

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## *Leading Souls to Heaven*

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Pastor: Very Rev. Christopher Lankford, KHS

### MASS TIMES

#### *CHAPEL*

**Mondays, Wednesdays**  
5:30 pm

**Tuesdays, Thursdays**  
8:15 am

**Fridays**  
12:00 pm

#### *CHURCH*

**Saturdays**  
5:00 pm

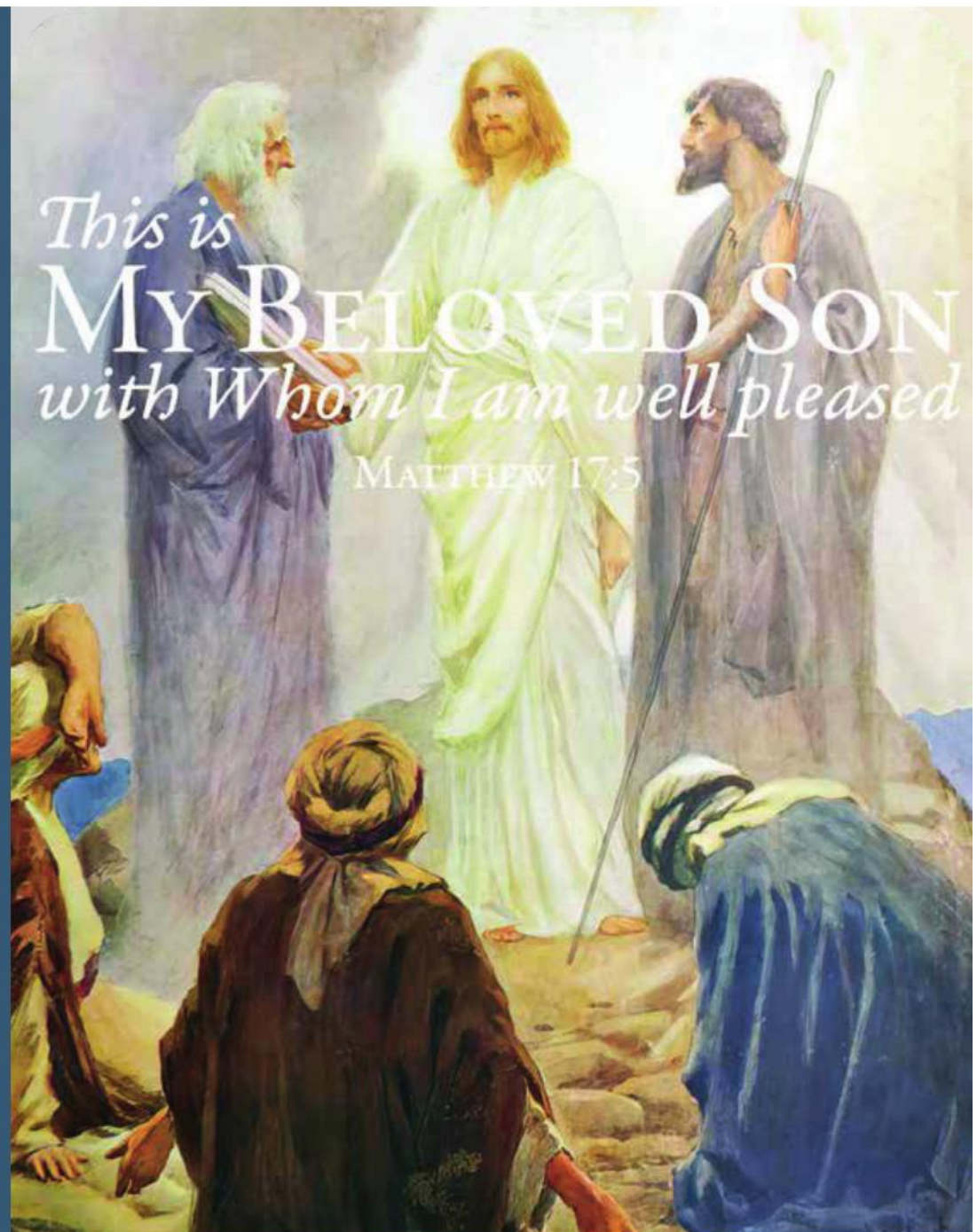
**Sundays**  
7:30 am  
9:30 am  
11:30 am

### CONFESSIONS

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

### ADORATION

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



*Transfiguration Of The Lord, August 6, 2023*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends In Christ,

Sometimes I feel like there are not enough chances for me to address all of the issues and stories I would like to share with you. There just never seems to be enough time or weeks in the year, which it's so hard to believe it's already August! So, today I'm going to talk about two subjects – one is liturgical, and one is not.



Let's start with the more important one first – sacred scripture. Liturgically, today is the feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's an important event in Jesus' life and the life of the Church. On this day, we celebrate that Jesus took three of His disciples, Peter, James and John, and went with them high up on a mountain. During this trek, He became dazzling white in front of the three apostles present, and was Transfigured before them.

What I love about the Transfiguration is that it shows Jesus in His glory. The glory to come in Heaven. It really is the feast day of our parish mission statement, leading souls to Heaven! It is also a feast of Hope, as we all, I hope, no pun intended, desire to be in that Glory of Heaven one day.

And, now for subject number two. As everybody here is aware, we have struggled with our air conditioning system in the church for well over a month now. We have now had two outages over that time period, and with the brutal heat and humidity at the end of July the church was just downright uncomfortable. Fortunately, we were able to accommodate everybody inside the chapel, where the air, thanks be to God, is working fine.

However, this is only a short-term solution. Mass attendance in the summer is typically lower due to summer vacations. Soon, we will need to be returning to the church for Mass. Our church has served us very well over the years, but in the fall it turns forty years old, and some of its infrastructure has outlived its useful life.

As you know, I believe I am truly blessed to be part of St. John's. I have always received an outpouring of support in prayer, administratively, and with the financial generosity of our community. Because of that, you also know that I try to focus on only two large special collections a year– the diocese annual appeal fund which supports our deacons and seminarians, and our 53rd Sunday collection which helps us meet our fiscal year operations shortfall.

However, the replacement of the major components of the air conditioning system is going to be a very significant expense. North of \$100k. I've prayed hard about this, given it a lot of thought, and also taken into consideration a lot of feedback I have already received from many of you. Given our circumstances, I am asking you to consider making a donation to help St. John's replace this old and failing equipment.

I already have received commitments from a number of generous donors to contribute towards the replacement of the system, and one donor is even willing to match donations specifically targeted for the replacement of the air conditioning equipment, up to a certain limit. Once I receive their permission, I will make that matching number known to you. To get this accomplished, and to see where we stand realistically on funding this project, I would like to hold a special second collection each of the next two weeks, August 13th and August 20th. Any contributions will help us replace the failing system, and I ask that you pray and consider with this effort.

Obviously, more information is to follow. We will be securing multiple bids for the project to ensure that we are the best stewards with resources we have for St. John's. In the meantime, as always, I am humbled by your past and continued prayers, support and generosity. I wish you a blessed and safe week.

In Christ,  
Fr. Chris

p.s. Stay cool! St. Dimitar, Pray for Us!





### 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!**



## Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of July 23, 2023, were \$15,512.00. We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24,600.



Join Us!

**WESHARE ONLINE GIVING**

**Sign Up to Give Online!**

If you've never donated online before, signing up is easy! Visit our church website at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://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.

**St. John the Baptist**  
**Annual Parish Picnic Sunday,**  
**August 20th**  
Immediately following the  
11:30 am Mass



#### What to Bring:

- A Hot or Cold Dish to Pass - Salads/Veggies/Fruit (Please bring in a disposable container)
- A Blanket or Lawn Chair if you would like to sit outside

#### Ways to Volunteer:

We need pop/water donations and several volunteers.  
Sign up online: <https://signup.com/go/wBULYLD>  
Or on the poster in the Narthex



SignUp

#### Fun Events:

**Food** - Knights of Columbus will serve BBQ and Sweet Corn  
Enjoy a Parishioner Pot Luck  
**Beverages** - Beer, Wine, Pop and Water  
**Music** - Live music by SJB Contemporary Ensemble  
**Bingo - Games - Obstacle Course & Hayrides**



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## 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](http://diojoliet.org)) or go to **Diocese of Joliet - Frontline Recruitment** ([applitrack.com](http://applitrack.com)).

For more information, email principal, Joanne Policht at [jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org) or 630-668-2625, extension 617 or Fr. Jeff Putthoff at [jputthoff@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto: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.

## 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@sjhinsdale.com](mailto:katie@sjhinsdale.com) to have your group added to registration!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

Over the years our Knights of Columbus Council has distributed over \$60,000 in scholarship awards to assist students and families with the cost of a college education. This year, each winner received a \$1,000 award. The winners for 2023 and the college they are attending follow below:

### 2023 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each winner of a scholarship received \$1000; over the years the council has given away \$60,000 to help college students. The winners for 2023 are as follows:

Hayden Janavich	(Bradley)
Dulce Reyes	(Elmhurst)
Megan Otto	(University of Illinois)
Victoria LaCroix	(Illinois State University)
Bridget Marie Weber	(Iowa State)
Amaya McDonald	(Northern Illinois)
Norbert K. Herbert	(Loras College)
Benjamin Jimenez	(Elmhurst University)
Ryan Lyngaas	(University of Kansas)
Madison A. Thomas	(Palmer Chiropractic)



### Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

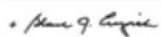


The Illinois tax credit scholarship program has proven to be a beacon of hope and a guiding force toward a better life for thousands of Illinois students and their families. However, that light may be snuffed out unless the Illinois General Assembly acts to continue the law that provides for this program. Therefore, we are writing to ask you to contact your Illinois state representative and state senator to express your desire to retain the tax credit scholarship program.

Since its inception six years ago, the tax credit scholarship program has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending private schools in the state. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a 75% tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax. All of the scholarships are need-based. Without this program, Illinois families may be unable to send their loved ones to the school of their choice. Demand for scholarships is high - for every scholarship granted, three students were turned down due to lack of funds.

Allowing the tax credit scholarship program to sunset would not only be a life altering disservice to the families it is designed to help, but would also create long-term consequences by weakening the state's educational choices and placing additional roadblocks in front of thousands of Illinois students on the path to a brighter future.

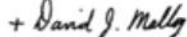
Please contact your state representative and state senator to let them know you support extending the tax credit scholarship program in Illinois law. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do so also. Our collective voice is needed. To assist in this endeavor, please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a possible message to send, or for information about how to donate.



His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich  
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Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois



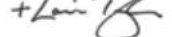
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Bishop of Rockford



Most Reverend Ronald Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet



Most Reverend Michael McGovern  
Bishop of Belleville



Most Reverend Louis Tylka  
Bishop of Peoria



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 5, Vigil, The Transfiguration Of The Lord

5:00 p.m. † Albert & Lucille Vogt (Ronald & Sharon Kammes & Family)  
 † Bonnie & ♥ Butch Hansen, Wedding Anniversary  
 † Stephen Noonan, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)  
 † Joe Konopka  
 † Jozef Gil (Adrienne Rose)  
 † Michelle Szymczak (Linda McKee & Ron Szymczak)

### Sunday, August 6, The Transfiguration Of The Lord

7:30 a.m. ♥† Knights of Columbus, Living & Deceased (Knights of Columbus)  
 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish  
 11:30 a.m. † Rosemarie, Robert & Sam DeGangi (Larry Zengri)

### Monday, August 7

5:30 p.m. † Ambrosio Madera, Sr. (Amor & Carlito Gabas)

### Tuesday, August 8

8:15 a.m. ♥ Nathaniel Xavier Garro, Health & Intentions (Maureen & Joe Garro)

### Wednesday, August 9

5:30 p.m. † James Kraimer (Diana & Florian Szmurlo)

### Thursday, August 10

8:15 a.m. † John H. Crossman (Linda & Ralph Grieco)

### Friday, August 11

12:00 p.m. † Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)  
 † Patrick Flynn (Friends)  
 † Thomas Wheling, Sr. (Edward (Skip) Meyer)  
 † Rick Zagotta (Dick & Nancy Clemens)  
 † Gloria Sullivan (Kennan Sullivan)  
 † Marie Jesukaitis (Connie Jesukaitis)

**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 ♥ *The Rohr Family, Health & Intentions*  
 CHURCH ♥ *Adam Palinski, 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.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Fr. McGivney Council #8002

### MONTHLY CALENDAR – August 2023

Weds Aug 2nd 7PM- Fire-Pit Rosary  
 Sat Aug 5th 6PM-Reception Sebahar Hall (Maureen Brennan-Adrienne Rose)  
 Sat Aug 12th St Francis HS Pig Roast Prep/Cook at GK Reyes' Barn  
 Mon Aug 14th 7PM-Business Meeting GK Reyes Barn  
 Weds Aug 16th 7PM -Fire Pit Rosary  
 Sat Aug 19th 3PM-DD Callahan House Birthday Party Grill  
 Sun Aug 20th 11AM -SJB Parish Picnic/corn/grill/ hay ride/clean up  
 Mon Aug 21st 7PM-Fun Meeting GK Reyes' Barn  
 Weds Aug 23rd 7PM-Fire Pit Rosary  
 Mon Aug 28th 7PM-Business Meeting GK Reyes' Barn

## 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](http://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 )
SRA Francis Beifuss	Timothy A. Newell
Lt. Col. John Berg	ABH2 Sean Phillips
Sgt. Tyler Bowling, US Army	Captain Colleen Rezabek
Sgt Melissa Brooker	Captain Kevin Rezabek
Pvt Timothy Conley	A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez
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Airman Nicholas Kostecka	Lt. Keith Wolfe
Lt. Crystal Kotvan	
Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski	
Sgt. David Lawless	
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 16, 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](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net)

## 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

### 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](mailto: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.

Dear St. John's Parish Family,

Thank you for your generous donations to The Alex Project. With the aid of St. John's students, we have been able to distribute another 150 care bags to the needy this year, bringing our grand total to close to 500 bags. The DuPage County Sherriff's office has been extremely helpful in this process by getting the bags to the organizations that help the homeless, refugees, and those in need in our community. We have given bags and items to the veterans' shelter. We will continue to collect for the need is a constant one.

With appreciation,  
Alex McCall

### 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  
Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ 630-668-1074  
St Vincent de Paul Society: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext 692  
Church: [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) School: [www.sjbwinfield.org](http://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

## SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

- The items they need currently are:
- Beef Soup \_\_\_\_\_ Pasta Sauce \_\_\_\_\_
- Candy \_\_\_\_\_ Paper Towels \_\_\_\_\_
- Canned Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Rice \_\_\_\_\_
- Canned Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Shampoo \_\_\_\_\_
- Canned Tuna \_\_\_\_\_ Snacks \_\_\_\_\_
- Cooking Oil \_\_\_\_\_ Sugar \_\_\_\_\_
- Flour \_\_\_\_\_ Toilet Paper \_\_\_\_\_
- Deodorant \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Soup \_\_\_\_\_
- Jelly \_\_\_\_\_
- Pasta \_\_\_\_\_

Please, No Expired Food or Partially Used Packages. Questions?  
630-668-0918, ext. 692.  
Thank you!



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