

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

Leading Souls to Heaven

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DECEMBER 12, 2021

MASS TIMES

Mondays -
Thursdays
7:00 am

Fridays
12:00 pm

Saturdays
Confessions-
3:30-4:30 pm
(Additional
Confession
Times for
Advent, see
page 3)

5:00 pm
(*Sunday
Vigil*)

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



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THIRD Sunday OF *Advent*

Whoever has two cloaks should share
with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

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.
Maria Elena Castro
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
Krystyna Derecki
Kathe Doremus
Nick DuBay
Karen Durbin
Ralph Eckhoff
Concepcion Edaño
Joan Enders
Aaron Erickson
William Ferdinand

Patrocinia Fernandez
Marie Flores
Valerie Fraser
Kyle Freed
Ada Fritz
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
Baby Luke Hougau
Edy Jacobs
Pat Jakubiec
Monique Jakubielski
Jason Jensen
Margarita Jimenez
Andrew Jin
Shawn Jurgensen
Mary Kallas
Kathy Kamphaus
Brandon Karimi
Ken Kasnicka
Carter Kettner
Donna Kevil
Gerry Krug

Margaret Kuhn
Korin 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
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 Petrolo
Joseph Pirofalo
Brittney Prehn
Ian Prosser
Tim Ptak
Mary Rauch
Sam Reyes
Alicia Ricciardi
Paul & Katherine Ricciardi
Katherine Underwood
Gertie Romero
Monica Romero
Kelli Rooney
Katherine Rose
John Rossi
Sister Audrey Rothwell
Marvin Rothwell
Susan Rothwell
Bob Salat
Dwayne Sarver
Scott Schwartz
Sven Segerlund
John Shannon
Desiree Sheppard

Evelyn Skriba
Dan Smyth
Dolores Snyder
Diane Strachta
Cynde Barone Stavros
Doug Stephan
Hugh Stott
Michael John Stralko
Rosemary Sumang
Ewa Sarnacka
Lucy Szwed
Mary Tarchala
Deborah Terry
Virg Tobin
Jim Toman
Michael Torri
Erin Anderson Tugman
Benjamin Vargas
Maria Vargas
Martha Vescio
Virginia Underwood
Dolores Vasquez
Genevieve Welch
Emily Wilson
Kylie Wells-Long
Paula Winterhalder
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

Consultant, Facilities:
.....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

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

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. If you would like to receive Communion on the tongue, please wait until the end and please receive from the priest celebrant of the Mass in compliance with the Diocese of Joliet. 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
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 Sarlito
AN Michael Schieve
PFC Keegan Serbick
Major Jim Smolucha
Major Mike Smolucha
SPC Thomas Stanhope
AFSSgt Zachary Ushman
Lt. Keith Wolfe

Please keep in your prayers our
Deacon & Seminarian who are prepar-
ing for the Priesthood :

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary
Seminarian Alex Lorang

Please pray for all the Seminarians who
are studying in
the Diocese of Joliet.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we continue our journey through Advent together, which is not only preparing for Our Lord's birth on Christmas, but is also our time of preparation for Christ's second coming at the end of time, I encourage you to come to Reconciliation. The importance of this gift from God is explained in our U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults:

"Not only does it [the Sacrament of Penance] free us from our sins but it also challenges us to have the same kind of compassion and forgiveness for those who sin against us. We are liberated to be forgivers. We obtain new insight into the words of the Prayer of St. Francis: "It is in pardoning that we are pardoned." Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the Church. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so that any sin committed after Baptism can be forgiven. In confession we have the opportunity to repent and recover the grace of friendship with God. It is a holy moment in which we place ourselves in his presence and honestly acknowledge our sins, especially mortal sins. With absolution, we are reconciled to God and the Church. The Sacrament helps us stay close to the truth that we cannot live without God. "In him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28)."

If you come regularly to confession, please know that Our Lord and I are grateful. If you haven't been to confession in a while, please come back to receive this great sacrament as a gift to yourself and to Our Lord.

These are the extra times for Confession which are in addition to our regular Confession times on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. All Confessions are in the Church.

Friday, December 17, 2021

After 12:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday, December 18, 2021

2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

12:00 p.m.-until all are heard

7:00 p.m.-until all are heard

No confessions will be heard on Saturday, Christmas Day.

May we all continue to prepare for our Lord this Christmas.

In Christ,
Fr Chris

Unfortunately, Father Chris has been "hacked." If you receive an email or a text from him asking for money or a gift card, please do not reply or respond. Father Chris would never ask for money or gift cards via text or emails.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, December 11

Vigil Mass of The Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Lorraine B. Conley (*The Conley Family*)
† Cosgrove & Miller Families (*Colette Miller*)
† Abe Rundell (*Monica Rundell*)
† Francis & Claranne Zielinski (*SJB Parish Staff*)
† Consolation Gabas (*Carlito & Amor Gabas*)
† Luisito Gudmalin (*Bless & Ed Romero*)
† Virginia Mary Zentara (*The Kocemba Family*)

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Antoinette Fabianski (*The Fabianski Family*)
9:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)

Monday, December 13

7:00 a.m. † Dorothy Aylward (*Jack Aylward*)

Tuesday, December 14

7:00 a.m. † Giuliana Capigatti (*Andrew Capigatti*)
(*offered privately*) † Bill Rose (*The Rose Family*)

Wednesday, December 15

7:00 a.m. † Elaine Michalek (*Lois & Chuck Kirk*)

Thursday, December 16

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

Friday, December 17

12:00 p.m. † Dean Elliott (*The Schweitzer Family*)
(*offered privately*) † Piotr Walkowicz (*Therese Martineau*)

Saturday, December 18

Vigil Mass of The Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Daniel J. McGrath (*Ellen & Michael McGrath*)
† Gene Connors (*Carol Connors*)
† John Hornyak (*SJB Adult Choir*)
† Ken Rae (*Kevin Rae & Family*)
† Gloria Romero (*Carlito & Amor Gabas*)
† Ray & Carol Holterman (*Mark Holterman*)
† Donald Rericka (*Rericka Family*)

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. † Amelia Alcazar (*Aimee Scala*)
9:30 a.m. † Mr. Michele Rendina (*The LoCoco & Gasparro Family*)
11:30 a.m. ♥† People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.
— *Isaiah 12:3*

Prayer of the Week: Third Sunday of Advent

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

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Please pray for

Betty Ann Parisi

who passed away on
December 3, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to her husband,
Charlie, to all of her family & friends.



Please pray for

Winifred "Winnie" Lyne

who passed away on
December 2, 2021.

Our sympathies are extended to her brother and
sister-in-law, Dennis & Karen Calay, and to
all of her family & friends.

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Lorraine B. Conley

Church † Giuliana Capigatti



ATTENTION USHERS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

If you would like to serve as an usher at any of the
Christmas Eve or Christmas Masses, please sign up
on the sheet located on the usher's room door.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24, 2021

(no 12:00 p.m. Daily Mass)

3:00 p.m. - Church

5:00 p.m. - Church

Saturday, December 25, 2021

12:00 a.m. Midnight-Church (12/25)

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

(No Confessions on Christmas)

(No 5:00 p.m. Mass on 12/25)

Sunday, December 26, 2021-

*The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

7:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31, 2021

12:00 p.m. Daily Mass

Vigil for Solemnity of Mary-

5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1, 2022

**Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God** *(not a holyday of obligation this year)*

10:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Sunday,
Epiphany of the Lord

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

The Sacrament of Penance & Confession is on Saturdays from 3:30p until 4:30p in the Church. Masks are required for anyone over 2 and up regardless of vaccination status. To maintain confidentiality & privacy, everyone will be asked to remain in the Narthex until it is their turn.

Confession Schedule/Horario de Confesiones

- Saturday, December 11, 3:30 pm
- Saturday, December 18, 3:30 pm

Additional Confession Times for Advent

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Volunteer Opportunity for Christmas!

**JOIN US IN
DECORATING OUR ST. JOHN'S
CHURCH HOME FOR
CHRISTMAS!**

**Sunday, December 19,
after the 11:30 am Mass.**

We will be meeting in the Chapel.

All are welcome.

Bring your mask!

**Questions? Contact Noel Luchinski at
630-338-2559 or**

Noel.Luchinski@yahoo.com



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
- 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 Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

Sacrificial Giving

We are ever grateful for your loving generosity & sharing in the Ministries of serving the Lord at St. John the Baptist Parish.

Parish Collections

Abram tithed (giving at least 10%) as a symbol that he depended totally on God. Moses said tithing was holy and an act of worship. Yes, even Jesus talked about money because money is a necessary part of our lives and it is also a necessary part of the viability of the church. Our tithe is merely a way to recognize that. Each family should prayerfully discern their own situation and understand that tithing is God's plan for supporting the church and the poor. We are ever grateful for your generosity and sharing in the Ministries of Serving the Lord here at St. John the Baptist. **Please help us meet our weekly needs of \$22,941.** Thank you for your generosity and support!

Nov. 14.....\$20,140	Nov. 28.....\$21,527
Nov. 21.....\$18,266	December 5.....\$27,128

SPECIAL COLLECTION DECEMBER 12TH- Retirement Fund for Religious

Helping aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's special collection. There is an envelope in your packet of contribution envelopes, or donate online through WeShare on our website www.sjohnwinfield.org Thank you.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

May the God of peace make us completely holy.
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!
Expectant, let us live in joyful hope
for the revelation of the glory
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!
To him be glory forever!
Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss.
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COME ENCOUNTER JESUS AT ST. JOHN!

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

WHAT IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION?

Eucharistic adoration is the act of worshipping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist. Since the Last Supper, when Jesus broke the bread and distributed the wine, saying, "This is my Body" and "This is my Blood", Catholics have believed that the bread and wine are no longer merely baked wheat and fermented grape juice, but the actual living presence of the Second Person of the Trinity. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, in prayer and devotion, is exactly the same as spending time before the living God. Adoration occurs whenever someone kneels in front of a tabernacle that contains the Blessed Sacrament, genuflects towards a tabernacle, bows before receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Mass, or, in a more focused way, when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration. For an interesting article about Adoration, go to:



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

MEN OF ST. JOHN- ROSARY GET-TOGETHER SCHEDULE 7p, Fire Pit, -East Side of Church Grounds

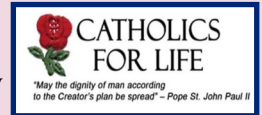
Wed., December 15
Wed., December 29
Wed., January 12

Gentlemen: We will pray 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, December 15th and the above dates.

Please join us for this beautiful devotion.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE



Today we celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of the Americas and the patron of the unborn. Around 20 million pilgrims visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City each year, and it is one of the most-visited Catholic shrines in the world. Perhaps you have been one of those pilgrims, or hopefully one day you will be.

Today in our country, just as it was then in Mexico, we no longer value life especially the unborn. Just as Our Mother changed the culture in Mexico and saved thousands of children's lives let us pray for her to intercede and change our culture from a culture of death to a culture of life.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Loving God, as Advent days continue, we pause to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Honoring Our Lady's message of hope, we open our hearts and offer our prayers for all who are in special need of her help and care this day. Honoring Our Lady's message of peace, we work and pray for unity of all people, and for true and lasting peace on Earth. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us. Patroness of the Americas, pray for us. Patron of Mexico, pray for us. Mother of God, pray for us. Queen of Peace, pray for us. Amen

At Home with the Word Books

There are still *At Home with the Word* books available. If you would like one, please come to the parish office to pick one up, or give us a call at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

The suggested donation is \$10. The donation helps cover costs of these materials and other St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish liturgical needs.

~Worship Commission

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, December 12
8:00 am until 11:00 am
Sebahar Hall**

Our pancake breakfast includes delicious buttermilk pancakes, choice of country sausage links, Applewood smoked bacon, or both, coffee, juice. It is dine-in or carry-out.

Place advance orders starting

Wed., 12/8 through

Sun., 12/12 at 10:00 am,

on St. John's website,

www.stjohnwinfield.org

Or call on Sunday, 12/12:

Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651

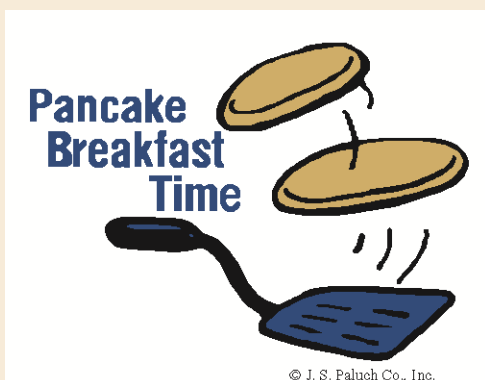
or Sean at 630-835-8225

Pick-up at St. John's

Sebahar Hall,

Liberty St.

Good will donations accepted



WISH TREES

Our Annual Wish Trees

are up in our Church

Vestibule. The Wish

Trees provide an oppor-

tunity for our St. John

the Bap-

tist family to help out two organizations

this Christmas: Winfield Woods (a long

-term care facility in Winfield) and our

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry clients.



Winfield Woods tags are red. They are requesting \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards for their residents.

St. Vincent de Paul tags are mint green. They are requesting \$30 gift cards from Target, Wal-Mart, Amazon, etc. The cards will be given to the children of the St. Vincent de Paul clients.

The gift cards need to be returned anytime through December 15 to the parish office. Please place the gift card in an envelope and tape the tag to the outside of the envelope. Put through mail slot in parish office inner door or bring to Mass and give to an usher.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Young at Hearts...JOIN US on
Wednesday, Dec. 15th
@ 11:30 a.m. in Sebahar Hall**

**Young 
at Hearts**

It's time for the Young at Heart's Christmas luncheon! December's fare will be Chinese. Free will donations accepted.

Young at Hearts is open to anyone 55 or better. Come join us for delicious Chinese food and fellowship, and a chance to catch up and take a well-deserved break before the holidays. Please wear a mask.

If you have any questions, please call
Harriett @ 630-682-1218.

Hope to see you for our Christmas luncheon! 11:30 a.m.,
Wednesday, December 15th.



**ST. VINCENT de PAUL
CHRISTMAS FOOD GIFT CARDS**

Because of the continuing COVID circumstances, St. Vincent DePaul Society will be distributing **Food Gift Cards** in place of Christmas Food Baskets, just as we did last year, to the needy in Winfield, West Chicago and Wheaton areas. Approximately 65 families are helped through our SVDP each Christmas.

If you would like to adopt a family for Christmas, please call the parish office,
630-668-0918, ext. 0. You will be asked :

Your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

If you want to donate a Christmas **\$60 minimum Food Gift Card** for a family of 3 or less, or an **\$80 minimum Food Gift Card** for a family of 4 or more.

If you want to donate a **\$30 Children's Christmas Gift Card**

You will then be contacted by a SVDP volunteer by e-mail who will let you know when and where to drop off the **Christmas Gift Food Card** and perhaps a **Children's Christmas Gift Card**.

Food Gift Cards should be from a local grocery store such as Aldi's, Jewel, Mariano's, etc.

Children's Christmas Gift Cards should be from local stores such as Target, Walmart, etc.

Thank you as always for your generous hearts. May God bless you and your families during the holidays and always.



WHEN YOU HAVE A CAR TO DONATE, YOU "AUTO THINK"... SVDP!

When you hear those radio ads encouraging the donation of your used car, please keep in mind that your car will most likely NOT be given to someone who can use it. Such cars are usually sold at auction or dismantled for the resale of their parts. That may serve the profit-purposes of a charitable organization. Yet it's not very practical for people who have serious transportation needs, but can't afford to buy a car.

On the other hand, when you donate your car to St. Vincent de Paul, once we have determined that it is safe and functional, we put it directly into the hands of a needy person or family, so it can be used...to drive to work, to go on family errands, or to meet the many other practical needs for getting around. We have no paper-work complications. And we have no large management salaries or administrative costs to pay. We simply serve the needy. So when you're ready to surrender your car, keep St. Vincent de Paul first on your list of options. Call **630-293-9755**. We'll pick up the car and get it into the hands of someone who can really use it.



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

SVDP Grocery Needs

While you are out doing holiday shopping this year, would you consider picking up any of the items listed to the right on the St.

Vincent de Paul Grocery list? You can bring the item to Mass and place it in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule which is open 24/7. Questions? 630-668-0918, ext 692. Thank you!

Helping Those In Need



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



SVDP Grocery List

- * *Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup*
- * *Cans of Soup w/Beef*
- * *Cans of Tuna*
- * *Cans of Chili*
- * *Cooking Oil*



Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Saint John the Baptist Catholic Parish on **Wednesday, January 5, 2022**.

A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- **Carotid Artery Screening (Plaque)**
- **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening**
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA)**
- **Atrial Fibrillation**
- **Osteoporosis Risk**

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$139 and take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979 or online at <https://lisa.social/HSC>

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, Dec 15th at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will discuss poems of our choice. Book titles and author suggestions for the 2022 year are appreciated. Please inquire with any questions to Jean Daniell @ tjdaniell@att.net



Upcoming Book Club:

January 19th: Book exchange or book of choice
February 16th: TBD



CHRISTLIFE™
CATHOLIC MINISTRY FOR EVANGELIZATION



COME,
FOLLOW
ME

LUKE 18:22

following Christ

a seven-week journey

Begins Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 7-8:45 pm.

Info and Registration at stjohnwinfield.org/following-christ
or fill out form below and return to Welcome Desk or
Parish Office. Questions? ChristLife@stjohnwinfield.org



-----Registration Form -----

Following Christ – 2/8/22 – 3/22/22, 7-8:45 pm.

Name(s): _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Dietary restrictions: _____

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to all the students of St. John the Baptist Parish who made their First Reconciliation on Monday, December 6. Our gratitude and thanks for their catechists Nancy Cirelli, Maria Luna Jurado, and Guadalupe Terrazas and SJB second grade teacher, Jennifer Burnson, who prepared them for the reception of this sacrament.

Advent-A Time to Slow Down and See God's Beauty!

It never fails...I start to purchase Christmas gifts right after Christmas to get the best sales and the best prices. Then, in early summer, I make my gift list with the intent of having every item purchased and wrapped before Thanksgiving so I can embrace Advent. The idea is to slow down and spend quality time with God. But, unfortunately, every year, my goal is not met. This year is no exception, but I continue to try. How about you?

We, in Religious Education, are trying to do the same; slow down and find Jesus in the midst of all the chaos. Our 5th graders in Mrs. Howe's and Mr. Malsam's class and in the classes of Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez/Reyes chose the following project to slow down and find Jesus in Advent. In the past, parishioners have donated the fronts of their used Christmas cards. Religious Education uses these cards to make placemats for the Young at Hearts Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 15th this year. The 5th graders choose the cards they wish to use, cut them to size and glue them in place. Sometimes it is hard to choose, but they are intrigued with the variety of cards; they love the scenes, be they snow-covered or desert imagery. And they take the opportunity to share what their family does special for Advent and Christmas. The RE students love it! And their God-given creator juices are in full bloom!

Our prayer is you are able to make a real effort to "slow down and let Jesus catch up to you!"

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education

Pictured below are our RE 5th graders working on the placemats



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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, December 2, 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.



MASS INTENTION INFORMATION

Mass Intentions: . The donation for a Mass Intention is \$10; The 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 12:00 pm Friday Mass are free-will donations.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Our parish office is open 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We ask that you wear a mask and refrain from coming into office if you do not feel well. You are always welcome to call or email the parish office, as well, and we will respond to your inquiry as soon as possible. Please call 630-668-0918, ext 0 for the parish office, or email jenniferk@stjohnwinfield.org or rosab@stjohnwinfield.org.

Lost and Found: Please check the Lost and Found box in the Parish Office Vestibule.

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. 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.





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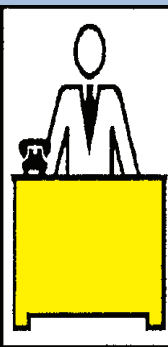
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