

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Jesus said,
“The kingdom of heaven
may be likened to a
man who sowed good
seed in his field.”

Matthew 13:24

July 19, 2020

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



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Dave Balsegiz
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Jennifer Bitterman
Brian Burke
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Jean Bustamante
Karen Cervenka
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Kathy Connor
Georgene Cook
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Perri McCall
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John Naill
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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

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

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

Director: Maureen Brennan.....Ext 612

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

Youth Ministry:

Coordinator: Ruben Chavez.....Ext. 611

Grade School:.....Office: Ext 618

Principal: Joanne Policht.....Ext 618

Phone: 630-668-2625, Fax: 630-668-7176

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

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

Joseph Solomon

Please pray for the Seminarians working
at CDH this Summer: Greg Alberts,
Brian Geary, Aaron Minix, Tom Logue

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, Facebook, and the website.

A Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation has resumed

Confession has resumed on Saturdays from 3:30p-4:30p in the Church (see page 4 for more information). Or, you may call the parish office (630-668-0918, ext 0) to make an appointment.



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
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Sgt. Nicholas Gedvilas
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Sgt Pamela Gray
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Airman Nicholas Kosteck
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
SSG Curtis Sigourney, US Army
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
SrA Zachary Ushman

THE PRIESTS' PAGE/LA PÁGINA DE LOS PADRES

Last week was a historic week for the Olofson Family. My younger sister Mary Kate gave birth to her first child, Thomas! The very cute child pictured below is him. This is a big deal for our family because this is the first of the "next generation." So my parents are now grandparents, I am an uncle, my other sister is an aunt, and Thomas will soon learn that he will be rather spoiled! I was able to go over to visit Thomas earlier this week, keeping my distance because I am pretty out and about in my life as a priest. There were a few things that struck me that I wanted to share with all of you. First of all, my nephew has an awesome name: Thomas Francis. Sometimes, there is a desire to get super creative naming children. But there is a beauty in picking saint names, so that the child can have some holy role models to look to through their life. So St. Thomas the Apostle and St. Francis of Assisi will be special intercessors for little Thomas. And in terms of creativity, there are so many great saint names that you can choose from that would definitely let your child stand out! Secondly, my sister asked me to help her find a good crucifix for his nursery. I was happy to help because I believe that every bedroom in a house should have a crucifix. It is a beautiful reminder that the Lord is always with us, teaching us how to love with all that we have. So if you don't have a crucifix in your bedroom, think about putting one up where you can see it. And lastly, we have already been talking about setting a date for Thomas' baptism! It is so important to baptize children shortly after they are born because we want the Lord to be working in their lives from the very beginning. In baptism, we become beloved sons and daughters of God, and this identity is foundational in the Christian life. So don't wait just to have a giant party or because your favorite photographer is busy! Get in touch about scheduling a baptism and sharing the gift of divine life with your newborn child!

In Christ,
Fr Jim

La semana pasada fue una semana histórica para la familia Olofson. ¡Mi hermana menor Mary Kate dio a luz a su primer hijo, Tomás! El niño muy lindo que está en la foto de abajo es él. Este es un momento muy emocionante para nuestra familia porque es la primera de la "próxima generación". Así que mis padres ahora son abuelos, yo soy tío, mi otra hermana es tía, y Tomás pronto aprenderá que va a ser muy mimado! Era capaz de ir a visitar a Tomás a principios de esta semana, manteniendo mi distancia porque estoy bastante fuera de mi casa en mi vida como sacerdote. Hubo algunas cosas que me llamaron la atención que quería compartir con todos ustedes. En primer lugar, mi sobrino tiene un nombre increíble: Tomás Francisco. A veces, hay un deseo de ser súper creativos para nombrar a los niños. Pero hay una belleza en elegir nombres santos, para que el niño pueda tener algunos modelos sagrados a seguir a lo largo de su vida. Entonces Santo Tomás Apóstol y San Francisco de Asís serán intercesores especiales para el pequeño Tomás. Y en términos de creatividad, hay tantos grandes nombres santos de que puedes elegir que definitivamente harán que tu hijo se destaque. En segundo lugar, mi hermana me pidió que yo le ayudara a encontrar un crucifijo bueno para el cuarto de Tomás. Estaba feliz de ayudar porque yo creo que cada dormitorio de una casa debería tener un crucifijo. Es un hermoso recordatorio de que el Señor siempre está con nosotros, enseñándonos a amar con todo lo que tenemos. Así que si no tienes un crucifijo en tu dormitorio, piensa en poner uno donde puedas verlo. Y, por último, ¡ya hemos estado hablando de fijar una fecha para el bautismo de Tomás! Es muy importante bautizar a los niños poco después de que nacen porque queremos que el Señor esté trabajando en sus vidas desde el principio. En el bautismo, nos convertimos en amados hijos e hijas de Dios, y esta identidad es fundamental en la vida cristiana. ¡No esperes solo para una fiesta gigante o porque tu fotógrafo favorito está ocupado! ¡Ponte en contacto para programar un bautizo y compartir el regalo de la vida divina con tu hijo recién nacido!



Welcome, Thomas Francis!

En Cristo,
Padre Jim

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2020

Those who are just must be kind.
— *Wisdom 12:19*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



(The 7:50a Masses are offered privately for the intentions that have been promised; none were scheduled this week.)

Saturday, July 18

8:30 a.m. † Henry, Marge & Adel Lenertz (*The Lenertz Family*)

Vigil Mass of The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. † Fred Dusza (*The Maryann Dusza Family*)

† Kamile Kalina (*The Kalina Family*)

♥ Women's 132nd Cursillo Weekend

† Thomas Hanlock (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Marie & Gayle Black (*The Hanlock Family*)

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. † Donald Valentine (*Judy Valentine*)

9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † Sheila Smith (*Carol & Dick Schulz*)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † La intención del sacerdote

Monday, July 20

7:00 a.m. † Bill Rose (*The Rose Family*)

Tuesday, July 21

7:00 a.m. † Uldarica G. Madera (*Bless & Ed Romero*)

Wednesday, July 22

7:00 a.m. † Gregory A. Conley (*Sean Conley*)

Thursday, July 23

7:00 a.m. † Mary Lindquist, Anniversary of Birthday, Deceased
(*Linda LeBreux*)

Friday, July 24

7:00 a.m. † Virginia M. Elbrecht, Anniversary of Death
(*Marianne & Jim Russell*)

Saturday, July 25

8:30 a.m. † Joan Heitzler (*Betty & Charlie Parisi*)

Vigil Mass of The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

† Cosgrove & Miller Families (*Colette Miller*)

† Thomas Hanlock (*The Hanlock Family*)

† Angela Marino (*The Marino Family*)

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

Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

9:30 a.m. † Deacon Andrew Nielo, Anniversary of Death

11:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Zengri, Greco & Pecora
Families (*Larry Zengri*)

1:30 p.m. (*Spanish*) † Magdalena Gonzalez (*Azucena Piedra
Gonzalez*)

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel ♥ *Living, Dr. Fred Pacer*
Church † *Lupe Muñoz*



*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.

DAILY MASS CLARIFICATION- TIME & MASS INTENTIONS

Currently, there is one daily public Mass Monday through Friday at St. John's, which is celebrated at 7:00 a.m. The second Mass at 7:50a is not a public Mass due to time restrictions in-between Masses for COVID-19 sanitizing.

Any Mass Intentions that are already scheduled for the 7:50a Mass will be prayed for privately by our priests. The Intention will appear in the bulletin.

Until further notice, we will not be scheduling new Mass Intentions for the 7:50a Mass. As stated above, if there is already an Intention scheduled for a 7:50a, it will be prayed for privately by our priests.

If you have any questions about this, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0. Thank you for your patience.

SACRAMENT OF Penance & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance and Confession has resumed 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, July 18, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, July 25, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim
- Saturday, August 1, 3:30p-Church-Fr Chris/Fr Jim

ATTENTION PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE EUCHARISTIC ADORERS- YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

One of our most beautiful ministries at St. John's, Eucharistic Adoration, is poised to begin again on Thursday, July 23, from 6p-9p. Your help is needed to make this happen. If you are not familiar with what Eucharistic Adoration is, it is the worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

Our plan is to offer adorers Thursday evenings from 6p-9p for 1 hour slots, beginning July 23, and to continue each Thursday thereafter. (The original start date of July 9th has been moved to July 23.)

To accomplish this, we need volunteers to greet, sign-in and usher the adorers to a pew, then following the COVID-19 guidelines, sanitize after the adorer has left.

If you believe God is calling you to this ministry and you would like to spend some quiet time with our Lord, will you consider **volunteering**? Please call Arlene Reichert at 630-890-2857, or the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, to get more information on this beautiful opportunity to deepen your relationship with God.

Thank you.



ONLINE BIBLE STUDY STARTING IN MID-JULY- MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

Mundelein Seminary is excited to announce that their rector Father John Kartje will again be leading an online Bible study this summer! Join him as he carefully explores biblical examples of how fearful and violent reactions to God's desire for humanity led to a pathway through fear to hope and from order-through chaos-to a new reality shaped by the Kingdom of God. Sign up to receive the online Bible study directly to your inbox at: <https://usml.edu/online-bible-study/>

Mass Celebrants for:

Saturday, July 18: 5p-Fr Chris

**Sunday, July 19: 7:30 am-Fr Jim; 9:30 am-Fr Jim;
11:30 am-Fr Chris; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Jim**

Saturday, July 25: 5p-Fr Jim

**Sunday, July 26: 7:30 am-Fr Jim; 9:30 am-Fr Jim;
11:30 am-Fr Chris ; 1:30 pm/Spanish-Fr Chris**

ST. JOHN'S YOUTUBE CHANNEL

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.

To find the St. John's channel:

- 1. Go to YouTube;**
- 2. Search for stjohnthebaptistwinfield;**
- 3. Click on St. John's Church logo:**



***Last weekend we had technical difficulties**

livestreaming the 9:30a Mass; the 11:30a Mass

was streamed instead. We apologize if you experienced any inconvenience or frustration.




Wedding Anniversary Mass

Live-Streamed
Cathedral of St. Raymond


August 23, 2020
2:00 PM

The 42nd Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be Live-Streamed on Sunday, August 23 at 2 pm from the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to view the Live-Stream celebration and receive an anniversary certificate sent in the mail. Bishop Richard E. Pates will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. To receive your certificate in the mail, please register by August 14 by calling the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or register online at <https://bit.ly/3fBY3VN>.



Please pray for
George P. Slivinski
who passed away on
July 4, 2020.

Our sympathies are extended to
all of his family & friends.



Please pray for
Alan Stuart
who passed away on
July 13, 2020.

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



Family Rosary
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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

Helping Those In Need



St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference
of St. John Baptist Catholic Church
05233 Church Street Winfield, Illinois

Congratulations to Father Andrew Buchanan who was ordained on Saturday, June 20, 2020. If you would like to send him a card, his address is:

Rev. Andrew Buchanan
St. Dominic Parish
440 E. Briarcliff Rd
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

If you'd like to mail a card to Father Matt Pratscher, his new address is:

Rev. Matthew Pratscher
St. John Paul II Catholic Church
956 S. 10th Ave.
Kankakee, IL 60901

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You taught your people that those who are just must likewise be kind (Wisdom 12:13, 16-19).

Psalm — Lord, you are good and forgiving (Psalm 86).

Second Reading — The Spirit comes to aid us in our weakness (Romans 8:26-27).

Gospel — Jesus proposes parables to the crowds, teaching them of the reign of God (Matthew 13:24-43 [24-30]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Apollinaris

Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi


Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday: St. Bridget

Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlûf

Saturday: St. James

saint snippets



Mercy triumphs over judgment.
—James 2:13

St. James the Greater
One of the Twelve Apostles, a witness of Christ's Transfiguration, and traditionally considered the first apostle to be martyred.

July 25

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Sacraments at St. John's



Welcome to Our Newly Baptized!

July 11, 2020

Victor Garcia

*Child of
Ana Lilia Alcantar & Jose Victor Garcia*

Camila Sarai

*Child of
Celina Serna & Noe Luna Huerta*



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Do to others as you would ..."

H	M	D	O
E	T	T	O
H		E	Y
A	V	O	U

H _ _ _ _ _ "

Answer: *have them do to you*

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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 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.**

June 14.....	\$24,784
June 21.....	\$18,054
June 28.....	\$19,113
July 5.....	\$24,900

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.

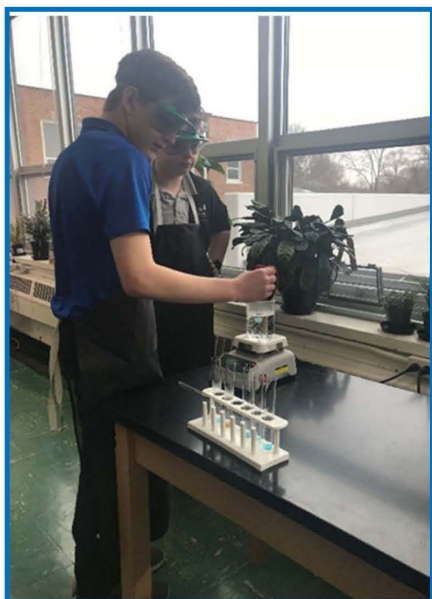
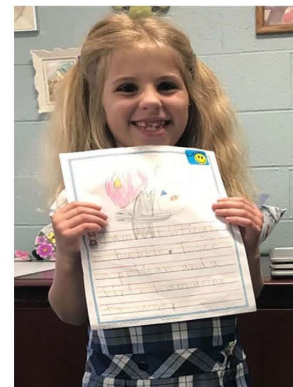
Example: Tax Credit vs. Tax Deduction

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.

**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 2020-21 school year, and welcome you for a tour, **Virtual Informational meeting on July 21 or August 4 at 6:30 PM**, or call Joanne Policht for more information at 630-668-2625, extension 617. You can also visit our website at sjbwinfield.org.



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



Enroll now at St. John the Baptist Catholic School!
Grades Kindergarten thru Eighth, 2020-2021 School Year

¡Inscríban sus hijos en la Escuela Católica de San Juan Bautista!
Grados Kindergarten a Ocho, Año Académico 2020-2021

Tuition Transfer Grant-Did you know that St. John the Baptist Catholic School offers a Tuition Transfer Grant to families who transfer their child into grades 1-7 from any non-Catholic school for the 2020-2021 school year? With this two-year grant, families will receive \$1,000 per student in year one, and \$500 per student in year two, to offset tuition. For more information, please contact the school office.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Bishop Pates Announces the Fall Re-Opening of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Joliet

June 16, 2020

JOLIET, IL-- Bishop Richard Pates, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, announced today that the 52 Catholic schools in the diocese will open this Fall.

The bishop has appointed a task force headed by Fr. Burke Masters to prepare the schools so that each will fully comply with necessary provisions to make the particular school safe in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The stakeholders of our schools – parents and children, administrators and teachers, priests and parishioners – very much desire to see our schools fully functioning this Fall," Bishop Pates said.

He also noted that the re-opening of diocesan parishes has gone very well, with the vast majority of parishes now celebrating Mass again. In order to open, each of the parishes had to be certified that certain, defined safety measures were in place. A similar certification process will be developed for our schools.

"All connected with our Catholic schools eagerly await the new school year to once again benefit from the academic excellence and Catholic identity that characterize these schools."

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About the Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools

The Diocese of Joliet serves nearly 17,000 students in 42 elementary schools, eight high schools and two preschools in five counties including DuPage, Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall and Will. The second largest school system (public or private) in the western/southwestern suburban region, We Teach More as our students are formed in the image of Christ and achieve ahead of their peers while they study with great teachers. They are treated as individuals and taught to make the right choices because they realize that they belong to something bigger than themselves. Visit www.WeTeachMore.org to learn more about the benefits and values of Catholic education.

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NEWS FROM OUR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Below is a letter our St. John's School Principal, Joanne Policht, sent to School Parents:

UPDATE ON BACK TO SCHOOL PLAN THIS FALL

July 14, 2020

Good evening, SJB (School) Families,

I know that this is a stressful time for everybody, and I'm sure that there are a lot of questions from all of you in regards to SJB's back to school plan this fall. We are working hard to make sure that everyone can safely return to school as scheduled on August 19th. In order to do that, we were required to submit a plan to the Catholic Schools Office by June 30th. I worked with a group of teachers, our facilities manager, and school board members to develop the plan. It is currently under review with the Diocese. On Friday afternoon, our new superintendent, Dr. Boyle, communicated the re-opening plan review process. From the Catholic Schools Office, the re-opening plan is going to the re-entry committees, which are multi-disciplinary in nature and are comprised of medical professionals, school and legal professionals; and parent representatives. Each approved plan will be returned to the school along with a certification form. Until it has been approved and certified, the Catholic Schools Office has specifically asked us to hold off on any type of formal communication as it relates to the return to school. I know that they are working to turn the plans around as quickly as possible, and I should have it back by the end of July.

With that being said, I can share that what we submitted was detailed and well thought out. As with many of the public school plans, we are recommending that classes stay together in their classrooms for the day, with limited interaction outside of their rooms. Specials (art, tech, etc.) will take place in the classrooms to limit the amount of children in the hallways. We will have different doors for arrival and dismissal, lanes in the hallways, and temperature checks each morning. This is just a small portion of what we have laid out in the plan.

As soon as we have an approved plan, I will communicate it to all of you. In early August, I will then reconvene the School Reopening Team to further discuss the implementation of the plan as well as review Bishop Pates' and Governor Pritzker's recommendations, information from the healthcare community, and school opening guidelines of the CDC and other agencies. We will also review the school plan and revise it in terms of lessons learned from the parish re-opening plan. I will continue discussions with Fr. Chris, our new pastor, and adjust as needed to ensure the safety of all.

I know that masks are a hot topic, but until we have the diocesan guidelines on masks; unfortunately, I cannot give a definitive answer on them. We will be following the current guidelines established by the various health and governing agencies.

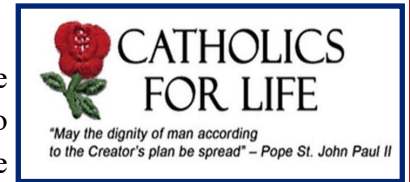
I want to reiterate that unless we receive different guidance from the Diocese, we plan to be back in person, full-time, starting on August 19th.

I appreciate your patience as we all navigate these new, uncharted waters, and can't tell you how excited I am to see all those smiling faces on August 19th!

In the meantime, if you have any questions please let me know.

God Bless,
Joanne (Policht, St. John's School Principal)

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE



This week on 7/22/20 we celebrate the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. She knew evil and then she met Jesus. He freed her as he will free all who turn to him in repentance for their sins. Many women and men feel they cannot be forgiven for having had an abortion, but no one is outside of God's mercy.

May they always remember Jesus' words from the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Let us never turn away from those in the abortion industry. Let us be Jesus' disciples and pray for their conversion as well as our own.

Project Rachel, the U.S. Catholic Church's ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and referrals to licensed mental health professionals. For more info, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.

Prayer for Healing After Abortion

Eternal Father, source of all mercy and love, out of love for us you sent your Son, and willed that blood and water flow from his side to cleanse us of sin and restore lost innocence. Hear the cry of each person who mourns the loss of their child to abortion. Forgive their sin, restore them to your grace, and still the terror of their heart with a peace beyond all understanding. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of all tenderness and our Mother, strengthen their faith in you. Give them the consolation to believe that their child is now living in the Lord. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who conquered sin and death, and who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Our St. John's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) donated \$300 to our St. John the Baptist Catholic School. Pictured above is our St. John's school principal, Joanne Policht, accepting the donation from CCW Member Jennifer Kurtyka.

A DAY OF "FLOWERING" A LA MARY'S GARDEN & THE DIVINE GARDENER

Event has been moved online . . .

Please join us for a virtual retreat day of spiritual care for widows and widowers reflecting on the joys, sorrows, glorious, and luminous mysteries experienced in this garden of life. Several models to promote self-care, healing, creativity, spiritual well-being and holistic health will be discussed. The day of "flowering" will include the creation of a spiritual bouquet of spiritual practices to promote an abundant, blooming life.

DATE: August 1, 2020 TIME: 9:00am - 2:00pm

Pre-registration is required by July 22

Register online at <https://bit.ly/2UMz5v1> or call (Virtual Invite/Link to follow upon Registration)

The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR 2020/2021 NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

Registrations are being taken for Religious Education Sessions 2020-2021 ONLINE. Please see our website for all necessary forms at www.stjohnwinfield.org, then click on Religious Education Parent Information.

However, if you prefer, print out the forms and drop off at the RE Office Monday through Thursday 8:30-3PM, Door 11.

Or, stop in at Door 11 and we will give you the necessary paperwork. Please wear a mask.

Please note, due to COVID-19, we have changed some of the RE class times and days we meet. And seating is limited, so do not wait!

TUESDAY SESSIONS: 4-5:15PM and 5:45-7PM English Only 1st-5th grade (4th and 5th grades will meet on campus one week and eLearn the opposite week.)

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS: 5:45-7PM – Spanish Sessions (Second year)
6:00-8:00PM -6th grade alternates with Confirmation I and Confirmation II

Session Dates can be found on the last page of the Family Handbook 2020-2021 on the St. John's website, www.stjohnwinfield.org.

Employment Opportunities at our Diocese and Parishes in our area. For the positions below (including more detail) and other openings: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

There are employment opportunities available at our Diocese in Joliet and at churches in our area. To view a list of positions available, please visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>. Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email a cover letter, resume and salary requirement to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

Cancellation-Run for Life on August 1, 2020

From the Committee (who organized the Run):

"Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Run for Life has been cancelled. We are very grateful for all the past support the parish has given the Run and to Waterleaf."

~Adele Dunn

THEOLOGY ON TAP SUMMER SERIES 2020

The Diocese of Joliet Young Adult Ministry presents its Theology on Tap series! During the months of July & August they host various speakers throughout the diocese and virtually. It is open to all young adults 18-39 years old, in college, single, married, Catholic or otherwise! Please check out the host's Facebook page for virtual meeting links, registration, location & venue guidelines for live gatherings at [FACEBOOK.COM/YAMJOLIET](https://www.facebook.com/YAMJOLIET) or go to www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam and click on Theology on Tap.

SAVE THE DATE



The Knights of Columbus/Ronald McDonald Charity Golf Outing June Event has been rescheduled to:

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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.

24-Hour Adoration: Adoration will begin on Thursday evening, July 23, 2020, from 6p-9p. Please see page 5 for details.



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 restrictions. For more information, please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.



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 will remain closed. Please call or email the parish office, 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

Lost and Found: When we re-open, 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. Email to: jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org and rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

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FROM ST. IRENE PARISH HUSTLE UP THE HILL FOR THE HOMELESS COMMITTEE...

VIRTUAL HUSTLE UP THE HILL FOR THE HOMELESS

Because of social distancing guidelines related to Covid-19, this year's Hustle Up the Hill for the Homeless sponsored by St. Irene Parish will be a virtual race. Our annual race is usually held at Blackwell's Mt. Hoy. This year's event can be completed anywhere and anytime between Aug 22-31. Registered participants have the option of hustling up and down Mt. Hoy at Blackwell Forest Preserve in Warrenville or completing a 5K walk/run on the route of their choice. Cost is \$30 per person or \$100 for a team of 4. Those who register by Aug 1st will receive a race t-shirt.

Our most vulnerable populations have been hit hard by Covid-19 and high unemployment rates. Please help our fight to end homelessness by participating in this important fundraiser. Gather your friends and family and register at:

www.hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com

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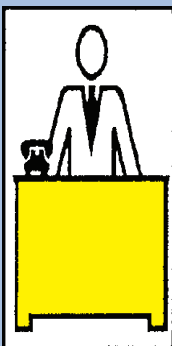
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