

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

Third Sunday of Easter—April 14th

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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.



MOVIES CONTEMPORARY are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (*above*). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: *Jesus, I Trust in You*.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.”

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

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, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Recently, my “movie whisperer” colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, “Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!”

When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.

Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini and Maria Faustina Kowalska, pray for us, and may the Divine Mercy of God bless you today and always.

The Twist Ending

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous *Sixth Sense* twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.


I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so upfront about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: *he was a ghost the whole time!* The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39



WELCOME

Join us for a day of golfing fun and support a good cause!

The Director's Classic is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a round of golf with friends and family. Proceeds benefit the Saint Stephen Fund, which provides financial assistance for deacons in need. All are welcome!

JOIN US

- **10:30 AM** REGISTRATION & DRIVING RANGE OPEN AT PRAIRIE BLUFF
- **11:15 AM** LUNCH DISTRIBUTION, HEAD TO HOLES
- **11:30 AM** SHOTGUN START
- **5 PM** OPEN BAR, WINE PULL & RAFFLE AT BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER
- **6 PM** DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY
- **8 PM** EVENT ENDS

Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course
10433 Renwick Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403

Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, IL 60403

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Office of the Diaconate

June 19
2024

DIRECTOR'S CLASSIC

A day on the links

Our golf event will begin at Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course in Crest Hill and will include a box lunch, a swag bag at registration, and a special gift for each golfer. The day of fellowship will continue into the evening with a reception, raffle, dinner, and awards presentation at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill.

GOLFERS & GUESTS

GOLFERS \$150/person, \$500/foursome
GUESTS \$30/person for dinner only

Mulligans are available for purchase during registration (see below). Awards will be given for lowest foursome score, hole-in-one, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

SPONSORSHIP & UNDERWRITING

Thank you for your generous support of the Director's Classic! See the event website for descriptions of sponsorship benefits.


\$2,500 Presenting Sponsor
\$1,250 Director's Tournament Sponsor
\$1,000 St. Stephen Sponsor
\$500 Hole Sponsor
\$250 Putting Green Sponsor

\$1,500 Dinner Underwriter
\$1,000 Lunch Underwriter
\$1,000 Open Bar Underwriter
\$750 Gift Bag Underwriter
\$650 T-Shirt Underwriter

REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code or visit vocations.diojoli.net. For details and registration. Golf, dinner and sponsorships can be purchased online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



If angels could be jealous of men,
they would be so for one
reason: Holy Communion.

- ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

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Collections

Sunday, March 31-\$5,220.00

By Mail-\$482.00

Good Friday-\$746.00

Easter-\$3,633.00

TOTAL: \$10,081.00

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

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual

Thank you to those who have already responded with a gift or pledge to the 2024 CMAA. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, there is still time to respond. Gift envelopes are in the church and may be placed in the weekend collection basket. Gifts may be made by credit card directly at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org or use the link at the bottom of the homepage of our website.

Our Parish Goal: **\$21,500**

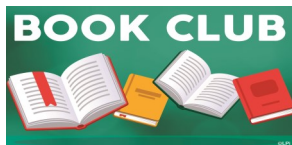
Amount Pledged: **\$26,065**

Amount Paid: **\$16,421**

Balance Due: **\$9,644**

Donor Count: **130**

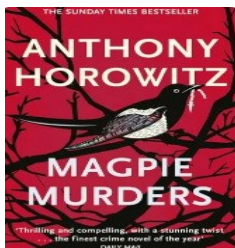
2024 Parish Rebate: 0



The CCW hopes everyone had a wonderful Easter.

All parishioners are invited to join us on Tue., April 30th at 7:00 PM in the library to discuss this book.

We will be reading "Magpie Murders"
By Anthony Horowitz



MARIAN REFLECTION



AMEN, amen, I say to you...., I am the living bread that comes down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever.

- Jn 6:47-51

It is through Mary that we are able to eat the Bread of Heaven every day.

Through her intercession, God inspires us to receive this Bread and confers on us the grace to receive it worthily.

- St.. Peter Damian

What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a "spiritual communion" dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recent Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

Reporting Sexual Abuse: Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: **800-252-2873** or local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of Child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Conlon and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance Coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at:

815-263-6467.

Events For The Week

Monday, April 15th
Confessions-5:00-6:00 PM/Church

Tuesday, April 16h
Nothing On Schedule

Wednesday, April 17th
Legion of Mary (Span)-6:00-8:00 PM/Library

Thursday, April 18th
Spanish Bible Study-5:00-7:00 PM/Library
Knights of Columbus-6:30-8:30 PM/Hall

Friday, April 19th
Hora Santa-6:00-7:00 PM/Church

Saturday, April 20th
RE K-5-9:00-11:00 AM/RE Classrooms
Fr Rosenbaum at the Cathedral

Sunday, April 21st

Next Week 2nd Collection-Catholic Home Missions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

In order for your Mass Intentions to be published in the church bulletin, your mass intention must be booked at least 2 weeks prior to publication.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA (Live the Liturgy)

A veces, cuando Dios aparece en nuestro camino, no lo reconocemos. En estos momentos, Jesús nos invita a acercarnos y tocarlo. Recuerda que Cristo es real, Cristo está vivo y Cristo está ante cada uno de nosotros, así que extiende tu mano. Tócalo.



**Elevated Care
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Quality Healthcare In Your Home

At Elevated Care At Home we provide professional in-home care services allowing our clients to remain safely and comfortably in their own homes.

We are a dedicated homecare services provider committed to delivering exceptional care to those in need. Our goal is to enhance the lives of our patients and their families by providing comfort, support, and dignity.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK – -April 14th--April 21st

| Date | Intention | Requested by |
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| Sunday, April 14th | 9:00 AM 1. Conrad & Rose Cilella (+) | The Cilella Family |
| | 11:00 AM 1. Vickie Ladd (+) | Lori Bhardwaj |
| | 12:30 PM 1. Laura Rodriguez-Birthday Blessings | Candelonia Rodriguez |
| Monday, April 15th | 7:45 AM 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle | |
| Tuesday, April 16th | 7:45 AM 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle | |
| Wednesday, April 17th | 7:45 AM 1. Jerry Summins (+) | The Tan Family |
| Thursday, April 18th | 7:00 PM 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle | |
| Friday, April 19th | 7:45 AM 1. Jerry Summins (+) | Terry Bode |
| Saturday, April 20th | 8:00 AM 5:00 PM 1. Denis Riosenbaum (+) 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle | Lilly Tung |
| Sunday, April 21st | 9:00 AM 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle | |
| | 11:00 AM 1. Eduardo Musni (+) 2. Milagros Destreza & Santiago Destreza Sr. | The Musni Family The Family |
| | 12:30 PM 1. Jose Munoz– Por Sawd | Rosenda Amezqunta |

14 de abril de 2024
3^{er} Domingo de Pascua

Si algo necesita el mundo ahora es paz. La sociedad debe girar su corazón hacia Dios para encontrarla. Se debe de dejar el egoísmo de lado y ver que atacándonos unos a otros no se llega a nada. Los discípulos de Emaús, luego de encontrar a Jesús, fue que sintieron la paz en sus corazones y se dispusieron a contar la feliz noticia a los demás. *¿No sentíamos arder nuestro corazón cuando nos hablaba en el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras? (Lucas 24:32).* Y en otro pasaje del Evangelio, Jesús, se presenta en medio de ellos y les dice: *“Paz a ustedes”*. Señor, ayúdanos a encontrar esa paz que nos brindas, que nuestros malos sentimientos sean tranquilizados por tu paz prometida.

“Este cambio de paso, del yo a Dios, del sí al sí, ¿cómo ocurrió en los discípulos? Encontrándose con Jesús: los dos de Emaús primero le abren su corazón; luego le escuchan explicar las Escrituras; luego le invitan a su casa. Son tres pasos que también nosotros podemos dar en nuestras casas: primero, abrir el corazón a Jesús, confiándole las cargas, las dificultades, las desilusiones de la vida, confiándole los sí; y luego segundo paso, escuchar a Jesús, tomar el Evangelio en la mano, leyendo hoy mismo este pasaje, en el capítulo veinticuatro del Evangelio de Lucas; tercero rezar a Jesús, con las mismas palabras de aquellos discípulos: Señor, quédate con nosotros (Lucas 24:29). Señor, quédate conmigo. Señor, quédate con todos nosotros, porque te necesitamos para encontrar el camino. Y sin ti es de noche”. Papa Francisco 04-23-2020.