Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

James 1:21b
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:

- DeWitt
- Staff Sgt. Adam Griswold
- Pvt. Aren Menor
- Pvt. Joseph Aguayo-Ludvik
- USMC Joseph Ciesla
- 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.

(name and branch of service so that he or she can be included in a weekly prayer list in our bulletin.)

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 rectory.

Maria Ester Aguilar, Ann Bader, Ray Bader, Lilia Carbajal, Christina Caso, John Castrejon, Isabella Daytesola, , Mary Doris, John Draff, Brock Eckhoff, Emily Emond, Deacon Joe Ferrari, Egan Gan, Fran Hale, Charlotte Kennon, Jean Killian, Joann Kien, John Kraynack, Frances Krueger, Charlene Martin Lupo, Steven Lutes, Stella Mindoloska, Mark Orlowski, PhilipPasuntino, Jennifer Perez, Joseph Peteck, Matt & Annmarie Potenza, Frank Ragase, G. Rojas, Fr. John Sebahar, Frank Sedivy, Arlene Smith, Tim Smith, Mondavi Sobbi, Benjamin Soriano, Mary Thoris, Mary Vacco, Dale Vercellotti, Kevin Wallace, Casty Buchit Young.

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.

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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

Confessions / Confesiones
Mondays 5-6:00 PM—or by appointment.

Baptisms / Bautismos
Pre-Baptism class in English – the 1st Sunday of the month at 12:30 PM.
Preparacion pre-bautismal – primer sábado del mes a las 10:30 AM.
Contact the rectory to register. Conteste la rectoría para registrarse.

Weddings / Bodas / Quinceañeras
Contact the rectory to schedule. Conteste la rectoría para programar.
This Week's Readings

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

Collections

Sunday, August 15th - $2,135.00
  By Mail - $565.00
  WeShare - $115.00
  Assumption - $543.00

TOTAL: $3,358.00

Your generosity and discipleship are greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting the good work of St. John Parish!

2021 Catholic Ministries Annual

Thank you to those who have already responded with a gift or pledge to the 2019 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still plenty of time to respond. Gift envelopes are available in the back of church and may be placed in the weekend collection basket. Gifts can also be made by credit card through the Diocesan website at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org or use the link at the bottom of the homepage of our website.

Our Parish Goal: $20,600
Amount Pledged: $23,264
Amount Paid: $22,004
Balance Due: $1,260
Donor Count: 115

2021 Rebate: $982

CCW Announces Our New Women’s Book Club

CCW is starting a new Women's book club. All women are invited to join us. We will meet once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month in room 122 in parish hall. Each month we will read and discuss a different book. We will always pick a book with lots of both physical and e-book copies in area libraries. Both the Villa Park and Lombard libraries will be able to get copies for us from other libraries.

Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00.

Our first book is “My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry” by Fredrik Backman

"Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and crazy—as in standing-on-the-balcony-firing-paintball-guns-at-strangers crazy. She is also Elsa's best, and only, friend. At night Elsa takes refuge in her grandmother's stories, in the Land-of-Almost-Awake and the Kingdom of Miamas, where everybody is different and nobody needs to be normal. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Her grandmother's instructions lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and old crones but also to the truth about fairy tales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other. My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry is told with the same comic accuracy and beating heart as Fredrik Backman's bestselling debut novel, A Man Called Ove. It is a story about life and death and one of the most important human rights: the right to be different. "Firmly in league with Roald Dahl and Neil Gaiman . . . A touching, sometimes funny, often wise portrait of grief."

-- Kirkus Reviews

"Full of heart, hope, forgiveness, and the embracing of differences, Elsa's story is one that sticks with you long after you've turned the last page."-- Library Journal

Please join us.
Religious Education Classes for 2021-2022

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year has begun. Registration forms are available on the home page of the parish website and on the table in the church narthex. Once you complete the registration form and collect the required documents, please call 630-832-7588 and leave a message with your name and phone number. The RE office will return your call and schedule your appointment.

Adult Sacrament Registration forms for those 18 years of age and older are also available on the website [under Sacraments/Sacramental Preparation] and on the table in the church narthex.

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What Is the Legion of Mary?

The Legion of Mary (Latin: Legio Mariae, postnominal abbreviation L.O.M.) is an international association of members of the Roman Catholic Church who serve it on a voluntary basis. It was founded in Dublin, as a Roman Catholic Marian Movement by the layman and civil servant Frank Duff. Today, active and auxiliary (praying) members make up a total of over 10 million members worldwide, making it the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church.

Come join the St. John the Apostle Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 PM—English
Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 PM—Spanish

For More information call 630-279-7404

St. John the Apostle Events

Sunday, August 29th
RCIA-9:00-10:30 AM—Library

Monday, August 30th
Confessions-5:00-6:00 PM– Church
Seton Meeting-7:00-9:00 PM –Library

Tuesday, August 31st
Legion of Mary-7:00-8:00 PM– Library

Wednesday, September 1st
Seton First Day of School-8:30-2:40 PM
Legion of Mary (Span)-6:00-8:00 PM-Library

Thursday, September 2nd
Spanish Bible Study-5:00-6:45 PM– Library
Adult Formation Study-7:30-9:30 PM– Library

Friday, September 3rd
Seton 1st Friday Breakfast-7:30-10:00 AM-Hall
Rosary Group/Hora Santa-6:00-7:00 PM-Church

Sunday, September 5th
CCW Mass-9:00 AM– Church
RCIA-9:00-10:30 AM-Library

Monday, September 6th
Labor Day

There will be no 7:45 AM Mass. Instead Mass will be at 9:00 AM at St. Alexander’s.
Rectory office will be closed!
Were Back!

The Lunch bunch is back. Join us on Wednesday, September 1st At 12:30 PM

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GOD’S LAWS

Today’s readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to “observe them [its statutes] carefully.” The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to “welcome the word” they have received, that they may become “doers of the words and not hearers only.” The psalmist praises “whoever walks blamelessly and does justice” by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God’s laws.

MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person’s ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law’s complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

ON THE OTHER HAND ...

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples’ failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as “the traditions of their elders.”

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples’ failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another’s misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

TODAY’S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8
Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5
James 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23
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**DID YOU KNOW**

**St. Gregory I “the Great”, 540-604, pope from 590 to 604.** Gregory was born into an aristocratic Roman family related to the Anicii. His ancestors included Felix III (II) (483-92) and Agapitus I (535-36), and his father, Gordianus, was a senator. Ca. 572 Gregory was appointed Prefect of the City of Rome but in 574-75, after his father’s death and the retirement of his mother, Silvia, into religious life as a widow, he disbursed his fortune, converted his family home in Rome into a monastery (St Andrew’s), and retired there as a monk. At Pelagius II’s death (590, of the plague) he was elected pope.

Gregory’s writings were enormously influential in the Middle Ages and later. Most influential among his exegetical writings is the *Moralia* on Job, a compendium of Gregory’s spiritual teaching, begun in Constantinople. *The Forty Homilies on the Gospels* (590-91) are examples of his popular preaching. The letters of Gregory’s papacy are preserved in the *Registrum Epistolarum*. He is a Doctor of the Church. Feast Day September 3
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