



## **ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025**

## **7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

## The Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time—February 23rd

### DIRECTORY

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

#### Weekend & Daily Mass Assistant Priests

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#### 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)

**Deanery:** [www.easterndupagedeanery.org](http://www.easterndupagedeanery.org)

### 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*

### 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.

### 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 9th- \$2,945.00  
By Mail-\$680.00

**TOTAL: \$3,625.00**

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of February 23, 2025

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/  
Lk 6:27-38

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/  
Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172,  
174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk  
10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk  
10:13-16

**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see  
2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

## Events For The Week

### Monday, February 24th

Reconciliation-5:00-6:00 PM/Church  
RE 6/C1/C2-6:45-8:15 PM/RE Classrooms  
Adult Formation Study-7:00-8:30 PM/Library

### Tuesday, February 25th

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

### Wednesday, February 26th

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

### Thursday, February 27th

Spanish Bible Study-5:00-6:45 PM/Library

### Friday, February 28th

Family Rosary-6:00-7:00 PM/Church  
Set-Up for Mardi Gras-3:00-6:00 PM/Hall

### Saturday, March 1st

Baptism Prep-11:30-12:30 PM/RE Classrooms  
**Collection-Catholic Ministries Appeal**  
CCW Mardi Gras-6:00-10:00 PM/Hall

### Sunday, March 2nd

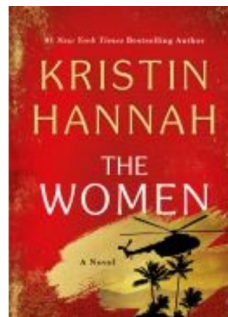
CCW Mass -9:00 AM/Church  
Adult Confirmation Class-10:00-12:30 PM/Rm 119  
**Collection-Catholic Ministries Appeal**

## 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!



## MARIAN REFLECTION



Give and it shall be given to you; a good measure....shall they pour into your lap. For with the same measure that you use, it shall be measured out for you.

-Lk 6:38

Blessed are they, says the Divine Mother, who pay attention to my charity and, in imitation of me, practice it toward others,  
Our charity toward our neighbor will be the measure of that which God and Mary will show us.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

### Hospitality Sunday March 2nd Has Been Rescheduled

Next Hospitality date will be April 6th We look forward to seeing you then.



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## Fast and Abstinence

### Regulations

#### Diocese of Joliet

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on **Ash Wednesday** and all the **Fridays of Lent**.
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
3. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

#### Reconciliation

**St. Alexander:** Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm  
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm or by appointment  
630-833-7730

**St. John the Apostle:** Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm  
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm  
630-279-7404

## ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH—VILLA PARK

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, February 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	
Monday, Feb. 24th 7:45 AM	1. Martha Garcia (+)	Norma Jean Roberto Williamson
Tuesday, Feb.. 25th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Wed. Feb. 26th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Thur. Feb. 27th 7:00 PM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Friday, Feb. 28th 7:45 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	The Colby Family
Saturday, March 1st 8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle 1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Sunday, March 2nd 9:00 AM	1. Carol Colby (+)	Ray & Mary Ann Bauer
11:00 AM	1. Stella Almassey (+)	Richard Almassey
12:30 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	

### **23 de febrero de 2025** **7º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**

Hoy el Evangelio nos propone una catequesis de amor que obliga a estirar el corazón, para rendir al máximo al pedido de Jesús. Nos impulsa a pensar distinto, a interesarnos por los demás. Llama al perdón, a la nobleza, la humildad y, lo más importante, a saber, compartir lo que poseemos materialmente y darse uno mismo. Es algo difícil lo que pide el Señor en este pasaje del Evangelio. Eso, de amar a los enemigos, hacer el bien a quien no nos quiere, de orar por los que nos persiguen, es fuera de serie, no se usa en la sociedad actual. Y agrega Jesús lo siguiente: *“Traten a los demás como quieren que ellos les traten a ustedes” (Lucas 6:31)*. No se trata de que estemos siempre con la cabeza baja y humillados, mas bien se trata de luchar por la justicia, de no entrar en la violencia de tú me la haces, entonces, yo te respondo igual.

*“Porque si ustedes aman a los que los aman, ¿Qué merito tienen? Hasta los malos aman a los que los aman (Lucas 6:32)*. Por el contrario, bendecir a los amigos y enemigos es lo que nos hace dignos hijos e hijas de Dios. Pidamos el don de perdonar, de no ser vengativos, de tener un corazón de compasión, rebosante de ternura para hacer el bien. *“Sean compasivos como es compasivo el Padre de ustedes” (Lucas 6:36)*. Ser semejantes al que siempre es bueno con nosotros. ¡Ese es el reto a cumplir!



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