



• PENTECOST SUNDAY •

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## Pentecost Sunday– June 8th

### DIRECTORY

**Bishop** Most Rev. Ronald Hicks  
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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)

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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
- A1C 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.*

Terri Cronin  
Leslie Huzak  
Mary Szabo Linder  
Liz May  
Pat Murrin  
Hannah Medow  
Ralph Petrella  
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*



## Events For The Week

### Monday, June 9th

Reconciliation-5:00-6:00 PM/Church

### Tuesday, June 10th

CCW Game Night-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

### Wednesday, June 11th

Unity Prayer Group-6:30 PM/St Alexander  
Spanish Legion of Mary-7:00-9:00 PM/Library

### Thursday, June 12th

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

### Friday, June 13th

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

### Saturday, 14th

Second Collection-Father's Day Collection  
For Retired Priests

### Sunday, June 15th

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For Retired Priests

### 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual

Thank you to those who have already responded with a gift or pledge to the 2025 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](http://www.jolietdioceseappeal.org) or use the link at the bottom of the homepage of our website.

Our Parish Goal: **\$23,200**  
Amount Pledged: **\$25,980**  
Amount Paid **\$20,342**  
Balance Due: **\$5,639**  
Donor Count: **105**

**2025 Parish Rebate: \$0**

### Father's Day Second Collection

Next weekend we celebrate all fathers on Father's Day, including our spiritual fathers, also known as our parish priests. Our parish priests dedicate their lives to serving God, the Church, and their parish families. And when a priest may fall seriously ill, it is our duty as Catholics to care for them.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our infirm and retired priests so they receive the dignity, safety, and higher quality of care needed with a gift to the Father's Day Second Collection. Just scan the QR code to make a quick and secure online gift or give through the Father's Day Second Collection. On behalf of all priests who will benefit from your sacrifice, thank you!



Bishop Hicks' Column  
June 2025  
Habemus Papam: With God, All Things Are Possible



It was a moment I will never forget!

On May 9, 2025, I was traveling from Omaha back to the Diocese of Joliet after attending the installation of my classmate and friend as the new Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Omaha. I was glued to my phone, watching as white smoke billowed from the chimney at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

As I stood in line for TSA security at the Omaha airport, a woman in front of me asked, "Bishop, do you think we might get an American pope this time?" I quickly responded, "No, that's impossible."

I then placed my carry-on and phone on the conveyor belt, went through the metal detector, put my belt back on, and reclaimed my phone—only to see the news that the impossible had just happened. We had a new pope, born and raised in the USA... Pope Leo XIV! That moment solidified for me that the Holy Spirit is still in charge of our Church. Indeed, with God, all things are possible (Matthew 19:26).

My flight home was abuzz with joy and curiosity about this new pope as passengers all around me asked, "Do you know him?" The short answer is: "Yes, I know him." While I am twelve years younger than he is, we actually grew up in the same neighborhood in the South Suburbs of Chicago. He lived in Dolton, and I was raised next door in South Holland—and we even share a favorite pizza place.

I had the privilege of meeting Pope Leo XIV when he was still Cardinal Robert Prevost. On August 7, 2024, he came to our diocese to speak at St. Jude Parish in New Lenox. I attended his lecture, which focused on the Catholic Church and Pope Francis. What struck me most was the clarity with which he spoke—he was both deeply intelligent and remarkably pastoral. His insights were not hidden behind academic jargon. Instead, they were spoken plainly and with heart, taking complex concepts and making them understandable to all.

After his talk, I still remember him saying to me, "Can we get five minutes by ourselves to talk?" Our conversation lasted over fifteen minutes, just the two of us. I was moved by his warmth and attentiveness. He was not rushed or distracted—he was present. And as we wrapped up our conversation, he handed me his card and said, "If you ever need to talk, just call." That kind of humble openness left a lasting impression.

Besides asking if I know our new Holy Father, the other most common question I have received is: "What kind of pope do you think he will be?" That answer will unfold in the years to come. However, after greeting the world with the words *Peace be with you*, he has continued to preach about the absolute importance of cultivating a personal relationship with Jesus. While emphasizing the need for justice and peace for all people, he has also insisted that without faith, life lacks meaning.

During his inauguration Mass, Pope Leo XIV offered a powerful homily centered on unity, love, and humble service. He said, "I come to you as a brother, who desires to be the servant of your faith and your joy, walking with you on the path of God's love, for he wants us all to be united in one family." He urged the Church to be a "small leaven of unity" in a divided world, calling us to walk together as instruments of healing, hope, and reconciliation—to foster dialogue within the Church and beyond.

So far, it seems that Pope Leo XIV—formed by the Augustinian tradition and shaped by his missionary experiences—strongly desires to be a bridge-builder, encouraging all of us to tear down walls of division and live as one body in Christ.

On one last lighter, yet poignant note—even though he grew up a Sox fan and I am a Cubs fan—it's a joy to remember that we both play on the same team: working together for Christ and for the Church!

So, giving thanks to God for our new Holy Father, please join me in prayer—asking the Holy Spirit to guide, protect, and strengthen Pope Leo XIV.

*Habemus papam! And may God bless him always.*



## Readings for the week of June 8, 2025

**Sunday:** Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37

**Next Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

## MARIAN REFLECTION



.Philip said to him, :Master, show us the Father, and that is enough for us.: Jesus said to him, :...Whoever sees me sees also the Father.:

**-Jn 14:8-9**

It is the nature of Jesus Christ to lead us surely to the Father.  
In the same way, it is the nature of the Blessed Virgin to lead us surely to Jesus.

**-St. Louis Grignon de Monfort**

## Registration for 2025-26th

REGISTER FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

Sunday, June 22 10am-3pm

Copies of Baptismal and First Communion certificates are required if your child is new to our program Registration forms will be provided on registration day  
\$50 fee required for registration

### Volunteers Needed

We are looking for catechists and catechist assistants Teaching your faith is a beautiful We are looking for catechists and catechist assistants Teaching your faith is a beautiful way to grow closer to God Volunteers receive a tuition discount for your children. Training provided Please consider in prayer donating your time to our program Contact Claudia Gruett at (630) 832-7588 "Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God tiful way to grow closer to God Volunteers receive a tuition discount for your children. Training provided Please consider in prayer donating your time to our program Contact Claudia Gruett at (630) 832-7588

"Catechesis is the echo of the Word of God Pope Francis

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025 JUNE CELEBRATIONS



On June 7-8 our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with the Church Movements, Associations, and New Communities. This is a perfect time to do some investigating into what these organizations are in the Church and how they are responding to needs of people throughout the world. After your investigation, have your family pray for one of these groups asking God to bless their mission in the Church.



## Collection

Sunday, May 11th-\$2,934.00  
By Mail-\$315.00

Sunday, May 18th-\$2,741.00  
By Mail-\$530.00

**Total: \$6,520.00**

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

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

Date	Intention	Requested by
Sunday, June 8th    9:00 AM	1. Robert & Marian Velasquez	Nicole Sinclair
11:00 AM	1. Linda Sisen	Nicole Sinclair
12:30 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Monday, June 9th    7:45 AM	1. Mary Wistara	Don
Tuesday, June 10th    7:45 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Wed. June 11th    7:45 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Thur. June 12th    7:00 PM	1. Socorro & Juana Maldonado	Maria Hernandez
Friday, June 13th    7:45 AM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Saturday, June 14th    8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. Catherine (Kay) Zeisel 1. Joseph Barbosa & Ofelia LaPorta	Ellen Greer Maria Hernandez
Sunday, June 15th    9:00 AM	1. Robert Garcia	Norma Jean & Roberto Williamson
11:00 AM	1. Bill Manners & Bill Konopacz	The Manners Family
12:30 PM	1. Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	

**1 de junio de 2025**

### **VII Domingo de Pascua**

Jesús hace oración no solo por sus discípulos, sino por todos nosotros, que a través del tiempo hemos creído por el ejemplo y testimonio de los primeros creyentes. Y lo que él pide es sencillo: que estemos con él y unidos a él. Sin embargo, esta unidad no es mágica; debemos trabajar en ella, con oración, humildad y sencillez de espíritu. Trabajar en ella, significa que necesitamos unidad en la familia, en la comunidad y en los pueblos. *“Yo les he dado la Gloria que tú me diste, para que sean uno como nosotros somos uno, yo en ellos y tú en mí. Así alcanzarán la perfección en la unidad, y el mundo conocerá que tú me has enviado y que yo los he amado a ellos como tú me amas a mí” (Juan 17:22-23).*

El deseo de Jesús es que estemos unidos a él. Para que así algún día lleguemos a contemplar su gloria. *“Abramos nuestro corazón a la acción del Espíritu Santo para caminar juntos hacia el día bendito en que reencontremos nuestra plena comunión. Y cuando la desunión nos haga pesimistas, poco animosos, desconfiados, vayamos todos bajo el manto de la Santa Madre de Dios. Cuando en el alma cristiana hay turbulencias espirituales, solamente bajo el manto de la Santa Madre de Dios encontraremos la paz. Que ella nos ayude en este camino” (Papa Francisco).*

¿Cómo es tu unidad familiar? ¿Convives con ellos y les das tiempo de calidad? ¡Espíritu Santo, únenos en el amor y no tardes en llegar!