



ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

The Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time—February 16th

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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
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(submit name and branch of service so that he or she can be

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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.

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.

Ginger Herring
Leslie Huzak
Mary Szabo Linder
Liz May
Pat Murrin
Hannah Medow
Tom Schuch

All names will remain on this list for 60 days then the name will be removed. If you want to continue on this list please call the office.

Collections

Sunday, February 2nd-\$3,707.00
By Mail-\$1,078.00
On-Line-\$1,185.00

TOTAL: \$5,970.00

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings for the week of February 16, 2025

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor
15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-
21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,
3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-
23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk
8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor
15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Events For The Week

Monday, February 17th

President's Day
No 7:45 AM Mass

9:00 AM Mass at St. Alexander

Rectory Office Closed
No 5:00 PM Reconciliation
Parish Council Meeting-7:00 PM/Rectory
Adult Formation Study-7:00-8:30 PM/Library

Tuesday, February 18th

CCW Board Meeting-6:30-9:30 PM/Library

Wednesday, February 19th

Spanish Legion of Mary-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

Thursday, February 20th

Spanish Bible Study-5:00-6:45 PM/Library
Knights of Columbus-6:30-9:00 PM/Hall

Friday, February 21st

Family Rosary-6:00-7:00 PM/Church

Saturday, February 22nd

RE 1-5-9:00-11:00 AM/RE Classrooms
Catholic Charites 5K-4:30-4:45 PM/Parking Lot

Sunday, February 23rd

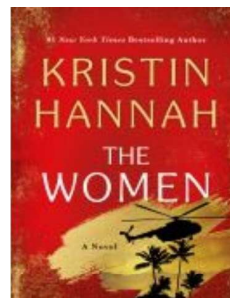
RE C3-10:30-12:00 PM/Library

BOOK CLUB



CCW BOOK CLUB

Our February book club is on Tues, 2/25 @ 7:00 in the
library. We are reading "The Women" by
Kristin Hannah.



The 2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun! As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference. This year's CMAA theme is Open your heart to God's goodness. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church as available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is **\$23,200**, and 70% of any amount we raised over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

GOD BLESS AMERICA PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, February 17th

No 7:45 AM Mass
9:00 AM Mass St. Alexander Church
Rectory Office Closed

MARIAN REFLECTION



Even though I should walk in the valley of death I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff comfort me.

-PS 23:4

Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd and our Mother, is renowned for obtaining all kinds of good things for her children.

May she always be our trust and our hope!

-St. Germanus

St. John the Apostle CCW

Presents:

March 1, 2025

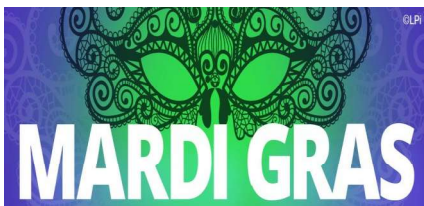
Come Join CCW and Celebrate Mardi Gras!!

We will have Music, Pizza and Sweets.... Come and see who will be Crowned our Mardi Gras King and Queen!!

Sign-up is required for this event deadline will be 2/23/25

Saturday, March 1st 6:00pm to 10:00 PM

Parish Hall



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY MARCH 2nd



Come join your fellow parishioners for some good conversation on Sunday, March from 9:00-12:00 PM in the Library

Whenever I fly, I frequently do three things.

First, I

always pray a rosary—that's a given!

Then, I catch up on

some work or necessary reading.

Finally, I relax a bit and watch a movie. I admit I

am quite conscious that, by wearing my Roman

collar, many people in the seats around me

take note of the movie I have selected. The last

thing I want is for them to go home and tell their family and friends

that they witnessed a Catholic bishop praying a rosary and then

watching a super-violent or unseemly movie!



On my most recent flight, I selected the family-friendly

movie Harold and the Purple Crayon. It is a heartwarming

film about the power of imagination and the beauty of

creativity. The hero of the story is Harold, a young boy

who is gifted with a purple crayon that allows him to

bring his drawings to life. As he sets out on an

adventure, Harold learns valuable lessons about

courage, problem-solving, and the responsibility that

comes with shaping the world around him.

This film reminds us that, like Harold, we all have the

ability to create, dream, and make a difference in this

world through our imaginations. How true!

Spoiler alert: toward the end of the movie, Harold finds

a touching letter from the author who created him. In

it, he reads:

"Dear Harold, one day you might want to know why I made

you. I wanted to show folks that, with a little imagination,

you can make your life whatever you want it to be."

Our imagination is truly a gift from God, allowing us to

see beyond what is and dream of what could be. We

are made in the image of God, and our ability to imagine

and create reflects His divine nature. This gift allows us

to participate in our Creator's ongoing work of beauty

and goodness in the world.

Perhaps you are familiar with Ignatian Contemplation, also

known as imaginative prayer. Through this method, St.

Ignatius of Loyola teaches us to pray using our imaginations. This

practice encourages us to place ourselves inside a biblical scene,

using all our senses to experience the story as if we were truly

there. If you have never used this form of prayer, I invite you to try

it using these basic steps:

- Imagine yourself in a scene from Scripture, such

- as being present at Jesus' birth, walking with

- Him along the road, or witnessing His miracles.

- Engage your senses by seeing the setting,

- hearing the voices, feeling the textures, smelling

- the surroundings, and experiencing the

- emotions.

Interact with Jesus directly by listening to His love.

So, I invite you to imagine the Holy Trinity—being in the presence

of God the Father and feeling His eternal love, peace, and mercy;

walking and talking with Jesus; and experiencing the Holy Spirit

descending upon you, filling you with wisdom, strength, and cour-

age. Imagine there is a beautiful heaven, teeming with saints,

angels, and your loved ones in God's eternal presence.

Ultimately, imagination is a sacred gift that allows us to create,

love, hope, and draw closer to God in all that we do. Please join

me in imagining a Church and a world where every heart is filled

with God's love and mercy, abounding in kindness, respect for

life, justice and peace for all people—now and forever!

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH—VILLA PARK

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, February 16th 9:00 AM	1. Conrad & Rose Cilella	The Family
11:00 AM	1. Beatrice Almassey (+)	Richard Almassey
12:30 PM	1 Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Monday, Feb. 17th 9:00 AM	1. Mass at St. Alexander	
Tuesday, Feb.. 18th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Wed. Feb. 19th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Thur. Feb. 20th 7:00 PM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Friday, Feb. 21st 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Sat., February 22nd 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. Carol Colby (+) 1.Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	The Colby Family
Sunday, Feb. 23rd 9:00 AM	1. Lawrence Isrealson (+)	Nancy Engel
11:00 AM	1. Jean Sachs (+)	Gerry Manners
12:30 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	

16 de febrero de 2025

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Luchar por el bien común es la respuesta que debemos dar al evangelio de este domingo. No hay otra manera, y el mensaje es muy claro, no existe manera de suavizarlo. Lucas mira un solo punto, y es la justicia. La escena del evangelio nos narra que Jesús desciende del cerro y se detiene en un llano. Hay mucha gente de diferentes partes, muchos esperan ser curados por Jesús. Entonces, Jesús, dirige su mirada a sus discípulos y comienza su discurso. Les habla de la importancia de ser felices. Sí, Jesús llama felices a los pobres y a los enfermos. ¿Cómo podemos entender y asimilar ese llamado a la felicidad? ¿Que acaso no es contradictorio?

El mensaje está en que, al ver la pobreza, el hambre, la enfermedad, la guerra, la oportunidad, la educación, por mencionar algunas injusticias en el mundo del tiempo de Jesús y el tiempo nuestro, estemos dispuestos a dar la vida por la justicia y la paz. Entonces, es que el Reino de Dios florecerá para todos. Y esa es la verdadera felicidad que la Palabra de Dios hoy nos menciona. Pidamos al Señor que nos incomode la injusticia, que nos mueva a tener empatía para entender los problemas y sentimientos de los demás. Porque, de esa manera seremos felices e incansables luchadores del bien común. La recompensa es grande, es el cielo, es la promesa de Jesús. El sacrificio bien llevado y con intención recta, desde el fondo del corazón, es la felicidad. ¿Lo has experimentado?

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