

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

March 13, 2022

*Second Sunday
of*

Lent



The Lord God said to Abram,
“Look up at the sky and
count the stars, if you can.
Just so shall your descendants be.”

Genesis 15:5

Please pray for our sick

James Adduci
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Michael Barone
Hanns Bell
Ella Bitterman
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jim Cabrera, Sr.
Maria Elena Castro
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Al Cieslik
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
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
Marcia Grisanzio
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 Jakubieliski
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
Lesley (Tobin) Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien

Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Charlie Parisi
Bill Parker
Bill Paschke
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Al Ptak
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
Christina Belcher-Ugolini
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

Secretaries: Jennifer Kurtyka, Rosa Benavides
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Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618
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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

Effective February 28, 2022,
the Diocese of Joliet has issued
an update to COVID-19 proto-
cols. Masks are recommended
but not required in church and
office settings. Everyone should
be respectful of others who may
or may not choose to wear
masks. We will continue to re-
frain from offering blood of
Christ in a chalice at Commu-
nion for the time being. If you
would like to receive Commu-
nion 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. To read the dioce-
san COVID-19 updated proto-
cols in detail, go to: dio-
ceseofjoliet.org. Search for
"COVID-19 Guidelines."



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



Bishop Hicks' Column

March 2022

Lenten Madness



In 1908, the Illinois High School Association sponsored a small invitational basketball tournament that quickly grew to a statewide event due to its popularity. As years went on, this tournament consistently sold out the University of Illinois gymnasium in Urbana-Champaign and was commonly referred to as "March Madness." This term of endearment is also used to promote the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament.

The word "madness" has many connotations and definitions. In this case, "madness" refers to the fervor, passion and enthusiasm that accompany the tournament. Using that definition, let's imagine what it would be like if we were to approach the 40 days before Easter as "Lenten Madness." Just think of a fervent, passionate and enthusiastic Lent.

We have become accustomed during "March Madness" to see and read feature stories about Sister Jean, BVM. She is the legendary chaplain of the Loyola Ramblers men's basketball team. Even though she loves the sport of basketball and supporting her team, never doubt her true passion. Anyone who knows her, knows that her deepest love is being a servant of God and devoting her life to helping others.

On February 24, our Holy Father released a beautiful message for Lent 2022. I invite you to read and reflect on the pope's powerful words as a way of preparing for this holy season: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/lent/documents/20211111-messaggio-quaresima2022.html

In his Lenten message, Pope Francis reflects on St. Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all." (Gal: 6:9-10) You can almost hear St. Paul delivering those words of encouragement to the Galatians, like a basketball coach animating his or her team during halftime. Basically, St. Paul is

inspiring those followers of Christ to not lose heart, to not grow weary or apathetic. Instead, they should be on fire for all the ways they can do good in the name of the Lord. Go out there and give it your all!

The messages of St. Paul and the Holy Father on perseverance and persistence are so relevant to keeping the flame of faith and salvation alive in the minds, hearts and souls of Christ's followers. In this time of extended pandemic and constant bad-news cycles, we are in need of God's burning love, mercy, compassion, healing, hope, joy and peace more than ever. We are encouraged not only to personally embrace this relationship with the Lord, but also to share it with others with our words, attitudes and actions.

The pope also reminds us that if we do not give up, if we stay in the game, then victory is ours. That victory certainly looks different from winning the NCAA tournament. As missionary disciples, our victory is sharing in the life and salvation that was won through Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. The Holy Father reminds us to never take our eyes off the prize. "If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised, for our salvation and the salvation of others. By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake, and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be 'all in all.'" (Pope Francis, *Lenten Message 2022, Section 3*)

Lent is a time that we are invited to grow closer to the Lord with our acts of penance, prayer and almsgiving. It is all too easy to approach this sacred time with a status quo mentality or lackluster energy. We might say, "I will give up this" or "I will do that." But then we may neglect to back it up with the needed fervor, passion and enthusiasm. This year, however, I invite you, within the life of the Church, to get off the bench and back into the game. Let's strive to make this a time of renewal and conversion that leads us deeper into our love of God and neighbor. In other words, let's make this blessed season a time of "Lenten Madness." ✝

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?
— Psalm 27:1

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 12—Vigil for Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Gene Gaede (*The John Duszka Family*)
† Nene Talandrata (*Carlito & Amor Gabas*)
† John Pohodich (*John Pelican*)
† Roman "Ray" Vanagunas (*The Sarlito Family*)
† Pat Carlson, Sr. (*Rick & Mary Carlson*)
♥ Barb Carlson, Health & Intentions (*Rick & Mary Carlson*)

Sunday, March 13—The Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Corliss Enders (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)
9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

Monday, March 14

7:00 a.m. † Giuliani Capigatti

Tuesday, March 15

7:00 a.m. † Barbara Paskewic (*Fran & Joe Duckworth*)

Wednesday, March 16

7:00 a.m. † The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 17

7:00 a.m. † David H. & Patricia A. Kadolph (*Joe & Lynn Kadolph*)

Friday, March 18

12:00 p.m. † Fr Arno Dennerlein
♥ Following Christ Participants
† Florence Gimbut (*Genevieve Rohr*)
† Gloria & Stan Fortman (*Patricia & Werner Welz*)
† Stephan Perry (*The Mielke Family*)
♥ Health & Intentions of Bill Paschke (*The Moore Family*)

Saturday, March 19—Vigil for Third Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. † Steven D. Meeters (*Winfield Road District Guys*)
† The Hendrian & Strzyzynski Families (*Rita Grabowski*)
† Donald E. Rericka (*The Rericka Family*)
† Sher Townley (*Mary Ann Giacalone*)
♥ Health & Intentions of James Carlson (*Rick & Mary Carlson*)
† Health & Intentions of Babs Olszanowski (*Rick & Mary Carlson*)

Sunday, March 20—The Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 a.m. † Cory Enders (*Michael & Beth Reedy Family*)
9:30 a.m. † Shirley Stachniak (*The Stachniak Family*)
11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † *Giuliana Capigatti*
Church † *Carol Connors*



*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. All Confessions are in the Church.

Our Lenten Reconciliation Schedule

During Lent, our Reconciliation schedule is:

- Saturdays, 3:30 pm-4:30 pm*
- Friday, April 1, after 12:00 pm Mass
- Friday, April 8, after 12:00 pm Mass
- Saturday, April 9, one hour added to regular confession time, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm
- Monday, April 11, after 7:00 am Mass
- Tuesday, April 12, after 7:00 am Mass
- Wednesday, April 13, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm
- Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

All confessions are in Church

*except Holy Saturday, April 16, no confessions



Please pray for

Alfred Lewis Christoffer

who passed away on
March 5, 2022.

Our sympathies are extended to
his wife, Jean, and to
all of his family & friends.

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Let nothing disturb you, Nothing frighten you.
All things are passing. God never changes.
Patient endurance attains all things.
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,
God alone is sufficient.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

Stations of the Cross, Fridays, 7:00 p.m.-Chapel

From the Chancellor, Diocese of Joliet **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent

O God, who have commanded us
to listen to your beloved Son,
be pleased, we pray,
to nourish us inwardly by your word,
that, with spiritual sight made pure,
we may rejoice to behold your glory.
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:

How can I be more attentive to God's word?

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Mar 13, 2022 - Daylight Saving Time Starts "Spring Forward"

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 13th** to 3:00 a.m.

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2:00:00 am clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to Sunday, 3:00:00 am local daylight time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 13, 2022 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening. Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time, and Daylight Savings Time.

CALLING ALL LOVERS OF LITURGICAL SONG!!!

The music program at St. John the Baptist Church is calling on all parishioners who enjoy singing at liturgies to join our ranks as cantors and/or choral members. New members to the parish are encouraged to investigate the program as well as members who have been here for a long time. It is said that singing means you are praying twice, so we encourage you to lift your voice in song.



Cantor practices are on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church or can be arranged to fit your schedule. Choral practices are on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm beginning February 16th. Call Adrienne Rose at 630-653-1489, or leave your name and number at the parish office and your call will be returned.

HANDBELLS

Would you like to learn how to ring handbells? St. John's Handbell Choir is welcoming beginning ringers on Thursday, March 17 at 7:15 p.m. Enter door on Church St.



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Please email Joyce at joyceschram5@gmail.com if you are interested in learning to ring or if you have any questions.

Reflecting on Transfiguration. Lent is not an end. It is a necessary transition, as it is every year, to the glory of life in Christ – in which we already share in some incomplete way. These dazzling white clothes of Jesus recall our own baptismal garments in which we were clothed in him. They remind us to imitate him in all we think and do and say.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

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

Tuesday, April 12, 2022,

7:00 pm Tenebrae service-Chapel

Holy Thursday

No Morning Mass; 8:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration after Mass until Midnight-Chapel

Night Prayer at 11:50 pm

Good Friday

No Morning Mass; 8:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

8:00 am Morning Prayer

12:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing

Easter Egg Hunt on East Lawn (*immediately following Easter Basket Blessing*)

No Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm confessions

8:00 pm Easter Vigil-Church

Easter Sunday

7:30am-Church

9:30am-Church

11:30am-Church

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Thursday from **from 7:30 am, following the 7:00 am Mass, to 8:00 pm in the Chapel.**

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/>



Looking for a place for your old palms? There is a basket in the parish office entryway for you to drop off your old palms. Thank you.



CHRISTLIFETM
CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION



following Christ

Following Christ: An Adult Formation
Seven-Week Journey

Tuesdays, February 8th through March 22nd at
7-8:45 pm in Sebahar Hall

Questions? Christlife@stjohnwinfield.org or call the
parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0

KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN

"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!"
-St. Padre Pio

We, the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. John, get together to pray the Holy Rosary, every other Wednesday evening. We will convene again at St. John's Fire Pit (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Pavilion) on **Wednesday, March 23rd, at 7:00 p.m.**, to offer our thanks for our many gifts and blessings and to pray, as well, for our many individual needs and intentions:

- for deliverance from the scourge of abortion,
- for the end of the pandemic and its effects,
- for the suffering and the sick,
- for the strayed and neglectful of faith,
- for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and
- in special thanks for our great Pastor, Fr. Chris Lankford

Afterwards, we'll get together for good conversation, supplemented by tasty snacks and "libations." Hope you can join us.

--Sean Conley and Mike McGrath

ST. JOHN'S MASS-LIVE STREAMED

Our 9:30am Sunday Mass is live-streamed. There are 2 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:



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS

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APRIL 3
Sunday
7 - 8:30 pm

APRIL 4
Monday
7 - 8:30pm

Rediscover the heart of the life and faith you were made for !



Tim Glemkowski
International Catholic
Speaker and Author

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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!

February 13.....\$38,209 February 27.....\$18,650
February 20.....\$14,199 March 6.....\$29,006

Another way to donate to St. John's: Automatic Offering (ACH/Direct debit to a checking/savings account)-please see below. And, there are no fees to you. Please contact Dianne in the parish office if you have any questions: 630-668-0918, ext. 614

Put your Sunday Offering on "AUTOMATIC"
and leave the rest to us!!!

Automatic Offering is an easy and convenient way to maintain your Stewardship to St. John the Baptist. By signing the Automatic Offering, you will:

- Free yourself of monthly check writing
- Have a record of payment on your bank statement
- Save the cost of checks
- Easy, timely contributions even when you are out-of-town or on vacation

To enroll in the Automatic Offering Program, just fill out the information below and return your form with your envelope or to the parish office.

YES, please put my Sunday Offering on **AUTOMATIC!!!**

Name _____ Env. No. _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Daytime Phone # _____

_____ Please DEBIT my account on the Monday of each WEEK in the amount of \$ _____
_____ Please DEBIT my account on the 1, 2, 3, or 4 (circle one) MONDAY of each MONTH
in the amount of \$ _____

Financial Institution Routing No. _____ Acct. No. _____
Checking _____ or Savings _____ Name of Bank _____
Please start AUTOMATIC OFFERING on _____ (1st day of week or month).

I (We), authorize St. John the Baptist to initiate weekly or monthly debits in the above-listed amount, beginning on the indicated start date and continuing thereafter, for my Church Offering until I so designate from the above financial institution specified by me. I understand the funds will be withdrawn each week/month as I have specified, and that it is my responsibility to ensure sufficient funds are in my account at that time. This authorization will remain in effect until revoked by me in writing at least 30 days prior to the next effective withdrawal date. I acknowledge that the origination of **ACH transactions to my account must comply with the provisions of U.S. Law.**

Signature _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Date _____

*Please call Dianne @ the Parish Office for information on Credit Card Debit, 630-668-0918, ext 614. NOTE: One month notice required for any changes.

NO FEES

Thank you to everyone who has already shown their devotion to the works of the Lord with a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, is appreciated! If we all contribute as generously as our circumstances allow, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$112,900.



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.

Pledge envelopes are still available in the church. You can also return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

FROM OUR DIOCESE: **DONATING-WAR RELIEF IN UKRAINE**

For those of you who would like to donate to war relief in Ukraine, our Diocese's website resource page suggests Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine. If you would like to donate to Catholic Relief Services/Ukraine, go to our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, click on WeShare. Click on "View All Second Collections." At the top you will see Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ukraine Relief. Monies donated this way will be sent to our diocese who will forward to Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with "Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine" in the memo line, and we will forward to the diocese.

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

Next is our **St. Paddy's Day Bag project!** 'Cause everyone knows, everyone is **IRISH** on **St. Patrick's Day!**

If you are able, please consider donating small items for our veterans at the Midwest Shelter in Wheaton that would fit into a small bag such as: toiletries, snacks, hand games, socks, etc. Please drop off your donations in the parish office vestibule and they will be taken over to the Religious Education department.

Also, the Vets can use gift cards from local businesses, or Mastercard or VISA gift cards that can be used anywhere. Please place **gift cards** in an envelope addressed to Maureen and put through the mail slot in the parish office interior door. (We originally had a box in the glass room outside the parish office, but someone helped themselves to the cards for Valentine's Day.)

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



**Sunday Morning Preschool
Is Returning**

Sebahar Hall
3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27 & 4/10

**For questions reach out
to Jeanne Hess at
sundaymorningpreschool@yahoo.com**

**NO
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**

**ARRIVE AT 9:15
FOR CLASS
DURING 9:30 MASS**

ALEX'S PROJECT-CARE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Born in a small town in Siberia, Alex McCall was adopted at seven years old and came to West Chicago in 2003 to live with his forever family. For the first seven years of his life he didn't have much and was thrilled to come to all the comforts of home. Alex became an active member in his church, St. John the Baptist, school, and Boy Scouts where he received his Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed participating in many service projects that benefited others. Since he knows how it feels to have nothing, he has always wanted to give back and pay forward. When he started working, he decided to take some of his pay and help stock the shelves of the Ronald McDonald House. **That was the beginning of the "Alex Project".** Each year there is a different beneficiary. His project has donated toys to Shriner's Hospital, Ronald McDonald, and Central DuPage Hospital. This is the sixth annual project – **making Care Bags for the homeless.** He did the same project in 2021 and there was such a need for help he decided to repeat the project. **With everyone's help, each Care Bag is filled with new socks, gloves, hat, hand warmers, face mask, sanitizer, toothpaste and brush, and other toiletries.** There are special bags made for the children with extra items just for kids. The students of St. John's Religious Education help decorate and fill these bags. Last year over 500 bags were distributed to organizations that help the needy. PADS, Hesed house, Midwest Veterans Shelter, Elmwood Park Veterans Shelter, Wayne Township, Milton Township, DuPage County Sheriff and various police departments.

With everyone's continued help and support, this project will be a great success and help many people who are having a difficult time. **If you would like to donate to help with the project, please contact the Religious Education Office at St. John the Baptist Parish. There is a great need for the items listed above or if you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are appreciated.**

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

Young at Hearts...JOIN US for our St. Patrick's Luncheon on Wednesday, March 16th @ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall

It's time for the Young at Heart's St. Patrick's luncheon! Immerse yourself in the **luck of the Irish**, when you feast on Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Soda Bread, topped off with delicious pies for dessert. Free-will donations accepted.

Young at Hearts is open to anyone 55 or better. Masks are optional.



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

St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus 2022 Scholarship Applications now available!

The Knights are continuing their Knights of Columbus Scholarship program for **college-bound** students of Winfield and St. John's Parish. The criteria for consideration for these scholarships are: be a resident of Winfield zip code 60190, have a family business in Winfield, have an affiliation with the KOC Council 8002 (member, son, daughter, grandchild, etc.), or be a registered parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church, Winfield, IL.

Applications are available at your local high school, in our parish office vestibule, **and on the Winfield Knights web-site:**

www.Winfieldknights.org.

Kindly execute, and return by mailing to: Knights of Columbus, c/o St. John the Baptist, 0S233 Church St., Winfield, IL, 60190. Write the words "Scholarship Application" on the back of the envelope, and it must be postmarked no later than **April 19, 2022**, and received by **April 25, 2022**.

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

SAVE THE DATE (see below). Our school appreciates your participation! Our last Pal Joey's fundraiser on February 1st raised \$432 for our school athletics. Thank you!

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Location: Pal Joey's

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(Tuesday)

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From Our Diocese - Vocations

Operation Andrew Dinner

Monday, April 25, 2022

6:30pm - 8:00pm

St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield

The Operation Andrew Dinner is an informal evening open to young men high school age or older. It is an opportunity to have dinner with priests from the Diocese of Joliet. There will be a presentation on priesthood as well as an opportunity to ask questions and have the chance to meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Dads may join their sons for the evening with their local priest; please be sure to RSVP early so Fr Chris can make plans to attend, as well.

YOUNG ADULTS 18-22

**Apply Now
to be a
Totus Tuus
2022 Leader!**



TOTUS TUUS SUMMER 2022 COMING JUNE & JULY!!!

A week long Catholic Camp held at a local parish
led by college students & Joliet Diocese seminarians

Now accepting registrations

DAY PROGRAM
YOUTH
(GRADES 1 - 6)

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TEENS
(GRADES 7 - 12)

Totus Tuus is a parish summer program
designed to cultivate a love for the Lord
through the sacramental life of the
Church and open the hearts of the
participants to live out their Catholic
faith daily.

Application Deadline is April 15th

JEREMIAH DAY

Vist Mundelein Seminary

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Young Men Grades 7-10

Campus Tour
Meet our Seminarians



Lunch Sports



Adoration Mass

Enjoy a day with the Joliet seminarians at Mundelein Seminary. You will enjoy a day of activities that include a tour of the seminary, a talk about hearing God's call, lunch, Mass and a chance to play sports with the seminarians.



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Register Online - \$10 fee
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KC Fish Fry...Fridays during Lent



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***5 pm to 7 pm
Fridays...
March 4, 11, 25,
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***Besides the Fish Dinners, menu will also include the following:
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- ◇ ***WALK-UP or DINE IN ORDERS welcomed***
- ◇ ***PICK-UP LOCATION: COME INSIDE SEBAHAR HALL OR
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Revised 3/1/2022

No St. Joseph’s Day Table this year on Friday, March 18th. Please consider volunteering for a 2023 St. Joseph’s Day Table Committee. Please contact the parish office if you would like to volunteer, 630-668-0918, ext. 600.

The 40 Days for Life Spring Vigil continues through Palm Sunday, April 10. People will be praying for the unborn from 7:00 am -7:00 pm, Monday through Saturday, across the street from Planned Parenthood, (3055 E. New York St, Aurora, IL).

Sign up to pray for an hour on the calendar at www.40daysforlife.com (scroll down to "Find a vigil location"). Come with a partner, or join Life Ministry coordinators, Linda LeBreux, and Adele Dunn from 1-2p.m. each Wednesday.



IN THE NEWS:

The U.S. Senate did not get the 60 votes needed to proceed with the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA), which some have called the most radical abortion bill in U. S. history. It would've made abortion on demand, until the moment of birth, a federal law and nullify state laws that protect the unborn and their mothers. From www.catholicnewsagency.com February 28, 2022, Katie Yoder

OTHER UP-COMING PRO-LIFE EVENTS:

March 25 - Feast of the Annunciation

begin praying for the **spiritual adoption** of an unborn baby. Every day over 4,000 babies are killed by abortion. Prayer is the most effective way to help these innocent ones. Pray the following prayer every day for nine months (Christmas) to save a baby's life.

Sunday, March 27 – 4th March for Life – West Chicago

2-4pm, Beginning at St. Mary's Parish, 140 N. Oakwood Ave, West Chicago, IL 60185. Come and pray with us to celebrate the first and most unalienable right of all, *The Right to Life*. Let's march and witness to the World that life is sacred, and it should be protected from conception to natural death! (see below)

Saturday, April 9 – Chain of Life – Wheaton

520 E. Roosevelt Rd, Wheaton, IL 60189 (Compass Church Parking Lot)



March 2-April 10
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

St. Mary's March for Life 2022

Marcha por la Vida

Sunday - March 27, 2022

From 2-4 pm

Beginning at
St. Mary's Parish in
West Chicago

(140 N Oakwood
Ave, West Chicago,
IL 60185)



Domingo - 27 de
Marzo del 2022

De 2-4 pm

Iniciando en la
parroquia Santa
María de West
Chicago

(140 N Oakwood
Ave, West Chicago,
IL 60185)

"Human life is sacred—all men must recognize that fact—from its very inception it reveals the creating hand of God."

(St. John XXIII)

Come and pray with us to defend the First and Most unalienable Right of all, *The Right to Life*. Let's march and witness to the world that LIFE IS SACRED and it should be protected from conception to natural death.

Ven y ora con nosotros para defender el Primero y mas inalienable de todos los derechos, el *Derecho a la Vida*. Marchemos y testifiquemos al mundo que la VIDA ES SAGRADA y que debe ser protegida desde el momento de la concepción hasta la muerte natural.

"La vida humana es sagrada; desde su comienzo, compromete directamente la acción creadora de Dios"

(S. Juan XXIII)

Thursday, April 29 – Illinois Right to Life 53rd Annual Leaders for Life Banquet

The Carlisle Banquets – 6:00 pm, Lombard, Illinois. Keynote Speaker - Dennis Prager, Master of Ceremonies – Dan Proft, Invocation – Bishop Malloy of Rockford, Benediction - Dr. Shando Valdez. <https://illinoisrighttolife.org/Banquet/>

PRAYER TO SPIRITUALLY ADOPT AN UNBORN BABY

"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, whom I've named _____.

Please help the parents, family, and friends of this baby protect his/her life and draw them all close to the Sacred and Eucharistic Heart of Jesus."

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, April 7, 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: Beginning March 3rd, Adoration hours are expanded to 12 hours every Thursday, immediately following 7:00 am Mass, until 8:00 pm in the Chapel. 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.



Miscellaneous

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. 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.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

WHEN YOU HAVE A CAR TO DONATE, YOU "AUTO THINK"...SVDP!

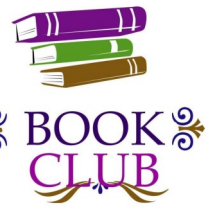
When you hear those radio ads encouraging the donation of your used car, please keep in mind that your car will most likely NOT be given to someone who can use it. Such cars are usually sold at auction or dismantled for the resale of their parts. That may serve the profit-purposes of a charitable organization. Yet it's not very practical for people who have serious transportation needs, but can't afford to buy a car.

On the other hand, when you donate your car to St. Vincent de Paul, once we have determined that it is safe and functional, we put it directly into the hands of a needy person or family, so it can be used...to drive to work, to go on family errands, or to meet the many other practical needs for getting around. We have no paper-work complications. And we have no large management salaries or administrative costs to pay. We simply serve the needy. So when you're ready to surrender your car, keep St. Vincent de Paul first on your list of options. Call **630-293-9755**. We'll pick up the car and get it into the hands of someone who can really use it.

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Mar 16th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss the book, *Once Upon A Wardrobe* by Patti Callahan.

Please inquire with any questions to Jean Daniell @ tjdaniell@att.net



Upcoming Book Club:

Wednesday, April 20th: *The Personal Librarian*

Wednesday, May 18th: *The Spool of Blue Thread*