

# 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

MAY 22, 2022 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PEACE I LEAVE WITH  
YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE  
TO YOU.

— John 14:27

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*Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 22, 2022*

## CONTACT INFORMATION:

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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 Deacon who is preparing for the Priesthood:

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

\*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,

Congratulations to Father Brian Geary who was ordained to the priesthood yesterday, Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, in Joliet! We are so happy and blessed to have been part of Father Brian's journey to his priestly ordination!

Here is an excerpt from Fr Brian's Diocese of Joliet biography as a seminarian that focuses on his journey to the priesthood:

Fr Brian grew up in Mokena and his home parish was St. Mary's where he completed his Religious Education courses and received the sacraments of first Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation.

Father Brian attended University of Illinois to study Music Education where, as a music major, he was a member of several concert bands, saxophone quartets, and the world-famous Marching Illini. During his college days, he also became very involved with St. John's Catholic Newman Center. He joined Bible studies and became active in the Koinonia retreat program. Through that community, he began to develop a prayer life, and made many life-long friendships. He became heavily involved in Newman's ministries, which included leading Bible studies and retreats. During those years, he saw many examples of good and holy priests living out their vocations with joy and zeal. He never knew that the life of a priest could be so joy-filled. Through those witnesses, he learned to ask God what He wanted for his life.

He graduated from U of I in 2013, and soon began teaching band for grades 5, 6, and high school in the suburbs. He thoroughly enjoyed his work, but through prayer he began to feel God asking him to consider the possibility of the priesthood. After continued discernment, he realized he would never know God's plan for his life unless he applied to the seminary. As part of his seminary formation for the Diocese of Joliet, he completed his pre-theology philosophy studies at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. Additionally, his summer assignments have included teaching Totus Tuus, and a summer at the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, Nebraska.

For his deacon year, Deacon Brian served so well our community of St. John's. He gave wonderful homilies, celebrated baptisms, witnessed weddings, prepared couples for marriage, was a great brother to live with in the rectory, and overall helped lead our souls to Heaven! And thanks be to God, he is now a priest of Jesus Christ forever!

Please save the date, Sunday, June 26, 2022, after the 11:30 am Mass to join me for a celebration reception of Father Brian's ministry at St. John's, and to say goodbye to him. Beginning July 1st, Father Brian will be the parochial vicar at Holy Family Catholic Church in Shorewood, Illinois.

Thank you, Father Brian, for your ministry while here at St. John's!

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris







### Our Sanctuary Lamps



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

**Chapel ♥ Vocations**  
**Church ♥ Rev. Brian Geary,**  
**Health & Intentions**

\*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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Grant, almighty God,  
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion  
these days of joy,  
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,  
and that what we relive in remembrance  
we may always hold to in what we do.  
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.

### REFLECTION QUESTION:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?

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All Parish offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, May 30th.

**We will reopen on Tuesday, May 31st at 8:00 am**

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

*"May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!"*

**Psalm 67:6**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### 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

### Monday, May 23

7:00 a.m. † Mickey Fallon (Margaret & Kevin Walsh)

### Tuesday, May 24

7:00 a.m. † The Souls in Purgatory

### Wednesday, May 25

7:00 a.m. † Peggy Berndt (Maureen & Denny Brennan)

### Thursday, May 26

7:00 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish

### Friday, May 27

12:00 p.m. † Colette Miller (The Mitchell Family)  
† Fr Arno Dennerlein  
† Mildred Ronaldson (Jack Aylward)  
♥ Health & Intentions of Laura Leahy (Maureen Garro)  
† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)  
† Mary Della Scheuller (Nina Lavoie)

### Saturday, May 28, Vigil, The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Kevin Grieco & Nick Larson (Anne & Dave Larson)  
† Rose Marecek, Birthday Anniversary (The Lambert Family)  
† Steve Kalat (Walter & Therese Martineau)  
† Phil Bohac (Tom & Mary Porubcansky)  
† Colette Miller (Marianne & Jim Russell)  
† Lucille Vogt (The Ronald & Sharon Kammes Family)

### Sunday, May 29, The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 a.m. ♥ † The People of the Parish  
9:30 a.m. † Fr Tony Stockinger, Anniv. of Birth, 5/30 (Dr & Mrs. James Paul)  
11:30 a.m. † John Pohodich (John Pelican)





We congratulate

***Julie Tracy & Chris Thompson***

who celebrated the Sacrament  
of Marriage on May 7, 2022.

**Best Wishes to You!**



**sharing  
CHRIST**  
a seven-week mission

For those who have completed  
Following Christ, the third Christ-Life  
Trimester begins Tuesday, April 5, 2022.  
Please go to  
[stjohnwinfield.org/sharing-christ](http://stjohnwinfield.org/sharing-christ)  
for info and registration.

Questions? Please email  
[christlife@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:christlife@stjohnwinfield.org)

begins at 7:00 pm



## MEMORIAL DAY MASS-ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY

On Monday, May 30th, Mass for St. John the Baptist Church will be celebrated at the St. John's Cemetery at 8:30 a.m., weather permitting. (There will be no 7AM Mass that day). The cemetery is located at the corner of Summit and Gary's Mill Road in Winfield. Please bring a folding chair/lawn type chair for each person attending.

In the event of rain, Mass will be held at St. John's Catholic Church, on Church Street, Winfield.

## SUMMER DAILY MASS SCHEDULE, STARTING MONDAY, JUNE 6TH

Fr Chris announced St. John's summer Daily Mass schedule, beginning Monday, June 6; it is listed below:

Monday 5:30 pm

Tuesday 8:15 am

Wednesday 5:30 pm

Thursday 8:15 am

Friday 12:00 pm

The weekend Mass schedule remains the same.



Fr Chris lighting the Easter Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil this year

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](http://WWW.DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG/BEFORMED)

**SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2022**



# 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.**
- 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](http://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](mailto: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



**FR. CHRIS**  
**FEARED** his **BEARD**  
will be **SHEARED**

Fr. Chris will publicly **\$5,000**  
shave his beard if we raise by 5/25

## DONATE TO SJB SCHOOL:

- Mass 5/21, 5/22
- WeShare at [stjohnwinfield.org](http://stjohnwinfield.org)
- Parish or School office with memo beard fundraiser by 5/25

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday  
May 25, 2022  
at the SJB  
School Field Day

**LAST YEAR WE RAISED \$10,000!**

100% of the proceeds go to St. John the Baptist Grade School



## UPDATE ON ALEX'S PROJECT

Mrs. Brennan,

Thank you very much for putting the article about the Alex Project in the bulletin these past weeks. I want to give you an update on the distribution of the Care Bags. To date we have provided over 350 bags to people; 100 bags were given to the DuPage County Sheriff, 30 bags to Wheaton Police Department, 70 bags to Wayne Township with 4 coats and 8 knitted hat & scarf sets, 75 bags to the West Chicago Police Department, 75 bags to the West Chicago Neighborhood Food Pantry, and to some people I have met on the street. All the full size items of sanitizer, soaps, wipes, etc. were donated to PADS for their new hotel platform for their guests. I want to say thank you so much for all the donations we have received so far. I am now preparing for the summer Care Bags which will include socks, sanitizer, Kleenex, bottles of water, soap, shampoo, toothbrush and paste, and any other items we have. We are in need of these items and any donation will be greatly appreciated. This project would not be possible without the generosity of family, friends, and the parishioners of St. Johns. Together, we are making a difference in many lives.

Sincerely,  
Alex McCall



## 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*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### \$2,000 GRANT AWARDED TO SCOTT VALENTA, 6TH GRADE HOMEROOM TEACHER AND JH SCIENCE TEACHER!

Two years ago the Catholic Education Foundation's Women's Giving Circle initiated a Classroom Grant Program and this year three proposals were submitted by SJB teachers! Congratulations to Pre-K teacher, Linda Bearsdsley and technology teacher, Tom Hollatz; and seventh grade homeroom teacher and grades 5-8 math teacher, Katie Pierscionek for being selected as finalists. Congratulations to Scott Valenta, our sixth grade homeroom and JH Science Teacher, for receiving \$2,000 to fund his grant proposal "Trout in the Classroom." He was awarded the grant at a ceremony on Saturday, April 30. With this grant, St. John the Baptist Catholic School will be certified as an Illinois Trout Fish Hatchery and he and the students will be working collaboratively with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and a local Trout in the Classroom Chapter. The trout are raised by our students and then released in an approved body of water later in the year. To learn more about this exciting project and see Mr. Valenta's video, visit here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Mkr8wyEOaOTF1SptnEjPnptqrFxFKvmp/view?usp=sharing\\_eip\\_m&ts=62741627](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-Mkr8wyEOaOTF1SptnEjPnptqrFxFKvmp/view?usp=sharing_eip_m&ts=62741627)



## 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, June 1st, 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 at 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](mailto:seanpconley1@comcast.net)  
630-835-8225



Dear Prayer Partners,

The staff at Waterleaf are in need of our prayer presence. They have had a desire for 2 years now, to have individuals praying in their beautiful chapel during working hours. These devoted volunteers and staff, need our prayers for their strength, clarity, and prudence as they serve women and men in need during a critical time of decision in their lives. The women and men coming into the clinic, need our prayers, that they may feel the love of our Lord during a pivotal time in their lives. We also need to pray that they feel the support of our prayers when they come in for education and services. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chapel hours vary day to day and week to week. You do not need to sign up for a recurring time. If you are interested in signing up for a time, or if you have questions, please contact Margie Donofrio by text 630-803-8465 or email [kml3donofrio@gmail.com](mailto:kml3donofrio@gmail.com)

## 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!

May 1....\$28,136

May 8....\$22,039



## SILENT NO MORE

There is much in the news these days regarding abortion. You can hardly tune into a news source without hearing the shouts of anger and righteous vindication from those who demand "the right" to abortion. While pro-life supporters, perhaps not as loud, are equally passionate about their stance – the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

There is however, one voice we rarely hear...the voice of someone who is experiencing the physical, spiritual, and emotional pain of having had an abortion. The pro-choice people would lead you to believe that abortion is a simple solution to a problem; terminate the pregnancy - end of problem, and your life continues just as before. The reality is actually quite different.

"Silent No More Awareness is a campaign whereby Christians make the public aware of the devastation abortion brings to women and men. The campaign seeks to expose and heal the secrecy and silence surrounding the emotional and physical pain of abortion." There are over 3,000 abortion testimonies on the website and thousands more have been shared at gatherings throughout the U.S. and abroad. The Campaign is a project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life.

And the voices of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign have been brought before the Court in The Priests for Life brief in the Dobbs case. After describing in detail, the mission of Silent No More, the brief goes on to say,

*"Through this brief, Priests for Life presents to this Court the compelling testimonies of individuals who have been harmed by the adverse effects of abortion."*

<https://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/about-us/>

## RACHEL'S VINEYARD

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortion emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing.

Rachel's Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)  
<https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/>

### Abortion aftercare resources:

<https://anglicansforlife.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Important-Life-Resource-Guide.pdf>

## A PRAYER

*We pray, Lord, that the testimonies of those whose lives have been broken by abortion will open the minds and soften the hearts of those who advocate for abortion. May all people come to see that life is precious, and truly a gift from God.*

## 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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) or [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) and [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@stjohnwinfield.org).

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Our Lady Undoer of Knots is the spiritual underpinning of the conference.



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- It will run Thursday evening, Friday evening and all day Saturday.
- Tickets will go on sale on June 27. Website details to follow.
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