

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

Confessions-
3:30-4:30 pm

5:00 pm

(*Sunday
Vigil*)

Sundays

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

**The
Immaculate
Conception of
the
Blessed Virgin
Mary,
a Holyday of
Obligation**

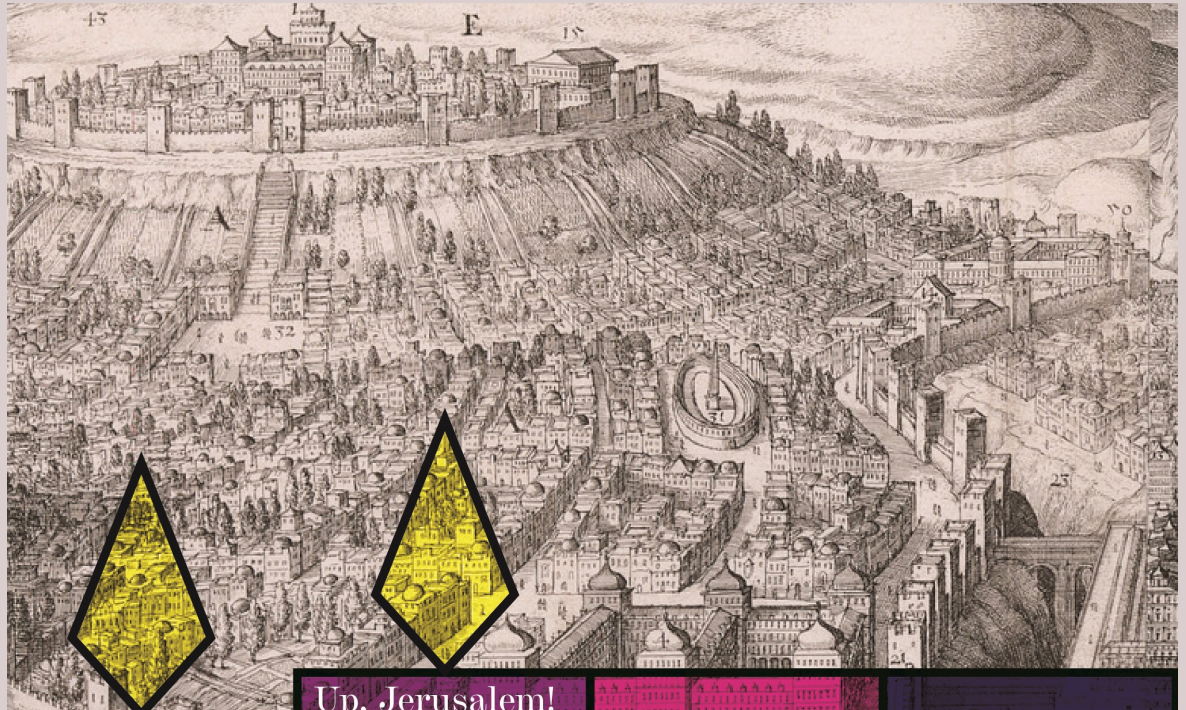
Vigil, Tues.,
Dec. 7, 2021

7:00 pm-
Church

Wed., Dec 8,
2021

7:00 am-
Church

7:00 pm-
Church



Up, Jerusalem!
stand upon
the heights;
look to the east
and see your
children
gathered from
the east and
the west
at the word
of the Holy One,
rejoicing that
they are
remembered
by God. *Baruch 5:5*

Prospect of Jerusalem
Wenceslaus Hollar
(Bohemian, 1607-1677)
1660
Metropolitan Museum of Art
New York

Second
Sunday of *Advent*

December 5, 2021

Please pray for our sick

James Adduci
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balseqiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Floyd Bosch
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
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
Ada Fritz
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 Hougán
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 Murock
Tim Murnane
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens
Clare North
Alex Novak
Andy Nowak
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
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
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

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

Secretaria Hispana:.....Ext 601

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

Consultant, Facilities:
.....Aaron Simpson.....Ext 603

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

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

Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

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

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

Phone 630-668-0918, Press 2, Fax: 630-668-1074

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

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
CMDICM (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 PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

This Wednesday, December 8th is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a patronal feastday of the United States of America, and a holyday of obligation. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill.

Our Mass schedule is:

Vigil, Tuesday, December 7, 2021
7:00 p.m.-Church

Wednesday, December 8, 2021
7:00 a.m.-Church
7:00 p.m.-Church

Mary,
Our Lady of
Immaculate Conception,
Pray for Us!

In Christ,
Fr Chris



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 4

Vigil Mass of The Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace (CCW)

† John Hornyak (SJB Adult Choir)

† Fern Wilson (Rhonda & Family)

† Joe Konopka (Rick & Mary Carlson)

† Marlene Hanks (Barry & Catherine McGlynn)

† Rosemary Bucaro (The Markelz Family)

† John Wojdula (Alice LaCroix & Family)

Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)

11:30 a.m. † John Hornyak (Aimee Scala)

Monday, December 6

7:00 a.m. † Nick Larson (Anne & Dave Larson)

Tuesday, December 7

7:00 a.m. † Rose Marecek, Anniv. of Death (The Lambert Family)

Vigil-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation

7:00 p.m. ♥† People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 8-The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation

7:00 a.m. † William Ronaldson (Jack Aylward)

7:00 p.m. † Bill Rose (The Rose Family)

Thursday, December 9

7:00 a.m. ♥ John Dominic Garro, Health & Intentions

Friday, December 10

12:00 p.m. † Bill Rose (The Rose Family)

Saturday, December 11

Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Lorraine B. Conley (The Conley Family)

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (Colette Miller)

† Abe Rundell (Monica Rundell)

† Francis & Claranne Zielinski (SJB Parish Staff)

† Consolation Gabas (Carlito & Amor Gabas)

† Luisito Gudmalin (Bless & Ed Romero)

† Virginia Mary Zentara (The Kocemba Family)

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Antoinette Fabianski (The Fabianski Family)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

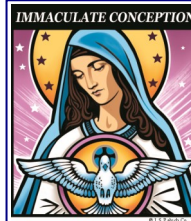
11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.

— Baruch 5:7



MASS SCHEDULE FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A Holyday of obligation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

Vigil, Tuesday, December 7, 2021,
7:00 p.m.-Church

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

7:00 a.m.-Church

7:00 p.m.-Church

Volunteer Opportunity for Christmas!

JOIN US IN DECORATING OUR ST. JOHN'S CHURCH HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Sunday, December 19,
after the 11:30 am Mass.

We will be meeting in the Chapel.

All are welcome.

Bring your mask!

Questions? Contact Noel Luchinski at
630-338-2559 or

Noel.Luchinski@yahoo.com

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † *Jeanne Ptak*

Church † *Giuliana Capigatti*



ATTENTION USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

If you would like to serve as an usher at any of the
Christmas Eve or Christmas Masses, please sign up
on the sheet located on the usher's room door.

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 sign-up 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/>

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance & Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Masks are required for anyone over 2 and up regardless of vaccination status. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, November 27, 3:30 pm
- Saturday, December 3, 3:30 pm

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.

Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What earthly undertakings do I need to set aside so that I can set out to meet God's Son?

At Home with the Word Books

There are still *At Home with the Word* books available. If you would like one, please come to the parish office to pick one up, or give us a call at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

The suggested donation is \$10. The donation helps cover costs of these materials and other St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish liturgical needs.

~Worship Commission

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass The Liturgy of the Eucharist Led by Fr Burke Masters

January 18-April 17, 2022

BE
FORMED

- Monthly online large group nights of reflection
- Weekly small group gatherings
- Zoom or in-person options
- Weekly videos emailed directly to your inbox
- Prayer Partners
- No previous participation necessary
- Groups for men, women, and couples

Register by
December 12th!



Sponsored by the
Diocese of Joliet
Office of Adult
Formation

For more information visit:
www.dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed



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!

Nov. 7.....\$34,158	Nov. 21.....\$18,266
Nov. 14.....\$20,140	Nov. 28.....\$21,527



Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$109,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Below is our progress. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or the diocese at 815-838-8515.

CMAA Pledge Report for St. John's, as of 11/28/2021

Parish Goal:	\$109,000
Amount Pledged:	\$126,078
Amount Paid:	\$123,878
Balance Due:	\$ 2,201

A BUSY MOTHER

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

2020 - 2021 Financial Report

	Actual				Next Year Budget Total
	Church	Religious Education	School	Total	
Revenue:					
Sunday Collections	\$ 1,151,991	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,151,991	\$ 1,130,000
Other Collections	\$ 84,198	-	-	\$ 84,198	90,000
Fundraisers	-	-	89,268	\$ 89,268	154,400
Tuition and Fees	-	47,628	818,413	\$ 866,041	852,419
Unrestricted Donations	137,257	-	-	\$ 137,257	90,000
Unrestricted Revenue	28,817	1,775	7,573	\$ 38,165	31,400
Restricted Donations	17,964	-	1,000	\$ 18,964	110,200
Restricted Revenue	-	-	-	\$ -	-
Interest Income	9,622	-	602	\$ 10,224	10,000
Other Revenue	18,342	-	300	\$ 18,642	5,000
Total Revenue	\$ 1,448,191	\$ 49,403	\$ 917,156	\$ 2,414,750	\$ 2,473,419
Expenses:					
Salaries	\$ 309,239	\$ 110,193	\$ 751,664	\$ 1,171,096	\$ 1,234,607
Fringe Benefits	128,245	36,874	250,425	415,544	420,967
Repairs & Maintenance	31,120	-	44,727	75,847	52,500
Services	71,731	7,531	122,997	202,259	198,700
Materials & Supplies	41,616	8,005	56,942	106,563	112,100
Rental Expense	8,901	4,023	7,082	20,006	20,160
Insurance	27,873	-	24,910	52,783	52,000
Utilities	56,265	2,330	39,988	98,583	91,250
Curriculum	-	4,907	26,210	31,117	26,000
Diocesan Assessment	79,793	-	-	79,793	80,100
Ministry & Outreach	9,862	284	827	10,973	12,725
Other Operating Expense	726	-	2,335	3,061	9,575
SJB School Scholarships	58,188	-	-	58,188	60,000
Capital Expenditures**	16,705	-	-	16,705	90,000
Cafeteria/Athletic Program	-	-	5,053	5,053	8,800
Total Expenses	\$ 840,264	\$ 174,147	\$ 1,333,160	\$ 2,347,571	\$ 2,469,484
Parish Subsidies	\$ (540,748)	\$ 124,744	\$ 416,004	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 67,179	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,179	\$ 3,935
Extraordinary Items					
Paycheck Protection Program*	\$ 240,662	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240,662	\$ -
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 307,841	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 307,841	\$ 3,935

* This was a government sponsored program that encouraged employers to keep their employees on payroll during the difficult economic times of the Covid crisis.

** Capital expenditures are expected to increase due to necessary structural repairs and improvements.

Additional Information

Savings & Cash On Hand	
Checking	\$ 220,115
Diocese Savings	
Operating	\$ 992,757
Buildings & Grounds	256,278
School	60,629
Total Savings & Cash On Hand	\$ 1,529,779

Easter & Christmas Collections

Christmas	\$ 44,939
Easter	\$ 23,770

Diocesan Collections

World Missions	\$ 2,065
Campaign for Human Dev.	1,924
Religious Retirement	4,567
Latin America	1,764
Home Missions	1,567
Catholic Relief Services	5,936
Holy Land	1,918
Diocese Retired Priests	5,250
Eastern Europe	861
Peter's Pence	3,511
Christ Our Hope	1,210
Disaster Relief	1,282
St Vincent de Paul	6,204
	\$ 38,059

Education Endowment Fund

FMV at 6/30/20	\$ 108,378
Market Valuation	224,521
Balance as of: 6/30/21	\$ 332,899

Capital Expenditures (Major Items)

Church Pew Cushions	\$ 16,705
	-
	\$ 16,705

MEN OF ST. JOHN- ROSARY GET-TOGETHER SCHEDULE

7p, Fire Pit,
East Side of Church Grounds

Wed., December 15

Wed., December 29

Wed., January 12

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, December 15th and the above dates.



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Parish on **Wednesday, January 5, 2022.**

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**
- **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**
- **Atrial Fibrillation**
- **Osteoporosis Risk**

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://lsa.social/HSC>

SVDP Grocery Needs

While you are out doing holiday shopping this year, would you consider picking up any of the

items listed to the right on the St.

Vincent de Paul Grocery list? You can bring the item to Mass and place it in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule which is open 24/7. Questions? 630-668-0918, ext 692. Thank you!

Helping Those In Need



St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference
of St. John Baptist Catholic Church
05233 Church Street Winfield, Illinois



SVDP Grocery List

- * ***Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup***
- * ***Cans of Soup w/Beef***
- * ***Cans of Tuna***
- * ***Cans of Chili***
- * ***Cooking Oil***

SPECIAL COLLECTION DECEMBER 12TH- Retirement Fund for Religious

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to next week's second collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous. There is an envelope in your packet of contribution envelopes, or donate online through WeShare on our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 12
8:00 am until 11:00 am
Sebahar Hall

Our pancake breakfast includes delicious buttermilk pancakes, choice of country sausage links, Applewood smoked bacon, or both, coffee, juice. It is dine-in or carry-out.

Place advance orders starting

Wed., 12/8 through

Sun., 12/12 at 10:00 am,

on St. John's website,

www.stjohnwinfield.org

Or call on Sunday, 12/12:

Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651

or Sean at 630-835-8225

Pick-up at St. John's

Sebahar Hall,

Liberty St

Good will donations accepted



WISH TREES

Our Annual Wish Trees are up! This weekend they are in the Church Narthex. Next weekend, they will be moved to the space between the Church doors. The Wish Trees provide an opportunity for our St. John the Baptist family to help out two organizations this Christmas: Winfield Woods (a long-term care facility in Winfield) and our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry clients.



Winfield Woods tags are red. They are requesting \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards for their residents.

St. Vincent de Paul tags are mint green. They are requesting \$30 gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, etc. The cards will be given to the children of the St. Vincent de Paul clients.

The gift cards need to be returned anytime through December 15 to the parish office. Please place the gift card in an envelope and tape the tag to the outside of the envelope. Put through mail slot in parish office inner door or bring to Mass and give to an usher.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Young at Hearts

**Young at Hearts...JOIN US
on Wednesday, Dec. 15th @
11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall**

**It's time for the Young at Heart's
Christmas luncheon! December's
fare will be Chinese. Free will dona-
tions accepted.**

**Young at Hearts is open to anyone
55 or better. Come join us for deli-
cious Chinese food and fellow-
ship, and a chance to catch up and
take a well-deserved break before
the holidays. Please wear a mask.**

**If you have any questions, please
call Harriett @ 630-682-1218.**

**Hope to see you for our Christmas
luncheon! 11:30 a.m., Wednesday,
December 15th.**



Join St. John's Book Club at our next
monthly meeting, Wednesday, Dec
15th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will
discuss poems of our choice. Book
titles and author suggestions for the
2022 year are appreciated. Please in-
quire with any questions to Jean Dan-
iell @ tjdaniell@att.net



Upcoming Book Club:
January 19th: Book exchange or book of choice
February 16th: TBD

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS FOOD GIFT CARDS

Because of the continuing COVID circum-
stances, St. Vincent DePaul Society will be
distributing **Food Gift Cards** in place of
Christmas Food Baskets, just as we did last
year, to the needy in Winfield, West Chicago
and Wheaton areas. Approximately 65 fami-
lies are helped through our SVDP each
Christmas.

If you would like to adopt a family for
Christmas, please call the parish office,
630-668-0918, ext. 0. You will be asked :

Your name, address, telephone number,
and e-mail address.

If you want to donate a Christmas **\$60
minimum Food Gift Card for a
family of 3 or less, or an \$80 mini-
mum Food Gift Card for a family
of 4 or more.**

If you want to donate a **\$30 Children's
Christmas Gift Card**

You will then be contacted by a SVDP volun-
teer by e-mail who will let you know when
and where to drop off the **Christmas Gift
Food Card** and perhaps a **Children's
Christmas Gift Card**.

Food Gift Cards should be from a local
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during the holidays and always.





Cursillo Corner

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

Ultreya Returns!!!

What a year and half it has been with Covid. It has been challenging for sure. More now than ever--we need our Cursillo community. We have missed being together to celebrate Mass and Ultreya's.

Saint John the Baptist will once again begin hosting Ultreya's on the second Saturday of the month, starting on December 11. Join us in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. to pray the Rosary. Immediately following, we will walk over to Sodonna Hall and begin the Ultreya at approximately 9:30. Please bring a friend and introduce them to the Cursillo Movement.

Opportunities for Piety, Study or Action

Looking for some new awesome online Catholic resources for this extended time at home? This info is shared from the Diocese of Joliet. This material is really outstanding!!!!

Please sign up for email updates from Around the Diocese at: aroundthediocese.org

Visit dioceseoffoliet.org for a thorough and wonderful list from the Diocese of Joliet.

Virtual Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration Chapels with Live Webcams; Go to virtualadoration.home.blog

Handy Guide to Diocesan Masses online at aroundthediocese.org

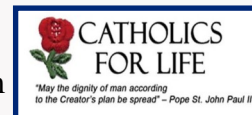
Fr. Burke's daily Prayer Schedule with opportunities to pray together! frburke23.wordpress.com/

Why Cursillo?

Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ, is one of the foundations of Cursillo. Have you invited a friend to attend a Cursillo weekend? Men and women's weekends will begin again in the fall at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien.

The Cursillo movement promotes not only personal spiritual growth, but recognizes that we are called by our baptism to be active apostolic members of the Body of Christ. The goal of the movement is not about "preaching the good news" but to **become** the good news and in a natural way; our actions will become evangelical in our daily lives.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE



We are in December, the month in which we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. He came to us as an innocent baby, announced by an angel to an unwed virgin. But Mary trusted and said yes. Then St. Joseph puzzled and worried, received his call in a dream and said yes. Our year dedicated to St. Joseph ends December 8th, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. There have been many articles, videos, etc. about St. Joseph this year. Besides his feast day on March 19th, every Wednesday is dedicated to him. You can seek his help as St. Joseph the Worker, Patron of a happy death, Protector of the Church, Patron saint of carpenters and fathers, Patriarch of the Holy Family. Many people made a consecration to St. Joseph through the book by Father Don Calloway. We can turn to St. Joseph for help in practicing the virtues of silence, chastity, obedience. This special year is ending but let us continue to honor and pray to him for his help, especially in protecting all pregnant mothers and their unborn children.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

'Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.'

'I place in you all my interests and desires. Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.'

'So that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers. Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.'

'St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me.'



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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. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 2, 2021, 7:00 pm.

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 INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: Please call or email the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. The donation is \$10; The 5:00 pm Mass is a free-will donation. 630-668-0918, ext 0 or jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. We can mail the Mass card for you.

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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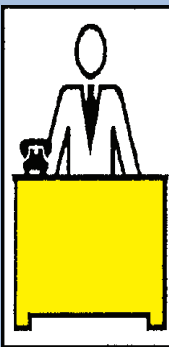
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