

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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MASS TIMES

Mondays -
Thursdays
7:00 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Saturdays
5:00 pm
(*Sunday
Vigil*)

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm

**Daily Mass on
Monday,
January 17,
for the
Martin Luther
King Day
Holiday, will
begin at 8:30 am
(not 7:00 am)**

January 16, 2022

Second
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



[Jesus' mother said to the servers,]
“Do whatever he tells you.”

JOHN 2:5

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Please pray for our sick

James Adduci
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Floyd Bosch
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Maria Elena Castro
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Al Cieslik
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Carol Connors
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Krystyna Derecki
Kathe Doremus
Nick DuBay
Karen Durbin
Ralph Eckhoff
Concepcion Edaño
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand

Patrocinia Fernandez
Marie Flores
Valerie Fraser
Kyle Freed
Dolores Gabriel
Monica Garcia
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas
Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Daniel Guzman
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Baby Luke Hougan
Edy Jacobs
Pat Jakubiec
Monique Jakubielski
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Shawn Jurgensen
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Gerry Krug
Margaret Kuhn

Korin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
Rose Marie Lambert
Ken Larson
Nancy Liden
Haley Lipnisky
Marilyn Loechl
Sam Mahre
Beth Majerczyk
Gianna Malorny
John Maltese
Linda Marczewski
Jan Masters
Al Mathieu
Diane Maher
Alex McCall
Michael McCall
Perri McCall
Patricia Meschler
Bessy Miller
Mayette Monales
Joseph Jr. & Maggie Morgan
Thomas Morris
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Lauren Mungo
Joan Murdock
Tim Murnane
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien

Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Charlie Parisi
Bill Parker
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Tim Ptak
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Paul & Katherine Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Monica Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothwell
Marvin Rothwell
Susan Rothwell
Bob Salat
Dwayne Sarver
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth

Dolores Snyder
Diane Srachta
Cynde Barone Stavros
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Lucy Szwed
Mary Tarchala
Deborah Terry
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Michael Torri
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Dolores Vasquez
Genevieve Welch
Emily Wilson
Kylie Wells-Long
Pat Waltz
Paula Winterhalder
Elizabeth Wood
Susan Woodbury
Lexie Youngberg
Larry Zengri
New this week

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
0S233 Church St.
Winfield, IL 60190

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor: Fr. Christopher Lankford

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

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Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

For information on joining St. John's, please
see our website or call the parish office.

Please keep in your prayers our
Deacon & Seminarian who are prepar-
ing for the Priesthood :

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary
Seminarian Alex Lorang

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS- UPDATE

As of August 30, in accordance with the Diocese of Joliet, parishioners do not have to sign up for Mass. Full capacity inside our Church and Chapel is allowed. In accordance with Illinois state mandates, masks are required for anyone age 2 and up regardless of vaccination status. There will be a section in Church (if you are facing the altar, the section is to the extreme right, along north wall) to sit if you feel more comfortable social distancing. We will continue to refrain from offering blood of Christ in a chalice at Communion for the time being. If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please wait until the end and please receive from the priest celebrant of the Mass in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet. The bishop's dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place for the time being.



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
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
Airman Nicholas Kostecka
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
WO1 Jake Miller
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
Cpl Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlito
AN Michael Schieve
PFC Keegan Serbick
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
Lt. Keith Wolfe

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Hello St. John's!

Today we continue last week's bulletin with a few more pictures and thoughts from the Holy Land.

After a week on the Sea of Galilee (in the northern part of Israel) we traveled to Jerusalem, about 2 hours south, and in the middle of the country. If our time on the Sea of Galilee was very serene and quiet, Jerusalem was the opposite! It was incredibly noisy, at all hours of the day, and it seemed like the traffic never stopped. I heard many different languages spoken, and even though there were very few foreigners in the city due to strict covid regulations, it was still a very international city.

We checked in to our hotel – the Notre Dame Center of Jerusalem. It was founded in the late nineteenth century to serve pilgrims to the Holy Land, and does so to this day. The hotel is only a few minutes' walk from the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, and so we made visiting there our first priority. The Church is jointly run by Catholics, Orthodox, and Armenian Christians. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher encompasses both Calvary, where Our Lord was crucified, as well as the tomb where he was buried and rose. Today, the empty tomb is surrounded by a marble structure called the Aedicule. One has to duck down to enter inside, and once inside, there is a marble slab – only a few inches from the rock where Christ's body was placed. The inside is ornately decorated, and an inscription on a gold plaque reads, "He is risen, he is not here. See the place where they placed him." Christ is not there! And that's a good thing. Here, on this spot, the entire course of human history changed forever. If Christ did not rise from the dead, our faith is meaningless.

Only a few short feet away from the Tomb is the Catholic Chapel. Inside is the Blessed Sacrament. It occurred to me just how much more Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament than he is in the tomb. The same Christ whose tomb I was just in is the same Christ who is bodily present in the Eucharist, and who comes to us every single Mass. We must never take this for granted!

We also had the chance to visit the city of Bethlehem. It won't be lost on us this Christmas season that this is the place Christ was born! Here, marked by a star, we recall the great mystery of Christ's being born as man.

Additionally, we had the chance to celebrate Mass at the site of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan by John! I prayed for all of you there, and as a class we had the opportunity to renew our own Baptismal promises.

Being able to pray and celebrate Mass at these holy sites (and more!) was a truly unbelievable experience. However, we remember that Our Lord comes to us every single day, and at every single Mass, regardless of where we are in the world. We should never miss an opportunity to encounter him in prayer, and especially in the Mass. Pilgrimages are beautiful experiences, but they are not substitutes for encountering Christ in our day-to-day lives.



Jerusalem

Thank you again for all your prayers, and I hope to be able to share more in person. I am so grateful to be a part of this St. John's community.

God Bless!
Deacon Brian



Holy Sepulchre-Calvary



Church of the Holy Sepulchre-Empty Tomb



Bethlehem-Site of Nativity



Baptismal Site-Jordan River

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 15- Vigil for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Mary Eickhoff
† Patricia Griffin (Margaret & Kevin Walsh)
† Luisito Gudmalin (Carlito & Amor Gabas)
† Joe Konopka (Kay Konopka)
† John Pohodich (The Bartko Family)
† Terry Jamiolkowski (Maryann Dusza)

Sunday, January 16-The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Christine Nizetic (Helen & Dan Lutzenkirchen)
9:30 a.m. † Doris Morrissey (The Morrissey Family)
11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Monday, January 17-Martin Luther King Day

8:30 a.m. † Evan Nelsen (Irma & Rick McCall)

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 a.m. † Jesse Fisher & ♥ Cyndi Fischer (Rita Grabowski)

Wednesday, January 19

7:00 a.m. † "Mama" Christina (Dan Conley)

Thursday, January 20

7:00 a.m. † Ida Perri (Irma & Rick McCall)

Friday, January 21

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein
♥ Mary Ann Garza

Saturday, January 22-Vigil for Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Margaret Enright (The Marasco Family)
† Gene Gaede (Maryann Dusza)
† Eleanor Salwierak (Therese Martineau)
† Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)
† John Pohodich (John Pelican)
† Jon Passini (Mary Passini)

Sunday, January 23-The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. † Don Essling (Donna & Max Daniels)
11:30 a.m. † John Pohodich (Larry & Cecily Langellier)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— Isaiah 62:2

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ Living, Mary Ann Garza

Church ♥ All Those Suffering with
Covid



*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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. Masks are required for anyone over 2 and up regardless of vaccination status.

All Confessions are in the Church. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn.

**Donut Sunday is this weekend in
Sebahar Hall after the
7:30 and 9:30 am Masses.
Please stop by! All are invited!**

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Almighty ever-living God,
who govern all things,
both in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the pleading of your people
and bestow your peace on our times.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What can I do to help to bring about God's peace?

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*Parish offices will be closed on
Monday, January 17, 2022 for the Martin
Luther King Day holiday. We will re-open
on Tuesday, January 18th at 8:00 am. Daily
Mass on Monday, 1/17 will be at 8:30 am*

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in the Chapel. There is no signup required.

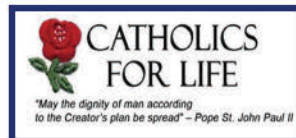
WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood", Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects towards a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. For an interesting article about Adoration, go to:

<https://prayers4reparation.wordpress.com/2012/04/21/things-to-do-during-eucharistic-adoration/>



Adoration at St. John's



Marching for Life:

Once again, the Marches for Life are being held. Thank you, God. Chicago's March for Life was held on Saturday, January 8, 2022. "Equality Begins in the Womb" is the theme of the January 21, 2022, Washington D.C. march. The Walk for Life in San Francisco will be held on January 22, 2022. Look for coverage of these events on EWTN - other news networks choose to ignore reporting on these events. But God sees and hears our prayers, and that's who counts.

From the USCCB

One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join 9 Days For Life, a novena for the protection of human life, taking place Wednesday, January 19 - Thursday, January 27. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Sign up at 9daysforlife.com to receive 9 Days for Life, the U.S. bishops' annual Respect Life novena, January 19-27. Receive the daily prayers by email or text message in English or Spanish.

Remember to keep praying, sacrificing, and witnessing, until we bring back the Culture of Life and end the Culture of Death.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5

*Heavenly Father,
Protect your children in the womb from all harm.
Guide women struggling with a pregnancy to caring counselors. Comfort those lacking family support and close friends. Provide prenatal care, safe delivery, and financial resources to all. Fill your daughters and sons with joy on choosing life for their child. Bless them with a deeper relationship with Jesus. Mary, our Mother, pray for your children and for an end to abortion.*

ST. JOHN'S MASSES-LIVE STREAMED

Our 9:30 am Sunday Mass is live-streamed.

There are two ways to watch the Mass:

1. Go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, scroll down and click on the YouTube logo under Media; or,
2. Go to YouTube; Search for St. John the Baptist Winfield; Click on our St. John's Church logo:





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 our church website and click Give Online.** www.stjohnwinfield.org
- 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 Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

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.** Thank you for your generosity and support!

December 19...\$20,129	January 2.....\$25,439
December 26...\$16,525	January 9.....\$23,469

Special Collection Next Weekend-Church in Latin America

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

There is an envelope in your packet of envelopes, or you can go to our website at www.stjohnwinfield.org to contribute. Thank you.

Helping Those in Need

During these tough economic times, St. Vincent De-Paul Society invites you again to remember the needy persons and families in our parish and in the greater Winfield community by using the monthly St. Vincent de Paul contribution envelope that appears in your regular envelope packet or by making a contribution in the Poor Box in the Narthex of the Church by the back window. Remember, any contributions you make by check are tax-deductible.

Thank you! ~St. Vincent de Paul Society

NEWS FROM RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

WANT TO BRING **VALENTINE JOY** AND **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CHEER** TO THE MIDWEST SHELTER FOR HOMELESS VETS?

I have to admit I blew it for Christmas! Normally we give the Vets a home-made Christmas stocking filled with goodies! Because this did not happen, and my "Catholic guilt" kicked in, I thought what else can we do for them?

How about making and giving them a Valentine and St. Paddy's day treat bags! I bought the felt, will make the bags and the Religious Education children/teens can decorate them. We will also make cards and letters for them!



BUT, as always, I do need your help! One of the treats they LOVED getting were gift cards for the various restaurants in Wheaton. Or, maybe you have a better idea? Perhaps all that individually wrapped chocolate candy you know your body is craving and your scale is screaming "NO MORE"?

So let's make the Vets' winter less depressing by making them a homemade felt Valentine and St. Paddy's day Bag filled with goodies!

Please drop off your goody bag donations in the glass room of the parish offices. There is a basket waiting to be filled!

Thank you so much for all your help on these projects. We couldn't do this without you!

Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

Catholic Charities Thanks You for Undy Sunday donation . . .



Dear St. John the Baptist Parish,

We are so grateful for your generous donation to the Undy Sunday program. Because of you, at-risk families will have some basic needs met.

We are thankful for your concern for our most vulnerable in DuPage County.

Sincerely, *Joy*



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**COME,
FOLLOW
ME**

LUKE 18:22

following Christ

a seven-week journey

Begins Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 7-8:45 pm.

Info and Registration at stjohnwinfield.org/following-christ
or fill out form below and return to Welcome Desk or
Parish Office. Questions? ChristLife@stjohnwinfield.org



-----Registration Form -----

Following Christ – 2/8/22 – 3/22/22, 7-8:45 pm.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

Would you prefer to stay in the same group as Discovering Christ? _____

Would you prefer the Livestream/Zoom option? _____

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Open House News

You are cordially invited:



Prospective families are welcome to come to an open house to launch registration for the 2022-2023 school year at St. John the Baptist School in Winfield on **Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM by appointment only.**

You are invited to meet our teachers, principal, student tour guides, and school board members. Tour our warm and inviting school on a winter afternoon. Come learn how your child (ren) and family will benefit from the outstanding academics, faith formation, and welcoming school community at St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist is located at 0S259 Church Street, Winfield.

To schedule an appointment, please go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040E4FACAA2AA3F49-inperson>. For more information, please contact our principal, Joanne Policht at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or call 630-668-2625, extension 617.

OUR ST. JOHN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal, The Children's Fund, was mailed to all parishioners in December. You should have received it by now. You can also make a donation through We Share Online Giving on the parish website or using this link:

<https://stjohnwinfield.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/ChildrensAnnualAppeal>

This appeal is one of our most important fundraising tools to help reduce our parish subsidy. Thank you to those who have already responded! Your generosity is invaluable. We are over 1/3 the way to our goal of \$38,000. Please prayerfully consider making your donation today. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



Cursillo Corner

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

February Ultreya

St. John the Baptist is once again hosting Ultreya's on the second Saturday of each month. Our next Ultreya is scheduled for Saturday, February 12. Join us in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary. Immediately following, we will have our Ultreya (location at St. John's TBD). The Ultreya will begin at 9:30 and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/Tea and snacks will be provided. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the Cursillo Movement!

Cursillo Weekends

We are excited to announce the return of Cursillo weekends this spring at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois. The schedule is as follows. Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend.

Men's Weekend **March 3-6**
Women's Weekend **April 21-24**

New to Cursillo?

Are you interested in undergoing an exhilarating and unforgettable religious and life-changing experience? Do you want the opportunity to experience peace, serenity and joy which often eludes many of us? Would you like to grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you want to be a better role model and leader within your family and environments? If you answered yes to any of these, then this is a weekend you won't want to miss!

Your experience will include being in the company of other faith-filled Catholics that will support you on your spiritual journey, both during the weekend and beyond. Cursillo will help you to become a better person and Christian in your daily life.

You will have time to think, pray and learn away from the hectic pace of everyday life. The weekend includes a series of awesome and thought-provoking talks given by laity and clergy followed by small group discussion.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as personal Spiritual Direction with a clergy member will be made available for those interested.

Bring your appetite, as there will be plenty of food, fun and fellowship! Transportation to and from the weekend will be provided.

If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Seritella at amythe1@att.net You will also find additional information in the narthex or on our website www.jolietcursillo.org

MEN OF ST. JOHN-ROSARY

GET-TOGETHER

Fire Pit, -East Side of Church Grounds

Wed., January 19, 7:00 pm

Gentlemen: We will pray the Rosary at the Mary Garden/KC Fire-Pit, with the same intentions in our hearts and minds: for the well-being of our Families, our Church, our Nation, and Ourselves. Afterwards, we will gather for fellowship and good conversation, enriched by snacks and liquid refreshments. Hope you can join us on: Wednesday, January 19th. Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Jan 19th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss the swap book received or a book of your choice, if you were not at our October meeting. Please inquire with any questions to Jean Daniell @ tjdaniell@att.net



Upcoming Book Club:
Wednesday, Feb 16th, book title TBD

REVELATION OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Today's first reading from Isaiah arises out of the ordeal of the people of Jerusalem and Judea as they anticipate the end of seventy years of exile in Babylon. Their sufferings and their oppression will end, and they are promised joy like that of a great wedding upon returning to their homeland. Although this passage is probably set in the early sixth century B.C., it is free of historical particulars. Accordingly, the Church has understood its imagery universally, as it proclaims God's promise of healing, hope, and happiness for all peoples, in this world and in the next. When read against this background, the story of Jesus' turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana becomes a revelation of God's presence in the person of Jesus, making these promises real for us in the here and now, in the transformation of our own lives.

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Council of Catholic Women
Upcoming activities



Spring Bazaar is a Vendor Fair and will be held the weekend of February 26-27, 2022.

We need VENDORS!

If you are interested in being a VENDOR at the bazaar, please contact our co-chairs:

Theresa DeStefano at: destefano1961@gmail.com

or

Donna Daniels at: ABENBABE@aol.com



Thurs., Jan 27, 2022 7:00pm Board meeting Sebahar Hall

Sat., Feb 5th 9:30am General Meeting plus we will be doing a service project to benefit the residents at Winfield Woods.



Rosary at 4:30pm in the Chapel before 5:00pm Mass

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners for at least six months and parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! If Godparents are married, their marriage needs to be blessed by the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, 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

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our priests are unable to make a hospital visit unless the situation is dire. 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 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.

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 Please Pray for the Sick in 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. The next Grief Support meeting is Thurs. evening, February 3, 2022, in the Parish Office. To verify start time of meeting, or for more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Eucharistic Adoration: Adoration is on Thursday evenings from 6pm-9pm. You do not need to pre-register. For more information, please call the parish office at 630.668.0918, ext. 600. All are welcome.



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



MASS INTENTION INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; The 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Our parish office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We ask that you wear a mask and refrain from coming into office if you do not feel well. You are always welcome to call or email the parish office, as well, 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 or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the Parish Office Vestibule.

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. To subscribe to the St. John's weekly church bulletin, go to <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx> and follow the prompts. SJB's zip code is 60190. You will automatically receive the church bulletin each week to your email; it usually arrives late Saturday morning in your inbox.



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ANNULMENT SUPPORT DAY

A DAY OF SUPPORT AND REFLECTION

FREE ZOOM ONLINE EVENT

DATE: January 22, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Zoom link to follow upon registration



Deadline is Monday, January 17th...



Registrations must be received no later than January 17, 2022

A Day of Support and Reflection for Annulment Petitioners
Saturday, January 22, 2022

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Please register online at <https://bit.ly/2Bv0drA>

email your information to: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org

call 815-838-5334

or send form to: The Office of Family Ministry, 16555 Weber Rd, Crest Hill, IL 60403

Working on annulment papers alone without support can be emotionally overwhelming and frustrating. Papers may be placed in a desk drawer and/or not completed. In an effort to help petitioners complete their part of the process, the Office for Family Ministry, in collaboration with the Joliet Diocesan Tribunal, is once again offering an **OPTIONAL Day of Support for Annulment Petitioners** on Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm ONLINE via Zoom.

This free workshop is designed for divorced persons who have already started the annulment process by petitioning the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, have submitted their Matrimonial Fact Sheet and have a current case in process but have not yet completed the Marriage Summary Long/Questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

The day will include time for prayer and reflection, a witness talk, and time for questions related to the long questionnaire. To register, please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at <https://bit.ly/2Bv0drA>.

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