ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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MASS TIMES

Please note: this Tues., Wed. & Thur., 9/28, 9/29 & 9/30, No 7:00 AM Mass due to Diocesan-wide Convocation

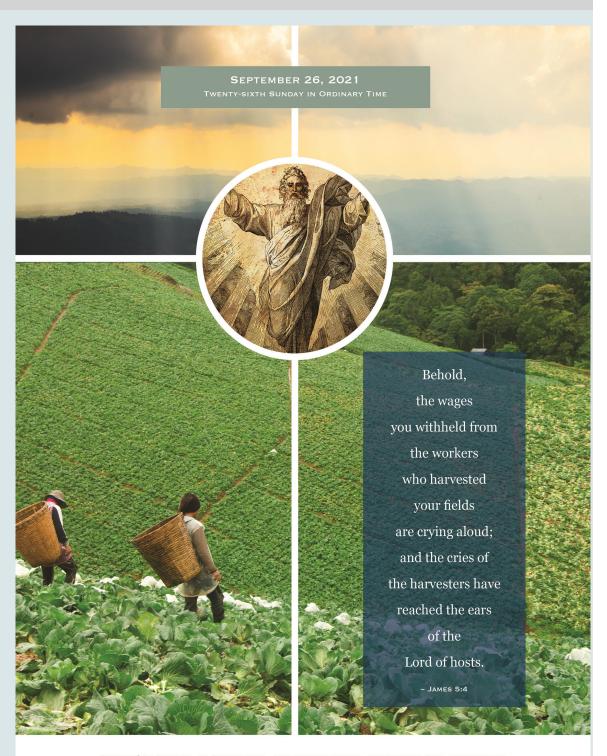
Mondays -Thursdays 7:00 am

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



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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 Kathe Doremus Nick DuBay Karen Durbin Ralph Eckhoff Concepcion Edaño Joan Enders William Ferdinand

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

Korrin 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 Mahei Michael McCall Perri McCall Patricia Meschler Bessy Miller Mayette Monales Joseph Jr. & Maggie Morgan Thomas Morris Megan Mueller Mary Lu Mulcahy Lauren Mungo Joan Murdock Tim Murnane John Naill 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 lan Prosser Tim Ptak Theresa Ratterman Mary Rauch Sam Reyes Alicia Ricciardi Paul & Katherine Ricciardi Cooper Rojas Gertie Romero Monica Romero Kelli Rooney Katherine Rose John Rossi Sister Audrey Rothweil Marvin Rothweil Susan Rothweil **Bob Salat**

Scott Schwartz Sven Segerlund John Shannon Desireé Sheppard Evelyn Skriba Dan Smyth Dolores Snyder Diane Srachta Cynde Barone Stayros Doug Stephan Hugh Stott Michael John Stralko Rosemary Sumang Ewa Sarnacka Lucy Szwed Mary Tarchala Deborah Terry Virg Tobin Jim Toman Erin Anderson Tugman Benjamin Vargas Maria Vargas Martha Vescio Virginia Underwood Dolores Vasquez Genevieve Welch **Emily Wilson** Kylie Wells-Long Paula Winterhalder Flizabeth Wood Susan Woodbury Lexie Youngberg Larry Zengri

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

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

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Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

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

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

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



Bishop Hicks' Column



September 2021: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever!"

What is your favorite season? Even though I am a big fan of warm weather, my favorite season is the fall. I love the brilliant colors as the leaves change and the breezes at night become cooler. During my five years of living in El Salvador, I missed having four seasons. That country has just two seasons. Residents used to joke and say, "We have two seasons in El Salvador, 'hot' and 'hotter.'" Actually, their two seasons are the dry and rainy seasons, and yet they are still both very "hot."

In the Midwest, we are blessed with the four seasons. They provide us not only with changes in the weather and temperature, but they also serve as a reminder that as time moves forward, everything in life changes. The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us. "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die."

As Catholics, we believe with all the changes in our lives, God is constant. His love is unchanging and unwavering. St. Paul in his letter to the Hebrews proclaims boldly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." And therefore, he exhorts us, "Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

Many of you are familiar with the play and movie, "A Man for All Seasons." Based on the life of St. Thomas More, it highlights someone who heroically remains true to God and to himself in the midst of a changing world. He demonstrates the ability to adapt to all circumstances and times around him, while never surrendering to the external pressures to reject or bend his principles and values.

Like St. Thomas More, we are called to be men and women of all seasons. The world around us not only seems to be changing at a rapid pace, but also at times it seems that our society and culture are going crazy as they shift their values and principles. Throughout this rollercoaster ride of changes, we are invited to keep our eyes focused on Christ. He is our Lord, Redeemer and Savior. His love, mercy and compassion never change. In other words, he is our rock, our solace in the storm of incertitude.

Every morning I begin my day with a Holy Hour. As I pray, I sometimes glance outside the window in my chapel that overlooks a grouping of trees, and I am reminded of the changing seasons. Currently, the trees are full of bright green leaves. Yet, I know they will not remain that way. Soon they will change colors, then die, fall to the ground and eventually bud back to new life. As I reflect on the changing seasons, sometimes I catch myself saying, "I cannot believe how quickly time is passing."

At the end of this month, I will celebrate the completion of my first year as the bishop of Joliet. During this time, the seasons have changed, and I too, with the grace of God, have tried to navigate these changing times and issues. Like everyone in the world, my first year has been filled with ups and downs, triumphs and challenges, joys and sorrows. Again, it has gone by like a "blink of the eye." Yet, throughout all the moments of rain and sun, I try to keep my gaze steady on Jesus. He helps me to carry the cross in my times of trial and rejoices with me in the times of joy. Therefore, when people ask me, "How do you feel about being the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet." I consistently and wholeheartedly respond, "I feel both happy and blessed!"

As I approach my second year here in the Diocese of Joliet, I know that things will continue to change and the craziness in our world will take on different shapes and forms. However, as I take these next steps, I do so with faith, hope and trust in God and with great gratitude for all of you. We are in this changing world together, and truly, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

— Psalm 19:8

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 25

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m. ♥ Intentions of Charles Garro
 - † Wally Dusza (The Dusza Family)
 - † Maryann Alesia (Margaret Seno)
 - † Chris Doll (The Doll Family)
 - † Danny C. Keene, Jr. (Rose Flores)
 - † Antonio Garcia (Maureen & Denny Brennan)
 - † Stephen Bridge (Bill & Terri Carpenter)

Sunday, September 26, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Shirley Stachniak (The Stachniak Family)

9:30 a.m. † Rosemund Sachse, Tom Sachse & Zach Sachse (The Vermillion Family)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

Monday, September 27

7:00 a.m. † Dick Larson (Anne & Dave Larson)
Offered privately: ♥† St. Vincent de Paul Society, Members &
Benefactors (St. Vincent de Paul)

Tuesday, September 28

No 7:00 am Mass today due to diocesan-wide priest convocation

Wednesday, September 29

No 7:00 am Mass today due to diocesan-wide priest convocation

Thursday, September 30

No 7:00 am Mass today due to diocesan-wide priest convocation

Friday, October 1

12:00 p.m. ♥ For Increased Respect for the Dignity of Life from Conception to Natural Death

Offered privately: † Our Parish All Souls Intentions

Saturday, October 2

Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

- † Bonnie Hansen (Maryann Dusza)
- † Shirley Stachniak (The Stachniak Grandkids)
- ▼ 72nd Wedding Anniversary for Mary & John Karwoski
- † Gloria Romero (Rose Flores)
- † Jeanne Ptak (Rick & Patti Loechl)
- † Abe Rundell (Monica Rundell)

Sunday, October 3, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (Mike Bentley)

11:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (K of C)

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Shirley Stachniak Church † Irene Slowik





Please pray for

Charles Kadolph

who passed away on September 15, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to his brother & sister-in-law, Joe & Lynn Kadolph, , and to all of his family & friends.

PLEASE NOTE: NO 7:00 AM MASS TUES., WED., THURS., 9/28-9/30

There will be no morning 7:00 a.m. Mass this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 28, 29, & 30, due to an all diocese priest convocation.

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

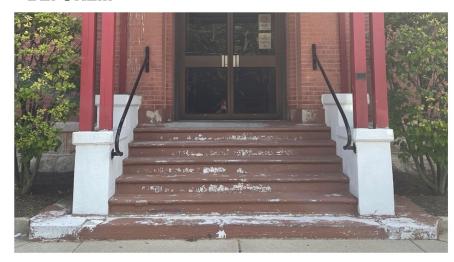
Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, September 25, 3:30 pm
- Saturday, October 2, 3:30 pm

Pardon Our Dust



BEFORE...



PAINTING PROCESS

Stan the Paint Man painting Chapel Steps



AFTER!

Our Newly Painted Chapel Steps on Church St.



Our Newly Painted Chapel Steps facing South



Our Chapel Steps

Stop by and look at our newly painted Chapel steps! Our parishioner, Stan Smolucha "Stan the Paint Man", and his associate, painted our Chapel steps last week over a two-day period. As you can see from the "before" photo, our Chapel steps were much in need of painting. Featured above are before and after photos.

Improvements and enhancements such as these that are happening to our church and chapel and to our school are due to the generosity of our St. John's parishioners and through fundraising efforts such as Father Chris's beard "shearing" appeal held this past spring.

If you would like to help specifically with projects like the above-mentioned on our campus, please consider donating at Mass or on our website at www.stjohnwinfield.org, click on "Give Online with WeShare," then see the "Pardon Our Dust" logo.

COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

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

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORA-I

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://

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

NEXT ROSARY GET-TOGETHER FOR MEN OF ST. JOHN-Wed., 9/29, 7p, Fire Pit

Gentlemen: 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 on:

Wednesday, September 29th!

Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

Would you like to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

There will be a training session for **new** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) on **Thursday, Oct. 7th at 7PM in the Church.**

In order to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you must be a registered parishioner, have received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. So, for those who received the sacrament of Confirmation this spring, this is an excellent way to enhance your faith!

Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Axelson,

1axelson@comcast.net, 630-293-1355.

~Worship Commission

Worship Commission

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

There will be anointing of the sick after the **5PM Mass on Saturday**, **Oct 9th**

Anyone who is sick or in need of healing is invited to attend and receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This sacrament confers special grace on Christians experiencing the difficulties that accompany serious sickness, old age or a variety of afflictions.

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Feel free to bring your own snacks and drinks!

FREE CONCERT!

9/25/2021

St. John the Baptist Grounds in Winfield
Open to the public—All ages!
(0S233 Church Street)

6-9PM

The Page Men will be playing Classic Rock!

Bring a chair or blanket





WHY GIVE ONLINE?

- You can share your gifts... Any way you want to. When you want to. Where you want to.
- Leave your checkbook at home. Set up your recurring gift using a credit card, checking or savings account.
- 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.
- 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!

- Visit our church website and click Give Online. www.stjohnwinfield.org
- Select the collection or event of your choice.
- Set up your donation or payment.
 That's it!

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

QUESTIONS? Contact 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!

August 22...\$19,130 Sept. 5......\$29,157 August 29...\$19,200 Sept. 12.....\$18,480 St. John's Presents



Saturday, October 2, 2021 Gather in the Pavilion at 2:00 p.m.



CHICAGO BEARS

VS.

CLEVELAND BROWNS

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PLAY & WIN 50/50 & SQUARES



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Proceeds to beautil St. John the Supflet Catholic School







NEXT WEEKEND, October 2-3, AT ALL MASSES!

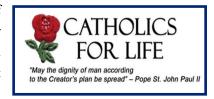
St. John the Baptist will be participating in the **2021 Waterleaf Baby Bottles for Life Campaign** to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the life-affirming programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and their Aspire Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.

Next weekend, Oct. 2-3, please pick up a baby bottle in the Narthex after Mass, and learn about our campaign and join us bringing sunshine into the lives of others!

Waterleaf provides free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. Last year Waterleaf served 1,032 patients, performed 727 pregnancy tests, 1,125 ultrasounds and welcome over 160 babies. For more information call Waterleaf at 630-701-6270 or visit them on the web at www.onechoiceonelife.org.



n September 14, with less than a day's notice, several of us went to Waterleaf Women's Center in Aurora to join three hundred others in prayer and witness for Life, while Governor Pritzker was across the driveway inside Planned Parenthood touting our extreme abortion laws (reproductive healthcare.) Our laws stand in stark contrast to the Texas heartbeat bill he was there to rebuke.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL 9/22 - 10/31 - Our church has committed to praying at Planned Parenthood in Aurora this Wednesday 9/29 from 7a.m. to 7p.m. and on the other Wednesdays from 1p.m. to 4p.m. We still need several hours covered for this Wednesday 9/29. Contact: Linda LeBreux revlindal@comcast.net or 331-218-9637. But any time you can come, pray, and witness for Life is welcome. Bring a partner with you and/or check the schedule at 40daysforlife.com/aurora for hours to join with another prayer warrior.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH begins this Friday, October 1 - please stop by the Respect Life table next weekend, Oct. 2-3, and pick up informative literature and your lapel rose. Wear it proudly to show you believe in God's gift of life.

On Sunday, October 3rd, **Respect Life Sunday**, thousands of people of all faiths will be standing in silent witness of their reverence for life. Won't you take an hour of your time to pray for the sin of abortion with your fellow Americans in a national **LIFE CHAIN?** This peaceful, prayerful demonstration sends a powerful message to passersby.

In Glen Ellyn the Life Chain will line up at the **former** Aanchor Abortion Clinic, 1186 Roosevelt Road from **2:30 to 3:30 p.m**. Come and be a witness for life. It is such a simple thing to do. You can bring the whole family. If you do not wish to stand for one hour, feel free to bring along a lawn chair. **Thank you** for standing up for **Life!**

"Take courage; get up, get up, Jesus is calling you." -Mk 10:49, Lectionary

"Trunkers" Wanted

businesses bring their cars to the Liberty Street parking lot and decorate parishioners to help with the festivities. This is a fun outreach event for their trunks with a theme of their choice. (A Halloween theme, a movie the friendly faces of St. John's, as they stop by each decorated car for a Children and families then have a safe place to trick-or-treat and meet Our Annual Trunk-or-Treat event is coming soon and we need our the community where volunteers from our Parish and some local theme, or you can just google trunk-or-treat for ideas).



Saturday, Oct. 30, 2-4 p.m.

Rain date – Sunday, October 31, 2-4 pm.

HAVE QUESTIONS? CALL 630-668-0918

or drop off this form at the Welcome Desk Join the Fun - Reserve Your Parking Spot! Signup at Stjohnwinfield.org

Trunk-or Treat Signup (for Trunkers)

Name or Business E-Mail Address Phone



ATTENTION ALL MOMS!

MOPS/MOMSNext Ministry at St. John's is for all moms in all stages of life! If you are pregnant with your first child or a grandma to many, we would love for you to be a part of our group! Have you been longing to find friendship with like-minded women who have a love for Jesus? Then this might be the group for you!

After a year spent hunkering down, living smaller, and experiencing a little more fear and anxiety than usual, we are declaring this is the year of going big. It is a year of fresh starts and turning ordinary experiences into extraordinary ones. Enthusiasm will replace worry. Friendship will replace loneliness. No longer will we wait to "get back to normal"; instead, we will start making space for the new things God has for us. We will become less guarded and more daring because this is our year to live All For Love.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month during the school year from 9:30 am - 11:30 am. We also offer free childcare onsite!

For more information, go to:

www.stjohnwinfield.org, under Parish Life select MOPS/MOMSNext or email mops@stjohnwinfield.org

Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, October

20th at 6pm at the home of
Karen Tsaparis. We will discuss Little

Women by Louisa May Alcott by watching the 2019
movie. We will also have a book exchange as this is our last in-person meeting of the year. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Karen at karen.tsaparis@gmail.com.

Upcoming Zoom dates and titles:

- Nov 17 Thanks A Thousand by AJ Jacobs
- Dec 15 TBA



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

September 18, 2021

Zoey Khaleesi Martinez Terrazas

Child of Saharay Terrazas & Victor Alfonso Martinez

Evan Michael Soltis

Child of Ashley & Troy Soltis

John Patrick Sorenson

Child of Amanda & Craig Sorenson

here is a simple, convenient way for you to get



preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions.

These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor.

We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Parish to conduct these valuable screenings.

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.



Council of Catholic Women

Our Fall Bazaar will be October 9-10 in Sebahar Hall.

We are able to accept donations of hand-made crafts and needlework, gently used items in good condition such as housewares, decorative accessories, paintings, jewelry, religious items, toys, and books are greatly appreciated.



Please drop any items you would like to donate in the vestibule of the parish office.

We are always in need of volunteers at the sale and on Thurs-Fri, Oct 7-8 setting up and pricing.

If you have any questions, pleas contact CCW member:

Theresa De Stefano, destefano1961@gmail.com

Thurs. Sept. 30th 7:00pm Board meeting Sebahar Hall



Saturday, Oct 2nd 9:30am Sebahar Hall General meeting, light breakfast and program. We'll be playing Spiritual Trivia!

Rosary is at 4:30pm in the Chapel before the 5:00pm Mass on Oct 2nd.

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. For more information, contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 7, 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.

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. 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.

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PRAYER FOR HOLY PRIESTS*

Keep Them, I pray, dearest Lord, Keep them, for they are Thine; Thy priests whose lives burn out before, Thy consecrated shrine.

Keep them, for they are in the world, though from the world apart; When earthly pleasures tempt, allure, Shelter them in Thy heart.

Keep them, and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain; When all their life of sacrifice for souls seems but in vain.

Keep them, and, and O remember, O Lord, they have no one but Thee, Yet they have only human hearts, with human frailty.

Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they caress; Their every thought and word and deed, deign, dearest Lord to bless.

Amen.

(*Submitted by a St. John parishioner who prays this prayer every day)

Sunday. **September 26, 2021**

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