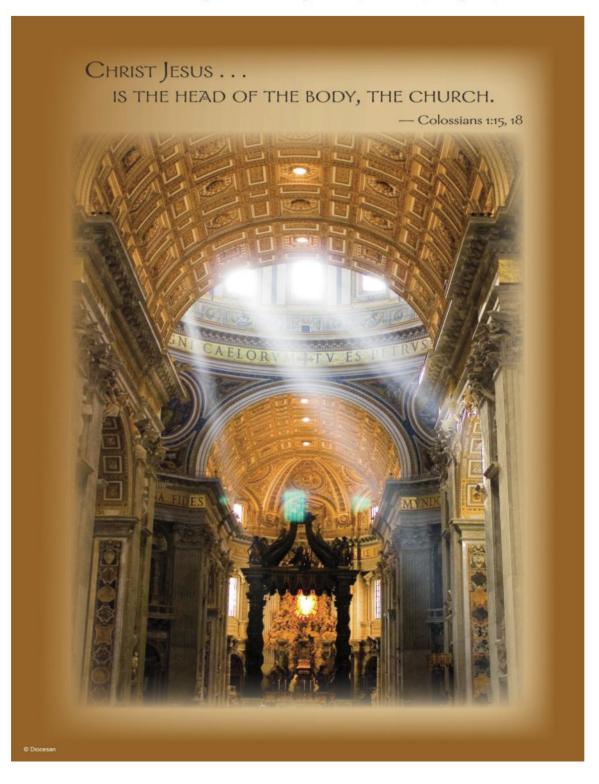
St. John the Baptist

Leading Souls to Heaven

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, July 13, 2025





Bereavement Support Group

Dear Parish Family,

In the June 1st bulletin, I wrote an article introducing an additional bereavement group at our parish, **Seasons of Hope**, which offers support to anyone who has lost a loved one through death. I would like to provide a little more information about **Seasons of Hope (SOH)** so that if you are considering attending you will understand what to expect, and are also able to spread this information to others.

A little background: In 2016 at St Peter and Paul parish in Naperville (SSPP), the parish nurse and I realized that there was a need to help parishioners who had lost loved ones after the loss. I was the homebound communion coordinator and visited numerous parishioners in the last weeks and days of their earthly lives. After researching various programs, we determined **SOH** fit our needs. Two other parishes near us tried **Seasons of Hope** for a time but are no longer offering it for various reasons.

I made the decision that if we were doing this program, we would offer it throughout the year without interruption. I honestly believe that this is the primary reason that we began the 9th year of **Seasons** of **Hope** this year at SSPP.

The program is structured in such a way that a person who is interested in participating is asked to attend at least the first two sessions of a season to see if they are comfortable in the setting. **SOH** consists of four seasons; each season consists of six sessions. At the end of session six, folks are asked if they will continue into the next season. Experience has shown us that most people attend all four seasons. Occasionally, depending on their level of grief, people will repeat the seasons.

I believe that another bereavement group at St. John the Baptist would be beneficial. **SOH** meets more frequently than the grief support ministry, but with the same purpose: peers helping one another through their grief.

As stated earlier, anyone suffering a loss through death is welcome to attend. The program creator recommends that the grieving person is approximately three to six months away from the time of their loved one's death (and my experience finds this to be best as well).

If you or anyone you know needs more information, please reach out to me through the parish office at 630.668.0918 or email me at: deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org.

Seasons of Hope begins August 28, meeting every two weeks, in the dining room, from 6:30pm-8pm. The number of attendees will be limited each season and preregistration is required.

In Christ,

Deacon Joe Verdico

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 12, Vigil, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † Katazrzyna Walkowicz (Walter & Therese Martineau)

- † Rose Bahuhin (Carlito & Amor Gabas)
- † Ambrosio Sr., & Uldarica Madera Bless (Ed Romero & Family)
- **♥** The Valladolid Family (Ivan Valladolid)
- † Rita Bogaert (Cathy Johnston)

Sunday, July 13, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am ♥†People of St. John's

9:30am † Rita Szarzynski (Ellen & Mike McGrath)

11:30am† Rose Klaibor (Bruce & Pamela Cibulko)

Monday, July 14

5:30pm † Lucille Walters (Leslie Wicker)

Tuesday, July 15

8:15am ♥ Joan Noonan (Maureen & Joe Garro)

Wednesday, July 16

5:30pm † Robert Rieniann (Garrett & Kimberly Nagle)

Thursday, July 17

8:15am † Elizabeth Marecek (Lambert Family)

Friday, July 18

12:00pm †Janet Gibson (Steve & Linda Fuechsl)

- † Fred Dusza (Maryann Dusza)
- † Richard Pribyl III (Karen & Tom Borow)
- † John Pigott (Katie, Liz, Mary, & Ann Silverman)
- ♥ Mary Ann Garza, Birthday Blessings

Mass Intentions: The donation for an individual Mass intention Monday-Thursday daily Mass and the Sunday Masses at, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 is \$10. The Friday at 12:00 pm Mass and Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm are free will donations.

Scripture Readings For the Week of For the Week of July 13, 2025

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9,

10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Monday Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Prayer Requests

We understand how important it is to lift our loved ones up in prayer. If you have someone who needs prayers, is sick, or has passed away, please contact us at 630-668-0918 x 0, or contactus@stjohnwinfield.org.

Lynn Kadolph
Dave Kadolph
Desiree Sheppard
Helen Payne
Britney Prehn
Anita Venard
Marino Verdico
Luke Hougan
Lawrence Campbell

Prayer Line

If you would like a loved one prayed for by our prayer line, please visit our website to submit a request at stip-humanfield.org/prayer-request.



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If you would like your name or the name of your loved one on this list, please contact the parish office:
630.668.0918 x 0
contactus@stjohnwinfield.org

Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps* burn in Memory of (†) /Honor of (♥): CHAPEL †Richard Zagotta CHURCH ♥The Rohr Family, For Health



*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. A \$10.00 donation per week is requested.

Around the Parish

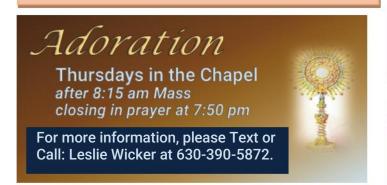
Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday July 16th at 7pm at the home of Linda McKee. We will discuss the book, The House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune. Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP Jean at tjdaniell@att.net.



Cursillo Corner

Please Pray with us-July 15 The Cursillo community has dedicated the second Tuesday of the month to spend an hour in adoration together. We will gather at St. Michaels adoration chapel at 7 pm. Look for door #10 and knock if you do not have a key fob. All are welcome to pray with and for us.

If you would like to be sponsored for a weekend or are looking for additional information on the Cursillo Movement, contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at amythe1@att.net or visit the website www.jolietcursillo.org.





Families must be registered, church-going members of St. John the Baptist to enroll

- · Classes are on Tuesday Nights from September through May
- K 5th grade classes meet weekly on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45 pm
- 6-8th grade classes meet every other week on Tuesdays from 6:15-8:00 pm
- · Prior to First Holy Communion or Confirmation, children must have at least two consecutive years of faith formation in RE classes or a Catholic School.

For more information or to register, contact the Religious Education Office 630-682-4400 Ext. 613 RE Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kathie Brewer, kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org



PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years I and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at **St. Michael Catholic Church** in Wheaton for Year I on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Year 2 in person classes will be held at **Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church** in Oakbrook Terrace on Saturdays 9-I I a.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

In Person Preview Event in August:

St. John The Baptist Catholic Church(Winfield)

August 7 (Thursday) 7-8:30 p.m.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class!



SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

While you are out shopping, consider picking up any of the items listed on the St. Vincent de Paul grocery list included here. You can bring them to Mass and place in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule.

Questions? 630-668-0918, ext 692 Thank you!

Items currently needed:

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Cooking oil
- Flour
- Sugar
- Canned Fruit
- Laundry Detergent



to the Creator's plan be spread" - Pope St. John Paul II

A warm welcome to our new Pastor, Rev. Dan Bachner, and our new Parochial Vicar, Rev. Michal Twaruzek. We thank you for answering God's call to the

We thank you for answering God's call to the priesthood.

We thank you for answering the Bishop's call to serve at St. John the Baptist in Winfield. We look forward to getting to know you, praying with you, serving God with you, and together defending Life.

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Prayer Service

Come Pray With Us

For loved ones, friends and others who have left the Church



Please send prayer requests (first names only) to pattivanloechl@hotmail.com

Sunday, July 20th 2-3pm St. John's Chapel



Christmas in July



Help support St. John the Baptist Catholic School and the Council of Catholic Women as we participate in the *Box of Joy* collection this Fall.

Box of Joy is an annual Christmas shoebox gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the United States and facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. Participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope.



School families are asked to shop for items this summer at discount and dollar stores. *Christmas in July!*Shop based on the grade your child will be entering this coming school year. Please save these items to donate in the fall when each class will assemble the boxes.



Link to Cross Catholic Website with videos of children receiving Box of Joy gifts https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/online/#shipping

| Gift Ideas – several of these items all need to fit inside a shoebox | Miscellaneous |
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| Toys | School Supplies | Apparel | Barrettes |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Ball (deflated with pump) | Rash cards | T-shirts | Bracelets |
| Balloons | Coloring book, crayons | Dresses | Earrings |
| Binoculars | Pens, markers, pencils | Rip-flops | Hair bands or |
| Cars or trucks | Pencil sharpener | Socks | headbands |
| Craft kit (beads, elastic, etc.) | Pencils, colored pencils | Shorts | Purse/wallet |
| Jump rope, slinky, Yo-Yo | Stickers, Glue stick – no liquids | Underwear | Sunglasses |
| Small balls | Safety scissors | Hats, plastic poncho | Watch |
| Unopened fast-food toys | Small board books | Bandanas | Cross/Rosary |

Necessities/ Home – toothbrush, toothpaste, hand wipes, Bar soap, Bandages, Lip balm, Nail clippers, comb or brush Drawstring bag

St. John's CCW will be helping with this project by supplementing needed items, working with the students when the boxes are assembled, and arranging for pickup of the collection. Cross Catholic Outreach appreciates a donation of \$9 per box to cover their transportation costs. Parishioners can make donations by issuing a check payable to Cross Catholic Outreach. Leave your check in an envelope addressed to St. John's CCW – Box of Joy and turn in the weekly collection basket. We will put all the donations together to send with the boxes this Fall. Contact Connie Jesukaitis, if you have questions at:

630-251-4108 or email to: cjesukaitis@yahoo.com



Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of

July 6,2025 were \$11,250.00

We thank you for your support and prayers in helping us meet our weekly goal of \$24.600.



Ongoing parish improvements are possible due to your generosity and prayers. Without your financial support, but most importantly your spiritual support, none of these projects could take place.

If you would like to help specifically with projects on campus, please consider donating at Mass or on our website at www.stjohnwinfield.org. On the giving tab, click on "WeShare Giving" button, and scroll to the Facility Maintenance link. With your help and prayers, our facilities are receiving the upgrades they need to continue our mission, Leading Souls to Heaven.

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish's goal of \$103,800. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference. If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can Open your heart to God's goodness in support of those in need throughout our diocese. We welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org. Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!









St. John the Baptist Information

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Mass Schedule:

Monday & Wednesday 5:30pm (Chapel) Tuesday & Thursday 8:15am (Chapel) Friday Noon (Chapel) Saturday 5:00pm (Church) Sunday 7:30am (Chapel), 9:30am & 11:30am (Church)

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil 5:30pm (Church) Holy Day 8:15am & 5:30pm (Church)

Holiday Masses:

9:00am only (subject to change)

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

Adoration:

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

Sacramental Information:

For Baptisms, Weddings, Anointing of the Sick, Funeral and Homebound Ministry, please contact the Parish Office or visit stjohnwinfield.org.

Grief Support:

Our grief support ministry offers a supportive environment for those dealing with loss. Meetings will resume in the fall. Please watch the bulletin for updates later in the summer.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

Thursdays at 7:00pm in Sodonna Hall (lower level of parish office)

Bulletin Submissions:

Send to: sjbbulletin@stjohnwinfield.org Due Wednesday at 3:00pm (10 days prior to publication date) Holiday schedule subject to change and has earlier deadlines.

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