



## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

## The Second Sunday of Lent-February 25th

### DIRECTORY

**Bishop** Most Rev. Ronald Hicks  
**Pastor** Rev. Mark J. Rosenbaum

#### Weekend & Daily Mass Assistant Priests

Fr. Nhan Van Tran SVD  
Fr. Johnus Cherunilath  
Fr. David Medow

**Deacon** Ron Madsen (630) 279-7433

**Music Ministry** John Toner, Miguel DeLeon

#### Director of Religious Education / Directora de Educacion Religiosa

Dolly Foley (630) 832-7588

#### R.E. Office Hours/Horario de Oficina:

Monday/Lunes 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday/Sábado 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Parish Website:** [www.stjohnvillapark.org](http://www.stjohnvillapark.org)

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### RECTORY / PARISH OFFICE

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#### OFFICE HOURS / HORARIO DE OFICINA

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Saturday 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

#### MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

**Saturday:** 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 12:30 PM en Español

**Weekdays:** 7:45 AM except Thursday at 7:00 PM

#### Baptisms / Bautizos

Baptism Preparation / Preparación para el bautismo

*Contact the parish office to register.*

*Contacte la oficina parroquial para registrarse.*

#### Confessions / Confesiones

Mondays 5 - 6:00 PM—or by appointment / o con cita.

#### Weddings / Bodas / Quinceañeras

*Contact the parish office to schedule.*

*Contacte la oficina parroquial para programar.*

### MISSION STATEMENT

**The Catholic Community of St. John the Apostle Parish** commits to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, guided by the Holy Spirit and rooted in prayer. Together we continue the mission of Christ through Evangelization, Discipleship and Charity.

**La Comunidad Católica de la Parroquia San Juan Apóstol** se compromete a vivir las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, alimentada por la Eucaristía, guiados por el Espíritu Santo y con raíces en la oración. Juntos continuamos la misión de Cristo a través de la evangelización, discipulado y Caridad.

**MILITARY PRAYER LIST.** As a parish family, we at St. John the Apostle pray for all the members of our parish. We especially pray for our parishioners and their relatives who are currently on active duty in the military:

- Staff Sgt, DeWitt
- Staff Sgt. Adam Griswold
- Pvt. Aren Menor
- Pvt. Joseph Aguayo-Ludvik
- USMC Joseph Ciesla
- 2nd Lt. Colleen Corcoran
- Spc. Thomas
- AIC Darren Menor
- A1C Ryan Pemberton
- Sgt. Andrew J. Peterson
- Sgt. Donald J. Peterson
- A1C Anthony Pieroni—USAF
- Pvt. Jeremy Schumacher
- Spc. MP Catherin R. Stover/Peterson
- Corp. Robert Stover
- Pfc. Stephen Winter.
- E3-Yesenia Vivero

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK:

*If you would like your name added to or removed from this list for prayers, please call the parish office.*

Pete Connelly  
Anneliese Mollsen

### **Volunteer Trip to the Northern Illinois Foodbank**

In the spirit of Lenten charity, a volunteer trip to the Northern Illinois Foodbank has been arranged by the CCW of St. John the Apostle.

All parishioners aged 8 and older are invited to join us at the foodbank. We will be helping to sort and pack food for distribution to our hungry neighbors.

Saturday, March 16h

9:00-12:00

273 Dearborn Court in Geneva

The foodbank requires a list of participants prior to the event. There will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule the weekends of March 3rd and 10th. If you wish to attend, please register by the 10th.

All participants under the age of 18, must be accompanied by an adult. We will be working in a warehouse environment, so closed shoes are required (no sandals)

For more info, contact Terry at

**tlb1004@att.net** or text or

call **630-235-2966**.

### **ARE YOU A ROMAN CATHOLIC? 7 HOURS OF CONFESSION**

When was the last time you received  
Reconciliation?

Was it recently?

In the past year?

The priests of Eastern Dupage County  
will be available to celebrate the  
Sacrament of Forgiveness of Sin!

**Saturday, March 16, from 8 AM until 3 PM**

There will be select times when the Sacrament  
will be offered in Polish and Spanish.

**All are invited to receive God's grace**

**Immaculate Conception Church  
132 Arthur St.  
Elmhurst, IL**

**630-530-8515**

### **Events For The Week**

#### **Monday, February 26th**

RE/G6/FF/C2- 6:45 –8:15 PM/RE Classrooms  
Confessions-5:00-6:00 PM/Church

#### **Tuesday, February 27th**

SSJW General Meeting-6:30-8:00 PM/Hall  
CCW Book Club-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

#### **Wednesday, February 28th**

Legion of Mary (Span)-6:00-8:00 PM/Library

#### **Thursday, February 29th**

Spanish Bible Study-5:00-7:00 PM/Library

#### **Friday, March 1st**

Seton 1st Friday Breakfast-7:30-10:30 AM/Hall  
Seton Stations of the Cross-2:00-2:30 PM/Church  
Spanish Stations of the Cross- 6:00-7:00 PM/CH

#### **Saturday, March 2nd**

RE K-5—9:00 –11:00 AM/RE Classrooms  
Baptism Prep (Spanish)11:30-12:00 PM/Rm 120

#### **Sunday, March 3rd**

Hospitality Sunday-9:00-12:00 PM/Hall.  
CCW Mass 9:00 AM/Church

### **Collections**

Sunday, February 11th-\$2,938.00  
By Mail-\$1,358.00  
Utility Fund-\$80.00  
1st Offering-\$9.00

Sunday, **TOTAL: \$4,385.00**

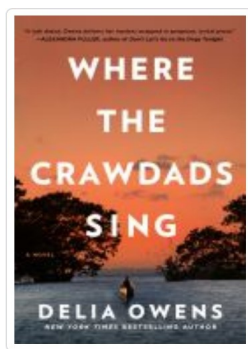
Thank you for supporting the good work  
of St. John the Apostle Parish!

Are you addicted to yarn? Or would you like to be? "Mittens for Mary" invites all knitters and crocheters to join us in making hats, scarves, mittens and other things for those in need. If you don't know how to knit or crochet - no worries - we will teach you! We meet on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Sisters' Room at St. Alexander parish, after the morning Mass (app. 9:30 am). We also welcome contributions from anyone who cannot attend meetings, but is willing to contribute their work. The projects go to the Franciscan Outreach Mission in Chicago. Any questions? Contact Carol Baker ([carolrose4MK@gmail.com](mailto:carolrose4MK@gmail.com)), Fran Gilles ([francesagilles@yahoo.com](mailto:francesagilles@yahoo.com)), Pat Ivanauski ([leonpat1963@gmail.com](mailto:leonpat1963@gmail.com)) or Daina K. ([dkojelis@yahoo.com](mailto:dkojelis@yahoo.com))



## CCW BOOK CLUB RESUMES

CCW's book club is resuming on Tuesday, 2/27 at 7:00 in the library. We will be reading "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens's



## MARIAN REFLECTION

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hell shall not overcome it.

**-Mt 16:18**

Peter was entrusted with the Church, the Mother of human brings, but John was entrusted with Mary, the Mother of God. John loved her like his own mother and was loved by her as her own son.

**- St. Peter Damian**



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**  
March 3rd  
9:00 –12:00 Noon  
Parish Hall

## Counseling Group for Young Adults

Catholic Charities' Counseling Services is starting therapy designed specifically for young adults (ages 18-30)

Into the Desert: Understanding our Psychological Spiritual Needs

Starts March 14th, meets on Thursdays at 6:00 PM

3040 Finley Rd. Suite 200, Downers Grove

To register, visit <https://form.jotform.com/240435961058155..> Questions: Email [counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org](mailto:counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org)



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EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

# Lesson Plans

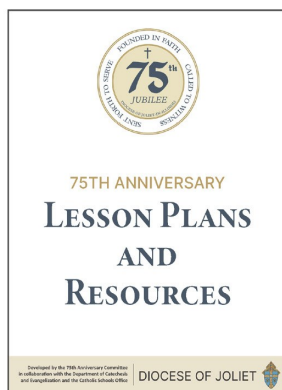
*Available for K–12 students: Parents, Religious Education Programs, Catholic Schools, High School Youth Groups, Scouting Groups, First Communion Retreats, and Homeschool Curricula*

## LESSON 2

### THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

The real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist is both a treasure and a mystery. We have been gifted by Christ with the opportunity to receive His precious Body and Blood every bit as authentically as the Apostles did at the Last Supper.

**Get the PDF including three Lesson Plan modules for grades K–2, 3–5, and 6–12 at [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th)**



## Faith Into Action Podcast Episode 4

In Episode 4, Michelle Dellinger interviews Katie Golwacz, a parishioner at Church of the Holy Ghost in Wood Dale. Katie's story about her struggle to receive childhood sacraments in Yugoslavia following WWII is fascinating. She can give us all a new perspective about our faith—and the religious freedom we likely take for granted.



Faith Into Action  
YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action  
Podcast (audio)



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit the website for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

**[diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th)**

## CMAA APPEAL 2024

Pledge your gift to the CMAA for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Catholic Appeal (CMAA).

The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet. This year's CMAA theme is "For the Glory of God."

Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations.

We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort. Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its \$21,500.00 goal

## Women's Day of Reflection

The St. John the Apostle CCW invites all women of our parish and St. Alexander's to our

## Women's Day of Reflection

### "40 Days Lead to 3 Holy Days"

Join us as we discover ways to make Lent and Easter more meaningful

**Saturday, March 9**

8:00 Mass (optional)

8:30 continental breakfast

9:00 program

\$5 per person

There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule at St. John's the weekend of March 2nd and 3rd.

Please contact Terry to register

630-235-2966

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## WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Throughout the journey of our lives, we all experience moments of uncertainty, ambiguity, or indecision. We can feel small, inadequate, and almost paralyzed as we face looming problems ranging from our own personal issues to worldwide crises.

Grounded in faith, Saint Francis of Assisi wisely taught that when we do not know what to do, we should “pray, obey, and love.” Our Catholic tradition reflects his wise counsel.

**PRAY** In the good times and bad, we turn to God in prayer. Through prayer, we realize that we are not the center of the universe, as we raise our hearts and minds to God. As Jesus taught, “For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

**OBEY** While prayer is the proper first step, it should not end there. We also need to be obedient to God, always discerning: What is the best response according to God’s command, law, and divine will?

**LOVE** However we respond to problems, our actions should always reflect Christ’s love, specifically following the greatest commandment: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22: 37–39).

Since October 2023, the conflicts in the Holy Land have escalated into a horrible war. Most of us follow the news with broken hearts and feel helpless.

Recently, I attended a dinner in Chicagoland (*photo above*) at which His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, spoke about the realities in the Holy Land.

Born in Italy in 1965, Cardinal Pizzaballa entered the Franciscan Order. He serves as the Latin Patriarch and Archbishop of Jerusalem. On January 27, 2024, we gathered at a dinner hosted by the Arab American Catholic Community (AACC), which exists to unite and support Catholic Arabs within the United States. In attendance were also many Knights and Dames from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Its mission includes supporting and promoting the Holy Land and protecting the Christian presence there. I am humbled to belong to this ancient and noble order and am proud to witness the local members’ dedication and commitment to this mission.

Known for his constant efforts to promote solidarity, cultural and historical preservation, interreligious dialogue, and embrace and advocate for peace, justice, and reconciliation, Cardinal Pizzaballa’s 45-minute presentation literally quieted the entire banquet room, as even the waitstaff stopped to listen to his every word. He called for a ceasefire and spoke of the Catholic Church’s boundless efforts to provide food, shelter, housing, healthcare, and spiritual care for those affected by the war.

He also prophetically commented that instead of striving for peace in the current war, both sides unfortunately are fighting only for victory — a victory that clearly delineates a winner and a loser. “Peace is not victory,” said Cardinal Pizzaballa. “It is the willingness on both sides to give something up for the greater good.”

He spent a lot of time laying the foundation for the need for true peace, a peace which is reflected only in Jesus. He reminded us that peace is not the absence of conflict. Instead, it includes the presence of justice, reconciliation, discernment of God’s will, and the desire for the common good.

This Lent, as we prepare ourselves to enter this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, you might consider donating to a reputable organization or charity that aids and services to those in need in the Holy Land; some suggestions are included at the bottom of this article. Also, on Good Friday, throughout the Diocese of Joliet, a collection will be taken up to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land.

The Holy Land holds a powerful place in our hearts and in salvation history. It is where Jesus was born, grew up, taught, prayed, performed miracles, suffered, died, and was resurrected. In solidarity, let us join Cardinal Pizzaballa’s call for an end to the violence and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land as we turn to God with prayer, obedience, and love.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, pray for us.

Holy Land Humanitarian Agencies

- [Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher Humanitarian Fund](#)
- [Catholic Relief Services \(U.S. arm of Caritas International\)](#)
- [Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land Humanitarian Programs](#)
- [Catholic Near East Welfare Association Emergency Holy Land Fund](#)



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK – February 25th-March 3rd

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, February 25th 9:00 AM	1. Mary & Chester Gazinski (+)	Judy Paris
11:00 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
12:30 PM	1. Thanksgiving & Honor of Seven Sundays Of St. Joseph 2. Earnesto Billegais-Anniversary of Death	Josephina Bermejo The Family
Monday, February 26th 7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Tuesday, February 27th 7:45 AM	1. Colin Lis (+)	Jim & Mary Haas
Wednesday, Feb. 28th 7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Thursday, February 29th 7:00 PM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Friday, March 1st 7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Saturday, March 2nd 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle 1. Jerry Howden (+)	Marguerite & Wayne Legutki
Sunday, March 3rd 9:00 AM	1. Amelia Grace Rediens (+) 2. CCW Mass	Mary & Jim Haas
11:00 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
12:30 PM	1. Thanksgiving & Honor of Seven Sundays Of St. Joseph	Josephina Bermejo

**25 de febrero de 2024**

**2º Domingo de la Cuaresma**

Iluminación para la esperanza en nuestra vida debe ser la experiencia de la Transfiguración. Pedro, Santiago y Juan acompañaron a Jesús, subieron a lo alto del monte para ver la manifestación de que Jesús era Dios. Fueron testigos de que junto a Jesús estaban Moisés y Elías, que conversaban con él y que eran los portavoces de la ley y los profetas. Para admiración de ellos, de una nube salió una voz que decía: *“Este es mi Hijo, el Amado, escúchenlo”* (Marcos 9, 7). Escuchar a Dios en la actualidad es difícil, estamos muy distraídos con tantas cosas. Debemos apagar el celular para darnos cuenta de la magnitud del mensaje de hoy.

Es una gracia, un don, el saber escuchar. Será por eso la insistencia de Dios en este domingo de que escuchemos al Amado. Jesús intentaba ayudar a sus discípulos a entender el mensaje de su Pasión, pero, era difícil para ellos. La Transfiguración indica la esperanza de que después de pasar por el Viernes Santo vendrá la resurrección. Hay que pasar por el sufrimiento para merecer la Gloria prometida. ¿Cómo escucho la palabra de Dios? ¿De qué modo la hago mía y la vivo? El Papa Francisco sobre este Domingo nos dice que *“La Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor nos recuerda que estamos llamados a vivir el encuentro con Cristo, para que iluminados por su luz, podamos llevarla y hacerla brillar en todas partes, como pequeñas lámparas del Evangelio que llevan un poco de amor y de esperanza”* (08-06-2021). ¡Escuchemos la voz de los marginados y hagamos algo por ellos!