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MASS TIMES

CHAPEL

Mondays, Wednesdays
5:30 pm

Tuesdays, Thursdays
8:15 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

CHURCH

Saturdays
5:00 pm

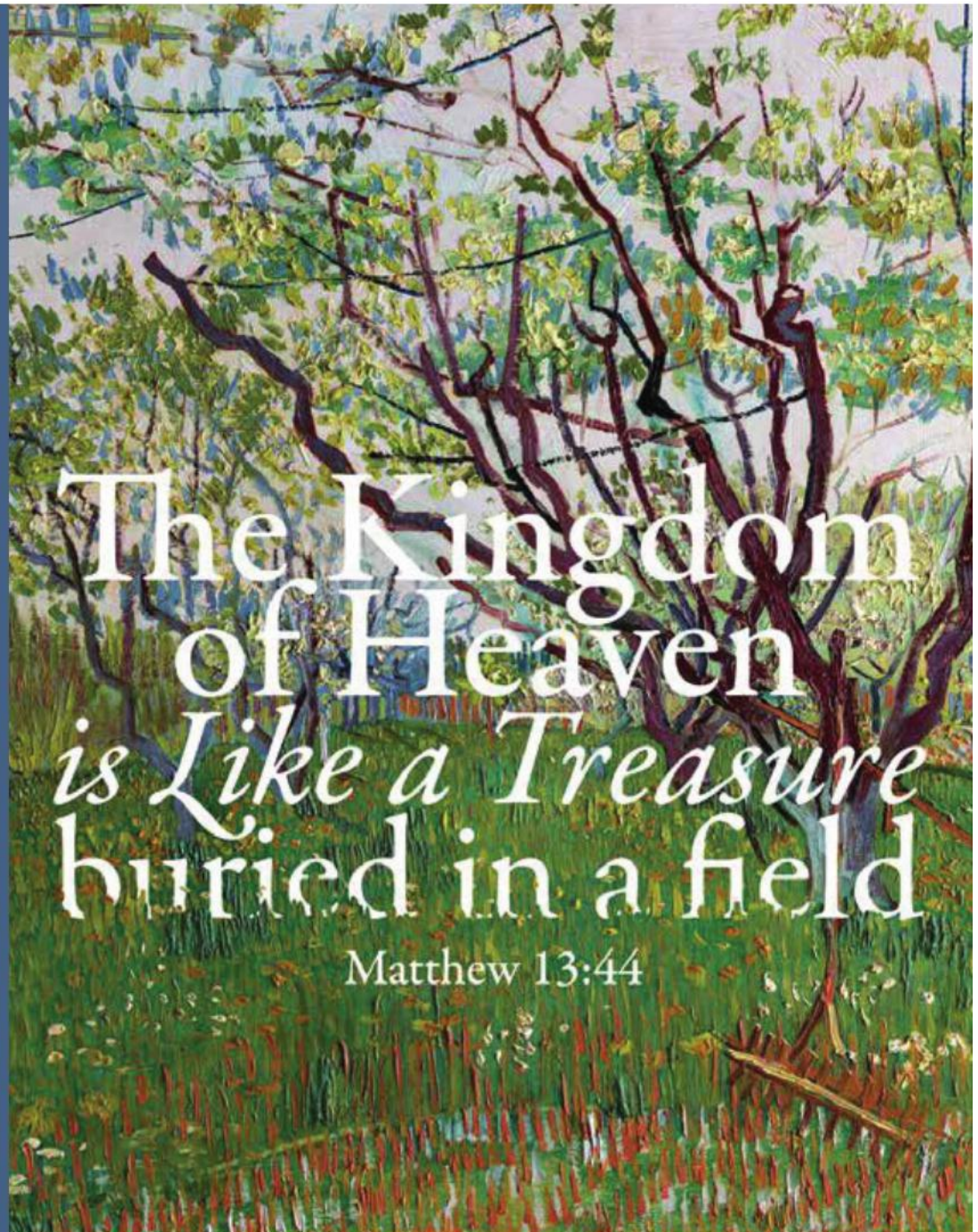
Sundays
7:30 am
9:30 am
11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays
3:30-4:30 pm (Church)

ADORATION

Thursdays
9:00 am to 8:00 pm
(Chapel)



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I'm writing this note, it's hard to believe that the month of July is coming to a close. A lot has been done outwardly and behind the scenes over the last couple of months at St. John's. Soon, our faculty will be returning to campus, and dare I say that in less than three weeks school will start anew. While there is something a bit sad about summer coming to an end, I always look with great anticipation to the arrival of our grade school and religious education students. Their smiles and laughter are just infectious. They bring such joy to my heart, and truly remind me that we are God's creatures, made in his image.



The rest of this week's edition will be installment two of new faces at St. John's. This week I'd like to introduce to you Sarah Reznicek, our Director of Faith Formation, which includes our religious education programs. Sarah is an educator, with seven years of experience in the field of church ministry and religious education. She is Association of Montessori International trained, and passionate about the Montessori method and ideals of education. This method focuses on the creative power and potential within each child and the role of the teacher to prepare the environment to foster an independence and love of learning. These skills are a wonderful fit for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program we will be initiating at St. John's.

Sarah was most recently with Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School in St. Paul, MN., where she worked as a substitute teacher and a paraprofessional providing one-on-one support and guidance to special needs children. Prior to that, she was the Director of Religious Education for seven years at Church of St. Jude, in Joliet. And, before that she worked at the Nativity House of Illinois. There she provided support to guest mothers and their babies, and helped maintain the facilities, including the nonprofit organization's farm.

In her spare time, Sarah likes a host of outdoor activities, such as gardening and hiking, reading and spending time with family, especially her nephews. Many of you have met Sarah since she arrived the first of the month. For those of you who haven't, I encourage you to say hello! And, a good to know fact – Sarah is proficient in Spanish.

In the meantime, let's hope for a little more classical summer weather that we can all enjoy for the rest of the season. I pray that you all have a blessed and safe week.

In Christ,
Fr. Chris



SAVE THE DATE!!!

We're Having a Party

Saturday, August 5th, 2023

Come join us as we celebrate the retirements of Maureen Brennan and Adrienne Rose. Help us thank them for their decades of service and commitment to St. John the Baptist.

Book it on your calendars. Festivities will begin promptly after 5:00PM Mass. Of course, our Knights will be cooking, and CCW will be handling sides, salads and desserts.

Bring your lawn chairs!

More information to follow.



Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of July 16, 2023, were \$17,899.00. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



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If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Visit our church website at www.stjohnwinfield.org and click **Give Online**

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 Jim Nolan, 630-668-0918, ext. 604.

Invitation to St. John the Baptist RE & School students entering grades 5-8 in September 2023

In any activity, it is more interesting to participate rather than be an observer. This is true even in our celebration of Mass.

All students entering grades 5-8 are invited to become more active participants in our liturgies by training to become altar servers and students in grades 6, 7 & 8 as lectors (proclaimers of The Word.)

The training sessions will take place on Wednesday, July 26 and August 2, 6:00 pm, in the church. Attendance at both sessions is required.

Please fill out the form below if you are interested and return it to the RE office.

Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Grade in September _____
I am interested in training as:
Altar Server _____
Lector (Proclaimer of The Word) (6th-8th grade) _____

Part-time Technology Teacher Position Available at St. John the Baptist Catholic School

St. John the Baptist Catholic School is seeking a part-time technology teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Ministerial Expectations, under the direction and supervision of the principal, include but are not limited to:

Teach the diocesan Technology curriculum to students in grades K-8.

Plan, conduct, and lead teacher / staff workshops related to technology.

Create a faith-focused learning environment within his or her Technology Lab and classroom.

To apply, please go to the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools website: **Careers - Catholic Schools - Diocese of Joliet** (diojoliet.org) or go to **Diocese of Joliet - Frontline Recruitment** (applitrack.com).

For more information, email principal, Joanne Policht at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org.



Make-A-Will Sunday

August is National Make-A-Will Month and a perfect opportunity for our community to reflect on the many gifts God has blessed us with. At St. John's, we're taking this a step further with Make-A-Will Sunday. Today, we invite you to set aside time to think through your estate plan and how you can best steward what God has entrusted to you.

To help you with this process, St. John's offers an online estate planning tool you can use to create your will for free online and safeguard all that you love.

Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet to get started on your will.

FAMILIES HELPING FAMILIES

Every parent, grandparent, and guardian wants the best for their kids – and works unbelievably hard every single day to make it possible. The Diocese of Joliet and St. John the Baptist Catholic School has partnered with Empower Illinois to offer eligible families a chance to receive a tax credit scholarship towards their tuition through the Illinois Invest in Kids Program. Empower Illinois is proud to help hard-working, passionate, and loving parents give their children the education that is right for them.

The Illinois Invest in Kids Program has already been a tremendous benefit to St. John the Baptist students. During the 2022-23 school year, 54 of our students were granted full or partial scholarships totaling \$300,000. Forty-five scholarships have been awarded for the coming school year and 25 eligible students remain on a wait list pending additional funding. Thank you to all those who have donated to the program so far! Our families are indeed grateful! We're working diligently to increase donations to the program to provide additional tuition assistance to more families in order to receive a St. John's education. To fund the remaining students and clear our wait list, we need \$140,000. No donation is too small and would be greatly appreciated as it directly benefits students at St. John's. Not only does the donation benefit students at SJB, but a tax credit amounting to 75% of your donation is earned on your Illinois 2023 state taxes. To learn more about the donation process, contact Joanne Policht, principal, at St. John the Baptist Catholic School at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Fr. Jeff Putthoff at jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org or (347)788-8463. Fr. Jeff works for the Diocese of Joliet and has helped hundreds of donors with the donations process. He is a true blessing and has really helped Joanne, the principal, acquire donations for SJB kids.



SAVE THE DATE

Our annual parish picnic is fast approaching on Sunday, August 20, after the 11:30 AM Mass. Everyone is invited for food, fun and friendship!

Thank you!



Blankets for Vietnam

Every year, one of our parishioners, Mary Jensen, goes on a mission trip with her colleagues to different parts of the world restoring cleft lip/palates for children and teens through Alliance for Smiles. Here at St. John's, our grade school and religious education students and parishioners, make fleece blankets for Mary to distribute to the parents. This year, Mary and her team of doctors, nurses and hygienists went to Vietnam! Mary does a presentation to our children and explains that countries who are without proper diets and health care, have a much larger rate of cleft lip occurrences. She also explains that the lines for children to have this surgery are too long for all children to be cared for while they are there.

And, while you are shopping, it would greatly be appreciated if you could purchase white socks. These poor families are not given clean gowns for the surgery; they wear their street clothes! Mary knows how cold patients feet can become, so she likes to give them a pair of new socks. Thank you, Mary, for all you do for the least of God's children!

BE FORMED

SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8 2023

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

Join a small group and reignite your zeal for living the virtuous life!

USCCB Small Group Material will be included as it becomes available

**REGISTRATION
OPENS
JULY 11!**

**SEASON 7
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REVIVAL**



Interested in facilitating a Be Formed Small Group?
Contact Katie katie@sijhinsdale.com to have your group added to registration!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 29, Vigil, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 p.m. ♥ Terrence Andrew Denniger, Health & Intentions (Terrence Denniger)
 ♥ John & Kathy Novotny, 56th Wedding Anniversary
 † Bridget Aileen Sievers (The Cleary Family)
 † Ruth Malay (John Dusza & Family)
 † Francesca Panzeca (Carol & Richard Vignsnes)
 † Irene Mamica (Michael & Marie Czech)

Sunday, July 30, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 a.m. ♥† The People of St. John's
 9:30 a.m. † Marilyn Loechl (St. John the Baptist Adult Choir)
 11:30 a.m. † Joann Busch (Rita Grabowski)

Monday, July 31

- 5:30 p.m. † Hollie Wicker, Jr, Birthday Anniversary (Leslie Wicker)

Tuesday, August 1

- 8:15 a.m. ♥ Bill Leahy, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Wednesday, August 2

- 5:30 p.m. † Ambrosio Madera (Ed, Bless & Stephanie Romero)

Thursday, August 3

- 8:15 a.m. † Virginia O'Sullivan (Linda LeBreux)

Friday, August 4

- 12:00 p.m. † Our Parish All Souls' Intentions
 ♥† CCW Living, Deceased & for Peace
 † Terrence M. Conley (Sean Conley)
 ♥ Eleanor Josephine Garro, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)
 † Jennifer Bartoli Kalina (Dan Kalina)
 † Lillian Ryvold (A Friend)

Mass Intentions: The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; the 5:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations. Please note: the 2024 Mass book is open.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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



CHAPEL † *Shirley Stachniak*

CHURCH ♥ *Nancy Coughlin, Health & Intentions*

*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 ten dollars per week.



please pray for Sylvia Ramirez

who passed away on July 15, 2023. Our sympathies are extended to all her family & friends.

COME PRAY WITH US

For our family members, friends and others
 who have left the Catholic Church
 "Where two or three are gathered..."
 All Welcome

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 - CHAPEL - 2:00 PM

Questions? Patti Loechl, 630-730-4801

Please pray for our sick

Praying for our sick is one of the most important things we can do as a parish community. Please pray for the following people:

Baby Luke Hougan
 Patricia S. Kadolph
 Troy Whitlow

The entire prayer list is on our website, at www.stjohnwinfield.org. Click on the heading, "Prayer Request," then scroll right underneath Prayer Request banner to: PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR CURRENT PRAY FOR OUR SICK LIST

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be included in this list or prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line, please contact the parish office.

Please keep in your prayers all Deacons and Seminarians who are studying in the Diocese of Joliet including our own
Seminarian Sam Bergmann

Please pray for all first responders and for those in Active Duty, including our own:

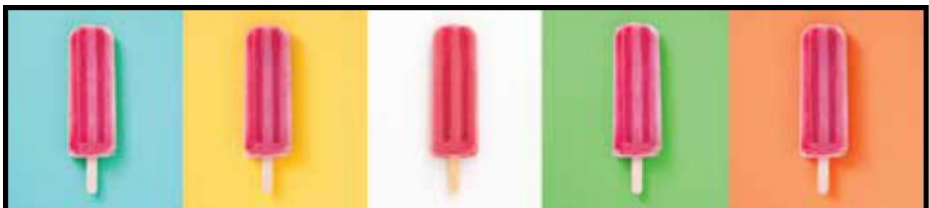
Pvt James Luigi Akin	CMDCM (SW/SS/AW)
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Sgt Melissa Brooker	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Pvt Timothy Conley	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
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Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
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SrA Robert Lawless	
Captain Matthew Luff	
WO1 Jake Miller	



THE KNIGHTS & MEN OF SJB:


Come pray the Rosary
 & stay for a get-together,
 St. John's Fire Pit,


7:00 pm Wednesday, August 2, 2023.
 Questions? Sean Conley, 630-835-8225



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SNACK SHACK OPEN!

The Knights of Columbus's popular Snack Shack is back this summer at the corner of Beecher and Church Streets. They will be serving up sandwiches, snacks, ice cream and cold drinks on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm through August 28th. Proceeds go to our St. John the Baptist Catholic School via the Monsignor Cloos Fund.






Join St John's book club at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday August 16th, at 7pm at the home of Carol Schroeder

We will discuss the book, *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks.

Please inquire with any questions & RSVP, Jean at tjdaniell@att.net

Upcoming Date/Title:
 September 20, *The Night Portrait*
 October 18, *Sing You Home*
 November 15, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*



PRAYERS & 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.

Hospital Visits
 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 who are hospitalized.

Homebound
 Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion should call the parish office and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

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. Our next meeting is Thursday, August 3, 2023, 7:00 pm.

Bulletin Articles
 Interested in submitting a bulletin article? Email rosab@stjohnwinfield.org

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION
 For Baptisms, RCIA and Wedding information, please contact the parish office.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:
 AA is meeting on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Sodonna Hall, the basement of the parish office.



Silent No More Awareness Campaign is a project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life. Its purpose is to assist post-abortive women and others who have been hurt by abortion. For information about this group you can go to www.silentnomoreawareness.org/about-us/, www.AbortionShockwaves.com and www.abortionforgiveness.com.

One of the necessary expenses a parent faces with new babies is diapers. To help reduce this expense many Pro-Life states are eliminating the taxes on diapers, and some on all babies' items.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Parish Main: _____ 630-668-0918

Parish Secretaries: Rosa Benavides _____ Ext 0

Secretaria Hispana: _____ Ext 601

Religious Education Office: _____ Ext 613

Director of Faith Formation: Sarah Reznicek _____ Ext 612

RCIA (Convert Preparation) _____ Ext 0

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

Director of Liturgical Life: Michael Berger _____ Main

Grade School Office:


Principal: Joanne Policht _____ 630-668-0918 Press 2

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St Vincent de Paul Society: _____ Ext 692

Church: www.stjohnwinfield.org School: www.sjbwinfield.org

*For information on joining St. John's, please see our website or call the parish office.
 Office Hours: Mon., Tues. and Thurs.: 9 am-3 pm; Wed.: 12 pm-3pm; Friday: Closed*



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