022 – Lauretta Brown 'Pray for Dobbs': Bishops, Faith Leaders Emphasize the Importance of Prayer and Fasting for the End of Roe in Ongoing Campaign

"We're at this pivotal moment," Archbishop Joseph Naumann of the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, stressed, regarding the imperative to pray and fast for a positive Supreme Court outcome. "It's really important for we Catholics to pray more, to intercede more for the judges, but also for ourselves, that we can be this society that really reverences the human person."

Archbishop Naumann, who participated in the launch of "Pray for Dobbs" – an ecumenical initiative, said it's important to remember that "prayer has to be the foundation of everything we do and that all of our efforts, important as they might be, are not going to be as fruitful if we're not praying and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us." He pointed to the example of Jesus in the Gospels "frequently going off to a place of solitude to be able to pray for his own fulfilling of the mission that the Father entrusted to him."

The Archbishop also cited Jesus telling the disciples in the Gospels that some demons can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. "Fasting is an important part of praying," he said. "When we fast, part of what we're doing is we're giving up something that's not necessarily a bad thing, but we're making this sacrifice, which in itself becomes an intercessory prayer. It also creates space in our life; and some of the things that we turn to for comfort instead of God, fasting opens up those spaces in our life to turn towards the Lord."

"... We don't judge anyone. We are praying for the One who knit a heart together to change a heart, to convict hearts that this [abortion] is murder at its very root: It is stopping the heartbeat of another human being. We are praying for God to convict hearts, to change hearts, so that abortion would just become unthinkable, unimaginable — that there would be this aha moment of 'Wait, what were we thinking?'"

Kathy Branzell, president of the National Day of Prayer Task Force and founder and president of the Fellowship and Christian Encouragement for Educators

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/pray-for-dobbs-bishops-faith-leaders-emphasize-the-importance-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-the-end-of-ro-e-in-ongoing-campaign>

For more on the 'Pray for Dobbs' campaign, the monthly prayer call and resources for parishes visit <https://www.prayfordobbs.com/>



Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, May 18th at 7 pm at the home of Karen Tsaparis.

We will discuss the book, *The Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP, Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming dates and title:

June 15th: *Back of the Yard* by Meg Lelvis

July 20th: *Lost Lake* by Sarah Addison Allen



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, May 5, 2022, in the Parish Office Dining Room. 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 Tuesday, 12 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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