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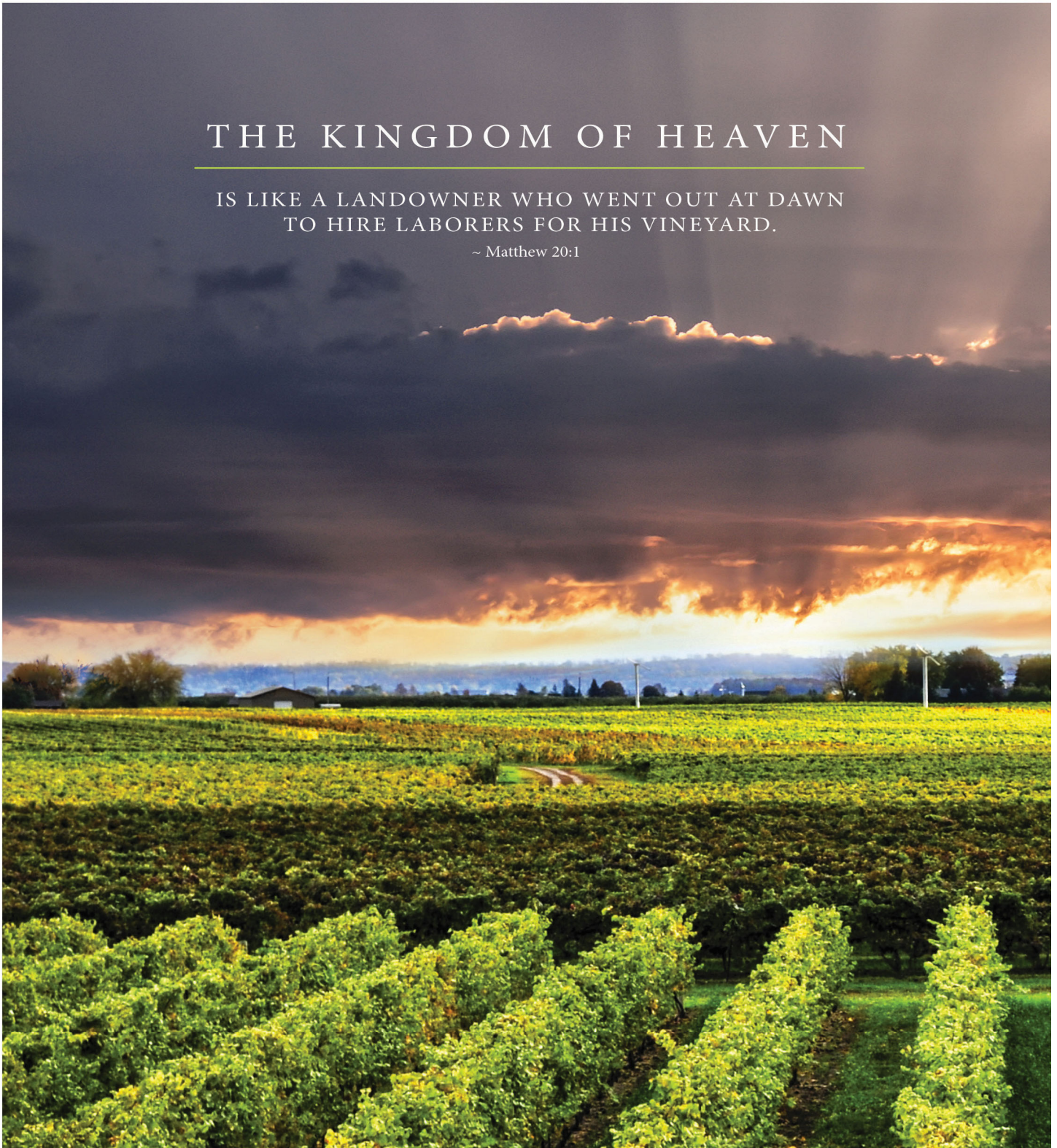
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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 | TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

IS LIKE A LANDOWNER WHO WENT OUT AT DAWN
TO HIRE LABORERS FOR HIS VINEYARD.

~ Matthew 20:1



Please pray for our sick

Erin Ackermann
Alisa Allen
Sandy Anderson
Jack Aylward
Dave Balsegiz
Ada Bantola
Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
Allison Lamberts Burns
Jean Bustamante
Karen Cervenka
Lisa Cicero
Patricia Clifford
Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
Carol Connors
Julio Correa
Rita Cross
Mary Elaine Cruz
Linda Dameron
Anetta Derango
Nick DuBay
Ralph Eckhoff
Joann Eggebrecht
Joan Enders
Jennifer Engeldahl
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand
Patrocina Fernandez
Fr. Hilary Fischer
Marie Flores
Kyle Freed

Dolores Gabriel
Gregory Garlt
Darlene Gedvilas
Danny Gonzalez
Judy Gonzalez
Dawn Grant
Destin Green
Daniel Guzman
Jim Hale
Jennifer Hammerschmidt
Deborah Lynn Harris
Betty Hass
Jeremy Heintz
John Heitzler, Jr.
Joseph & Joy Henczel
Paul Isherwood
Edy Jacobs
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Charles Kadolph
David C. Kadolph
Lynn Kadolph
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Joe Konopka
Margaret Krisch
Gerry Krug

Korin Kupris
Ivanna Lamb
Ken Larson
Rick LeBreux
Dolores Lewandowski
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
Bessy Miller
Colette Miller
Mayette Monales
Thomas Morris
Rosa Mostek
Megan Mueller
Mary Lu Mulcahy
Lauren Mungo
Tim Murnane
John Naill
Becky Neal
Johnny Neal
Maura Neuens

Clare North
Alex Novak
Lesley (Tobin)
Nygaard
Joseph O'Brien
Larry Orni
Joan Pacer
Lori Pacer
Bill Parker
Josie Pasciak
Jim Paulissen
Owen Payton
Molly Peters
Bane Petrov
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Jeanne Ptak
Tim Ptak
Theresa Ratterman
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Cooper Rojas
Gertie Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothweil
Marvin Rothweil
Susan Rothweil
Bob Salat

Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard
Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Olivia Soto
Diane Srachta
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Mary Tarchala
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Keith Venard
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Genevieve Welch
Kylie Wells-Long
Elizabeth Wood
Susan Woodbury
Lexie Youngberg
Larry Zengri
New this week

Welcome - Bienvenido

*Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the
one who sent me. (Mt 10:40)*

St. John the Baptist Church wishes to welcome everyone to our community as Jesus would. For information on joining St. John's, please call the parish office.

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

Pastor/Párroco: Fr. Christopher Lankford

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Jim Olofson

Deacon: Dcn. Dave Ritter

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

Secretaria Hispana:Ext 601

Business Manager:

.....Mike Vallaro.....Ext 616

Facilities Manager:

.....Aaron Simpson.....Ext 603

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

Música Español: Maria Marquez.630-562-6894

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

Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

Youth Ministry:

Coordinator: Ruben Chavez.....Ext. 615

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

Please keep in your prayers
our Seminarian who is preparing
for the Priesthood:

Brian Geary

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

Mass Schedule

Public Sunday Masses have begun, as well as public daily Mass at 7am and Saturday at 8:30am. We will have a limited amount of available seats for Mass because of the policy of keeping households six feet apart; you must sign up through our parish website to reserve a seat for Sunday Masses, including the 5p on Saturday evening, at www.stjohnwinfield.org. You do not need to sign up for Daily Masses, including the 8:30am Mass on Saturday morning.

The bishop's dispensation from the Sunday obligation is still in effect. Masses and devotions will continue to be online on YouTube which can be accessed through our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, scroll down to Social Media.

Sunday Masses:

Sat. 5:00 pm &
Sun. 7:30, 9:30 11:30 am
Misa En Español:
Domingo 1:30 pm

Weekday Masses:

Mon.-Fri. 7:00 am; Sat. 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confesión):

Sat. 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Adoration:

Thursday Evenings, 6:00 pm -9:00 pm



Please pray for
those who defend
our nation,
those who serve
in Active Duty

Pvt James Luigi Akin
SRA Francis Beifuss
Major John Berg
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army
Sgt Melissa Brooker
Pvt Timothy Conley
Lt. Jr. Gr. Nicholas Daly
Major Daniel Durbin
SA Dakota Enders
LCPI Ciro Esquivel, Jr.
Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
Pv2 Nicholas Gorman
Sgt Pamela Gray
A1C Seth Kelley
PFC Gerard Kostecka
Airman Nicholas Kostecka
Sgt. David Lawless
SrA Robert Lawless
Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao
Commander Matthew Luff
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell
ABH2 Sean Phillips
Captain Colleen Rezabek
Captain Kevin Rezabek
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
PFC Riley Santoyo
Sgt Ian Sarlitto
AN Michael Schieve
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

THE PRIESTS' PAGE/LA PÁGINA DE LOS PADRES

A lot of people have asked whether we have been able to visit the hospital in the recent months due to the pandemic. Visitors were prohibited for a while, but now the hospital is allowing priests to come to pray with Catholics at CDH. We won't enter the rooms of a COVID positive patient, but we can pray with them from outside of their room, with the airtight seal separating us. Visiting the hospital has been one of the highlights of my time here thus far, as offering the sacrament of the anointing of the sick is one of the great privileges of priesthood. But there are a few misconceptions around the sacrament that I want to clear up. First and foremost, the sacrament is not only for those about to die. Sometimes people are freaked out when Father shows up because they think that their end is near. No, the anointing of the sick is for anyone with a serious illness. Now the logical follow up question: What exactly does "serious" mean? I think that we can say that a serious illness is one that could cause death. That doesn't mean that death is imminent, but it does mean that it isn't just a cold or a stomach bug. Also, anytime one is going in for an operation which requires anesthesia, that would be an appropriate time for anointing too. So I want to encourage you, for yourself or for a loved one, to err on the side of anointing early rather than waiting until it's too late. Sacraments are for the living, and once someone has passed, they cannot be anointed. Also, to receive the fullness of grace with the sacrament, making a good confession before being anointed is definitely beneficial. This great sacrament of healing doesn't guarantee physical healing, though occasionally the Lord will work in that way. Ultimately, it gives us the grace to go forward with hope, knowing that Christ will take care of us no matter what may come. Please never hesitate to ask Fr. Chris or myself to receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

In Christ,
Fr. Jim

Mucha gente ha preguntado si hemos visitado el hospital en los últimos meses debido a la pandemia. Los visitantes estuvieron prohibidos por un tiempo, pero ahora el hospital permite que los sacerdotes vengan a rezar con los católicos en el CDH. No entraremos a los cuartos de un paciente con COVID, pero podemos orar con ellos desde fuera de su habitación, con el sello hermético separándonos. Visitar el hospital ha sido uno de las bendiciones de mi tiempo aquí hasta ahora, ya que ofrecer el sacramento de la unción de los enfermos es uno de los grandes privilegios del sacerdocio. Pero hay algunos conceptos erróneos sobre este sacramento que quiero aclarar. En primer lugar, el sacramento no es solo para quienes están a punto de morir. A veces, la gente se asusta cuando el padre aparece porque piensan que su fin está cerca. No, la unción de los enfermos es para cualquiera que tenga una enfermedad grave. Ahora la pregunta lógica de seguimiento: ¿Qué significa exactamente "grave"? Creo que podemos decir que una enfermedad grave es aquella que puede provocar la muerte. Eso no significa que la muerte sea inmanente, pero sí significa que no es solo un resfriado o un virus estomacal. Además, cada vez que uno va a someterse a una operación que requiera anestesia, ese también sería un momento apropiado para la unción. Así que quiero animarte, para ti o para un ser querido, a errar por el lado de la unción temprano en lugar de esperar hasta que sea demasiado tarde. Los sacramentos son para los vivos, y cuando alguien ha fallecido, no puede ser ungido. Además, para recibir la plenitud de la gracia con el sacramento, es definitivamente mejor confesarse antes de ser ungido. Este gran sacramento de curación no garantiza la curación física, aunque ocasionalmente el Señor trabaja de esa manera. En realidad, nos da la gracia de seguir adelante con esperanza, sabiendo que Cristo cuidará de nosotros sin importar lo que venga. No dude en preguntarle al Padre Chris o yo para recibir el sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos.

En Cristo,
Padre Jim

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2020**

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.
— Isaiah 55:7b

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



(The 7:50a Masses are offered privately for the intentions that have been promised; there are no public 7:50a Masses)*

Saturday, September 19

8:30 a.m. † Cynthia Jean Cordell (*Monica Rundell*)

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

† Rosemary Burke (*The Burke Family*)

† Thomas Hanlock (*The Hanlock Family*)

† The Eder Family (*The Hanlock Family*)

♥ The Chase Hanlock Family, Health & Intentions (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Debby Juzwiak (*The John Dusza Family*)

Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † John, Kathleen & Patrick Dooley (*Mary L'Hotta*)

9:30 a.m. † Virginia Zelasko (*The Bartelli Family*)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) ♥ All Catechists on Catechetical Sunday

Monday, September 21

7:00 a.m. † Joseph & Florence Bryja (*Joe & Dee Bryja*)

Tuesday, September 22

7:00 a.m. † Richie Willuweit (*Marianne & Joe Yassine*)

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 a.m. † Michelle Szymczak

Thursday, September 24

7:00 a.m. † Ray & Madonna Ingraham (*Dennis & Karen Calay*)

Friday, September 25

7:00 a.m. † Rol Morken (*Dennis & Karen Calay*)

*7:50 a.m. † Marc James Stofe (*The Herbert-Dellert Family*)

Saturday, September 26

8:30 a.m. † Bill Rose (*The Rose Family*)

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Louise Gawle (*Tom & Karen Borow*)

♥ Jim & Dorothy Hanlock, Health & Intentions (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Ronald J. Jakubec (*John L. Toboja*)

† Debby Juzwiak (*Maryann Dusza*)

† Ginny Alderman

† John Klingberg (*John Dusza & Family*)

Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Dick Larson (*Anne & Dave Larson*)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. ♥ St. Vincent de Paul Society, Members & Benefactors (SVPD)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) ♥ Anaizel Huerta on her birthday

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ For the Lonely & Those Who Feel
Abandoned
Church ♥ For All Who are Ill



*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.

SIGNING UP FOR MASSES-UPDATE

Parishioners do not have to sign up in advance for daily Mass, including Saturday morning 8:30a Mass. **Sign-up is still required for Sunday Mass, including Saturday at 5p.** To register for Sunday Mass, including the vigil Mass on Saturday at 5p, go to www.stjohnwinfield.org, or phone the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. **The capacity at Masses has been increased to 100 parishioners.**

**OUTDOOR MASS-
"MASS IN THE GRASS"
SATURDAY, 5P,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2020**

Mass on Saturday, September 19, 2020, at 5p will be outdoors. Please sign up on our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org

Please check our website if the Outdoor Mass is cancelled due to inclement weather. Please bring a lawn chair for your seating.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance and Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Please wear a mask. Confessions are heard inside the church on the most outer aisle, not in the confessionals, either with a screen in-between the confessor and the priest, or face-to-face, maintaining a six-foot distance. To maintain confidentiality and privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, and asked to socially distance while waiting.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, September 19, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, September 26, 3:30p-Church-Fr Jim

Online prayers, reflections, &devotions

<https://mycatholic.life>

<https://dynamiccatholic.com>

<https://www.catholic.org/lent>

Breviary (Liturgy of the Hours) on IBreviary App & Website
Apps & Websites for Relevant Radio, Word on Fire, & Formed

**Welcome and Installation of
Bishop Ronald Hicks-Sixth Bishop of Joliet
September 29, 2020**

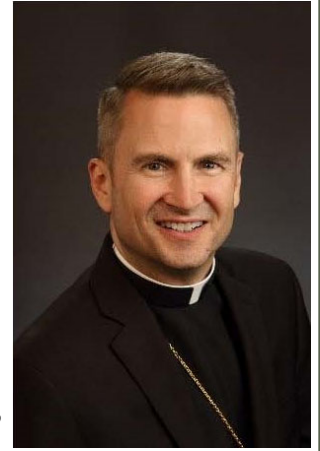
St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish and the Diocese of Joliet are overjoyed to invite all the people of the Diocese of Joliet and throughout the Church to join us in celebrating the installation of our new bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, later this month.

On the eve of the Installation, Bishop Hicks will join our priests for a **Vespers Service of Welcome** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. This will begin at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020.**

Bishop Hicks will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Joliet by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the Most Reverend Archbishop Christophe Pierre, on **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** The **Installation Mass** will also take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

Due to the gathering limitations in place during COVID-19, participation will be by invitation only. **Both events will be livestreamed for all to join us virtually at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/> or <http://www.youtube.com/DioceseofJolietIL>.**

The continued prayers of all in the Joliet Diocesan Community are welcome as we rejoice in the unfolding of our history.



New Meal Ministry:

Would you like to prepare a meal for our Priests/Seminarians? Please go to this website for more information and to sign up for a specific date:

<https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=PGYY7083>

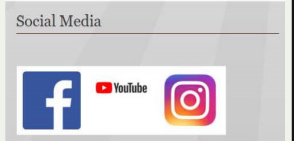


**ST. JOHN'S MASSES-
LIVE STREAMED**

St. John's has set up a YouTube channel where Masses and devotions are posted. Currently, two weekend Masses will be live streamed, the 9:30a and the 1:30p in Spanish. You can watch them live or you can go on YouTube anytime and watch the saved Masses.

Two ways to find the Live Streamed Masses:

1. St. John the Baptist Website now has direct links to our YouTube Channel, Instagram, and Facebook. Go to **www.stjohnwinfield.org**, scroll down to Social Media, and click on YouTube; or,



1. Go to YouTube;
2. Search for St. John the Baptist Winfield
3. Click on our St. John's Church logo:



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Catechetical Sunday

September 20, 2020, at

9:30 AM Mass

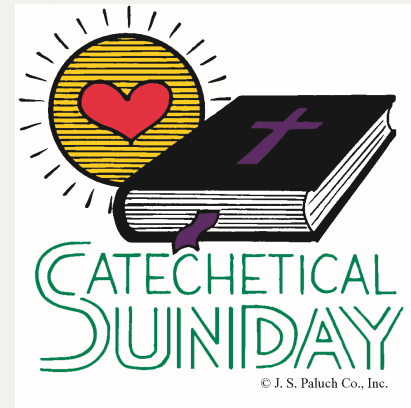
Attention all Religious Education Catechists, Aides, Catholic School Teachers, Baptism Preparation Teachers:

Please sign-up and attend the 9:30a Mass on Sunday, September 20, 2020. You will receive a special blessing from our pastor, Father Chris Lankford. This year we are blessing Catechists at two Masses; a blessing was given last weekend, 9/13, and a blessing will be given this Sunday, September 20, 2020, as well.

Please know you are appreciated beyond measure for all you do to bring God's love and word to our youth and our parishioners.

See you at Mass on September 20th!

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

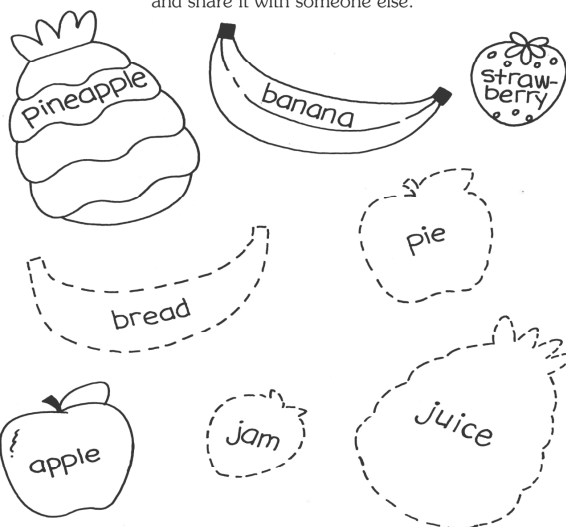


God's Word for Children

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul talked about doing "fruitful labor" (Philippians 1:22). If we want our work for God to be fruitful, too, we have to combine two things—our willing heart and God's guidance. Think of this as you draw a line from each fruit to its outline.

Then say the words to make a delicious combination.

You may even decide to make one of these things and share it with someone else.



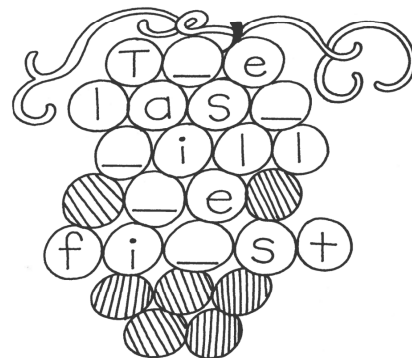
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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus told a parable about a landowner who hired workers at different times of the day. But at the end of the day, he paid everyone the same! Choose from the letters below to finish spelling the message of this story.

You can read it in your Bible at Matthew 20:1-16a.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Turn to the LORD who is generous in forgiving (Isaiah 55:6-9).

Psalms — The Lord is near to all who call upon him (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Live your lives in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ (Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a).

Gospel — The last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-16a).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13;
Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9;
Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc;
Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4;
Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9 — 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5];
Mt 21:28-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Matthew
Tuesday: Autumn begins
Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian;
Blessed Virgin Mary

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968) September 23

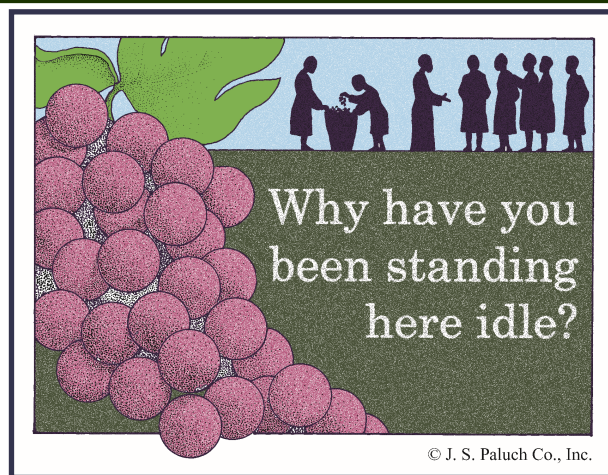
Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the *stigmata*, Christ’s wounds imprinted on Padre Pio’s hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio’s faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio’s offering his sufferings in union with Jesus’ passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio’s prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his House for the Relief of Suffering, a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today’s holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us ordinary Christians, this extraordinary saint’s most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry!”

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday, September 27, 2020, is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. Please pray for our priests, Father Chris Lankford and Father Jim Olofson, and all our diocesan priests.



SECOND COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Christ is Our Hope magazine arrives in your mailbox each month, filled with educational stories about our faith, personal journeys, and news in our parishes. This magazine keeps the seven counties of our diocese connected by sharing the Good News with each other. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to this year’s *Christ is Our Hope* magazine appeal next weekend, September 26 & 27th. There is a **blue** envelope in your envelope packet for your convenience, or you can contribute on WeShare on our website at www.stjohnwinfield.org.

Natural Disaster Relief Efforts/Hurricane/ Wildfire Relief

Most Reverend Richard E. Pates announced a special collection the weekend of September 26-27 to support Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency for the U.S. Catholic Church. These funds will assist them in providing immediate emergency needs such as water, food, shelter and medical care, and also aid in the long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts. There is a second basket in the back of church if you’re able to attend Mass. Or, you can contribute through WeShare; go to our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org and click on “View All Second Collections.”

Thank you for your continuous generosity in your prayers.

Annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive to help those in need

Your Knights will be collecting for our annual Tootsie Roll Drive after every Mass on Saturday & Sunday, Sept 19th & 20th.

All contributions will be given to the Illinois State Knights of Columbus Charities. Our Council then nominates donations to our local area. Last year we provided funds to these organizations:

- Catholic Charities
- Clare Woods Academy
- Donka—DPCC
- Misericordia
- Mt. St. Joseph's
- People's Alliance
- Prader Willi Society of America
- Special Camps



In these most difficult and trying times, these organizations are in great need. Please help if you can, as we are all,

In Service to One, In Service to All

Vivat Jesus

St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus, Council 8002

NEXT ROSARY GET-TOGETHER FOR MEN OF ST. JOHN- Wednesday, September 30th, 7:00 p.m., Mary Garden/KC Fire Pit

Gentlemen:

Continuing with our every-other-week schedule, we will again be praying 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.

Note: We will be adjusting our bi-weekly gatherings to pray the Rosary on Wednesday evenings, rather than Thursdays, so as not to overlap the established Thursday-night schedule for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. **We will commence the change on Wednesday, September 30th...7 pm.**

Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

Helping Those in Need

During these tough economic times, St. Vincent DePaul 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!

John Otto, President
St. Vincent de Paul Society





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

SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

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

- 1 Visit your church website and click Give Online.**
- 2 Select the collection or event of your choice.**
- 3 Set up your donation or payment. That's it!**

Once you've added your account information, donations will automatically deduct from your account. It's that easy!

QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with our business manager, Mike Vallaro 630-668-0918, ext. 616.

Please remember St. John's by dropping off or mailing envelopes or by giving electronically through WeShare, which can be accessed on our website.

Sacrificial Giving-We are ever grateful for your loving generosity & sharing in the Ministries of serving the Lord at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Parish Collections-Abram tithed (giving at least 10%) as a symbol that he depended totally on God. Moses said tithing was holy and an act of worship. Yes, even Jesus talked about money because money is a necessary part of our lives and it is also a necessary part of the viability of the church. Our tithe is merely a way to recognize that. Each family should prayerfully discern their own situation and understand that tithing is God's plan for supporting the church and the poor. We are ever grateful for your generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here at St. John the Baptist. **Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$22,941.**

August 9.....\$16,840
August 16.....\$18,013
August 23.....\$21,036
August 30.....\$17,898

Thank you for your generosity and support!

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

WHY IS A TAX CREDIT BETTER THAN A DEDUCTION?

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

Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

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

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

Donate through Empower Illinois (empowerillinois.org), designating St. John the Baptist Catholic School as the recipient of the scholarship. Contact the school office or the parish business manager for more information.

CCW MUM SALE A SUCCESS- THANK YOU!

Dear Parishioners,

A huge **thank you** to our parishioners and our pastor, Fr Chris, for supporting our annual CCW Mum sale; it was a success! We held it on the east side of Church under a white tent which Aaron Simpson assembled for us. And because of the rain on Saturday, we didn't even have to water the plants for parishioner pick-up on Sunday! CCW was able to donate 7 mums to St. John's. Patti Loechl, who coordinates St. John's outside landscaping along with her husband, Rick Loechl, is appreciative, and said we can enjoy the mums at the west entrance to the Church, and they will be lovely! Pictured here are two of our CCW members, Venessa Lopatka, who coordinated our sale, and Cecily Langelier, who volunteered at Masses last weekend to help with the sale.



Upcoming CCW Meetings:

- *Sat., Sept. 19, 2020, CCW General Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Sebahar*
- *Thurs., Sept. 24, 2020, CCW Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Sebahar*
- *Sat., Oct. 3, 2020, CCW General Meeting, 9:30a, Sebahar. Our program will feature a speaker, Dolores Bopp-Potterton, "Navigating a Pandemic Through Christ."*

Looking ahead . . .

Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video)

Video Available:
November 1, 2020

This special Tree Blessing Ceremony remembers infants lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, other pregnancy losses, and infant or early childhood death.

In order to help all families through the grieving process, The Office of Family Ministry in the Catholic Diocese of Joliet is offering a Tree of Light Blessing (Online Video) to honor all infants available online Sunday, November 1, 2020 in lieu of an in-person mass this year.

In the pre-recorded video, each baby will be acknowledged giving each family the opportunity to have their loss acknowledged.

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Please register to receive the video online link by email familiministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or online at <https://bit.ly/2zWNhtY>.

Needed ... Devout Catholic Substitute Teachers

Each Catholic school in the Diocese of Joliet is successfully implementing face-to-face instruction that honors the safety measures outlined in within its School Reopening Plan. As a result, several Catholic educators are needed to serve as substitute teachers at the Pre-School – Grade 12 levels. The substitute teacher candidate must love children and hold either a current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or an Illinois Substitute License. Please complete an online application by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp/>

No degree in education? No problem!

If you are called to this ministry, a degree in education is not a prerequisite for becoming a licensed substitute teacher. An individual who holds a BA in any discipline is eligible to apply for an Illinois Substitute License through the seamless process of transcript evaluation. For further information about obtaining a teaching license in this manner, contact Karen Udell, CSO Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel, at 815-221-6123.

PART-TIME HELP WANTED AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Two part-time positions are available at St. John the Baptist Catholic School:

Instructional Assistant – Preschool 3 year olds – works M-F, 7:15 – 1:00 PM

Technology Teacher – works two days, 7:00 – 3:15 PM – Monday and Tuesday

For more information, please contact Principal, Joanne Policht at 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT OUR SCHOOL *(see above)*, DIOCESE OF JOLIET & SURROUNDING PARISHES

Our Diocese of Joliet and surrounding parishes have job opportunities, as well. To view full job descriptions and other opportunities, visit: <http://www.diocesefjoliet.org/hr/sectioncontent.php?secid=1>

EMAIL RECEIVED FROM OUR DIOCESE OF JOLIET: TARGETED CYBER SECURITY ATTACK

A St. John's parishioner called the parish office recently to let us know he received a "scam" text from our pastor requesting eBay gift certificates. Please know our priests will never text you and request money or gift cards. The day following the phone call we received the email below from our diocese regarding fraudulent contacts from clergy:

"Recently there has been an increase in fraudulent emails targeting church members and staff. A common version of the scam seen is an email appearing to be from the Bishop sent to Conference staff members, pastors or church members asking them to send money or purchase gift cards for an emergency situation. On careful inspection of these spoofed emails, the receiver can notice several red flags including, odd wording and strange formatting. One such recent email with the subject "Bishop Council" included a fraudulent link.

There are several steps you can take if you think you have received a scam email.

- **Double-check the sender's email address.** A spoofed email address often has an extension similar to the legitimate email address.
- **Look for clues.** Does the email contain weird indents, maybe comprised of just sentence fragments? Does the sender usually send short emails or odd requests? These are telltale signs that the email is not legitimate.

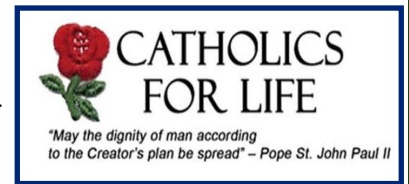
Always verify in person/telephone before sending money or sensitive data. Be suspicious! Make it standard operating procedure to confirm email requests for wire transfer, debit cards, account information or confidential information.

Please stay vigilant when checking email and to follow the steps above to avoid falling victim to an email impersonation attempt or spoofed email scam."

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CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

September, October and November are very busy months for Life, especially with Respect for Life Month in October, and then elections in November. Following are some of the Life events coming up. Hopefully you can attend some or all, but regardless, please pray for the success of all of them.



Wednesday, September 23rd: 40 Days for Life begins. See www.40daysforlife.com/aurora for details and sign-up calendar. If you can go to pray at any time, always bring a partner or check the vigil calendar to see if someone else will be there at that time. Every Tuesday from noon to 2:00 p.m. two parishioners from St. John's will be there.

Saturday, September 26th: Free Pro-Life and Pro-Family legislative information event at St. Isadore's on Lies Rd. in Carol Stream at 7p.m. with guest speakers State Representative Amy Grant and former State Representative Jeanne Ives. Registration is required by 9/21, but you can call 630-358-0042 or email ralph@illinoisrighttolife.org because plenty of space is still available.

Thursday, October 1st: Kick-off day for Waterleaf's Baby Bottle for Life Campaign. Due to the virus our parish is not sponsoring it as we have in the past; so many other churches are not able to sponsor this year, as well. Last year our generous parishioners contributed over \$7,000. Unfortunately, since Illinois considers Planned Parenthood and all other abortion clinics necessary services, the need is even greater. If you are able and would like to make a contribution, you can contact Mary Griffith, Director of Church Outreach and Donor Relations, at Waterleaf at 630-701-6270 or maryg@waterleafwc.org.

Sunday, October 4th: Corpus Christi Church on Lies Rd in Carol Stream will be praying the Patriotic Rosary at 7:00 p.m. to pray for our nation and respect for Life. Our church will be joining four other churches and praying one of the decades of the Rosary. It will be held in the parking lot, or church if necessary due to bad weather. Mask and social distancing will be required. PLEASE consider joining us in praying this special prayer given to us by our Blessed Mother. Many saints call the Rosary our powerful weapon against evil, so let us use this great weapon to counter the evil around us. Many have begun praying the 54 day Rosary or other prayers for God's guidance for everyone, in voting in this very important election.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

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

***"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have
spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."***

SEVENTH MONTH

Mary and Joseph knew in advance that their baby would be a boy. And although Jesus was not his biological child, Joseph eagerly anticipated his birth. By the seventh month, the baby's hands grip strongly. His eyelids open and close as He surveys His increasingly cramped surroundings. The baby is now 15 inches long and weighs 2-3 pounds. The infant listens intently for His mother's recognizable voice. A child of seven months would survive birth. Four to 20 couples wait to adopt each available child. The average abortion takes 5-10 minutes. The average wait for adoption is 2-10 years.

Pray for all adoptive parents who provide the loving care and nourishing environment which every child deserves, and for foster parents who lend their hearts and homes to those whose fates hang in the balance.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Until further notice, baptisms will be held on Saturdays, practicing social distancing. Parents need to be registered parishioners and parents and godparents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! Please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our RCIA classes are for any adult wanting to become Catholic. This is the time when questions are answered and formation begins. So, whether you are answering God's call to join the church, seeking to participate fully in the sacraments, or looking to find answers about the Catholic faith, RCIA is for you. RCIA sessions meet weekly from September until Easter. Jim and Rosanne Druckemiller are co-directors and they can be reached by contacting the church office at 630-668-0918. Call soon and get excited about the Catholic faith. We can't wait to meet you!



Wedding Information

Getting married? Give us a ring! Please contact one of the parish priests as soon as you become engaged and at least six months before the wedding date. Spiritual preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Catholics need to be attending church every Sunday. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

Give one of our priests a call PRIOR to your surgery, so that anointing can be given at a time when you are less stressed. Call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, & set a time to come in BEFORE your surgery for anointing.

Hospital Visits

Our priests are available to make hospital visits. Because of HIPAA Laws the Hospital does not notify churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's Parish Office when a loved one is there giving us the name and room number. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized!

Homebound-Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry. *Please note: due to the coronavirus, no communion taken to homebound; instead, Homebound Ministers praying over the telephone with homebound.*

Prayers of the Faithful

If you or someone in your family is sick and would like to be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Masses, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the Sick of the Church bulletin, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Please note: **Grief Support will meet on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Sebahar Hall.** Please register beforehand; call the parish office for information at 630-668-0918, ext. 0

24-Hour Adoration: Adoration has begun on Thursday evenings from 6p-9p. 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-Until further notice, AA is not meeting at St. John's, per State of Illinois guidelines.



Overeaters Anonymous Meeting: Until further notice, OA is not meeting at St. John's due to COVID-19.

MASS INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: Please call or email the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention. Donation is \$10; 5p & 1:30p Masses-free-will donation. 630-668-0918, ext 0 or jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org. We can mail the Mass card for you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The parish office is open, 8:00 am-4:00 p.m. 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 Usher's Room in the Church.

Bulletin Articles: Submissions are due by noon on Thurs., 10 days prior to the Sunday on which you wish the article to appear. . Include the name & phone number of the person submitting the article. Please email as an attachment using Microsoft Word or Publisher. Please do not include article in the body of the email.

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DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God—who is on a much more, well, Godly wave-length than we are—moves in ways we can't even imagine.

Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out. Kind of. At least he understands his calling in life—to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

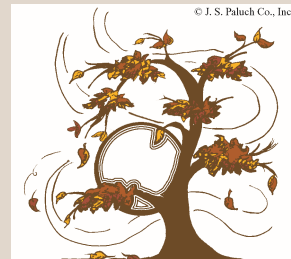
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AUTUMN

Listen! The wind is rising,
and the air is wild with leaves,
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—Humbert Wolfe

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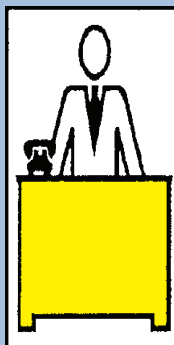


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