

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Leading Souls to Heaven*

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## MASS TIMES

Mondays -  
Thursdays  
7:00 am

Fridays  
12:00 pm

Saturdays  
Confessions-  
3:30-4:30 pm

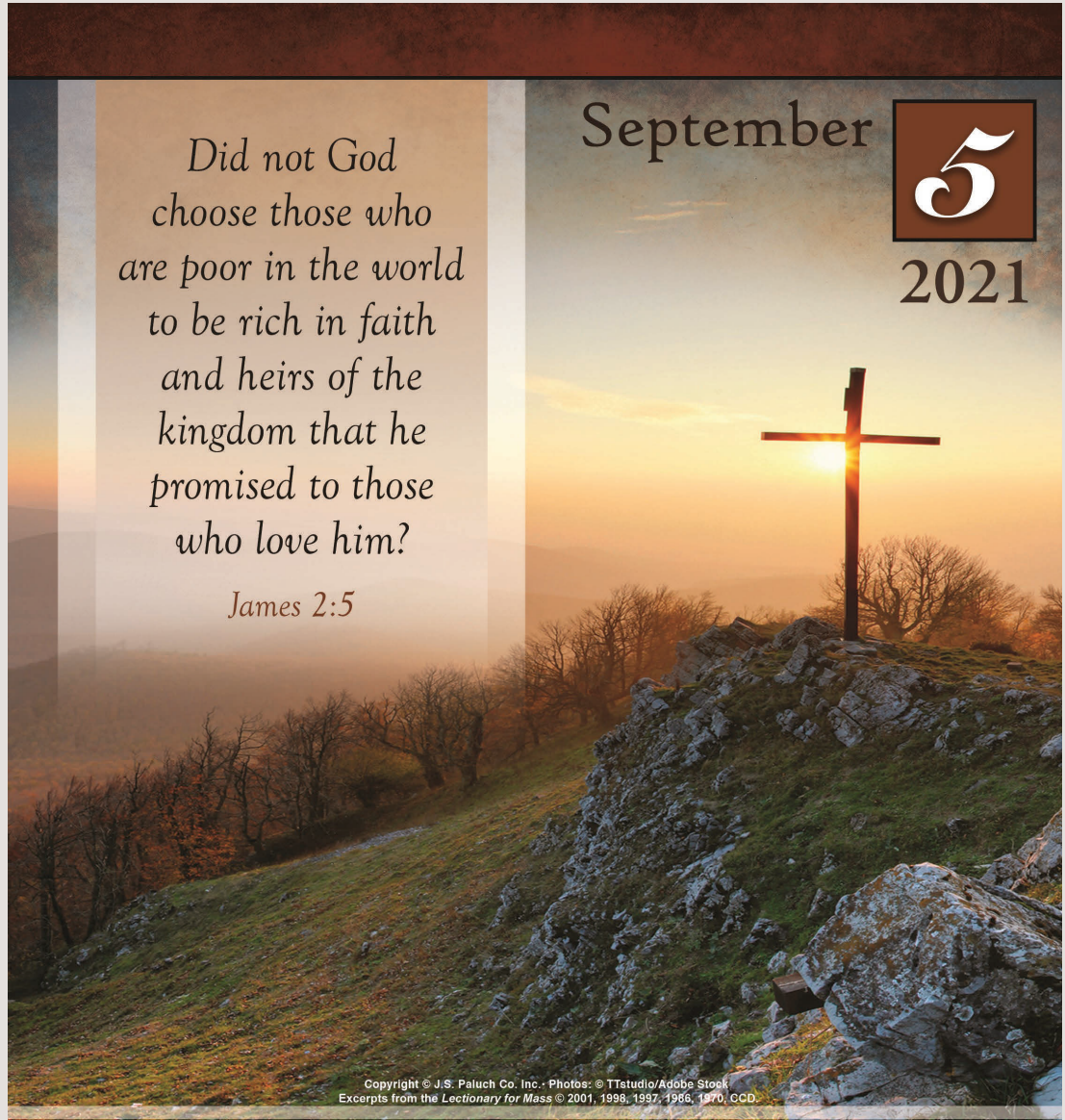
5:00 pm  
(*Sunday  
Vigil*)

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

Did not God  
choose those who  
are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith  
and heirs of the  
kingdom that he  
promised to those  
who love him?

*James 2:5*

September   
2021



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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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  
Aaron Erickson  
William Ferdinand  
Patrocinia Fernandez  
Marie Flores

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

Ivanna Lamb  
Rose Marie Lambert  
Ken Larson  
Nancy Liden  
Haley Lipnisky  
Marilyn Loechl  
Sam Mahre  
Beth Majerczyk  
Gianna Malorny  
John Maltese  
Linda Marczewski  
Jan Masters  
Al Mathieu  
Diane Maher  
Alex McCall  
Michael McCall  
Perri McCall  
Patricia Meschler  
Bessy Miller  
Mayette Monales  
\*Joseph Jr. & Maggie Morgan\*  
Thomas Morris  
Megan Mueller  
Mary Lu Mulcahy  
Lauren Mungo  
Joan Murdock  
Tim Murnane  
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  
Ian 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  
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  
Erin Anderson Tugman  
Benjamin Vargas  
Maria Vargas  
Keith Venard  
Martha Vescio  
Virginia Underwood  
Dolores Vasquez  
Genevieve Welch  
Emily Wilson  
Kylie Wells-Long  
Paula Winterhalter  
Elizabeth Wood  
Susan Woodbury  
Lexie Youngberg  
Larry Zengri  
\*New this week\*

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

Parish Directory - 630-668-0918

**Pastor:** Fr. Christopher Lankford

**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Brian Geary

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

**Secretaria Hispana:**.....Ext 601

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

**Director of Operations:**  
.....Mike Vallaro.....Ext 616

**Facilities Manager:**  
.....Aaron Simpson.....Ext 603

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

**Religious Education:**.....Office: Ext 613  
**Director:** Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612  
RCIA (Convert Preparation).....Ext 600

**Grade School:**.....Office: Ext 618  
**Principal:** Joanne Policht.....Ext 618  
Phone 630-668-0918, Press 2, Fax: 630-668-1074

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

**Website:** [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://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.  
Sgt. 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  
CMDM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell  
ABH2 Sean Phillips  
Captain Colleen Rezabek  
Captain Kevin Rezabek  
A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez  
Cpl Riley Santoyo  
Sgt Ian Sarlitto  
AN Michael Schieve  
PFC Keegan Serbick  
Major Jim Smolucha  
Major Mike Smolucha  
SPC Thomas Stanhope  
AFSSgt Zachary Ushman  
Lt. Keith Wolfe



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Friends, it's my honor to introduce to you the newest member of our parish leadership team at St. John's, Mr. Jim Nolan! Jim will be taking on the responsibilities of finance, facilities, and operations at St. John's. I'm so thankful to Aaron Simpson who has served St. John's in so many ways for the past 20 years, and Mike Vallaro who, although he started just over a year ago in the throes of the pandemic, has become an appreciated part of the parish staff. Graciously, both Aaron and Mike said they will stay on until a new staff member can be trained. The following is a little bit about Jim.

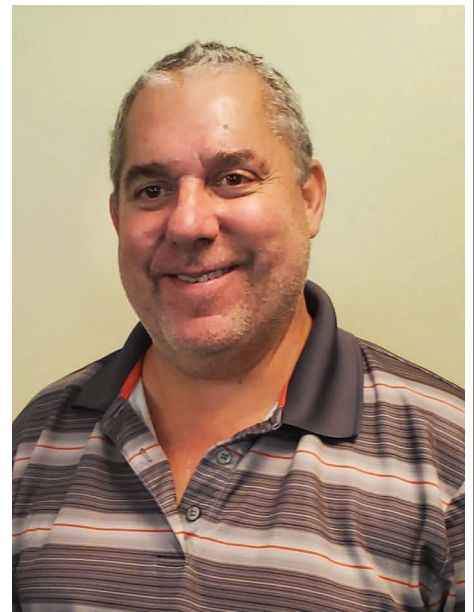
*Jim Nolan was born and raised on the southwest side of the city, just west of Midway Airport. He is a strong proponent of Catholic education: he attended grammar school at St. Symphorosa, then attended and graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep. Following St. Ignatius, Jim attended and graduated from Loyola University of Chicago, with a BA in Public Accounting. He would later attend and graduate from DePaul University with a Master's degree in Finance.*

*Jim spent over 25 years in the corporate environment with two employers before turning to consulting. While in the corporate world he was responsible for finance, budgeting and strategic planning, and almost all facets of operations and administration.*

*Jim's home parish is St. Julie Billiart Roman Catholic Church in Tinley Park, but Jim's avid interest in church architecture finds him attending Mass throughout the Chicagoland area so he can see first-hand the rich variety of church designs.*

*Jim has enjoyed participating, coaching and watching sports his whole life. He is a big White Sox fan, likes to golf and loves traveling. When he has time in the fall and winter, Jim will make home-made sausage; Italian, Polish, really any kind, but his favorite is breakfast sausage. And most of all, Jim enjoys spending time with family and friends.*

*Jim attended our August 22nd parish picnic, and quickly our friendly parishioners introduced themselves and Jim said they made him feel at home immediately.*



Welcome, Jim, to our SJB family! We are so glad you are here!

In Christ,  
Fr Chris

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 5, 2021**

Did not God choose those who are poor  
in the world to be rich in faith and heirs  
to the kingdom?

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**



**Saturday, September 4**

**Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

† Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

♥ Erin Leahy, Health & Intentions

† Mr. Michele (Mike) Rendina (*John Duszka & Family*)

† Robert D. Conley (*The Conley Family*)

♥ Deacon Dave Ritter, Health & Intentions (*SJB Parish Office Staff*)

† James Arthur Schwark (*St. John the Baptist Catholic Church*)

**Sunday, September 5, Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. † Amelia Alcazar (*Dan & Helen Lutzenkirchen*)

9:30 a.m. † Ursula Makowiczuk (*Rose Flores*)

11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

**Monday, September 6-Labor Day**

8:30 a.m. † Henrietta Crossman (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)

**Tuesday, September 7**

7:00 a.m. † Helen Carnes (*John & Susan Von Bampus*)

**Wednesday, September 8**

7:00 a.m. † Poor Souls in Purgatory (*The Tyznik Family*)

**Thursday, September 9**

7:00 a.m. † Alecxis Martinez (*Yolanda & Roberto Martinez*)

**Friday, September 10**

12:00 p.m. † James Harper (*Tom McGrath*)

*Offered privately* † Mary Kalat (*Therese Martineau*)

**Saturday, September 11**

**Vigil Mass of The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 p.m. † Michelle Szymczak (*Linda McKee & Ron Szymczak*)

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (*Colette Miller*)

† Arely O. Bejarano Conley (*The Conley Family*)

† John Hornyak (*SJB Adult Choir*)

† Armella & Vernon Vechart (*Renée & Helmut Groetzel*)

† Ludwig & Elfrieda Groetzel (*Renée & Helmut Groetzel*)

† Joe Burke (*Dan Conley*)

**Sunday, September 12, Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Bill Rose (*The Rose Family*)

11:30 a.m. † William Zapletal (*Larry Zengri*)

**Our Sanctuary Lamps**

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

**Chapel ♥ The Catechists & Teachers  
Church ♥ The Confirmands of 2021  
at SJB**



\*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.



Please pray for

***Rosa Mary Mostek***

who passed away on  
August 31, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to her daughter & son-in-law, Rose & David McEvoy, and to all of her family & friends.

**Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6, 2021,  
Mass at 8:30 am**

Morning Mass on Labor Day, September 6, 2021,  
is at 8:30 a.m. Our parish offices will be closed.



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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION**

The Sacrament of Penance & Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Vaccinated individuals do not need to 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 & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn, & asked to socially distance while waiting.

**Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones**

- Saturday, September 4, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris
- Saturday, September 11, 3:30 pm-Fr Chris

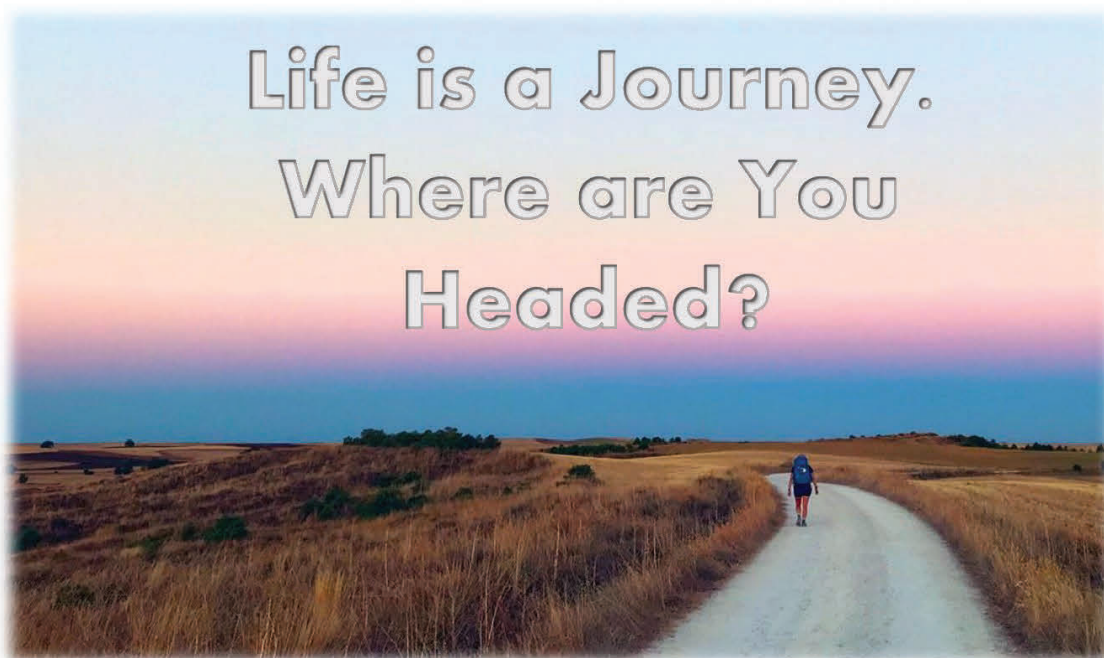




Here is a photo of one of the two new speakers in our School Hall. As you may or may not know, at our school Gala two years ago, there was a fund-a-need specifically for raising money for a new speaker system. When Father Chris discovered the funds hadn't been used yet, he requested that the speakers be installed. Our school has such a strong theatre program; the new speakers will definitely benefit our very talented students and their plays and drama productions.

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](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org), click on "Give Online with WeShare," then see the "Pardon Our Dust" logo.



Life can be overwhelming. Too many worries, too many places to be, too many items on the to-do list. Do you ever wish for some way—any way—to slow down and really consider what it's all about?

*Where do you currently find your meaning?*

*Where do you want to find meaning?*

*Is it possible to be fulfilled?*

These are questions worth asking.

**Discovering Christ** is for anyone who is curious. Enjoy a delicious dinner and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk, you can share your thoughts in a small group (and talk as much or as little as you wish). It's all done in a warm, friendly, and judgement-free environment.

**Discovering Christ** is fun, relaxed, and free.

Tuesdays September 21 – November 2, 6:30-8:30pm, Retreat day – Saturday, October 23

Register at [stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ](http://stjohnwinfield.org/discovering-christ) (Livestream/Zoom option available)

**ENCOUNTER → GROW → GO!**



## COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held every Thursday from 6-9pm in the Chapel. There is no signup required. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. For an interesting Adoration article, go to:



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

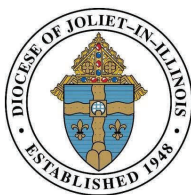
### Date Change due to Good Old Days-We'll Meet 9/15 NEXT ROSARY GET-TOGETHER FOR MEN OF ST. JOHN-Wed., 9/15, 7p, Fire Pit

Gentlemen: This month, we'll get together on September 15th (so as not to interfere with preparations for Good Old Days), and then every two weeks thereafter. 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 15th!**

Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

Aug. 23, 2021

## Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts set for weekend of Sept. 11-12



The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed.

In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of Sept. 11-12 for this special collection.

## All Are Invited to Friday Morning Bible Study

Friday Morning Bible Study will resume on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We meet every Friday in Sebahar Hall from 9:30 to 11AM. This year we will be studying some of St. Paul's letters and we will also be doing a video study, "From Genesis to Jesus" from Scott Hahn's Journey Through Scripture series.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, masks are recommended regardless of vaccination status.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Axelson, [laxelson@comcast.net](mailto:laxelson@comcast.net), 630-293-1355.

Winfield's "Good Old Days" is Thursday, September 9 through Sunday, September 12th. Church Street will be closed between Liberty and Beecher. St. John's parishioners are required to enter and exit from the south using Sunnyside. Also, Good Old Days will be using our Liberty Street parking lot for the festivities, including the Sunday car show.

### WINFIELD'S GOOD OLD DAYS PARADE DETAILS

The "Good Old Days" parade is Sunday, September 12th at **1:00 p.m.**, beginning on Sunnyside. Following our 11:30 a.m. Mass, please exit Sunnyside west to Winfield Road because the parade marchers will be lining up east of Forest on Sunnyside. The parade will begin on Sunnyside Avenue at Forest Street and move west to Winfield Road. It turns north on Winfield Road and continues to Beecher Avenue, where it turns left (or west). It goes for one more block west and disperses at Beecher and Park Street.

### SAVE THE DATE & NEW TIME

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**  
**Pet Blessing**  
**Mary Garden**  
**2:00 pm**





## **St. John the Baptist Catholic School Donations to the Tuition Assistance Program**

In these days of the pandemic, St. John the Baptist Catholic School offers a beacon of light to parents who want the benefit of a Catholic education. Not only does St. John's Catholic School meet and exceed public school academic standards and results, religious education is included in the daily SJB curriculum. SJB students receive instruction and guidance in our Catholic faith by our Pastor, Fr. Chris, as well as our faculty. Catholic families greatly desire Catholic education; however, the \$5,000 tuition cost can pose an obstacle for them.

That is where the St. John's tuition assistance program comes in, making scholarships available to families in need. We are extremely grateful for the scholarships and grants provided by the Diocese of Joliet's Catholic Education Fund (CEF), which annually contributes a significant amount of assistance to SJB families. In addition to the monies provided by CEF, a substantial amount of tuition assistance funding comes from our parishioners.

During the 2020-21 school year, 25 of our students were granted full or partial scholarships totaling just under \$100,000 through the state of Illinois' tax credit scholarship program. We have set a goal of awarding 35 scholarships for the 2021-22 academic year which would require at least \$135,000 in donations. To date, 28 scholarships have been awarded for the coming school year and 20 eligible students remain on a wait list pending additional funding. As our school enrollment increases, the need for tuition aid rises as well and must be sustained to provide ongoing financial support for enrolled students in need.

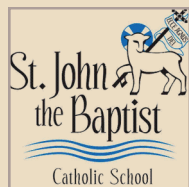
St. John the Baptist Catholic School can use your help. We need additional donors to fully fund tuition assistance needs. There are two programs at St. John's where donations can be directed:

**The Monsignor Cloos Fund** - This fund was established in honor of a long-time pastor of our parish. It is directly managed by the pastor who makes the decision to provide aid and the dollar amount. Donations to the Cloos Fund qualify as a charitable deduction for federal tax filers.

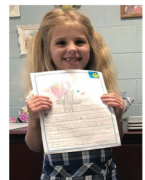
**Empower Illinois** is a scholarship granting organization that operates under the Invest in Kids Act and offered by the state of Illinois. Donations to Empower Illinois qualify for a State of Illinois tax credit in the amount of 75% of the tuition aid contribution.

Please prayerfully consider donating to one of these funds. No donation is too small and would be greatly appreciated as it directly benefits students at St. John the Baptist Catholic School. To learn more about the donation process, contact Joanne Policht, principal, at St. John the Baptist Catholic School at [jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org).

***Save the date for SJB's  
Annual Tailgate for Education party on Sunday,  
September 26 from 8:30  
AM until 4:30 PM in the  
SJB School Parking Lot.  
Kickoff is at noon. Please come join  
the SJB family to watch the Bears play  
the Cleveland  
Browns at SJB in  
the school parking  
lot.***



**Picture your  
Kindergartner through 8th grade child  
at St. John the Baptist Catholic School  
this fall!**



Come for the excellent faith formation and academics, leave with great friendships, and as loving, caring, and compassionate individuals.

Openings remain in

Kindergarten through eighth grade.

Even though school is out for the summer, we are busy preparing for the 2021-22 school year, and welcome you for a tour. Call Joanne Policht for more information at 630-668-2625, ext. 617. You can also visit our website at [sjbwinfield.org](http://sjbwinfield.org)



**St. John the Baptist Catholic School  
Formed in Faith, Educated in Excellence,  
Embraced by Community**



# Join Us! WESHARE ONLINE GIVING

## WHY GIVE ONLINE?

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

## SIGN UP TO GIVE ONLINE

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

- 1 **Visit our church website and click Give Online.** [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org)
- 2 **Select the collection or event of your choice.**
- 3 **Set up your donation or payment. That's it!**

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

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

## 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 8.....\$23,479

August 15...\$22,121

August 22...\$19,130

August 29...\$19,200

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



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

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

### CMAA Pledge Report for St. John's, as of 8/29/2021

Parish Goal:	\$109,000
Amount Pledged:	\$116,203
Amount Paid:	\$108,232
Balance Due:	\$ 7,971

## LABOR

Without labor nothing prospers.

—Sophocles



# **KOC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING DINNER**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30pm to 9:00pm**

**Family Tent @ Beecher & Church**

**Wood Smoked  
Slow Roasted BBQ  
Beef or Chicken  
Salads, Corn on the Cob  
and all the Trimmings**

**Live music by:  
Crocodile Jazz Band**

**6 – 8 pm**

**Individual Dinner Ticket Purchase \$40.00**

**2 for \$75. Table of 10 / \$350.00**

**TO RESERVE A TABLE OF 10,**

**CONTACT TONY REYES @ 630-669-0501**

**Or order individual /couple tickets contact Sean Conley  
@ 630-752-0624**





## 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!

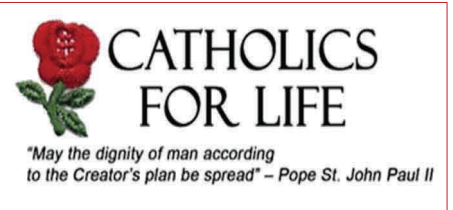
After a year spent hunkering down, living smaller, and experiencing a little more fear and anxiety than usual, we are declaring this is the year of going big. It is a year of fresh starts and turning ordinary experiences into extraordinary ones. Enthusiasm will replace worry. Friendship will replace 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**

Yesterday,  
I received  
an email from  
Waterleaf, the  
women's center  
in Aurora, ask-



ing us to join them in their most powerful weapon against abortion, PRAYER. During the month they have Mass and Adoration at various times. The email included a short video showing their Chapel and the website address <https://onechoiceonelifelife.org/> with the times to join them for Mass and/or Adoration.

You can combine witnessing and praying outside the clinic and praying inside the clinic chapel, all for the mothers and babies. This invitation comes at a good time because 40 Days for Life Fall Vigil will be starting on September 22nd and run to October 31<sup>st</sup>, right at their clinic and hundreds of other locations around the world. We will have more information on 40 Days for Life in future bulletins. But please take a look at Waterleaf's web site and prayerfully consider praying for the mothers, the babies, and an end to abortion, either at the clinic or wherever you can.

*Mother Mary,*

*You experienced misunderstanding for your unexpected pregnancy. Pray for your children who are contemplating an abortion. Intercede for them before the throne of God that they might have the grace to give life to their children, and teach them how to give of themselves in self-sacrificial love as you did. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

## RAFFLE TICKETS IN PARISH OFFICE OR GOOD OLD DAYS - WIN THIS PATIO SET!

MOPS/MOMSNext Ministry is selling \$20 raffle tickets for this beautiful new patio set! Proceeds will go to fund MOPS speakers, babysitters, and craft supplies. Tickets can be purchased in the parish office, or, look for a chance to buy raffle tickets at Good Old Days, too! Questions, contact Debbi at [mops@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:mops@stjohnwinfield.org)



## Our CCW Fall Bazaar will be held October 9-10 in Sebahar Hall

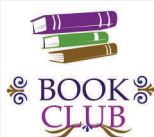
**AT THIS TIME** we are accepting donations of Jewelry or Religious Items for our Fall Bazaar. Please drop any jewelry or religious items you would like to donate to our Fall Bazaar in the vestibule of the parish office.



**AFTER 9/27** we will be able to accept the other items of hand-made crafts and needlework, gently used items in good condition such as housewares, decorative accessories, paintings, toys and books are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact CCW Member, Theresa DeStefano, [destefano1961@gmail.com](mailto:destefano1961@gmail.com)

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Sept 15th at 7 pm at the home of Karen Tsaparis. We will discuss *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Please inquire for directions or with any questions & RSVP Karen at [karen.tsaparis@gmail.com](mailto:karen.tsaparis@gmail.com). Upcoming date and title: Oct 20th, *Little Woman* by Louisa May Alcott.



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish in Sebahar Hall on **Thursday, October 21, 2021.**

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- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
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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.

Come on over & treat yourself at the Knights of Columbus' Snack Shack!

The KC trailer is at the corner of Church & Beecher from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm each Saturday & Sunday (except holidays).

They serve food, ice cream, pop, etc, & usually a hot sandwich. The proceeds will be used for our St. John's School!  
Be sure to stop by & support SJB!



### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Labor Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5782) begins at sunset  
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thursday: St. Peter Claver  
Saturday: Patriot Day; Blessed Virgin Mary





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## 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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org). We can mail the Mass card for you.

**NEW! SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, our parish office is open, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, & from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on Fridays. 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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) or [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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](mailto:jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org) and [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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

### Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report his/her suspicions to civil authorities. Contact the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

### Denuncia de abuso sexual

Cualquier persona que tenga motivos de sospecha que un niño ha sido abusado o está siendo abusado debe informar a las autoridades civiles. Contacto: Departamento de Illinois de Servicios para Niños y Familia: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) o la policía local. El Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Diócesis de Joliet está disponible para ayudar a las víctimas / sobrevivientes de abuso sexual infantil por parte de un ministro, empleado o voluntario de la Iglesia Católica. El Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas informará al Obispo Hicks y coordinará los esfuerzos de apoyo y acompañamiento pastoral para ayudar en el proceso de curación. El Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas también puede proveer asistencia en hacer un informe a las autoridades civiles. Póngase en contacto con la Diócesis de Joliet Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas en el 1-815-263-6467.

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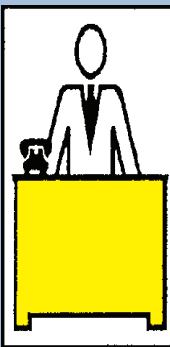


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