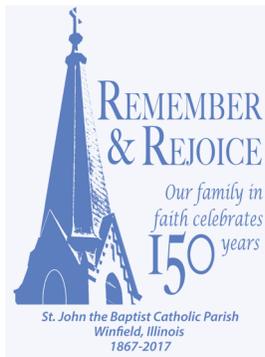


# NOVEMBER 26, 2017 † OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m., 7:50 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

## HOLY DAY/SPECIAL MASS SCHEDULE

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday, December 8  
Vigil, Thursday, 12/7: 5p  
Friday, 12/8: 7a, 8a, 6p - Spanish, 7p

## RECONCILIATION

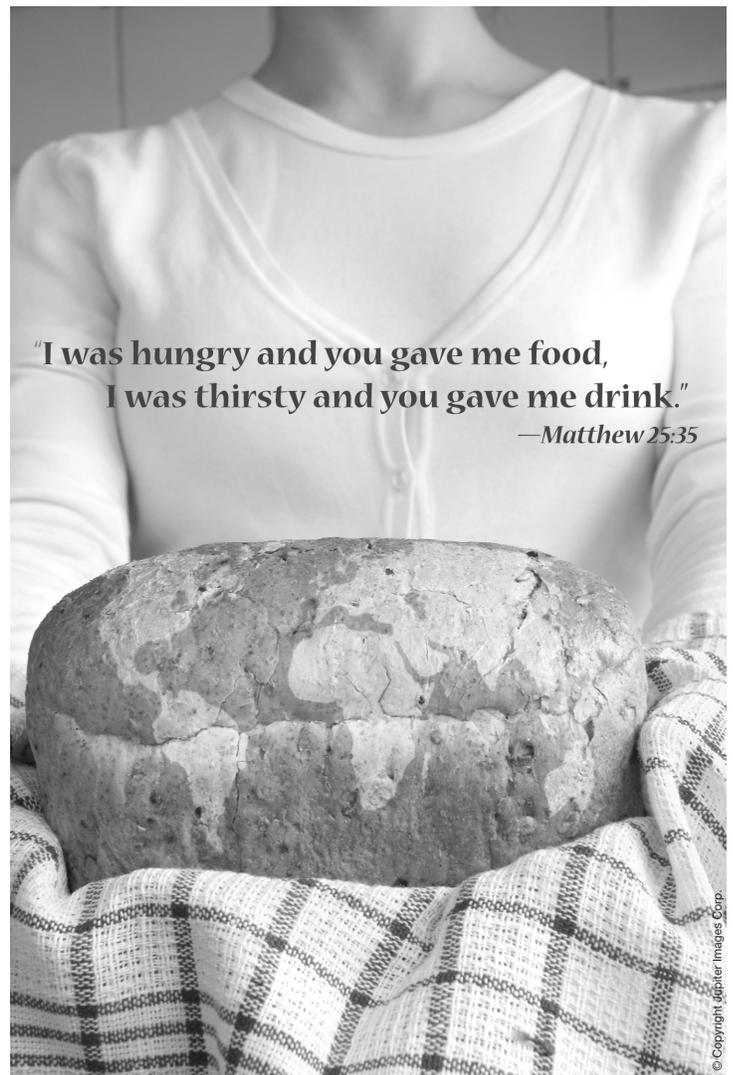
Saturdays: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. /  
Church Confessional  
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. /  
Chapel Confessional

## 24-Hours of ADORATION

Tuesdays from 7:30 a.m. through  
Wednesdays at 7:00 a.m.

## RECITATION OF THE ROSARY:

Sundays, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass  
Weekdays, after the 7:00 a.m. Mass  
Saturdays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass



*Spirit of the Lord is upon us, because the Lord has anointed us to proclaim:  
"Ecce Agni Dei; Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the Good News of Jesus Christ."*

## Please pray for our sick

**Dorothy Aylward**  
**Dan Babcock**  
**Nancy Babcock**  
**Ada Bantola**  
**Lucy Bernard**  
**James Bestler**  
**Bernie Briody**  
**Brian Burke**  
**Mary Ellen Butz**  
**Karen Cervenka**  
**Lisa Cicero**  
**Kathy Connor**  
**Georgene Cook**  
**Julio Correa**  
**Rita Cross**  
**Mary Elaine Cruz**  
**Nick DuBay**  
**Ralph Eckhoff**  
**Joann Eggebrecht**  
**Aaron Erickson**  
**William Ferdinand**  
**Patrocinia Fernandez**  
**Fr. Hilary Fischer**  
**John Flanigan, Jr.**  
**Marie Flores**

**Kyle Freed**  
**Dolores Gabriel**  
**Gregory Garlt**  
**Darlene Gedvilas**  
**Danny Gonzalez**  
**Judy Gonzalez**  
**Dawn Grant**  
**Destin Green**  
**Jennifer Hammerschmidt**  
**Bonnie Hansen**  
**Deborah Lynn Harris**  
**Jeremy Heintz**  
**John Heitzler, Jr.**  
**Joseph Henczel**  
**Joy Henczel**  
**Margaret Hess**  
**Edy Jacobs**  
**Jason Jensen**  
**Margarita Jimenez**  
**Bill Johnson**  
**Mary Kallas**  
**Gregory Kamrow**  
**Brandon Karimi**  
**Ken Kasnicka**

**Carter Kettner**  
**Donna Kevil**  
**Margaret Krisch**  
**Gerry Krug**  
**Teri Kubacki**  
**Korin Kupris**  
**Ivanna Lamb**  
**Rick LeBreux**  
**Dolores Lewandowski**  
**Nancy Liden**  
**Marilyn Loechl**  
**Melanie Lowell**  
**Beth Majerczyk**  
**John Maltese**  
**Linda Marczewski**  
**Jan Masters**  
**Al Mathieu**  
**Alex McCall**  
**Michael McCall**  
**Perri McCall**  
**Goldena McGee**  
**Bessy Miller**  
**Mayette Monales**  
**Thomas Morris**  
**Megan Mueller**

**Mary Lu Mulcahy**  
**Tim Murnane**  
**Becky Neal**  
**Johnny Neal**  
**Maura Neuens**  
**Clare North**  
**Alex Novak**  
**Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard**  
**Joseph O'Brien**  
**Joan Pacer**  
**Josie Pasciak**  
**Jim Paulissen**  
**Molly Peters**  
**Bane Petrov**  
**Tracy Pesavento**  
**Ian Prosser**  
**Tim Ptak**  
**Elly T. Ransum**  
**Mary Rauch**  
**Alicia Ricciardi**  
**Cooper Rojas**  
**Gertie Romero**  
**Katherine Rose**  
**Marvin Rothweil**  
**Susan Rothweil**

**Helen Russ**  
**Sven Segerlund**  
**John Shannon**  
**Desiree Sheppard**  
**Evelyn Skriba**  
**Michael John Stralko**  
**Lorraine Street**  
**Rosemary Sumang**  
**Mary Tarchala**  
**Virg Tobin**  
**Jim Toman**  
**Sheila Tomaszewski**  
**Ed Underwood**  
**Maria Vargas**  
**Keith Venard**  
**Catherine Vogel**  
**Genevieve Welch**  
**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. Keith Wolfe/Padre Keith

**Deacon:** Mr. Dave Ritter, Rev. Mr. James Olofson

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

**Secretaria Hispana:** .....Ext 601

**Director of Finance & Administration:**

.....Deborah Birutis.....Ext 616

**Business & Facilities Manager:**

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

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

**Música Español:** Maria Marquez.630-562-6894

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

**Director:** Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

**Youth Ministry:**

Parish Office.....630-668-0918, Ext. 0

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

**Principal:** Mickey Tovey.....Ext 618

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

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

### Mass Schedule

**Weekend:**.....Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 pm;

Sunday 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

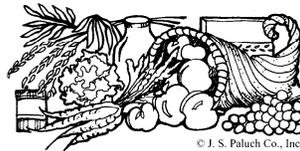
**Misa en Español:**.....Domingo 1:30 pm

**Weekday M-F 7:00 am & 7:50 am & Sat. 8:30 am**

**Confessions M-F 7:30-7:45am/Chapel Confessional**

**Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm/Church Confessional**

**Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org**



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### HIDDEN TALENT

No one respects a talent that is concealed.  
 —Desiderius Erasmus

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

**Gospel** — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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

**Rev. Mr. James Malik**

**Rev. Mr. James Olofson**



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

Pvt James Luigi Akin

SRA Francis Beifuss

Captain John Berg

Sgt Melissa Brooker

Lt Deandra Carbone

CMR Nicholas Carbone

Pvt Timothy Conley

Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly

Captain Daniel Durbin

SA Dakota Enders

AF3C John L. Enders

LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.

Pvt Nicholas Gedvilas

Pv2 Nicholas Gorman

Sgt Pamela Gray

A1C Seth Kelley

Private Gerard Kostecka National Guard

Sgt. David Lawless

A1C Robert Lawless

Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao

Army Specialist Collin Vincent Lopez

Cmdr Matthew Luff

PFC Andrew John McCoy

GSCS (SS/SW) Timothy A. Newell

ABH2 Sean Phillips

Captain Jason Ptak

2nd Lt. Kevin Rezabek

A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez

Sgt Ian Sarlitto

AN Michael Schieve

SSG Curtis Sigourney, US Army

Major Jim Smolucha

Captain Mike Smolucha

SPC Thomas Stanhope

Amn Zachary J. Ushman

## A letter from our pastor, Father Matt/Una carta de nuestro párroco, Padre Mateo

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my favorite church hymns is Henry Baker's "The King of Love My Shepherd Is". Its Celtic melody and words from Psalm 23 remind me of the message of today's feast and readings: "The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness fails me never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever." Our king is the Good Shepherd who places us on his shoulders and leads us to the paradise of heaven. He is the one who rescues us in this valley of darkness. He is our support, providing us food for the journey in the Holy Eucharist and strengthening us with His grace. Our king is not distant from us, but has come to us, lived among us, and defeated sin and death for us so that He may rescue us and bring us into the Kingdom of His justice, love, and peace.

Our king is coming! Next Sunday, we begin the season of Advent. Advent means "coming". Our king is at the gate, ready to be received. This season is a time of preparation to receive Him who was born unto us on Christmas Day. I know this is a busy time of the year, especially as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations, but I want to encourage you to find a way to simplify your life, to find some quiet time, to reflect. As a parish, we have the Taize prayer service this Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Advent Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Christmas Cantata on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Posadas on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, an Evening with the O Antiphons on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, and Vespers every evening of the week before Christmas. I hope that daily Mass, weekly adoration, opportunities for confession throughout the week, and the Advent booklets will also be of assistance. Advent wreaths and calendars are helpful as well. Let us make this Advent a worthy time of preparation, to receive our Lord anew in our hearts and our lives.

Next weekend, we have the honor of welcoming Bishop Conlon to our parish. He will spend three days here, meeting parishioners, including our school children and Saturday Religious Education students as well as some of those who are ill or homebound. He will celebrate Mass and hear confessions as well as come to our first Advent Fish Fry this Friday and the pancake breakfast on Sunday.

Let us continue to stay close to our Lord and keep one another in prayer.

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Uno de mis himnos favoritos de la iglesia es Henry Baker's "El Rey del Amor, Mi Pastor Es". Su melodía celta y las palabras del Salmo 23 me recuerdan del mensaje de la fiesta y las lecturas de hoy: "El Rey del amor mi pastor es, cuya bondad nunca me falla; Me falta nada si soy suyo y él es mío para siempre." Nuestro rey es el Buen

Pastor que nos coloca sobre sus hombros y nos lleva al paraíso del cielo. Él es que nos rescata en este valle de la oscuridad. Él es nuestro apoyo, proveyendo comida para el viaje en la Santa Eucaristía y nos fortalece con su gracia. Nuestro Rey no está lejos de nosotros, pero ha venido a nosotros, ha vivido entre nosotros y ha vencido el pecado y la muerte para nosotros para que él nos rescate y nos lleve al Reino de su justicia, amor y paz.

¡Nuestro Rey está llegando! El próximo domingo, comenzamos la temporada de Adviento. Adviento significa "venida". Nuestro rey está en la puerta, listo para ser recibido. Esta temporada es un tiempo de preparación para recibir a aquel que nació para nosotros en el día de Navidad. Sé que este es un tiempo muy ocupado del año, especialmente mientras que nos preparamos para nuestras celebraciones de Navidad, pero quiero alentarlos a que encuentren una manera de simplificar su vida, de encontrar un momento tranquilo, para reflexionar. Como parroquia, tenemos el servicio de oración de Taize este jueves el 30 de noviembre, el Servicio de Reconciliación de Adviento el martes el 5 de diciembre, la Cantata de Navidad el lunes, el 11 de diciembre, Posadas el domingo el 17 de diciembre, una noche con las O Antífonas el domingo, el 17 de diciembre, y vísperas todas las tardes de la semana antes de Navidad. Espero que la misa diaria, la adoración semanal, las oportunidades de confesión durante toda la semana y los folletos de Adviento también sean de ayuda. Coronas de Adviento y calendarios también son útiles. Vamos a hacer este Adviento un tiempo digno de la preparación, para recibir a nuestro Señor de nuevo en nuestros corazones y nuestras vidas.

El próximo fin de semana, tenemos el honor de darle la bienvenida al obispo Conlon a nuestra parroquia. Él pasará tres días aquí, conociendo a los feligreses, incluyendo a nuestros niños de la escuela y de la educación religiosa del sábado, así como algunos de los que están enfermos o confinados en su casa. Él va a celebrar la misa y escuchar confesiones, así como va venir a nuestro primer Pescado Frito de Adviento este viernes y el desayuno de panqueques el domingo.

Sigamos a permanecer cerca de nuestro Señor y mantenernos unos y otros en oración.

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Saturday, November 25

8:30 a.m. † Fr. Henry Franz (St. John the Baptist)  
**Vigil for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

5:00 p.m. † Bob Cachor (The Dusza Family)  
† Cy Stark, Birthday Anniversary (Marianne & Jim Russell)  
† The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)  
† Tom Hanlock (Julie & Don Penar)  
† AJ Milder (Tom & Mary Porubcansky)  
† Robert Musni (The Musni Family)

### Sunday, November 26, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 a.m. † Rev. Charles Gemskie (Dave & Anne Larson)  
9:30 a.m. † For Our Parish All Souls' Intentions  
11:30 a.m. † For All the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish  
1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Gabriel Gomez (Margarita Jimenez)

### Monday, November 27

7:00 a.m. ♥ Living, Alan Tepper, for Health (A Friend)  
7:50 a.m. † Mary Edna Kallas (Jim & Pat Marino)

### Tuesday, November 28

7:00 a.m. † Anthony Milder (Carol McPheters)  
7:50 a.m. † Marvin Kleinedler (The Morken Family)

### Wednesday, November 29

7:00 a.m. † Bob Cachor (The Dusza Family)  
7:50 a.m. † John LoGuidice (Chick-Fil-A-dies Cursillo Group)

### Thursday, November 30

7:00 a.m. † Henry, Marge & Adele Lenertz (The Lenertz Family)  
7:50 a.m. † Lorraine Stites (Pat & Jim Marino)

### Friday, December 1

7:00 a.m. † For the Parish All Souls' Intentions  
7:50 a.m. † Beatrice Tarmichael (Peg Adams & Family)  
9:00 a.m. School Mass † For the Students & Faculty of our School

### Saturday, December 2

8:30 a.m. ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)  
**First Sunday of Advent**

5:00 p.m. † Msgr Vincent Cloos (St. John the Baptist)  
† The Holy Souls in Purgatory (Anonymous)  
† Henry, Marge & Adele Lenertz (The Lenertz Family)  
† Gina Sabalasky-Sutton (Jim & Amy Sabalasky & Family)  
† Baggio, Pisera & Foody Families (Deb Hay & Mark Baggio)  
† Tom Hanlock (Julie & Don Penar)

### Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Stan Zielinski (The Tibble Family)  
9:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased  
11:30 a.m. † For All the Parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish  
1:30 p.m. (Spanish) † Gabriel Gomez (Margarita Jimenez)  
† Rodolfo Marin (Carmen Marin y Familia)  
† Salvador Casimiro (Carmen Marin y Familia)  
† Francisco Chaves (Carmen Marin y Familia)



## Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † **Jean M. Sekulski**  
Church ♥ **For All Those Traveling to  
Visit Family & Friends**

*you cannot love what you do  
not know*

### Adult Faith Formation Series Presented by Fr. Keith Wolfe

*"True love is always contemplative, and permits us to  
serve the other not out of necessity or vanity, but ra-  
ther because he or she is beautiful  
beyond mere appearances."*

*~ Pope Francis*

The common desire of every human heart is to love God, whether we are aware of it or not. Faith brings us closer to Him. I invite you to learn more about the faith, and meet God again. Join me for the second night of re-introduction to the Catholic Faith. On **Monday, November 27th, 7-8pm** in the Chapel, we will move beyond the cultural message of the Holiday Season, and rediscover the true meaning of Advent. We will continue with two nights in Lent.



Please pray for

**Marie Niblack**

who passed away on November 12, 2017.

Our sympathies are extended to  
all of her family and friends.

### Adoration & First Friday Rosary

December 1 from 7p to 8p in the Chapel.  
Adoration & Rosary concludes  
with Benediction.



## Can YOU Help Decorate the Church for Christmas?

We have a GREAT NEED for a  
SHORT amount of time, please!

Can you help water our Christmas poinsettias? Or  
decorate our church with poinsettias for Christmas?

### On Friday, December 22 from 9a-10:30a

we need 5 or so people to  
water poinsettias in the Narthex

### On Saturday, December 23 from 9-11a

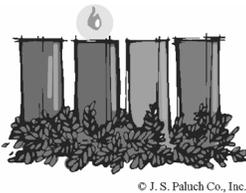
we need 7-8 people to move the poinsettias from  
the narthex to both our altars

Service hours can be given! This could be a great  
family project! Students home from college?

Please call the parish to sign up at  
630-668-0918, ext. 0. Merry Christmas!

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent is upon us and we are looking for volunteers to light the advent wreath at all Masses. There is a sign-up sheet on the Kiosk in the Narthex for anyone wishing to share this special tradition. Please see the ushers to sign up. Also, please let the ushers know when you arrive on your scheduled day. Thank you.  
~Worship Commission



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### La iluminación de la Corona de Adviento

El Adviento es sobre nosotros y estamos buscando voluntarios para iluminar la corona de adviento en todas las misas. Hay una hoja de inscripción en el nártex para cualquiera que desee compartir en esta tradición especial. Por favor, consulte los ujieres para inscribirse.

También, por favor deje que los ujieres sepan cuando llegas en su día programado.



## Advent-The Time of Preparation

### *Reflection with Taizé*

# Thursday, November 30, 2017

## 7:30 p.m.-Chapel

*Waiting and preparing  
for the Lord*

### All are invited...

#### **Confession Schedule/ Horario de Confesiones**

*Saturday, November 25-3:30 p.m.\*-Fr. Matt  
Saturday, December 2-3:30 p.m.\*-Bishop Conlon  
\*Church Confessional  
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-7:45 a.m. /  
Chapel Confessional*

#### **Mass Celebrants for:**

**Saturday, December 2-5:00 pm-Bishop Conlon**  
**Sunday, December 3**  
**7:30 am-Bishop Conlon; 9:30 am-Fr Keith;**  
**11:30 am-Bishop Conlon; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Matt**

### **Activities This Week at St. John's**

#### **Saturday, November 25**

NO Religious Education Classes Today  
8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use  
No St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting-Sodonna Hall  
No Children's Choir Rehearsal Today  
After All Masses: 2018 "At Home with the Word" Books Available for \$6 Suggested Donation/Advent Magnificat Available \$1 Donation-Narthex

#### **Sunday, November 26-After 7:30a Mass: Rosary for Life-Chapel**

After All Masses: 2018 "At Home with the Word" Books Available for \$6 Suggested Donation/Advent Magnificat Available \$1 Donation-Narthex  
9:30a-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall  
9:30a-RCIA-Mass/Parish Office Dining Room  
At 1:30p-Baptisms-Spanish  
7p-Cantata Rehearsal-ALL

#### **Monday, November 27**

6:30p-Guadalupanos Meeting-Youth Ministry Room  
7p-8p-The True Meaning of Advent-Faith Formation Series-w/ Father Keith-Chapel  
7p-Boy Scout Troop Meeting-School Hall  
7p-TentativeHandbell Choir Practice-Church (Contact Joyce or Aimee)  
7p-Knights of Columbus Meeting-Sebahar Hall

#### **Tuesday, November 28-After 7a Mass: Rosary for Life**

7:30a-24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel  
7p-CCW Board Meeting-Sebahar Hall  
7p-Tentative-Handbell Choir Practice-Church (Contact Joyce or Aimee)

#### **Wednesday, November 29-6:45a-Eucharist Adoration Ends-Chapel**

9:30a-Cantor Practice Church  
4p, 5:45p, 6:30p-Religious Education Classes-Whole Campus  
7:30p-Cantata Choir Practice-Church  
8:30p-Adult Choir Practice-Church

#### **Thursday, November 30**

5:30p Legion of Mary-Youth Ministry Room  
6p-Legion of Mary-English-Trinity Boardroom  
7p-AA-Sodonna Hall  
7p-Sisters in Faith-Parish Office Dining Room  
NO Handbell Practice  
7:30p-Taize Service-Chapel-Everyone Welcome & Invited

#### **Friday, December 1**

All School Day-Santa's Secret Workshop-School Hall  
9:30a-Friday Morning Bible Study-Sebahar Hall  
9:30a-MOPS-Youth Ministry Room  
5p-7p-Knights of Columbus Advent Fish Fry-Sebahar Hall  
7p-8p-First Friday Holy Hour-Chapel

#### **Saturday, December 2**

7a-A Call to Men of St. John-Youth Ministry Room  
8:30a-10a-Youth Ministry Room in Use  
9a-Religious Education Classes-School Hall  
2p-Children's Choir Rehearsal-Church  
12p Wedding-Chapel  
5p-6th Graders at Mass  
After All Masses: 2018 "At Home with the Word" Books Available for \$6 Suggested Donation/Advent Magnificat Available \$1 Donation-Narthex

#### **Sunday, December 3-After 7:30a Mass: Rosary for Life-Chapel**

After All Masses: 2018 "At Home with the Word" Books Available for \$6 Suggested Donation/Advent Magnificat Available \$1 Donation-Narthex  
8a-11a-Knights' Pancake Breakfast with St. Nicholas-School Hall  
9:30-Sunday Morning Preschool-Sebahar Hall  
9:30a-RCIA-Mass/Parish Office Dining Room  
2:30p Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena-Chapel  
6:30p-Middle School Youth Group-Open Gym & Meeting-School Gym, Youth Ministry Room  
7p-Cantata Rehearsal with Handbell Choir-Church

## Sacrificial Giving

We are ever grateful for your loving generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here 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 \$25,845.**

October 22.....	\$17,259
October 29.....	\$17,544
November 5.....	\$29,963
November 12.....	\$22,253

### Estate Planning Gifts

When making or updating your will, please consider a gift to St. John the Baptist. An estate planning attorney can assist you in adding your bequest or endowment. If you want to leave the proceeds of an insurance policy or IRA assets to St. John's, be sure to indicate this on the insurance form or IRA beneficiary forms and not in your will because insurance proceeds or IRA assets will be disposed of by the terms of the insurance policy or IRA document and not your will.

Please remember the good works of our parish in your will. For more information on how you can accomplish this, please contact Father Matt Pratscher at the parish office, 630-668-0918, extension 600. Thank you.



### Monsignor Vincent Cloos Tuition Assistance Fund- In Need of Donations

After receiving generous donations the past few months, our parish's Msgr. Vincent Cloos Tuition Assistance Fund for our school is still in need of your help for the current 2017/18 school year. Would you please consider helping one family or more? Please donate to the St. John the Baptist Msgr. Cloos Scholarship Fund. If you'd like to learn more about the scholarship fund for a needy family, please contact:

Deborah Birutis, ext. 616, or  
Father Matt, ext. 600.

Thank you.



## Parish Council is Looking for New Members!

Fr. Matt is looking for parishioners who are interested in serving on Parish Council. Parish Council is an advisory body to the Pastor, assisting in the development of the Parish Strategic Plan, advising in the development of policy and programs, and in representing the views of the parishioners to the pastor. Much of the Council's work involves planning and development of goals and objectives so candidates who are experienced in organizational planning are especially welcome. The term of office for Council members is three years. Interested parishioners can contact Rick Loechl, President of Parish Council, at 630-222-5455 or [rloechl@prodigy.net](mailto:rloechl@prodigy.net) for more information.



### If you think you cannot afford a Catholic education for your children, think again.

The Illinois House and Senate passed a new 5 year program for Tax Credit Scholarships (TCS) for students in private schools. Students in grades K-12 may receive a tax credit scholarship beginning with the 2018/19 school year but here is the catch. Tax credits will be available on a first come, first serve basis beginning January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 using a Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO) called "Empower Illinois" who will distribute scholarships to qualified students within our diocese and other Illinois dioceses.

If you would like a catholic education for your children and did not know how you could afford it, please visit our website for Bishop Conlon's Tax Credit Scholarship Letter and FAQ's. The information is on our home page at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) or you can visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ILTCSP](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ILTCSP).

### Si usted cree que no se puede permitir una educación católica para sus hijos, piensa otra vez.

La Casa de Illinois y el Senado pasaron un nuevo programa de 5 años para las Becas de Crédito Tributario (TCS) para estudiantes en escuelas privadas. Los estudiantes en los grados K-12 pueden recibir una beca de crédito tributario comenzando con la 2018/19 año escolar pero aquí está la captura. Los créditos tributarios estarán disponibles por orden de llegada, comenzando el 2 de enero de 2018, usando una organización de otorgamiento de becas (SGO) llamada "Empower Illinois" que distribuirá a los estudiantes calificados dentro de nuestra diócesis y otros Illinois Diócesis.

Si usted desea una educación católica para sus hijos y no sabía cómo se lo podía permitir, por favor visite nuestro sitio web para la Carta de Becas y Preguntas Frecuentes sobre el Crédito Fiscal del Obispo Conlon. La información está en nuestra página de inicio en [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) o puedes visitar [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ILTCSP](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/ILTCSP).

**An Afternoon Gathering of "Single-Again" Men & Women**-After the loss of a spouse through death or divorce, even those well on their way to an adjusted lifestyle can find the holiday season challenging. Please join us on **Saturday, December 9** for a festive Christmas tea and presentations by Sr. Joanne Vallero, CSJ, pastoral associate at St. Dennis Parish in Lockport. The program begins 1:00 p.m. (check-in starts at 12:30 p.m.) and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

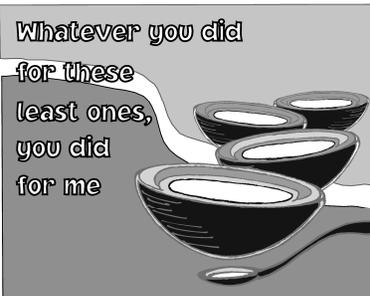
December 9, 2017 (1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)  
2:30 p.m. check-in, ending  
with a 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Contact Office of Family Ministry**  
**Diocese of Joliet**  
**815-838-5334**  
[familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org)

### Calendario de Servicios en Español del Adviento y la Navidad

Servicio de Penitencia:  
**7:00 p.m. el 5 de diciembre**-En la Iglesia

Fiesta de la Navidad:  
**El 25 de diciembre**  
1:30 p.m. Misa en la Iglesia



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### A Note from our Director of Youth Ministry

Dear Parish Family of St. John the Baptist,

In the Confirmation II class I have been leading, we have been talking a lot about choices; how our choices matter and have consequences. Many of the choices we make happen subconsciously; putting on my shoes. Some choices are very simple; should I do my RE homework? However sometimes we are faced with a choice that is difficult and requires a process of discernment. We need to weigh the consequences of our choice. We need to consult with trusted mentors/advisors. We need to PRAY!

I was recently faced with a choice that falls into this last "difficult" category. I was offered a full time job at another parish further south in the diocese. I weighed the pros and cons and I consulted with family and friends who I trusted to be honest in their advice. And I prayed....**a lot**.

I was not actively seeking another job. This is something I had applied and interviewed for six months ago, and recently became available again. Sometimes things don't always happen the way we desire. We have to trust in God's plan and God's time.

So, I did decide to accept this position. It has been an honor to get to know and work with everyone on the parish and school staffs. You have such a blessing here in Fr. Matt and Fr. Keith who are so involved in the school and Religious Education. That does not always happen. They want to be on this faith journey with you and your children. I also wish to extend my gratitude to all the wonderful parishioners for welcoming me into your parish with kindness and compassion. Everyone I met here was more wonderful than the next. You have all inspired me in my own spiritual growth and changed my life.

My new position will be at St. Mary in Mokena directing the high school youth ministry and 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade religious education/Confirmation prep. Please pray for me on this new adventure. Please also know that I will be praying for all of you, but especially for the youth of the parish as they continue their faith journeys in the years to come.

God Bless,

*Craig Mazur*

### Advent, Christmas & New Year's Schedule-2018

#### Taize Service

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 7:30 p.m.-Chapel

#### Parish Advent Reconciliation

Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.-Church

#### Cantata Service

Monday, December 11, 2017, 7:30 p.m.-Chapel

#### Posadas

Sunday, December 17, 2017, after the 1:30 p.m. Mass

#### Advent Vespers Service

Sunday, December 17 - Saturday, December 23, 2017  
6:00 p.m. - Chapel

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**

#### Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00 p.m.-Children's Mass - Church  
4:00 p.m. - Chapel  
6:30 p.m., 12:00 a.m.-Midnight - Church  
**Monday, December 25, 2017**  
8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.,  
1:30 p.m.-Español

#### New Year's Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.  
1:30 p.m.-Español

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.-Church

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time  
Thursday: St. Andrew  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



### CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

*"May the dignity of man according to the Creator's plan be spread."*

On this Solemnity of Christ the King, the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has named today as "A Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians," and ask that it continue as a Week of Awareness through December 2. (#SolidarityInSuffering -www.usccb.org)

"Christians have lived in the Middle East since Pentecost and are spread across the entire region.... While not a majority in any Middle Eastern country,... over centuries, the Muslim majority has often lived together with Christians and other religious minorities in peace. But in recent years, the Middle East has faced war, globalization, and shifts in culture and identity. Societal and political uncertainty creates fertile ground for fundamentalist interpretations of political, legal, and cultural rights. Feeling increased pressure, many Christians have left the region, leading some to wonder whether the "Cradle of Christianity" will soon be devoid of Christians." ([usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org))

The following prayer was composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Baltimore. Please pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

O God of all the nations,  
the One God Who is and was and always will be.  
In Your providence, You willed that Your Church be united to the suffering of Your Son. Look with mercy on Your servants who are persecuted for their faith in You.  
Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ.  
Bring Your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all people.  
May Your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict Your will, that we may live in harmony.  
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek Your will in our lives. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.  
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

### ***Cursillo Corner-Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ***



Congratulations to Dave Weber who recently attended the Men's 134th Cursillo Weekend. Our prayers are with you as you live out your "Fourth Day".

St. John the Baptist held its first Ultreya on October 14. It was a huge success with 50 Cursillistas in attendance representing 13 surrounding parishes. Our witness speaker was Tom Mayer from St. Petronille who spoke about his work with the Mary Queen of Heaven Medical Center in Uganda. Our next Ultreya will be held in Sebahar Hall on Saturday, February 10th following 8:30 am Mass.

For those interested in learning about the Cursillo movement or attending a Cursillo Weekend, please visit [www.jolietcursillo.org](http://www.jolietcursillo.org) or contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at: [amythe1@att.net](mailto:amythe1@att.net)

### **Trip to Shrine of St. Therese in Darien**

Please join us for a trip to the shrine of St. Therese in Darien, Illinois, on Saturday, December 2. The cost is \$10 and includes a one hour tour, with an additional option of viewing a 25 minute film. We are planning to meet in the St. John the Baptist parking lot after 8:30 am mass on that Saturday. Car-pooling is an option, as space permits. The deadline for registration is Thursday, Nov 30. Payment can be made by cash or check, made out to St. John the Baptist and enclosed in an envelope marked Shrine of St. Therese. You can drop off your payment at the parish office or in the offering basket at Sunday mass. If you can any questions, please contact Jan Brooker at 630-653-2953 or 630-251-8040.



### **A Call to Men of St. John**

*"Men, do not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you."* from *"Into The Breach,"* a meditative exhortation addressed to Catholic men everywhere by the Most Reverend Thomas Olmsted, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, AZ.



Men of St. John are invited to consider how best they can revitalize their faith and stand forth to meet the challenges thrust upon them by the secular spirit of our times. Our next meeting will be

**7a., Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
in the Youth Meeting Room**

We will view the sixth episode of Bishop Robert Barron's stirring and widely acclaimed **Catholicism** video series: *"A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church."*

Coffee and donuts will be served. Saturday morning Mass is at 8:30 a.m.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Is Jesus calling you directly and personally to come and spend an hour of your time before Him in the Blessed Sacrament? Have you ever thought of coming to Eucharistic Adoration on a regular basis?? Are you able to commit to spending one hour a week with Jesus? There are many blessings and graces received by those who come before Our Lord at Eucharistic Adoration.

It is a wonderful, peaceful time!

Jesus says, "COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE HEAVILY BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST." Questions? Please call Arlene Reichert, cell: (630)890-2857.



## WISH TREES



**Who:** Knights of Columbus  
**What:** Fish Fry Dinner / Charity Fundraiser  
**When:** December 1, 8, 15  
 Time 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



**Where:** December 1 & 8 St. John's Church Sebahar Hall  
 December 15 St. John's School Hall

**Why:** Fundraiser for our KC Charities

**How:** Come to the Knights of Columbus Advent Fish Fry (lightly breaded cod) dinners and enjoy a fabulous meal with great company. Relax with your family while helping the Knights of Columbus to raise money for KC Charities.

### MENU

	Adult	Senior	Child
Fried Fish Dinner, Coleslaw, Potato, Roll, Dessert	\$9	\$8	\$6
Spaghetti Dinner, Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert	\$9	\$8	\$6
Caliendo's Pizza Meal, Dessert	\$4	\$4	\$4
Mac and Cheese Meal, Dessert	\$4	\$4	\$4
Gourmet Salad	\$6	\$5	\$4

All meals include coffee, pop, water

Free will donations for beer and wine gladly accepted.

**December 15--** Fish Fry features a return of the West Chicago High School Choral group performing a Christmas Concert for our Parish

## **Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Saint Nicholas Sunday, Dec 3rd 8:00 to 11am.**

We are making this available to all parishioners as a thank you for your support throughout the year. Goodwill donations will be accepted toward the many projects we support at St. John's.



Enjoy a menu that includes hot buttermilk pancakes, bacon, sausage links, golden hash browns, country fresh eggs, apple or orange juice, and fresh roasted coffee. Hungry?

The proceeds go to support important parish work done by your own Knights of Columbus. The Knights provide over 70 million hours of donated volunteer time across the U.S. each year, all for the betterment of our Catholic Faith Communities.

Invite some friends, bring a group, support the parish, have a cup of coffee on us. St Nicholas was quoted as saying "It is the best breakfast in the Midwest".

Pictures with St Nicholas are complimentary.



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The Wish Trees are up! As in years' past, there will be a variety of tags on the trees to choose from. Please look closely at the date on the tags; each organization has a different deadline. In order that small items do not get lost, do not place gift cards under the trees; instead, please turn these in at the parish office.

Those groups or individuals who would like to volunteer to bring the gifts after Mass down to the storage room in Sebahar Hall can contact Karen Tsaparis at **630-917-0565** or email [karen.tsaparis@gmail.com](mailto:karen.tsaparis@gmail.com).

I would welcome any volunteers who are available to help with the delivery of the gifts, as well.

Thank you!

### **Viernes, Diciembre 8**

6:00 p.m. -Misa de La Inmaculada Concepción

### **Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

#### **Novena**

En la Capilla  
 12/3 a 12/11 Novena y Rosario a  
 6:00 p.m. La Virgen de Guadalupe  
 con las siguientes excepciones

### **Domingo 12/3 & 12/10**

2:30 p.m. Novena

### **Mañanitas**

En la Iglesia  
 12/12 convivio después en  
 6:00 a.m. Sebahar Hall

### **Celebración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe**

12/12 En la Iglesia  
 6:00 p.m. Representación de  
 las Apariciones de  
 Nuestra Señora de  
 Guadalupe y Misa  
 8:00 p.m. Convivio después  
 de Misa es Sebahar Hall

**2017 Christmas Eve Family Mass**



Join us for a re-enactment of the Christmas Gospel during 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Church, complete with animals, angels and shepherds.

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to auditions on Saturday, December 2 at 10:30 am in the Narthex. And teens & "tweens" are our lectors.

Practices are 10:30am-11:30am on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and Dec.16<sup>th</sup> (in church). Dress rehearsal is Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am-10am. Costumes are required, but there are lots to borrow and simple no-sew ideas are provided.

Your memories will last a lifetime.

Questions, please call St. John's Religious Education Office, 630-682-4400 x613.



**Middle School Youth Group:**

All middle schoolers are invited to join our group each Sunday. We begin at 6:30p with an open gym for 45 minutes followed by our youth group meeting. Here's the schedule:

**Sundays, 6:30p**

- (No meeting-11/26th)
- December 3rd-Meeting
- Saturday, December 9th at 12:30p-Help w/Christmas party for the Disabled-Meet in Sebahar Hall
- Sunday, December 10th, 5p-Ronald McDonald House-please RSVP
- December 17th-Christmas Party
- (No Meeting-12/24, 12/31)

Questions, contact Jennipher Graf, 630-659-4101, trillium92016@yahoo.com

Please join in celebrating...  
**Las Posadas**



A reenactment of Mary & Joseph seeking shelter for the birth of Jesus!

**Sunday, December 17th after the 1:30 pm Mass.**

All are invited to participate. We need a Mary, Joseph, donkey, angels, animals, even wise men! Auditions and practice information TBA.

To fund this event, we are having a bake sale on

**December 3 after the 11:30am and 1:30pm Masses.**



Please help by baking something or help with staffing the tables!

To volunteer or for more information call Maureen at 630-682-4400 ext. 612.

**Las Posadas**

¡Una recreación de María y José buscando alojamiento para el nacimiento de Jesús!



**El Domingo, 17 de diciembre después de la misa de 1:30 p.m.**

Todos están invitados a participar. ¡Necesitamos una María, José, burro, y Ángeles, animales incluso hombre's sabios! Información de audiciones y practicas serán anunciados mas tarde (TBA).

Para financiar este evento, estamos teniendo una venta de pasteles el 12 de noviembre y 3 de diciembre después de las Misas de 11:30 y 1:30 pm. Por favor, ayuda cocinando algo o ayuda con la dotación de personal de las mesas!

Para ser voluntario o para obtener más información, llame a Maureen 630-682-4400 ext. 612.

Ho Ho Ho...



**Volunteers Are Needed**

for the 40th annual

**Christmas Party**

**for people with intellectual disabilities**

Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus of Winfield, Warrenville, West Chicago + Special Camps

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

**St. John's Sebahar Hall**

**12:30p - 3:30 p.m.**

**(Help needed to set-up at 10:30a, too)**

- FUN GAMES — CRAFTS
- YUMMY CHRISTMAS TREATS —
- SING CHRISTMAS SONGS WITH OUR DJ
- FACE PAINTING —
- SANTA HAS A GIFT FOR EACH GOOD BOY + GIRL

**Teen & adult**

**Volunteers are needed.**

*We will have 130 special guests with intellectual disabilities attend. Each guest will need a volunteer to assist them to their activities and show them a good time.*

**Also needed are simple board games, hats and gloves, gently loved stuffed animals.**

Please drop off at RE office.

Please call or email Colleen McDonald (630) 212-1565 or email [colleen.scamps@icloud.com](mailto:colleen.scamps@icloud.com) to volunteer or with any questions.

Thank you, and...



**Join in and Sing with St. John's Children's Christmas Choir!**

All children between 7-14 are invited to sing at the 4p. Christmas Eve Mass.

Meet at 3:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft of the Chapel. In December, practices move to the Church, from 2p-4p. Questions? Contact Mrs. Rose at 630-668-0918.





St. John the Baptist's Mom's Group called MOPS is inviting all moms to come the 1st & 3rd Friday of each month during the school year for community, conversation, crafts, food & friendship.

Our next meeting is:  
**Friday, December 1**  
**9:30a - 11:30a**

Youth Ministry Room  
(above parish offices)

Children are always welcome!



# Council of Catholic Women

## November –December 2017 activities

**November 28th** CCW Board meeting 7:00pm Sebahar Hall  
Bev Brach has treats

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** CCW First Saturday Mass 8:30am in the Chapel

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Luncheon at Cantigny Golf – Noon  
Reservations are due 11/27 – if you haven't made a reservation call Sheila Hornyak at 630-668-2494

**December 20<sup>th</sup>** Young at Hearts Luncheon 11:30am Sebahar Hall



**December 25<sup>th</sup>**

## MOPS-GIRLS' NIGHT OUT!

Our MOPS Wine and Painting Fund Raiser-Girls' Night out was a success! If you happened to pass by Sebahar Hall after 7PM on Friday, November 10th, you would have sworn you were passing a playground filled with girls having a great time! Instructions followed by laughter was the pattern of the evening! Parishioner and crafter-extraordinaire May Kay Hanlock walked the ladies through the art of painting on black canvas, starting with a plate, edging the plate with a wet brush, and painting inside the circle to blow drying our creations. In between the instructions, the ladies were shopping-placing bids on silent auctions items to dropping tickets into the buckets for lots of wonderful donated baskets! Oh, and did I mention the food? The tables were filled with sweets and appetizers, not to mention the array of beverages! Hats off to Debi Vermillion for the great night! Please watch for future events sponsored by MOPS and don't miss out on another great evening!



**Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish on 1/3/2018. Five screenings will be



Let's Be Healthy Together!



offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**



Here are the winners for week 10:

Rick Spencer \$25.00  
**D. Long \$400.00 !!!!!**

**Congratulations!!!**

**Thank you all for participating!**

**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!

### Parish Registration

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, please contact the parish office at: 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Or, see our website, [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org). You can download a new parishioner form & return it completed to the parish office or in the Sunday collection basket.

### Grief Support Group

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

The group meets the first Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise stated in the bulletin weekly meeting schedule) from 7 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Office Dining Room. You do not need to bring anything to the meeting.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at 630-668-0918, Ext 600."

### December Music Schedule\*

5p-Keyboard & Cantor\*

7:30a-Classic Ensemble

9:30a-Contemporary Ensemble

11:30a-Adult Choir

\*12/16 & 12/30-Handbell Choir

### 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. 600, and 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 Saint 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 or 600, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

### Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found box in the entry way to the parish office.

### Bulletin Articles

Submissions are due **by noon on Thurs., 10 days prior to the Sunday on which you wish the article to appear.**

(Holidays may change due dates for articles because of publishing demands). Include the name and 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) or [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@stjohnwinfield.org)

### Pulpit Announcements

Submissions are due **by 9 a.m. on Tues. prior to the Sunday you would like the announcement made.** Please include a contact name and phone number. The parish office has final approval on all bulletin articles and pulpit announcements. Email to: [jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) or [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@stjohnwinfield.org)

### 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, please call the parish secretary at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

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

### 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.

Catholics need to be attending church every Sunday.

### Go Fund Me for March for Life Participants

Several young women from our parish will be attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. in January, 2018. Please help them fund their trip by donating via a GoFundMe account that was set up: <https://www.gofundme.com/stjb-teens-march-for-life-2018>

Thank you so much!!!



There are only a handful of custom St. John's rosaries left. Please stop by the parish office if you would like to purchase one. The price is \$35.00.

### Catholic Sports Camp Fitness Circuit Challenge

December 20, 2017, 6-8:30 p.m.  
Bulls/Sox Training Academy, Lisle, IL

Fr. Burke invites kids in the Diocese to an exciting event kicking off the 2018 season of Catholic Sports Camps! He will begin with celebrating Mass at 6 p.m., followed by a variety of sports, and interactive team-building activities. Cost is \$10/child, adults free.

Join Us for Faith & Fun!



160 Max. - Lock in your spot!  
Register at [www.2018CSC.eventbrite.com](http://www.2018CSC.eventbrite.com)

2018 Summer Camp Registration Opens Dec. 20th  
Makes a Great Christmas Gift!

SOCCER June 10-13	FOOTBALL July 8-11	HOCKEY July 16-19	BASEBALL July 22-25
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"At Home with the Word" 2018 books are available in the narthex after all Masses. Suggested donation is \$6.00.

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation, All Souls & Ash Wednesday** To be announced with each Special Mass Eucharistic Adoration ~ Tues. from 7:30a - Wed. 6:45a & First Friday Rosary & Adoration-7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### 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!

### Weddings

Spiritual Preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.

## Iglesia Católica de San Juan Bautista

### Requisitos Sacramentales

**Confesiones**-los Sábados de las 3:30-4:30 pm/Confesión de la Iglesia

De lunes a viernes, 7: 30-7: 45 am / Capilla Confesional

**Bautismos** • Las clases pre bautismales son requeridas antes de fijar la fecha del Bautismo. Bautismos normalmente son el 4º Domingo del Mes.

**Bodas** • Preparación Espiritual empieza no menos de SEIS MESES de anticipo. No haga preparaciones para su Celebración antes de reunirse con el párroco.

**Adoración del Santísimo** los Martes 7:30a a Miércoles 6:45a

**Sacramento de los Enfermos y Visitas de la Comunión**

• Llame a la oficina

**Quince Años y Presentaciones** • Llame a la oficina para hablar con la Secretaria Hispana. Las familias de las quinceañeras necesitan ser miembros de la Parroquia y estar confirmadas.

**Secretaria Hispana** Para hablar con la secretaria hispana, llame el Lunes, Martes y Jueves 8:00 AM a 2:00 PM, 630-668-0918, a extensión 601.