

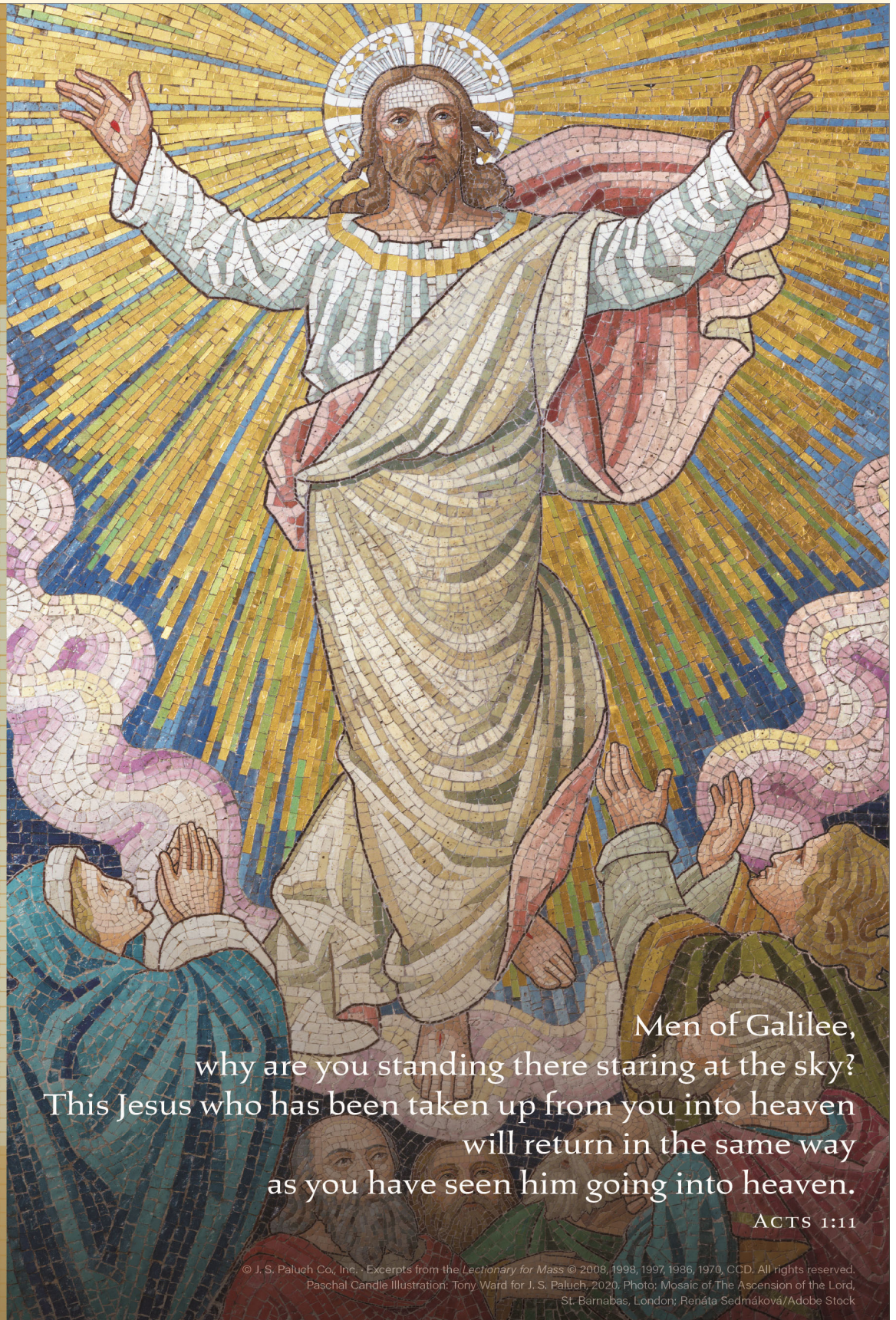
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Ascension
OF THE
LORD



Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there staring at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven
will return in the same way
as you have seen him going into heaven.

ACTS 1:11

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Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balseqiz
Ada Bantola
Jennifer Bitterman
Nancy Bockelmann
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jean Bustamante
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
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Nick DuBay
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Maria Vargas
Carol Vashay
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Genevieve Welch
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
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.....Mike Vallaro.....Ext 616

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Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

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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
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Commander Matthew Luff
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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

The Ascension of the Lord
May 24, 2020
 He was lifted up,
 and a cloud took him from their sight.
 — Acts 1:9

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



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

Saturday, May 23

8:30 a.m. † Joseph & Florence Bryja (*Joe & Dee Bryja*)

Vigil Mass of The Ascension of the Lord

5:00 p.m. † Nick Larson & Kevin Grieco (*Anne & Dave Larson*)

† Joseph & Timothy Lambert (*Rose Marie Lambert*)

† William Starkovich (*The Burke Family*)

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (*Colette Miller*)

† Scott Weber (*The Weber Family*)

† Joan Berg (*Barb Zeiler*)

Sunday, May 24, The Ascension of the Lord

7:30 a.m. ♥† Our Mother's Day Intentions

9:30 a.m. † Giovanna Picca (*Lonks Family*)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) ♥ Linda Vallaro, Health & Intentions

† Martha Alarcon (*Vivar, Alarcon & Flores Families*)

Monday, May 25-Memorial Day

8:30 a.m. † For All Deceased Members of the Military, Police & Firefighters

Tuesday, May 26

7:00 a.m. † Lisa Newhouse

7:50 a.m. † Spencer Lindquist (*Linda LeBreux*)

Wednesday, May 27

7:00 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

7:50 a.m. † Lupe Muñoz

Thursday, May 28

7:00 a.m. † Rose Marecek, Birthday (*The Lambert Family*)

7:50 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

Friday, May 29

7:00 a.m. † Jerry Enzweiler (*Nancy Enzweiler*)

7:50 a.m. † Intention of the Priest

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

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Nick Larson
Church † Kevin Grieco



*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 — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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



**Church Re-Openings
Phase I and II
Diocese of Joliet**

May 13, 2020

My Friends in the Risen Savior,

This communication comes to you as we continue to celebrate the 50 days of Easter. These days are marked by unprecedented suffering as brothers and sisters across the globe have fallen victim to a perilous contagion. In addition to the threats to our physical well-being, we are suffering spiritually as the COVID-19 pandemic has required restrictions of our worship and active participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

There have been moments in history, surely, when governments and rulers have persecuted Christians and barred their public worship. This is not one of them. Rather, the present restrictions come in response to an extreme medical emergency as local, state and federal health authorities – specifically public health officials – legitimately fulfill their responsibilities to safety and human life and the common good. They have based their reasonable guidance on careful consideration of empirical data and the best available disease-mitigation practices as they seek to contain the pandemic's rage through our communities.

While everyone must exercise good citizenship in observing these restrictions, I call on the Catholic faithful, both as good citizens and as advocates for justice and charity, to comply with these regulations. From the earliest times of Sacred Scripture, we learn that our "brother's keeper," is a truth that must inspire us as we are called to sacrifice in line with the virtue of patience. We should also be motivated by life and human dignity. This is, at its least, a time to proclaim the breadth and depth of what it means to be pro-life, especially as this virus preys on the most vulnerable in our midst.

The good news is that a plan for gradual reopening of our churches has now taken shape, as I note below. However, since our movements will be restricted as this plan unfolds in different places, your priests and I will continue for the present time to offer Mass privately each day and live-stream and broadcast Masses from our parishes and the diocese. Joined by the priest residents of the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, I offer Mass live-streamed six days a week at 9:00AM at the Cathedral and 10:00AM on Sunday at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DioceseofJolietLL>. All of those who have engaged with us in enabling technology to bring the Mass and other services to our homes are to be genuinely thanked. On short notice, they have accomplished a remarkable service on our behalf.

These celebrations surely are not the same as gathering in our churches for Mass, but I know from hearing from many parishioners that they provide a great deal of solace and support in this time of uncertainty.

We must be honest about the coronavirus. We expect this situation to continue for some weeks, and any plan for reopening our Churches for public worship must include every precaution to ensure public safety.

With those realities in mind, I am heartened to announce that we have reached an agreement with the Office of the Governor on a multi-phase Plan for re-opening our churches for the celebration of the sacraments, private prayer, adoration and Mass. As I share the Plan with you, both by way of an Executive Summary and the full Plan in the following pages, I want to assure you of my prayers for you and your family's personal, material and spiritual wellbeing. I also express my appreciation to the many people on the diocesan staff and in the Office of the Governor for the many hours they have given to designing and fine tuning this agreement. Again, I call on all Catholics to seize this moment to exercise faith-filled citizenship in a way that reflects our deep regard for life, our calling as disciples of Jesus and our love of country.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator
Diocese of Joliet

Sunday Readings, May 24, 2020, The Ascension of the Lord

Reading 1

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”



Parishes of The Diocese of Joliet
Phased Re-Opening
May 13, 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document is an Executive Summary of the multi-phased protocols and procedures, known as **THE PLAN**, for reopening churches and resuming public participation in the sacramental life of the Church for the Catholic dioceses in Illinois. The full Plan is provided at the end of this Executive Summary. The Plan has been developed by the bishops of the Chicago Province in consultation with and the approval of state and local public health officials and civil authorities.

Four guiding principles undergird the multi-phased Plan:

1. Everything possible should be done to provide people the solace of the church's sacramental life in a timely and reasonable way.
2. The current situation in Illinois remains dangerous and fragile. While much has been achieved, there remains the potential that the gains could be lost by a second more virulent wave.
3. Trust needs to be established that the top priority in any Plan is the safety and wellbeing of our parishioners. We cannot take for granted that people will return just because churches are reopened.
4. Calling people to exercise faithful citizenship will be key. Each Catholic will need to take personal responsibility for the common good as well as their own safety.

With these principles in mind, a Plan to prudently and gradually resume the full scope of public sacramental celebrations, liturgies and faith practices, has been designed. The Plan envisions a set of required measures and phases. There will be an ongoing review of the Plan so that adjustments are made in accord with new data. The basics of the Plan are as follows:

1. A robust **communications** effort to inform parishes and parishioners of the Plan and any updates to it.
2. Each parish needs to **recruit** non-vulnerable volunteers at the parish level to assist the pastor in implementing the Plan.
3. The selected volunteers are to complete **training** by way of a webinar. The training will begin the week of May 18.
4. A required **certification** of readiness to reopen will be required of each parish at each phase. Each parish is to complete an implementation template confirming completion of all action steps and demonstrating that there are a sufficient number of trained volunteers to execute it.
5. **Phase I** allows for parishes to reopen for Baptism, Reconciliation, Weddings and Funerals with a limit of 10 attendees.

6. **Phase IA** allows for parishes to reopen for private prayer and adoration with a limit of 10 attendees. Given the training schedule noted above, it is anticipated that all parishes, if they choose to do so, could be opened by May 23 for Phase I and by May 30 for Phase IA.
7. **Phase II** allows for reopening for weekday and weekend Masses for larger groups depending on the guidelines from the state and the capacity of the church building.
8. Through ongoing discussions with pastors, health care professionals and civil authorities, there will be a **review** of the Plan at each stage with an eye to making adjustments in accord with new data.

MULTI-PHASED PLAN FOR REOPENING CHURCHES

PHASE I: Limited Sacramental Celebrations and Private Prayer

Parish Actions and Responsibilities

- The pastor will need the assistance of the parish community, as he will be required to create a parish leadership team consisting of 6 people, including himself, to co-manage operations and to supervise cleaning, set-up and greeting.
- The parish deacon or parish business manager or someone designated by the pastor will serve as the compliance manager for the parish and assist with the submission of necessary compliance forms.
- The entire team of leaders is required to attend training and submit an implementation template for reopening, which needs to be reviewed and certified by the Diocese of Joliet.
- The parish will need to maintain an on-going procurement program for safety and cleaning supplies. *
- Based on go-forward approval by the diocese, each parish will have the prerogative to offer Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and Reconciliation in the church within the current limit of 10 attendees excluding ministers and on-site staff ("Phase I").
- With additional preparation, each parish may optionally offer Eucharistic Adoration and private prayer times ("Phase IA"). In choosing to do so, parish leadership teams must comply with all published bishops' guidelines outlining precautions preparing for, during and after the rite(s).

NOTE: During Phase I, parishes will not be allowed to offer either daily or Sunday Mass, even with 10 or fewer attendees. The resumption of public Mass, regardless of the number of attendees, is a more complex process, which requires the input of lessons that will be learned from Phase I. To that end, parishes and the diocese will collaborate to gather data to improve the protocols and processes of the Plan before we move to worship services in Phase II.

Diocese of Joliet Actions and Responsibilities

The diocese, depending on capacity, will provide the following services to support the parishes and pastors:

- Provide parishes information on securing supplies or a list of preferred vendors for supplies throughout the phases of the Plan. *
- Conduct required training webinars for clergy, parish leaders and volunteers, to assist the pastor in managing the Plan in each phase. The Archdiocese of Chicago will develop a standard webinar based on these guidelines and make it available to our diocese.
- Create and distribute to parishes a video message from Bishop Pates to explain the Plan for reopening churches.
- Evaluate and certify parish proposals for opening during the phases. Create a dedicated email box that will be monitored by staff to answer questions or otherwise support parishes that feel they cannot open safely without additional help.
- Gather and evaluate data from parishes on their Phase I and IA experience to adapt Phase II protocols for larger numbers, which will include public Mass.
- Work with government officials to explore possible increases in crowd size taking into consideration the capacity of church buildings.

PHASE II: Resumption of Public Masses

This will occur once all preparations have been made and permission is granted by public authorities.

Parish Actions and Responsibilities

In Phase II parishes may apply for certification to offer daily and Sunday Mass. Parishes will also continue to celebrate Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration. Given the more complex nature of celebrations of the Mass, entering Phase II will require parishes to:

- Expand the number of parish team members if civil authorities permit an increase in the crowd size for Phase II.
- Maintain an on-going procurement program for safety and cleaning supplies.
- Continue recruitment and training of new, non-vulnerable volunteers as needed.
- Develop logistical procedures in accord with the guidelines of the Plan to manage more frequent and larger services that cover actions before, during and after the rites.

- **Implement a safe and secure attendance reservation/ ticketing system to maintain order and facilitate possible contact tracing of infection.**
- Submit a detailed proposal to the Diocesan Coordinating Team for implementing Phase II.

Diocesan Actions and Responsibilities

To support the parishes in the preparation and implementation of Phase II, the diocese will:

- Establish and update requirements for all services and rites according to the standards of government officials, health care experts and church authorities.
- Review and certify all parish proposals for reopening with celebration of Mass.
- Provide additional required webinars and training, as needed.
- Create and distribute to parishes a video message from Bishop Pates to explain procedures for attendance at Mass in Phase II.
- Conduct random assessments over time to ensure continued compliance with published requirements.
- Gather feedback from parishioners across the diocese on how well the safety protocols are working and how comfortable they are with church precautions for their safety.
- Continually monitor feedback on execution and resources to assist in problem solving through ongoing communication with parish leadership, state and local authorities and public health officials.

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Sunday Readings, May 24, 2020, The Ascension of the Lord

Reading 2

Eph 1:17–23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Sunday Gospel, May 24, 2020, The Ascension of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 28:16–20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

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



Memorial Day Monday, May 25, 2020

A Prayer for Deceased Veterans

O God,
by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
look kindly on your departed veterans
who gave their
lives in the service of their country.
Grant that through the passion, death, and
resurrection of your Son
they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom
and rejoice in you with your saints forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

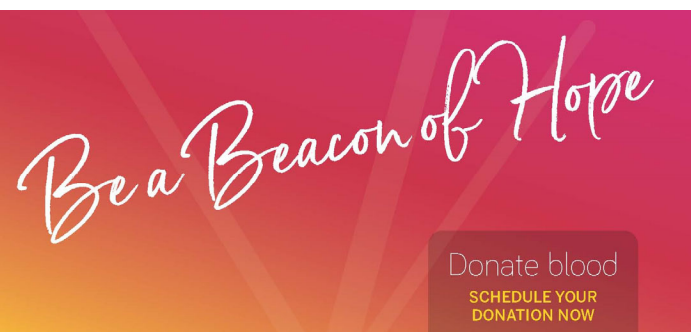
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MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. In 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo, which first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866, was chosen because it hosted an annual, community-wide event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags. <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/memorial-day-history>

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
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

If you want to donate in the meantime, please go to: www.versiti.org/IL for a list of opportunities in the area.

Safe social distancing measures will be in place to ensure donor safety. Blood donation is considered "Essential Activity" and exempt from the "shelter in place" mandate.

HELP US TO SECURE A HEALTHY BLOOD SUPPLY!



SALVA VIDAS



June 29, 2020

Para donar en el área, visite www.versiti.org/IL y para preguntas sobre elegibilidad.

¡La información estará disponible para la unidad de sangre 6/29 en el futuro cercano.

Lláme al 847-305-9998 para más información.

DEBIDO A COVID-19 - NUESTRA UNIDAD DE SANGRE AHORA SERÁ 29/06/20

ST. JUAN EL BAPTISTA IGLESIA EN
05233 CALLE DE LA IGLESIA, WINFIELD
Drive tendrá lugar en Sebahar Hall - 3PM - 7PM

Si quieres donar mientras tanto, ve a: www.versiti.org/IL para obtener una lista de oportunidades en el zona.

Se implementarán medidas seguras de distanciamiento social para garantizar la seguridad de los donantes. La donación de sangre se considera "Actividad esencial" y está exenta del mandato de "refugio en el lugar".

¡AYÚDENOS A ASEGURAR UN SUMINISTRO SANGUÍNEO SALUDABLE!



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: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
 Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
 St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi;
 Memorial Day
 Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
 Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;
 Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
 Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
 Friday: St. Paul VI

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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 Grades Kindergarten thru Eighth, 2020-2021 School Year

¡Inscríban sus hijos en la Escuela Católica de San Juan Bautista!
 Grados Kindergarten a Ocho, Año Académico 2020-2021

Tuition Transfer Grant-Did you know that St. John the Baptist Catholic School offers a Tuition Transfer Grant to families who transfer their child into grades 1-7 from any non-Catholic school for the 2020-2021 school year? With this two-year grant, families will receive \$1,000 per student in year one, and \$500 per student in year two, to offset tuition. For more information, please contact the school office.



Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- 1 You can share your gifts...** Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- 2 Leave your checkbook at home.** Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 3 Your funds are protected.** Your donations are automatically transferred to our parish so it's safer and more secure.
- 4 Support our parish consistently,** even if you are unable to attend Mass.
- 5 Give on-the-go!** Access the site from your mobile phone or tablet.

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy!

- 1 Visit 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.**

April 26.....	\$11,078
May 3.....	\$31,203
May 10.....	\$25,086
May 17.....	\$15,940

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Help a child receive a Catholic education at St. John the Baptist, and you can receive a 75% tax credit on your state income taxes.

WHY IS A TAX CREDIT BETTER THAN A DEDUCTION?

A tax credit is always better than a tax deduction because a credit lowers your tax bill directly. A deduction lowers your adjusted gross income on your IRS Form 1040, so the amount you get reduced off your tax bill is directly tied to your tax bracket.

Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

For example, if you make a \$1,000 Tax Credit Scholarship donation you receive a \$750 tax credit which lowers your tax owed to Illinois by \$750. Simple as that. If your tax bill was going to be \$3,000, you just reduced it to \$2,250.

However, what would happen if that was a deduction on your IRS Form 1040 and not a tax credit? A \$1,000 deduction, if you are in the 22% tax bracket, will lower your adjusted gross income by \$1,000, thereby lowering your tax bill by about \$220. In this scenario, we also assume that the taxpayer is itemizing their deductions. If the taxpayer takes the standard deduction (\$12,400 if filing single or \$24,800 if married filing jointly), then the \$1,000 donation would not provide any tax benefit.

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.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

On May 13th, we celebrated the 103rd anniversary of the first appearance of Our Lady of Fatima to three children. Due to the coronavirus, this was the first time in the history of the shrine that the faithful were not able to be at the shrine and partake of the festivities.

When Our Lady appeared to the three children over 100 years ago, she held a Rosary in her right hand. In a later apparition she identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary."

Our Lady asked for people to fast and pray the Rosary. One question Lucia, one of the children, asked Our Lady was if they would go to heaven. She said yes, but Francisco would have to say many rosaries.

Pope St. John Paul II was convinced that Our Lady of Fatima saved his life when he was shot four times in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. He was believed to have said all 15 decades of the Rosary every day.

This May 13th, during his General Audience from his papal library, Pope Francis said, "In our prayer, let us ask God, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for peace in the world, the end of the pandemic, a spirit of penance, and our conversion."

No pilgrims can be at Fatima, and we cannot be in our Churches now, but we can say our Rosaries, as Our Lady of Fatima asked us to do.

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most Holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein, may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Our parish Respect Life Committee invites you to continue the nine month commemoration of the gestation of the Child Jesus in Mary's womb, which began March 25, and to spiritually adopt a baby that is in danger of abortion, if you haven't already done so. Around the 25th of each month a bulletin article will explain the growth of the babies. Choose a name for your baby and pray for them and their parents using Archbishop Fulton Sheen's prayer below and pray for them daily. Jesus and your adopted baby are counting on you. *"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."*

THE THIRD MONTH

Faith-filled Joseph, believing the revelation that he is to be the protector of the Messiah, bravely stands by Mary's side, offering his strength and sense of mission as her body begins to accommodate her child. How many fathers have abandoned the mothers of their children: Indeed, how many fathers who may have treasured a child never know of its existence or of its terrible end: Babies are denied life who can at this stage hear, open and close their lips, hiccup and suck their thumbs. At three inches, the baby now begins to kick, curl and fan toes, make a fist, and practice breathing. Pray for all fathers that they may use the awesome power of life-giving to be a true protector.



*We congratulate
Leanne Marie Kalsow &
William Alan Caputo*

*who celebrated the
Sacrament of Marriage
on the 2nd day of May, 2020.
Best Wishes to You!*

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!

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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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-second Annual Wedding

Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

