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MASS TIMES

Mondays - Thursdays 7:00 am

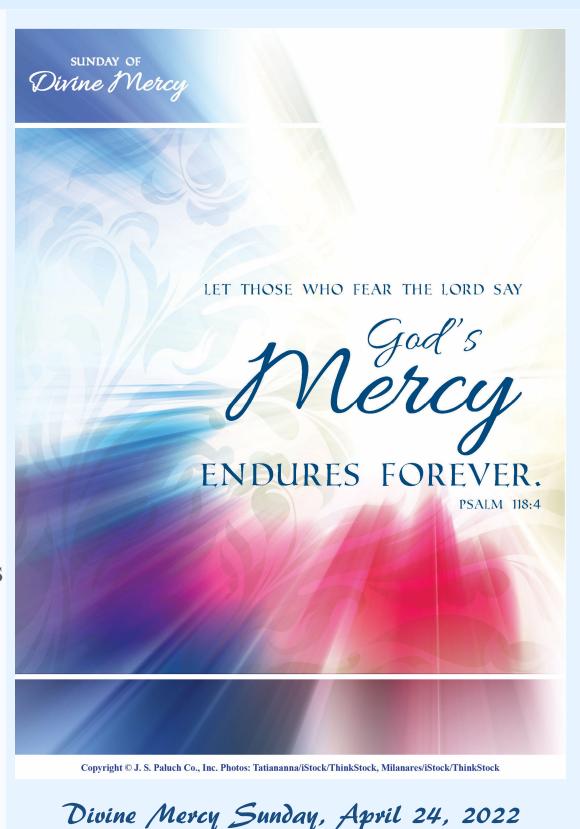
Fridays 12:00 pm

Saturdays 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

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

CONFESSIONS

<u>Saturdays</u> 3:30-4:30 pm



Please pray for our sick

James Adduci Alisa Allen Sandy Anderson Jack Aylward Dave Balseqiz Ada Bantola Maryann Barone Michael Barone Hanns Bell Ella Bitterman Jennifer Bitterman Brian Burke Allison Lamberts Burns Jim Cabrera, Sr. Maria Elena Castro Karen Cervenka Lisa Cicero Al Cieslik Patricia Clifford Kathy Connor Georgene Cook 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

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Evelyn Skriba Dan Smyth Dolores Snyder Diane Srachta Cynde Barone Stavros Doug Stephan Hugh Stott Michael John Stralko Rosemary Sumang Ewa Sarnacka Lucy Szwed Mary Tarchala Deborah Terry Virg Tobin Jim Toman Michael Torri Erin Anderson Tugman Christina Belcher-Ugolini Beniamin Vargas Maria Vargas Martha Vescio Virginia Underwood Dolores Vasquez Genevieve Welch Emily Wilson Kylie Wells-Long Pat Waltz 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 Deacons: Rev. Mr. Brian Geary Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

Website: www.stjohnwinfield.org

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

Please keep in your prayers our Deacons who are preparing for the Priesthood:

Rev. Mr. Brian Geary Rev. Mr. Alex Lorang

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

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS-UPDATE

- 1. Effective February 2022, the Diocese of Joliet has issued an update to COVID-19 protocols. Masks are recommended but not required in church and office settings. Everyone should be respectful of others who may or may not choose to wear masks. 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.
- Effective Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is lifted.
- 3. To read the diocesan COVID-19 updated protocols in detail, go to: dioceseofjoliet.org. Search for "COVID-19 Guidelines."



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. Sqt. Nicholas Gedvilas Pv2 Nicholas Gorman Sgt Pamela Gray Colonel Eric Hass, US Army Colonel Erica Haas, USAF A1C Seth Kelley Airman Nicholas Kostecka Lt. Crystal Kotvan Sgt Major Carrie Kwiatkowski Sqt. David Lawless SrA Robert Lawless Navy Marco Angelo Lomibao Commander Matthew Luff WO1 Jake Miller CMDCM (SW/SS/AW) Timothy A. Newell ABH2 Sean Phillips Captain Colleen Rezabek Captain Kevin Rezabek A1C Alejandro Luis Sanchez Cpl Riley Santoyo Sgt Ian Sarlitto AN Michael Schieve PFC Keegan Serbick Major Jim Smolucha Major Mike Smolucha SPC Thomas Stanhope AFSSgt Zachary Ushman Lt. Keith Wolfe

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, on the first Sunday after Easter we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Feast of Divine Mercy is based on the private revelations of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska who had visitations from Jesus for several years during the 1930s. In those revelations, Jesus told Saint Faustina to do something very specific for Him:

"My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy."

The devotion to the Divine Mercy grew around the world after her revelations and was made an official feast day by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2000 when he canonized Saint Faustina.

On June 29, 2002, The Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See promulgated a decree creating new indulgences that may be gained by the faithful in connection with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. This decree grants a plenary indulgence to those who comply with all the conditions established, and a partial indulgence to those who incompletely fulfill the conditions. It is allowed for one to go to Confession up to 20 days, before or after Divine Mercy Sunday and still receive the indulgences.

Please consider attending the Divine Mercy Service at 3:00 pm in the Church today.

In Christ, Fr Chris

Divine Mercy Chaplet Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 24, 2022

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. — Revelation 1:18a

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 23-Vigil, Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00 p.m. † Paula Lange (Maryann Dusza)

† Fr Edwin Joyce, Anniv. of Death, 4/15/2004

† Paula Lange (The Hanlock Family) † Millie Sperando (John Dusza & Family)

† Cynthia Kalat (Walter & Therese Martineau)

 Health & Intentions, Christine Snyder (Rick & Mary Carlson)

Sunday, April 24-Divine Mercy Sunday

7:30 a.m. † Doris Morrissey (*The Morrissey Family*) 9:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. † John Pohodich (John Pelican)

Monday, April 25

7:00 a.m. † Philip Hitchner (Maureen Garro)

Tuesday, April 26

7:00 a.m. † Noonan & Murray Families (Maureen Garro)

Wednesday, April 27

7:00 a.m. † Beverly Spevak (Pam & Kim Spevak)

Thursday, April 28

7:00 a.m. † Janet Kwiek (MaryBeth Cleary)

Friday, April 29

12:00 p.m. † Gloria Romero (Bless, Ed & Stephanie Romero)

† Fr Arno Dennerlein

† Gloria & Stan Fortman (Patricia & Werner Welz)

† George Dovle

† Ryan Mathew Balbag (The McLean Family)

† Richard Bevilacqua (Donna Gacek)

Saturday, April 30-Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter

5:00 p.m. † Conception Fernandez (The John Dusza Family)

† Rufino & Nicolasa Madera (Carlito & Amor Gabas)

† Jon Passini (Mary Passini)

† Joseph Bolek (Marva Vickers)

† Donald Rericka (The Rericka Family)

† Lucille Vogt (The Ronald & Lucille Vogt Family)

Sunday, May 1, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 a.m. † Corliss Enders (Rose & Jim Effinger)

9:30 a.m. † James Marecek, Birth Anniv. (The Lambert Family)

11:30 a.m. ♥† The People of the Parish

Our Sanctuary Lamps

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

Chapel † Amelia Alcazar

Church ♥ Our 1st Communicants & Their Families

*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.

DIFFICULTY, SURVIVAL, AND GLORY

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & CONFESSION

Confessions are on Saturdays from 3:30 pm until 4:30 pm. All Confessions are in the Church.



Please pray for

Ann Larson

who passed away on April 8, 2022.

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

Because the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been lifted, we will no longer be live-streaming Mass at St. John's after April 24th.

Thank you to all the St. John's parish staff and to the volunteers, especially Debbi Vermillion, who facilitated the live-streaming over the last two years and enabled our parishioners to attend St. John's Mass virtually.



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!

March 20.....\$22,023 April 3......\$25,287 March 27.....\$18,923 April 10......\$20,727

NEWS FROM OUR SJB SCHOOL-INVEST IN KIDS TAX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

Since the inception of the program in 2018, St. John the Baptist Catholic School has received \$487,000 in donations, which has been used to fund 106 scholarships. As you may be aware, we have an amazing matching opportunity. For each dollar, up to \$40,000, two generous donors have pledged to match donations from new donors to the tax credit scholarship program. Simply put, \$40,000 becomes \$80,000 during the month of April! Please keep the donations coming and let's add to the number of scholarships for eligible St. John the Baptist students! For more information about the program or the donation process, please contact principal, Joanne Policht at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org or text Fr. Jeff Putthoff at 347-PUTTHOF (347-788-8463).



*QUESTIONS? Contact our parish office to speak with Jim Nolan, Director of Finance, Facilities, & Operations, 630-668-0918, ext. 604

FROM OUR DIOCESE: DONATING-WAR RELIEF IN UKRAINE

For those of you who would like to donate to war relief in Ukraine, our Diocese's website resource page suggests Catholic Relief Services -Ukraine. If you would like to donate to Catholic Relief Services/ Ukraine, go to our website, www.stjohnwinfield.org, click on WeShare. Click on "View All Second Collections." At the top you will see Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ukraine Relief. Monies donated this way will be sent to our diocese who will forward to Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, with "Catholic Relief Services-Ukraine" in the memo line, & we will forward to the diocese.

SPECIAL COLLECTION APRIL 24-CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

There will be a special collection on April 24th for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Donations offer financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the <u>Catholic Home Missions Appeal</u>, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith. An envelope is in your packet for your convenience.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed,

in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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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REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Registration Dates: Sat. April 23, 8:30am – 10am Wed. April 27, 5:30pm –7:30pm Wed. May 4, 4:30-5:30pm

Current email address, as all correspondences are made using email (no registration without an email)

Pantismal cortificates for now students

Baptismal certificates for new students.

Payments may be made by cash, check, or credit card. There is a \$5 processing fee if paying by credit card. If billing is required when paying by cash, a \$25 fee will be added after September 15th.

Please note beginning May 16, tuition is \$100 per family higher than the early bird rate!

Early Bird April 20 – May 15 Tuition May 16 – June 30 <u>OTHER FEES</u>:

\$200 for one child \$300 for one child Sacrament Fee for Gr. 2, $\overline{\text{Yr. 2}}$, Conf. 1 & 2: + \$75

\$300 for two children \$400 for two children 6th grade activity fee: + \$30 \$400 for three or more children \$500 for 3 or more children Any class changes: + \$10

Registrations on or after July 1 are put on a waiting list and will be notified if a class becomes available.

Tuition and fees are to be paid at the time of enrollment. If you are unable to do so, payment plans are available, but a minimum of \$100 deposit (non-refundable) is asked to hold your registration for your specified class time.

ALEX'S PROJECT-CARE BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS!

Born in a small town in Siberia, Alex McCall was adopted at seven years old and came to West Chicago in 2003 to live with his forever family. For the first seven years of his life he didn't have much and was thrilled to come to all the comforts of home. Alex became an active member in his church, St. John the Baptist, school, and Boy Scouts where he received his Eagle Scout award. He enjoyed participating in many service projects that benefited others. Since he knows how it feels to have nothing, he has always wanted to give back and pay forward. When he started working, he decided to take some of his pay and help stock the shelves of the Ronald McDonald House. *That was the beginning of the "Alex Project"*. Each year there is a different beneficiary. His project has donated toys to Shriner's Hospital, Ronald McDonald, and Central DuPage Hospital. This is the sixth annual project – *making Care Bags for the homeless*. He did the same project in 2021 and there was such a need for help he decided to repeat the project. *With everyone's help, each Care Bag is filled with new socks, gloves, hat, hand warmers, face mask, sanitizer, toothpaste and brush, and other toiletries.* There are special bags made for the children with extra items just for kids. The students of St. John's Religious Education help decorate and fill these bags. Last year over 500 bags were distributed to organizations that help the needy. PADS, Hesed house, Midwest Veterans Shelter, Elmwood Park Veterans Shelter, Wayne Township, Milton Township, DuPage County Sherriff and various police departments.

With everyone's continued help and support, this project will be a great success and help many people who are having a difficult time. If you would like to donate to help with the project, please contact the Religious Education Office at St. John the Baptist Parish. There is a great need for the items listed above or if you don't have time to shop, monetary donations are appreciated.

~Maureen Brennan, Director of Religious Education, maureenb@stjohnwinfield.org, 630-668-0918, ext. 612

The Operation Andrew Dinner is an informal evening open to young men high school age or older. It is an opportunity to have dinner with priests from the Diocese of Joliet. There will be a presentation on priesthood as well as an opportunity to ask questions and

Operation Andrew Dinner

Monday, April 25, 2022 6:30pm - 8:00pm St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield

have the chance to meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood. Dads may join their sons for the evening with their local priest; please be sure to RSVP early so Fr Chris can make plans to attend, as well.

DONUT SUNDAY TODAY!

Please join your fellow parishioners in Sebahar Hall for fellowship, coffee & donuts today after the 7:30 and 9:30 am Masses.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST-Next Sunday

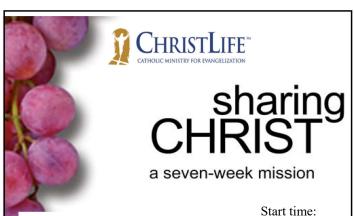
Spring Special

Enjoy pancakes
with your choice of bacon or sausage
Sunday, May 1st
8:00 am until 11:00 am
Sebahar Hall
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Place advance orders starting Wed., 4/27 thru Sun., 5/1, at 10:00 am, on St. John's website,

www.stjohnwinfield.org

Or call on Sunday:
Sebahar Hall, 630-668-0918, ext. 651
or Sean at 630-835-8225
Dine in or take away
at St. John's Sebahar Hall, Liberty St.
Good-will donations accepted.



For those who have completed 7:00 pm
Following Christ, the third Christ-Life
Trimester begins Tuesday, April 5, 2022.
Please go to
stichnwinfield org/sharing-christ

stjohnwinfield.org/sharing-christ

for info and registration.

Questions? Please email christlife@stjohnwinfield.org





MONDAY May

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3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8002 SPRING BLOOD DRIVE

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT 0S233 CHURCH STREET, WINFIELD AND WILL BE HELD IN SEBAHAR HALL

3:00pm to 7:00pm

To sign up, go to www.versiti.org/IL, scan the QR Code below or call/text Camille from Versiti at 847-305-9998.

Appointments encouraged; walk-ins welcome. Photo ID required.

Donate for a chance to win a \$75 e-gift card so you can stream your favorite movie or download the latest game!





KNIGHTS & MEN OF ST. JOHN

"Go to the Madonna. Love her! Always say the Rosary. Say it well. Say it as often as you can! Be souls of prayer. Never tire of praying, it is what is essential. Prayer shakes the Heart of God, it obtains necessary graces!" -St. Padre Pio

We, the Knights of Columbus and the Men of St. John, get together to pray the Holy Rosary, every other Wednesday evening. We will convene again at St. John's Fire Pit (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Pavilion) on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m., to offer our thanks for our many gifts and blessings and to pray, as well, for our many individual needs and intentions:

- for deliverance from the scourge of abortion,
- for the end of the pandemic and its effects,
- for the suffering and the sick,
- for the strayed and neglectful of faith,
- for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and
- in special thanks for our great Pastor, Fr. Chris Lankford

Afterwards, we'll get together for good conversation, supplemented by tasty snacks and "libations." Hope you can join us.

--Sean Conley and Mike McGrath



ULTREYA

Join us for the next Ultreya on Saturday, May 14. Rosary will begin in the Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Immediately following, we will head downstairs to Sebahar Hall. The Ultreya will begin at 9:30 and run for approximately 1 hour. Coffee/tea and snacks will be provided.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Our Cursillo Community will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet the first Sunday of each month on-line. The next Chaplet will be held via Zoom on May 1 at 8:00 pm. Friends and family are welcome. The Zoom Meeting ID is 812-1236-0469.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS

The Women's 131st Cursillo Weekend is at full capacity with 38 women registered. Our parish is proud to be sponsoring, Judi Gonzalez, Rosi Rodriguez, Val Ward, Jill Rithmiller, and Linda Fuechsl! Please pray for them and all those attending the weekend.

We are happy to welcome the newest Cursillistas from the men's spring weekend; Rick Loechl and Bob Ward. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit as you begin your fourth day journey!

The fall weekends are scheduled at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien for the following dates;

Men's Weekend-September 15-19 Women's Weekend-October 6-9

NEW TO CURSILLO?

Are you interested in undergoing an exhilarating and unforgettable religious and life-changing experience? Do you want the opportunity to experience peace, serenity and joy which often eludes many of us? Would you like to grow in your relationship with Christ? Do you want to be a better role model and leader within your family and environments? If you answered yes to any of these, then this is a weekend you won't want to miss! Your experience will include being in the company of other faith-filled Catholics that will support you on your spiritual journey, both during the weekend and beyond. Cursillo will help you to become a better person and Christian in your daily life. You will have time to think, pray and learn away from the hectic pace of everyday life. The weekend includes a series of awesome and thought-provoking talks given by laity and clergy followed by small group discussion. The Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as personal Spiritual Direction with a clergy member will be made available for those interested.

Fr. Burke recently wrote in his blog. "Consider investing 72 hours to change your life forever. Join millions around the world that have experienced a Cursillo weekend and learn how-to live-in God's grace.

Finally, bring your appetite, as there will be plenty of food, fun and fellowship! Transportation to and from the weekend will be provided.

You will need a sponsor to attend a Cursillo because there is a discipleship model in place. If you are interested in being sponsored for a Cursillo Weekend, please contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at amythe 1@att.net

Additional information can be found in the narthex or on our website www.jolietcursillo.org

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord requested Sister Faustina to have a feast day established as a day of



Mercy. It was established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000. God wants to give his Divine Mercy to anyone who ask for forgiveness, no matter what they have done. St. John's will have a Divine Mercy service today, April 24, at 3p.m. For more information on Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and for the National Shrine of Divine Mercy schedule of events today go to https://www.shrineofdivinemercy.org/

Below are two meditations from the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina.

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come forth from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercv.

When I entered the chapel for a moment, the Lord said to me, My daughter, help Me to save a certain dying sinner. Say the chaplet that I have taught you for him. When I began to say the chaplet, I saw the man dying in the midst of terrible torment and struggle. His Guardian Angel was defending him, but he was, as it were, powerless against the enormity of the soul's misery. A multitude of devils was waiting for the soul. But while I was saying the chaplet, I saw Jesus just as He is depicted in the image. The rays which issued from Jesus' Heart enveloped the sick man, and the powers of darkness fled in panic. The sick man peacefully breathed his last. When I came to myself, I understood how very important the chaplet was for the dying. It appeases the anger of God (*Diary*, 1565).



St. John the Baptist Council of Catholic Women Upcoming May 2022 events

Sat., May 7th 9:30am May Crowning

In the Chapel

Ladies, Join us in the Chapel at 9:30am for our annual May Crowning. Our Women of the Year, Sheila Hornyak and Joan Pacer will be crowning the Blessed Mother.



Afterwards, come down to Sebahar Hall for a delicious Breakfast. Following breakfast, our meeting will feature the officers and commission chairs reports on our work this past year.

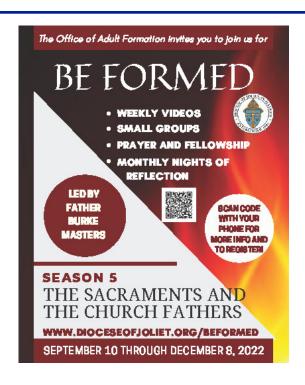


Young at Hearts is planned for: May 18th

Thurs., May 26th 7:00pm in Sebahar Hall Board meeting

We will be planning the events to celebrate Deacon Brian Geary who will be ordained on May 21st and Deacon Alex Lorang's Deaconate Ordination April 9th.





SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on Saturdays. Parents need to be registered parishioners for at least six months and parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Godparents are to be practicing Catholics! If Godparents are married, their marriage needs to be blessed by the Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, 600.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our RCIA classes are for any adult wanting to become Catholic. This is the time when questions are answered and formation begins. So, whether you are answering God's call to join the church, seeking to participate fully in the sacraments, or looking to find answers about the Catholic faith, RCIA is for you. RCIA sessions meet weekly from September until Easter. Jim and Rosanne Druckemiller are co-directors and they can be reached by contacting the church office at 630-668-0918. Call soon and get excited about the Catholic faith. We can't wait to meet you!

Wedding Information

Getting married? Give us a ring! Please contact one of the parish priests as soon as you become engaged and at least six months before the wedding date. Spiritual preparation begins at least SIX MONTHS in advance. Catholics need to be attending church every Sunday. Please do not set your reception date until you meet with a priest.



Prayers & Support for the Sick & Those in Need

Having Surgery?

Give one of our priests a call PRIOR to your surgery, so that anointing can be given at a time when you are less stressed. Call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, & set a time to come in BEFORE your surgery for anointing.

Hospital Visits

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, our priests are unable to make a hospital visit unless the situation is dire. To receive communion while in the hospital, please make the request to a hospital Chaplain. Because of HIPAA Laws the Hospital does not notify Churches when parishioners are there. Please notify the St. John's Parish Office when a loved one is in the hospital so prayers can be offered. We want to do our best to minister to all hospitalized.

Homebound-Parishioners who are homebound and wish to receive communion, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0, and we will pass your name to the coordinator for Homebound Ministry.

Prayers of the Faithful

If you or someone in your family is sick and would like to be mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful at Sunday Masses, please call the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Prayer Line, Pray for the Sick Listed in Bulletin

If you or someone in your family is sick & would like to be prayed for by our confidential Prayer Line or listed in the Please Pray for the Sick in the Church bulletin, please contact the parish office at 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group offers emotional support for those grieving a loss - whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Support is based on confidentiality, trust, and safety. The next Grief Support meeting is Thurs. evening, May 5, 2022, in the Parish Office Dining Room. For more information, contact the parish office, 630-668-0918, ext. 0.

Eucharistic Adoration: Beginning March 3rd, Adoration hours are expanded to 12 hours every Thursday, immediately following 7:00 am Mass, until 8:00 pm in the Chapel. 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.



Miscellaneous

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. 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.

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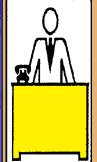


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