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Pentecost
SUNDAY



There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

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Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
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Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Rosa Mostek
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Lauren Mungo
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Becky Neal
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Maura Neuens
Clare North
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Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
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Tim Ptak
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Virginia Underwood
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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.....

Secretaria Hispana:Ext 601

Business Manager:

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

Facilities Manager:

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

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

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Religious Education:.....Office: Ext 613

Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

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Coordinator: Ruben Chavez.....Ext. 611

Grade School:.....Office: Ext 618

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

Phone: 630-668-2625, Fax: 630-668-7176

St Vincent de Paul Society:.....Ext 692

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

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

Please pray for the Seminarians working
at CDH this Summer: Greg Alberts,
Brian Geary, Aaron Minix, Tom Logue

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 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 Kosteka
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain 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:

On this Pentecost Sunday, we remember the Holy Spirit descending upon the Apostles, uniting peoples from many nations and giving life to the Church. The paragraph below is the beginning of Pope Francis' Pentecost homily last year. May the Holy Spirit continue to draw us together in Christ and give us faith, hope, and love. As we make plans and prepare the church to be gradually and safely reopened, please email me if you are healthy and willing to serve on one of the teams: set-up, greeters, and cleaning. I appreciate all of the kind notes and prayers as well as your generous support of our parish. I am praying for you and your loved ones too.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt

Pentecost arrived, for the disciples, after fifty days of uncertainty. True, Jesus had risen. Overjoyed, they had seen him, listened to his words and even shared a meal with him. Yet they had not overcome their doubts and fears: they met behind closed doors (cf. *Jn* 20:19.26), uncertain about the future and not ready to proclaim the risen Lord. Then the Holy Spirit comes and their worries disappear. Now the apostles show themselves fearless, even before those sent to arrest them. Previously, they had been worried about saving their lives; now they are unafraid of dying. Earlier, they had huddled in the Upper Room; now they go forth to preach to every nation. Before the ascension of Jesus, they waited for God's kingdom to come to them (cf. *Acts* 1:6); now they are filled with zeal to travel to unknown lands. Before, they had almost never spoken in public, and when they did, they had often blundered, as when Peter denied Jesus; now they speak with *parrhesia* to everyone. The disciples' journey seemed to have reached the end of the line, when suddenly they were *rejuvenated by the Spirit*. Overwhelmed with uncertainty, when they thought everything was over, they were transformed by a joy that gave them a new birth. The Holy Spirit did this. The Spirit is far from being an abstract reality: he is the Person who is most concrete and close, the one who changes our lives. How does he do this? Let us consider the Apostles. The Holy Spirit did not make things easier for them, he didn't work spectacular miracles, he didn't take away their difficulties and their opponents. Rather, the Spirit brought into the lives of the disciples a harmony that had been lacking, his own harmony, for he is *harmony*.

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:

Hoy celebramos Pentecostés, cuando el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre los Apóstoles, uniendo las naciones y dando vida a la Iglesia. El siguiente párrafo es el comienzo de la homilía de Pentecostés del Papa Francisco el año pasado. Que el Espíritu Santo continúe uniéndonos en Cristo y nos dé fe, esperanza y amor. Mientras hacemos planes y preparamos la reapertura gradual y segura de la iglesia, envíeme un correo electrónico si están sanos y dispuestos a servir en uno de los equipos: preparación, bienvenida y limpieza. Gracias por todas las notas amables y oraciones y su apoyo generoso a nuestra parroquia. Estoy rezando por ustedes y sus seres queridos.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo

Después de cincuenta días de incertidumbre para los discípulos, llegó Pentecostés. Por una parte, Jesús había resucitado, lo habían visto y escuchado llenos de alegría, y también habían comido con Él. Por otro lado, aún no habían superado las dudas y los temores: estaban con las puertas cerradas (cf. *Jn* 20,19.26), con pocas perspectivas, incapaces de anunciar al que está Vivo. Luego, llega el Espíritu Santo y las preocupaciones se desvanecen: ahora los apóstoles ya no tienen miedo ni siquiera ante quien los arresta; antes estaban preocupados por salvar sus vidas, ahora ya no tienen miedo de morir; antes permanecían encerrados en el Cenáculo, ahora salen a anunciar a todas las gentes. Hasta la Ascensión de Jesús, esperaban un Reino de Dios para ellos (cf. *Hch* 1,6), ahora están ansiosos por llegar hasta los confines desconocidos. Antes no habían hablado casi nunca en público y, cuando lo habían hecho, a menudo habían causado problemas, como Pedro negando a Jesús; ahora hablan con *parresia* a todos. La historia de los discípulos, que parecía haber llegado a su final, es en definitiva renovada por la *juventud del Espíritu*: aquellos jóvenes que poseídos por la incertidumbre pensaban que habían llegado al final, fueron transformados por una alegría que los hizo renacer. El Espíritu Santo hizo esto. El Espíritu no es, como podría parecer, algo abstracto; es la persona más concreta, más cercana, que nos cambia la vida. ¿Cómo lo hace? Fijémonos en los apóstoles. El Espíritu no les facilitó la vida, no realizó milagros espectaculares, no eliminó problemas y adversarios, pero el Espíritu trajo a la vida de los discípulos una armonía que les faltaba, porque Él es *armonía*.

Miren nuestras misas y devociones por medio del canal de YouTube de St. John the Baptist Winfield y nuestro sitio de internet y página de Facebook.



Diocese of Joliet Phased Re-opening of Our Churches

Subject: Reopening Plan for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church amid COVID-19

Dear St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish:

I pray that you and your loved ones are healthy. As you may have seen, Bishop Pates recently shared our multi-phased plan for reopening churches in the Diocese of Joliet.

- Phase I allows for parishes to reopen for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of TEN attendees.
- Phase IA allows for parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of TEN attendees.
- Phase II allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups depending on the guidelines which will be issued by the State of Illinois at a later date, and the capacity of the church building

Our Reopening Plan

First and foremost, it is important for everyone to understand that our efforts will prioritize the safety and wellbeing of all while maintaining due respect and reverence for the sacraments and liturgical norms of our faith. I am assembling a Parish Reopening Leadership Team with parishioner co-captains to lead our efforts. Together, we will participate in required training from the Diocese to ensure that our parish reopening plan conforms to the guidelines developed by the Diocese in collaboration with civil and healthcare authorities. We will also obtain protective and cleaning supplies, as well as guidance on purchasing/maintaining supplies ongoing.

Volunteers Needed

We will need volunteers to assist with various aspects of our parish reopening plan. Importantly, leadership team members and volunteers must not be part of a "vulnerable population" nor have underlying medical conditions such as diabetes, lung disease, undergoing cancer treatment, etc. Those over the age of 60 should consult the Parish Leadership Team about possibly serving as a volunteer. I ask all who are younger than 60 and healthy with no underlying health conditions to consider assisting with one of three reopening teams. I especially encourage high school and college students as well as young adults to serve and volunteer for teams.

- Set-up team. Sample duties include ensuring that all supplies needed for each sacramental celebration/gathering are ready for use, entrances and exits are marked and propped physically open prior to attendees' arrival/departure, windows are opened, etc.
- Greeting team. Sample duties include assisting in managing the flow of congregants as they enter the church, making sure attendees use hand sanitizer upon entering, are wearing a mask, and are reminded not to enter if ill; directing people to appropriate seating/waiting areas, etc.

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- Cleaning team. Sample duties include maintaining and cleaning essential and trafficked areas of the church before and after the church has been used. Masks and gloves will be provided, if you do not have your own, in addition to approved cleaning/disinfecting supplies.

The Reopening Leadership Team and I will make sure that all volunteers are properly trained. Please send a message to fr matt@stjohnwinfield.org if you are willing to volunteer. From those that step forward, we also request that some act as volunteer captains to help lead each of the three teams.

Timing for Our Reopening

As I mentioned, the Parish Reopening Leadership Team members and I will need to complete required training, which took place the week of May 17. Once all of the team leaders complete the training, we will need to review and complete tasks assigned to all parishes as part of a reopening certification process to be approved by the Diocese. Therefore, at this point, the soonest that our parish could realistically open for sacramental celebrations, private prayer, or Eucharistic Adoration would be the weekend of May 30. However, our parish, like all others in the Diocese, will move forward at a pace and timing appropriate for our situation.

Following our training and certification approval, we will open our church once the Reopening Leadership Team and I feel confident that we have the right volunteers in place to make it possible to reopen. Once we can open our doors again, we will ensure that people have sufficient space between them as well as limit the number of attendees to minimize the risk of the spread of disease. In order to avoid "turning people away" at our doors, we will establish a registration system through our parish website and via telephone to the parish office.

The guidelines and measures required to reopen are designed to protect our wellbeing and that of our broader community. I know this time has been difficult, and not being able to spend a few minutes before our Lord in church has added to the challenge. I appreciate your patience and support and am grateful for those who have begun to volunteer. I look forward to gradually and safely coming together in church.

May God grant you hope and peace during this difficult time. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,
Fr. Matt Pratscher

**Pentecost Sunday
May 31, 2020**

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
— Acts 2:3

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, May 30

8:30 a.m. † Matthew Boes (*Mother & Father/Steve & Helen Boes*)

Vigil Mass of Pentecost Sunday

5:00 p.m. ♥ Jim & Dorothy Hanlock, Health & Intentions (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Marie & Gayle Black (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Dick Hanlock (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Cathal Brady (*Maureen & Denny Brennan*)

† Jan Anderson (*Cathy Johnston*)

Sunday, May 31, Pentecost Sunday

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. ♥† Our Mother's Day Intentions

11:30 a.m. † Fr Tony Stockinger

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

Monday, June 1

7:00 a.m. † Ramona Clavel (*Bob Clavel*)

7:50 a.m. † Armella & Vernon Vechart (*Renee & Helmut Groetzel*)

Tuesday, June 2

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

7:50 a.m. † Elfriede & Ludwig Groetzel (*Renee & Helmut Groetzel*)

Wednesday, June 3

7:00 a.m. † Joseph & Timothy Lambert (*Rose Marie Lambert*)

7:50 a.m. ♥ Carol Connors, Health & Intentions (*Carol Connors*)

Thursday, June 4

7:00 a.m. † Fr. Charles Genskie

7:50 a.m. † Neal Kinnish (*Walter & Therese Martineau*)

Friday, June 5

7:00 a.m. † The Aylward Family (*Jack Aylward*)

7:50 a.m. † Our Parish's All Souls Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 6

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

Vigil Mass of The Most Holy Trinity

5:00 p.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (*K of C*)

† Fr Gene Parnisari

† Wally Dusza (*The Maryann Dusza Family*)

† Helen Grabinowski (*The Maryann Dusza Family*)

Sunday, June 7, The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 a.m. † Tony DeSalvo (*John P. Walsh*)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. ♥ In Honor of the 2019 Jubilarians of the Wheaton Franciscans (*Larry Zengri*)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † Jose Blanco (*The Blanco Family*)

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



Chapel † Intention of the Priest
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 — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalms — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2;
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28-34

Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165,
166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55;
2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Online prayers, reflections, & devotions

<https://mycatholic.life>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com>

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

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

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

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION, Sunday, May 24, 2020, The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

This past Sunday, our pastor, Father Matt, along with the four seminarians who are working at CDH this summer, once again carried the Blessed Sacrament in a 4.5 mile procession throughout Winfield because we cannot yet have gatherings of more than 10 people and since the free exercise of religion is listed as an essential activity. Carrying Christ in the Eucharist through the streets of Winfield is an opportunity for us to pray for the safety and well-being of the community, healthcare workers, and first responders, as well as to bring our Eucharistic Lord to His people, remembering that our Lord is with us.

Pictured here is the procession stopping at a parishioner's driveway, holding a short benediction.



Sunday Readings May 31, 2020 Pentecost Sunday – Mass During the Day

Reading 1 Acts 2:1–11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, “Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God.”

Reading 2 1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

Brothers and sisters: No one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Gospel Jn 20:19–23

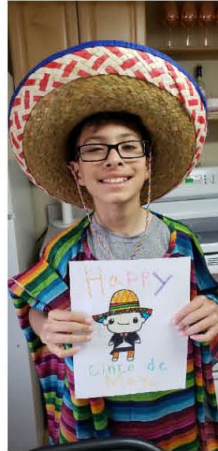
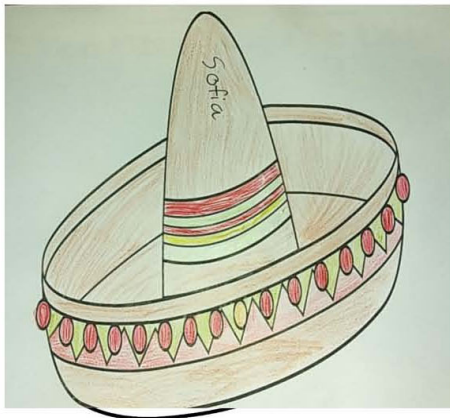
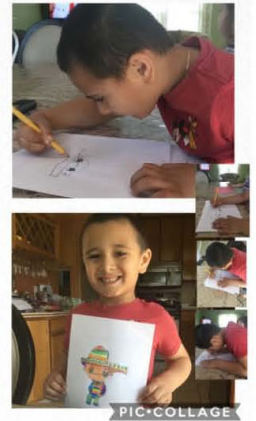
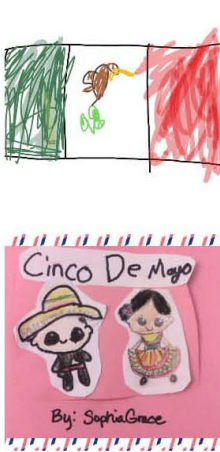
On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”



NEWS FROM OUR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

During the quarantine, every school day our St. John's school principal shares an audio of a morning prayer and an afternoon prayer which students listen to at home while e-learning. Recently, along with the morning prayer, our principal shared these photo collages our school's students created at home for Cinco de Mayo in the e-classrooms of our Spanish teacher, Mrs. Ascenzo, and our art teacher, Mrs. Orr.

Our St. John's School's Cinco de Mayo collages, continued



KNIGHTS' BLOOD DRIVE NEWS

Your Knights of Columbus had scheduled its semi-annual blood drive for May 4th but plans changed due to the current restrictions we are all under. Details for the **NEW DATE, JUNE 29, 2020**, are below. Please consider donating whenever you can, based on the urgent need. Mention that you are doing this per the efforts of the St. John the Baptist K of C when you donate. Thanks; stay safe and if you have questions, call me at 630-240-5301. ~Alan Kalitzky



PENTECOST

Unless the eye catch fire,
God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
God will not be known.

—William Blake

WINFIELD WOODS-PEN PALS NEEDED

A request from Winfield Woods, a nursing care facility in Winfield: "We haven't received many letters and would love for each of our residents to have a card, letter or drawing to open right now. Please consider sending our residents letters, cards, pictures or even drawings during this time of social distancing. It would mean so much to a very special person!"

Mail to:

Winfield Woods
Activities Department (Janel)
28W141 Liberty St.
Winfield, IL 60190

Please indicate on the back of the envelope if the correspondence is for a male or female resident.

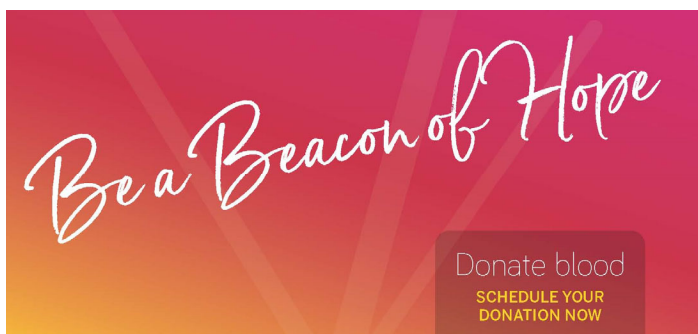
Thank you. Your kindness will mean the world!

SAVE THE DATE

The Knights of Columbus/Ronald McDonald Charity Golf Outing
June Event has been rescheduled

to:

Friday, September 25, 2020



HELP SAVE LIVES



June 29, 2020

To donate in the area, please visit www.versiti.org/IL and for eligibility questions.

Information will be available for the 6/29 blood drive in the near future!

Call 847-305-9998 for more information.

DUE TO COVID-19 - OUR MAY BLOOD DRIVE IS NOW POSTPONED TO 6/29/20

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT
05233 CHURCH STREET, WINFIELD
Drive will take place in Sebahar Hall
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CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

Today is Pentecost. We celebrate the day The Holy Spirit came down upon our Blessed Mother and the Apostles in the upper room. The Holy Spirit inspired the Apostles then and is still inspiring us today to love and care for our neighbor. The evidence is all around us:

- Giving DuPage Days campaign which ran from April 14th to May 14th raised \$229,776 for 82 participating charities;
- Signs and emails thanking doctors, nurses, first responders, policemen, fireman, etc. for their unselfish service in caring and saving lives;
- Priests and ministers are reaching out in new ways to bring religious services to their flock and offering comfort and hope;
- Many people are offering to shop for those who cannot go out;
- In the news and in our neighborhoods, we hear of car parades bringing joy to others;

The list goes on.

The Holy Spirit was, is, and always will be active in bringing God's love to us and helping us bring it to others.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy, and ecology. Spirit of God spark our faith, hope, and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.

from [Catholic Online Prayers](#)



CATHOLICS
FOR LIFE

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



Congratulations, Jennifer Kurtyka

Woman of the Year - 2020

St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women

Jennifer Kurtyka was selected as this year's CCW Woman of the Year and is well known to many in our parish. Jennifer has been St. John's parish secretary the past 8 years and has served in CCW as recording secretary, co-vice president and currently is co-president. Jennifer is shown here crowning Our Blessed Mother in the Mary Garden on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13th.



Normally, the Woman of the Year is announced at the CCW May meeting, but because of COVID-19, the meeting and announcement didn't happen this year. So, our 2019 Woman of the Year, Cathy Johnston, presented Jennifer with a lovely bouquet, musical card and cupcakes at the parish office several weeks ago and asked Jennifer to crown Mary in our Mary Garden. It was a lovely moment, captured in the photo above.



Jennifer participates in numerous activities within CCW. Jennifer has co-chaired the CCW Nominating committee, our Parish Christmas Concert, and has assisted other members at our Garage Sale, Spring Bazaar and Holiday Fair. She has volunteered at our parish St. Joseph's Day Table, and serves as a member of the Teaching Parish Committee for Seminarians at Mundelein Seminary, as well as coordinated and taught the parish's baptism preparation for many years. She has been of great assistance to the Legion of Mary Fatima Praesediums (English and Spanish). In the past, she served as a board member for Illinois Action for Children, and volunteered for Meals on Wheels in West Chicago. Jennifer is married to Jayme and they are the proud parents of three, twenty-something sons.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NEWS

We are still working on the planning for classes for the 2020/2021 religious education school year. Registrations were scheduled for the end of April. Since the social distancing guidelines have been extended, we are waiting to see when registration can take place. Please check your email, the church bulletin, as well as the parish website stjohnwinfield.org for further updates.

ST. JOHN'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

St. John's has set up a YouTube channel where Masses and devotions are posted. To find the St. John's channel:

1. Go to YouTube;
2. Search for St John the Baptist Winfield;
3. Click on St. John's Church logo:



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Wednesday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Friday:	St. Boniface; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Norbert; First Saturday

CATHOLIC SPORTS CAMPS

brainstormed a way to offer kids a fun after school activity

during these unique times. "Coach's Corner" features sports skills and tips live-streamed on Facebook. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/267652796676847/posts/2753448854763883/?sfnsn=mo> for more information.



CRS RICE BOWL FOR LENT UPDATE

If you and your family were collecting donations for the CRS Rice Bowl mission during Lent, please hold onto your donations until our Church is reopened. Once we're able to attend Mass at St. John's again, we'll be collecting your Rice Bowl donations in the Church narthex, before and after weekend Masses. Thank you. ~Maureen Brennan, RE Director

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- 5 Give on-the-go!** Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

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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.**

May 3.....	\$31,203
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May 17.....	\$15,940
May 24.....	\$17,502

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Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

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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.

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. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

24-Hour Adoration: Cancelled until further notice. Per the Diocese of Joliet, all parishes are to follow instructions & guidelines suggested by the IL Dept of Public Health, the CDC & orders issued the State of Illinois, "all churches & adoration chapels must be closed & locked (until further notice).



Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting-Until further notice, AA is not meeting, per State of Illinois guidelines.

Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting. 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 4/1/2020, until further notice, the parish office will remain closed.

Please call or email the parish office, 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

Lost and Found: When we re-open, 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.

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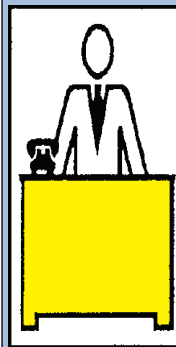
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