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MASS TIMES

Mondays, Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays 8:15 am

Fridays 12:00 pm

Saturdays 5:00 pm

Sundays 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am

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CONFESSIONS

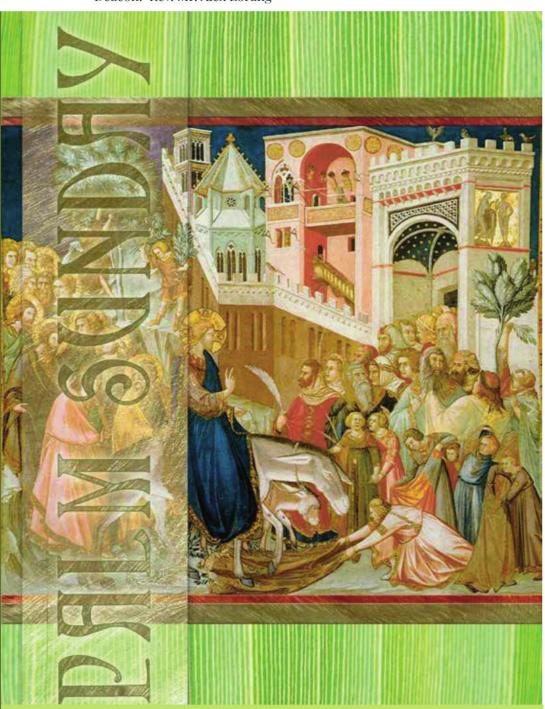
Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm Church Lenten Times (Pg. 3)

ADORATION

Thursdays 9:00 am to 8:00 pm Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays 7:00 pm Chapel



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 2, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are about to enter into Holy Week. This is the week that Christ suffered, died and was buried for us, so as the Chosen One, He could rise from the dead. Rejoice! His Resurrection gives all of us an opportunity for eternal life with God. May all of our souls be lead to heaven!

I hope you have been able to take part in reconciliation and Stations of the Cross this Lenten season. If not, there is still time this week. I feel so strongly about the Grace and Mercy of God the Father, and His willingness to forgive us for our sins. It seems particularly meaningful to me during this Holy Week where we will celebrate all that He sacrificed for us. For myself, I often find that an examination of conscience can be helpful in this process. There is not one course or direction that is best. You should search for what is a comprehensive approach that works best for yourself. Some things to think about are obvious, and others less so. To that end, here are some ideas that you might think about using as an aide with your own examination of conscience. For those of you who are tech savvy, you can search for more details under these categories provided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops or other sources:

Examination of Conscience Using the Ten Commandments;

Examination of Conscience for Adults and Children:

Have I gone to Mass on Sunday or have I rebelled and been stubborn about going to Mass?

Did I participate in the Mass or did I daydream?

Have I prayed every day?

Have I lied to or deceived my parents or others?

Have I read the Bible?

Have I been rebellious toward God and his commands?

Have I told the Father that I love him for creating me and making me his son/daughter?

Have I thanked Jesus for becoming man, dying for my sin and rising to give me eternal life?

Examination of Conscience for Married Persons:

Have I cared for my spouse?

Have I told my spouse that I love him or her?

Have I been concerned about the spiritual well-being of my spouse?

Have I listened to my spouse?

Have I forgiven my spouse for the wrongs he or she has committed against me?

Have I allowed misunderstanding, miscommunication or accidents to cause anger and mistrust?

I would also like to point out a couple of devotions that we will be celebrating here at St. John's this upcoming week. The first is our Tenebrae service. Tenebrae means darkness, obscurity or shadows. It is a Holy Week devotion that can be traced back to at least the ninth century, and involves the successive extinguishing of candles until we are left in virtual darkness. The purpose is to recreate the emotional aspects of our Lord's Passion Story – His betrayal, His abandonment and the agonies of His journey. Here at St. John's we will hold this service on April 4th, at 7:00pm. I hope you can join us for this moving experience.

Next is the Easter or Paschal Triduum. Liturgically, the Triduum is one day, but chronologically it commemorates the final three days of our Lord's life on earth. It starts on the evening of Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper, moves on to the celebration of the Passion of our Lord on Holy Friday, continues with the Mass of the Easter Vigil after sundown on Holy Saturday, and ends on the evening of Easter Sunday. Please check out SJB's Holy Week schedule on page three. I hope you will consider attending all or at least part of this beautiful liturgy that culminates in our celebration of the Lord's Resurrection.

In Christ,

Fr. Chris

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE-2023

Palm Sunday, April 2

We will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule, including the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday

Tuesday, April 4

7:00 pm Tenebrae service-Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 6

9:00 am Morning Prayer; No Morning Mass 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration 8:00 pm-12:00 am only Night Prayer at 11:50 pm

Good Friday, April 7

9:00 am Morning Prayer; No 12:00 pm Mass 3:00 pm Passion 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8

9:00 am Morning Prayer 12:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing Easter Egg Hunt on East Lawn (immediately following Easter Basket Blessing)

8:00 pm Easter Vigil-Church Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30am-Church 9:30am-Church 11:30am-Church

2nd Annual Neighborhood Stations of the Cross

All are welcome to join in St. John's 2nd annual neighborhood walking Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (April 7th).

The walking Stations will be set-up and available from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Participants may begin at any time and go at their own pace to the various homes and businesses along the route.

The route will begin with the 1st Station at Mary's Garden on the east side of the Church and proceed to nearby parishioners' homes and businesses, ending with the 14th Station back in the front of the school at the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue.

The total walking distance is approximately 1 mile. The Stations will be outside and consist of a simple image of the Station and a brief reflection. Paper copies of the route will be available at the 1st Station.

Contact Linda Fuechsl at sfuechsl@aol.com with any questions.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Schedule is:

Monday, **April 3**, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Wednesday, **April 5**, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Saturday, **April 8**, *No Confessions*

All confessions are in Church

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory collections for the weekend of March 19, 2023 were \$19,516. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$23,450.

Attention Ushers for Easter Masses

If you would be able to serve as an usher at any of the Easter Masses, please sign-up on the sheet located on the Welcome Desk in the Church Narthex. Thank you.

HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH HOME FOR EASTER

Our Art & Environment Committee needs your help! Please join us on Thursday, 4/6, 3:00 pm and/or on Saturday, 4/8, 8:30 am as we join together to decorate the Church & Chapel for Easter. We will meet in Sebahar Hall. Lots of hands are needed to help!



Sign Up to Give Online!

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Visit our church website at www.stjohnwinfield.org and click

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Questions? Contact Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.

St. John the Baptist Parish Easter Egg Hunt!

OPEN TO ALL PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH 3RD GRADERS

Date: Saturday, April 8, 2023
Time: 12:15 pm (after Blessing of Easter Baskets@12 Noon)
Place: Gather at the church pavilion
(East side of church off Liberty St.)
Ages: Preschool - 3rd grade

RSVP: Kathie Brewer at 630-682-4400 x613 or kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org

Bring a non-perishable food item or cleaning supplies for the Food Pantry. Don't forget a basket to collect eggs! Please dress children appropriately. Hunt will be held in Sebahar if it rains!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PALMS ℰ PANCAKES

Enjoy pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage Sunday, April 2 at 8:00 am until 11:00 am

Place advance orders starting Wed., 3/29 through Sun., 4/2 until 10:00 am, on St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org.

Or call on Sunday, Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651 or Sean at 630-835-8225

Dine In or Pick-Up at St. John's, Sebahar Hall, Liberty St

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Knights College Scholarship

St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus 2023 Scholarship Applications are now available!

The Knights are continuing their Knights of Columbus Scholarship program for college-bound students of Winfield and St. John's Parish.

The criteria for consideration for these scholarships are: be a resident of Winfield zip code 60190, have a family business in Winfield, have an affiliation with the KOC Council 8002 (member, son, daughter, grandchild, etc.), or be a registered parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church, Winfield, IL. Applications are available at your local high school, in our parish office vestibule, and on the Winfield Knights website: www.Winfieldknights.org.

Kindly execute, and return by mailing to:
Knights of Columbus, c/o St. John the Baptist,
0S233 Church St., Winfield, IL, 60190. Write the
words "Scholarship Application" on the back of
the envelope. It must be postmarked no later
than April 19, 2023, and received by April 26,
2023.

Please note: the applicant will complete Parts 1 and II of the form. Use additional pages if necessary. Part III is to be completed by school officials, attached to in a sealed envelope or mailed to the Knights at St. John's.

AVE THE DATE

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW SOON

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GYMNASIUM
6:30PM-11:00PM
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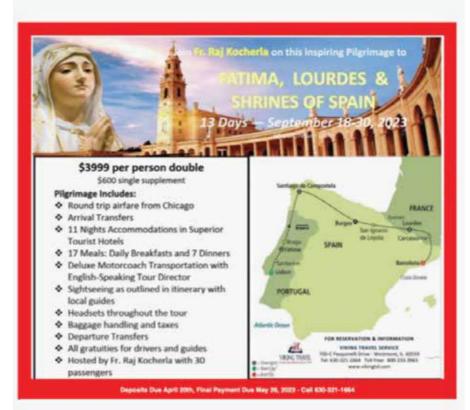
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Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for your fabulous Lenten Fish Fries!

So many parishioners and our surrounding community enjoyed the delicious meals on Friday evenings during Lent. And, a special thanks to the McNulty School of Irish Dance dancers who entertained those in attendance on St. Patrick's Day, with our Irish Director of Religious Education, Maureen Brennan!



For additional details on the Fatima/Lourdes Pilgrimage you can contact Fr. Raj at: (630) 605-8813 or sunrajk@comcast.net

For other Inquiries Contact Viking Travel: (630)-321-1664 OR msanto@vikingtvl.com



March 18, 2023

Dear Mrs. Brennan and the Students of St. John the Baptist School,

St. John the Baptist students are awesome! Thank you to everyone who came together with charity and love for those with special needs. Filling 2,000 Easter eggs for our guests with intellectual disabilities and their family members placed delight on so many faces at the Special Camps / Knights of Columbus Easter event at the DuPage County Fairgrounds Sunday.

It was a cold and snowy Sunday, but that didn't stop our guests with intellectual disabilities and their family members from having a great time. They enjoyed a nice luncheon, games, Karaoke, crafts, hayride, and most importantly, meeting the Easter Bunny and Leprechaun during their hunt for 2,000 Easter eggs.

Thank you for helping bring this loving and memorable experience to our special guests. Attached are a few photos I hope you enjoy.

Happy Easter to my favorite Peeps!

Colleen McDonald President of Special Camps

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 1, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

† Albert & Lucille Vogt (The Ron & Sharon Kammes Family) 5:00 p.m.

- † Lester Wolters, Birthday Anniversary (Leslie Wicker)
- Health & Intentions, Laura Olszanowski (Rick & Mary Carlson)
- † Florence Hrynko (Anita Schaaf)
- † Stanley Zawislak (Lois & Chuck Kirk)
- † Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 a.m. † Dennis Wicker, Birthday Anniversary (Leslie Wicker)

9:30 a.m. *† The People of St. John's

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

Monday of Holy Week, April 3

5:30 p.m. Health & Intentions, Daniel Noonan (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4

† Frank Perri (Irma & Rick McCall) 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5

5:30 p.m. † Dennis & ♥ Leslie Wicker, Wedding Anniversary (Leslie Wicker)

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday), April 6

9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer; No 8:15 a.m. Mass)

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper † Intention of the Priest

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday), April 7

(Morning Prayer; No 12:00 p.m. Mass) 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. (Celebration of the Passion of the Lord)

Holy Saturday, April 8

9:00 a.m. (Morning Prayer; 12:00 p.m. Easter Basket Blessing)

Easter Vigil † Intention of the Priest 8:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; the 5:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations. Please note: the 2023 Mass book is open.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



CHAPEL † Scott Weber

CHURCH † Timothy Zubrod

*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.



please pray for Timothy Zubrod

who passed away February 8, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to his parents, Jan & Jerry Zubrod, and to all family & friends.



please pray for Nancy Enzweiler

who passed away March 15, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to all of her family & friends.

Please pray for our sick

Praying for our sick is one of the most important things we can do as a parish community. Please pray for the following people:

Marlene & Ray Frankovich Baby Luke Hougan **Edward Kalat** Joan Pacer

The entire prayer list is on our website, at www.stjohnwinfield.org.

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be included in this list or prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line, please contact the parish office.

Please keep in your prayers our Deacon and Seminarian who are preparing for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang Seminarian Sam Bergmann

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

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

Sgt Ian Sarlitto

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KOC 8002 Easter Vigil Dinner Fundraiser Saturday April 8th

We are taking orders for Easter Vigil Dinner featuring Tony's wood-fired slow roasted Angus boneless prime rib from Wheaton Meat market. Dinners will include baked potatoes, rolls and chocolate brownies.

Please contact Sean Conley at 630-835-8225 or seanpconley l@comcast.net to place your order by Friday, March 31st, and pick-up Saturday, April 8th between 12pm-2pm at St. John's Sebahar Hall. Include your name, phone number, pick-up time, and which size dinner you'd like to order. (Please, no special requests). Make check payable to KOC 8002.

All food will be hot and wrapped and ready to go straight to your oven or right to the table.

Limited orders available - order today!

Proceeds go to the Monsignor Cloos Fund for St. John's Students.

Prime Rib - 10 oz./serving Dinner for 1 \$60 10 oz. Dinner for 2 \$110 20 oz. Dinner for 3 \$160 30 oz. \$200 40 oz. Dinner for 4 Dinner for 5 \$235 50 oz. Dinner for 6 \$250 60 oz.

Each dinner includes:

10 oz. prime rib

- 1 side au jus
- 1 side horseradish sauce
- 1 baked potato
- 1 side sour cream
- 1 dinner roll with butter
- 1 chocolate brownie



Palm Sunday Procession April 2nd

Before the 9:30 am Mass, blessing of the palms will take place in the Mary Garden, weather permitting.

After the blessing, there will be a procession around the north side of the church, entering the church through the west doors.

SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

While you are out shopping, consider picking up any of the items listed on the St. Vincent de Paul grocery list included here. You can bring items to Mass

and place them in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule.

Questions? 630-668-0918, ext. 692.

Thank you!

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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.

Hospital Visits

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 who are hospitalized.

Homebound

Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion should call the parish office and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

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. Please call the parish office for the April date.

Bulletin Articles

Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

For Baptisms, RCIA and Wedding information, please contact the parish office.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

AA is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Sodonna Hall, the basement of the parish office.

Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

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