

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS

MASS TIMES

CHAPEL

Mondays, Wednesdays

5:30 pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays

8:15 am

Fridays

12:00 pm

CHURCH

Saturdays

5:00 pm

Sundays

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays

3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

ADORATION

Thursdays

9:00 am to 8:00 pm

(Chapel)



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 27, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Sunday (August 20), I preached on persistence. I gave a personal real-life example about weight loss, and persistence in that, and connected it to the persistence of the woman in the Gospel. I explained in my homily how she was a model of persistence and how persistence is such a valuable virtue that is truly needed in our spiritual lives.

Well, the next day, I went to the gym and did my usual lifting routine. Because you know...I want to practice what I preach. As I was finishing up my time I took ten minutes on the treadmill for some incline walking. As I was walking I looked up, and what did I see written on the wall? PERSISTENCE! That with a number of other motivational words, but persistence was the first.

How important to stay persistent in our healthy habits, but most especially in our spiritual lives. To always rely on God in every moment, and even when it's tough, to be persistent. Our persistence will lead us to Heaven!

Last Sunday was also our parish picnic! What an amazing picnic! I am beyond grateful for all the volunteers that worked so hard in the humidity and heat to make it such an amazing experience. From the food to the live music to the bingo, to the bounce houses, to the hay rides, to everything in between. What a great time!

It's so important that we come together as a community, as we did at the picnic, and really know our church family. We recognize that we are all on a mission to Heaven together, and united we are unstoppable in that mission! I'm so grateful for my St. John's family, and it's an honor to be your shepherd. Please pray for me, as I pray for you.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris





Make-A-Will Sunday

August is National Make-A-Will Month and a perfect opportunity for our community to reflect on the many gifts God has blessed us with. At St. John's, we're taking this a step further with Make-A-Will Sunday. Today, we invite you to set aside time to think through your estate plan and how you can best steward what God has entrusted to you.

To help you with this process, St. John's offers an online estate planning tool you can use to create your will for free online and safeguard all that you love.

Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet to get started on your will.

Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of August 13, 2023, were \$19,070.00. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



Join Us!

WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

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 **Give Online**

Select the collection or event of your choice. 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 Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN Saturday, September 9, 2023

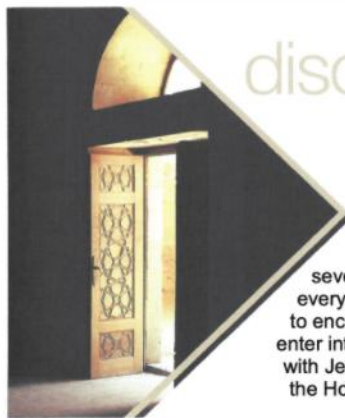
Pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children on September 9, 2023.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Consider joining others at one of the following gravesites:

- **1 pm, Resurrection Cemetery (SE corner), 200 W. Romeo Rd, Romeoville, IL.** Gather at Garden of the Angels. Special guest: Bishop Ronald Hicks
- **2 pm, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 1400 S. Wolf Road Hillside, IL 60162.** Gravesite of 2,033 aborted babies. Gravesite is located in Section 108 at the far western edge of the cemetery, about 500 feet south of Roosevelt Road. Special guests: Bishop Joseph Perry, Eric Scheidler, and Jennifer Shea.

Additional info at:
<https://nationaldayofremembrance.org/sites/>



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Christ

Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that invites every person, baptized or unbaptized, to encounter the love of God the Father, enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

Discovering Christ will be held on Thursday evenings beginning September 28

Please email with any questions to
christlife@stjohnwinfield.org

Don't forget to Signup for Flocknote to receive updates on the ChristLife program and other Parish info! Go to stjohnwinfield.flocknote.com

See also stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ for more info.

To view this bulletin, or to subscribe go to www.DiscoverMass.com



KOC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

5:30pm to 9:00pm

Family Tent at Beecher & Church, Winfield

Wood Fired
Slow Roasted BBQ
Beef or Chicken
Salads, Corn on the Cob
and Desert
Live music by:
Crocodile Jazz Band
6 – 8 pm



Individual Dinner Ticket Purchase \$40
2 to \$75, Table of 10 for \$350.

TO RESERVE A TABLE OF 10 or to buy tickets,
contact Patti at 630-205-1405 or
pweber@cartoncraftinc.com



Council of Catholic Women
September 2023 activities

Wed. Sept 6th 6:30pm School Hall

Dinner and General meeting

A-L please bring appetizers

M-R please bring side dishes

S-Z please bring desserts

All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

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service projects and enrich your Catholic faith.**



Annual MUM Sale Order plants by Sept 11th.

A limited supply will be available at the Sale on
Sept 23-24 after all the Masses **Each Plant is \$10**
Use the form below or Contact Venessa Lopatka at
630-336-5414 or venessalopatka@gmail.com



Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

MUMS: Bronze/Orange _____ Lavender/Purple _____ Red _____

Yellow _____ white _____ TOTAL NUMBER OF PLANTS: _____ X \$10 EACH= \$ _____

Payment is appreciated when your order form is turned in. Make checks payable to *St. John's CCW*



Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Illinois tax credit scholarship program has proven to be a beacon of hope and a guiding force toward a better life for thousands of Illinois students and their families. However, that light may be snuffed out unless the Illinois General Assembly acts to continue the law that provides for this program. Therefore, we are writing to ask you to contact your Illinois state representative and state senator to express your desire to retain the tax credit scholarship program.

Since its inception six years ago, the tax credit scholarship program has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending private schools in the state. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a 75% tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax. All of the scholarships are need-based. Without this program, Illinois families may be unable to send their loved ones to the school of their choice. Demand for scholarships is high - for every scholarship granted, three students were turned down due to lack of funds.

Allowing the tax credit scholarship program to sunset would not only be a life altering disservice to the families it is designed to help, but would also create long-term consequences by weakening the state's educational choices and placing additional roadblocks in front of thousands of Illinois students on the path to a brighter future.

Please contact your state representative and state senator to let them know you support extending the tax credit scholarship program in Illinois law. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do so also. Our collective voice is needed. To assist in this endeavor, please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a possible message to send, or for information about how to donate.

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

+ *Thomas John Paprocki*

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

+ *David J. Malloy*

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Bishop of Rockford

+ *Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

+ *Michael McGovern*

Most Reverend Michael McGovern
Bishop of Belleville

+ *Louis Tylka*

Most Reverend Louis Tylka
Bishop of Peoria

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

Every parent, grandparent, and guardian wants the best for their kids – and works unbelievably hard every single day to make it possible. The Diocese of Joliet and St. John the Baptist Catholic School has partnered with Empower Illinois to offer eligible families a chance to receive a tax credit scholarship towards their tuition through the Illinois Invest in Kids Program. Empower Illinois is proud to help hard-working, passionate, and loving parents give their children the education that is right for them.

The Illinois Invest in Kids Program has already been a tremendous benefit to St. John the Baptist students. During the 2022-23 school year, 54 of our students were granted full or partial scholarships totaling \$300,000. Forty-five scholarships have been awarded for the coming school year and 25 eligible students remain on a wait list pending additional funding.

Thank you to all those who have donated to the program so far! Our families are indeed grateful! We're working diligently to increase donations to the program to provide additional tuition assistance to more families in order to receive a St. John's education. To fund the remaining students and clear our wait list, we need \$140,000. No donation is too small and would be greatly appreciated as it directly benefits students at St. John's. Not only does the donation benefit students at SJB, but a tax credit amounting to 75% of your donation is earned on your Illinois 2023 state taxes.

To learn more about the donation process, contact Joanne Policht, principal, at St. John the Baptist Catholic School at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Fr. Jeff Putthoff at jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org or (347)788-8463. Fr. Jeff works for the Diocese of Joliet and has helped hundreds of donors with the donations process. He is a true blessing and has really helped Joanne, the principal, acquire donations for SJB kids.

BE FORMED

**Small Group: WEDNESDAY MORNINGS SEPTEMBER 13
THROUGH DECEMBER 13 2023**

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

Join a small group and
reignite your zeal for
living the virtuous life!

USCCB Small Group
Material will be included
as it becomes available

**REGISTRATION
OPEN**

**August 20 -
August 27th!**

**SEASON 7
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REVIVAL**

Register for this next season by going to
<https://tinyurl.com/4rbpmxvu>

To learn more, view this
informational video by
Fr. Burke Masters at
<https://youtu.be/Uae00lbmAu0>



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 26, Vigil, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Rudy Wilke (Rita Wilke)
 † Rufino & Josafina Ligan, (Bless, Ed & Stephanie Romero)
 † Deborah Anne Terry (Maureen & Denny Brennan)
 † Deborah Terry (Margaret & Kevin Walsh)
 † Bob Mungo (Mike & Karen Flynn)
 † Lillian Ryvold (Aimee & Jason Scala)

Sunday, August 27, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Maria Tscherteu (The Lonks Family)
 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
 11:30 a.m. † Patti Bently (Mike Bently)

Monday, August 28

5:30 p.m. † Josafina Ligan (Amor & Carlito Gabas)

Tuesday, August 29

8:15 a.m. † Margaret Anne Denniger (Terrence Denniger)

Wednesday, August 30

5:30 p.m. † Jeanne & ♥ Al Ptak, Wedding Anniversary (Al Ptak)

Thursday, August 31

8:15 a.m. † John Crossman (Linda LeBreux)

Friday, September 1

12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions
 ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace
 † Billy Higgins (Margaret Pieczynski)
 † Kathy Kamphaus (Edward (Skip) Meyer)
 † Daniel McGrath (Ellen & Mike McGrath)
 † Fr. James Juma (The Conley Family)

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 2024 Mass book is open.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



CHAPEL † *Jeanne Ptak*
 CHURCH † *Jeanne Ptak*

**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 ten dollars per week.*



Cursillo Corner

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Sunday, September 3

We invite you to pray the Chaplet with the Fourth Day Community on Sunday evening, **September 3 from 8:00-8:15 pm**. What better way to end your weekend than to pray this beautiful prayer recognizing our merciful Lord. **Friends and family are welcome.** Prayer intentions are taken prior to the start of the Chaplet. **Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.**

Ultreya- Saturday, September 9

Join us for the next Ultreya on **Saturday, September 9** at St. John the Baptist. **Rosary will begin in the Chapel (old church) at 9:00 a.m.** Immediately following, we will convene at the Sebahar Hall for the Ultreya. Continental breakfast will be available. **Guests are always encouraged and welcome!**

School of Leaders

The School of Leaders is a gathering of Cursillistas who work together to grow as leaders, refine their skills as apostles, and learn how to effectively live out the purpose, strategy, and method of the Cursillo Movement within the Church. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 pm, at St. Elizabeth Seton in Naperville. **Our next meeting is September 12.**

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:

Baby Luke Hougan
 Anthony Winters
 Jennifer Schmittauer

The entire prayer list is on our website, at www.stjohnwinfield.org. Click on the heading, "Prayer Request," then scroll right underneath Prayer Request banner to: **PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR CURRENT PRAY FOR OUR SICK LIST**

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 all Deacons and Seminarians who are studying in the Diocese of Joliet including our own
Seminarian Sam Bergmann

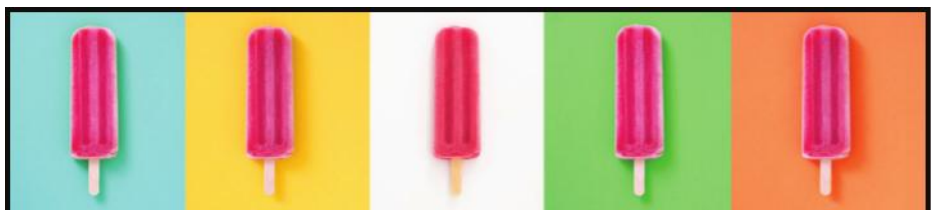
Please pray for all first responders and for those in Active Duty, including our own:

Pvt James Luigi Akin	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW)
SRA Francis Beifuss	Timothy A. Newell
Lt. Col. John Berg	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Pvt Timothy Conley	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly	Cpl Riley Santoyo
Major Daniel Durbin	Sgt Ian Sarlitto
Lt. Col. Tony Eschliman	AN Michael Schieve
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.	2LT Allyson Serbick
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Sgt Pamela Gray	Smolucha
Colonel Eric Hass, US Army	Major Mike Smolucha
Colonel Erica Haas, USAF	SPC Thomas Stanhope
A1C Seth Kelley	AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
SrA Robert Lawless	
Captain Matthew Luff	
WO1 Jake Miller	




THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:

Come pray the Rosary
 & stay for a get-together,
 St. John's Fire Pit,
 7:00 pm Wednesday, August 30, 2023.
 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK SHACK OPEN!


The Knights of Columbus's popular Snack Shack is back this summer at the corner of Beecher and Church Streets. They will be serving up sandwiches, snacks, ice cream and cold drinks on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm through August 27th. Proceeds go to our St. John the Baptist Catholic School via the Monsignor Cloos Fund.

Join St John's book club at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept 20th, at 7 pm at the home of Jean Daniell.

We will discuss the book titled, *The Night Portrait* by Laura Morelli. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP, Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming dates and title:
 October 18th: *Sing You Home*
 November 15th: *Remarkably Bright Creatures*



PRAYERS & 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. Our next meeting is September 7, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Bulletin Articles
 Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main: _____ 630-668-0918

Parish Secretaries: Rosa Benavides _____ Ext 0

Secretaria Hispana: _____ Ext 601

Religious Education Office: _____ Ext 613

Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Reznicek _____ Ext 603

RCIA (Convert Preparation) _____ Ext 0

Director of Finance, Facilities & Operations: Jim Nolan _____ Ext 604

Director of Liturgical Life: Michael Berger _____ Ext 607

Grade School Office:

Principal: Joanne Policht _____ 630-668-0918 Press 2

Fax: _____ 630-668-1074

St Vincent de Paul Society: _____ Ext 692

Church: www.stjohnwinfield.org School: www.sjbwinfield.org

*For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office.
 Office Hours: Mon., Tues. and Thurs.: 9 am-3 pm; Wed.: 12 pm-3pm; Friday: Closed*

COME PRAY WITH US

For our family members, friends and others
 who have left the Catholic Church
 "Where two or three are gathered..."
 All Welcome

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
CHAPEL
2:00 PM

Questions? Patti Loechl, 630-730-4801

HOSPITALITY CHAIR

"The Evangelization Committee is in need of a Hospitality Chairperson to help with the Thursday night sessions of "Following Christ." It is an important and rewarding ministry. Please contact Patti Loechl if you are interested, at pattivanloechl@hotmail.com or 630 730 4801.

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