

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth.

Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

Seventh Sunday of Easter—May 12, 2024

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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.

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:

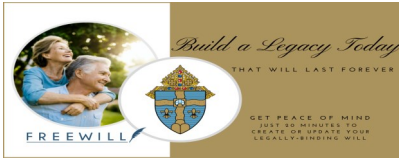
- Staff Sgt, DeWitt
- Staff Sgt. Adam Griswold
- Pvt. Aren Menor
- Pvt. Joseph Aguayo-Ludvik
- USMC Joseph Ciesla
- 2nd Lt. Colleen Corcoran
- Spc. Thomas
- AIC Darren Menor
- A1C Ryan Pemberton
- Sgt. Andrew J. Peterson
- Sgt. Donald J. Peterson
- A1C Anthony Pieroni—USAF
- Pvt. Jeremy Schumacher
- 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.

Ted Baker,
Linda Cardwill,
Dorothy Petrella,
Camila Sanchez,
Arlene Sarna,
Camila Olascoaga,
Jesus Vences
Armando Yparraguirre.

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.



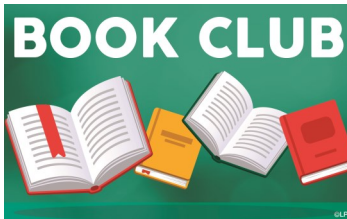
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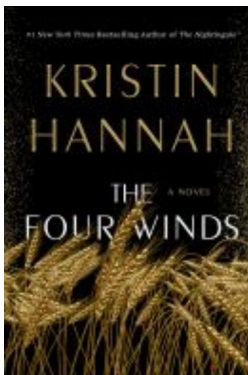
to write a will at no personal cost, and include the necessary language to support St. John the Apostle Parish with a gift in your plans.

FreeWill's online will-writing tools allow you to make a lasting gift to the St. John the Apostle Parish quickly and easily.



The CCW book club will meet 5/28 at 7:00 in the library.

We are reading "The Four Winds" by Kristen Hannah.



JEOPARDY!

The CCW and the Servants of St. Joseph the Worker of St. John the Apostle proudly present:

"A Night of Jeopardy!"

Saturday, 5/18 at 6:30 (after 5:00 Mass)

All parishioners are invited to attend Jeopardy either as a player or audience member.

ALL PLAYERS MUST PRE-REGISTER BY SUNDAY, 5/12
(NO WALK-INS ADMITTED)

There will be sign-up sheets in the vestibule the weekends of 5/5 and 5/12. Otherwise, contact Terry via text or phone call at **630-235-2966** or email **tlb1004@att.net**

No registration is required for audience members

We will be playing multiple games, round-robin style

- Prizes for top 3 players
- Desserts will be available
- Good will donations will be joyfully accepted

Even if you don't play, come cheer for your favorite contestants!

All are welcome!



La Verdad que no Podemos Ver

Sólo oro en voz alta cuando quiero que mis hijos escuchen lo que digo.

Sé lo que estás pensando: *hipócritas en la sinagoga y en la esquina; ve a tu habitación y cierra la puerta*, pero creo que, si Jesús tuviera que criar hijos, entendería de dónde vengo. Oro en voz alta no porque quiera que mis hijos piensen que soy santa ni porque quiera que me admiren, sino porque quiero que sepan cuán quebrantada estoy, cuán desesperadamente dependo de la misericordia y el amor de Dios.

También es una forma realmente eficaz de enviar un mensaje. “Dios, lamento haber estado perdiendo la paciencia hoy. Por favor, ayúdame. Y envía tu Espíritu Santo para que estos niños dejen de pelear.”

La oración vocal, frente a otras personas, es una acción increíblemente vulnerable, por eso me sorprende cada vez que Jesús elige orar en voz alta frente a sus discípulos. Seguramente, la oración mental era para él una especie de estado perpetuo. Me imagino que Jesús estuvo incesantemente conversando con su Padre en el cielo incluso durante los días más comunes. Entonces, cuando decide hacer públicas esas comunicaciones, mis oídos se reavivan.

Quiere que sus hijos escuchen lo que dice. En Juan, capítulo 17, vemos que él quiere que recordemos quiénes somos. Sus discípulos están a punto de ver cosas que sacudirán los cimientos mismos de su fe. La única manera de llegar al otro lado es si recuerdan que la verdad no consiste sólo en lo que podemos ver con nuestros ojos.

Ésta es la misma verdad en la que hemos sido consagrados. Pertenece a esta verdad de una manera que el mundo nunca entenderá ni aceptará. Es la verdad que no podemos ver.

“Yo les he entregado tu palabra y el mundo los odia, porque no son del mundo, como yo tampoco soy del mundo.” - Juan 17:14

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Recently, on April 17, 2024, I traveled to the second annual "March for Life" in Springfield, Illinois. The morning began as over 1,500 people gathered for Mass at University of Illinois' Sangamon Auditorium in Springfield. We started the day fittingly through, with and in Christ, to be strengthened and nourished by the Word and Sacrament, the real and true Bread of Life. Among this large crowd, I concelebrated Mass on the stage with many bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians from all six dioceses in the state of Illinois. I had the honor and privilege to deliver the homily.

As I preached, I could not help but notice the youthful spirit of the assembly. It was encouraging to see so many young Catholics present to celebrate, promote, and pray for the gift of life. Those who are my age and older were heartened and reassured to witness the baton of this important pro-life ministry being passed on to and embraced by the next generation.

In my homily, I began by asking everyone to raise their hands according to the diocese they lived in. It was uplifting to see representation from all six dioceses, including Belleville, Chicago, Joliet, Peoria, Rockford, and Springfield. After that quick survey, I inquisitively asked, "Do those of you who live in one diocese have more value than those who live in another?"

They instantaneously responded, "No!" I affirmed their response and added, "You are right! Those of you who live in one diocese do not have more value than those who live in another diocese." And here is my point: One's value should not depend on where one lives! Likewise, one's value should not depend on whether one lives inside the womb or outside of the womb.

Too many people support a culture that claims that human life only has value once he or she is living outside of the womb. However, in the Catholic Church, we support a counter-cultural point of view. Namely, we value life from conception to natural death. God is the creator and author of life, and life itself is a gift from God. Therefore, we respect, support, pray, promote, and value life both inside and outside

There are people who would prefer we not gather at events like the March for Life with our prayers, our voices, and our advocacy. Yet Pope Francis has stated, "I urge civil authorities to be especially attentive to children who are denied their fundamental rights and dignity, particularly their right to life." And that is exactly what happened on April 17th in Springfield: together we urged civil authorities to be especially attentive to children who are denied their fundamental rights and dignity, particularly the right to life.

Let me extend a word of gratitude to those of you who support the gift of life through your prayers. Thank you, too, to those of you who put your faith into action through your donations, support, advocacy, and care to assist with those choosing life for the unborn child, especially in crisis situations. We are grateful to those involved with ministries of accompaniment, by supporting post-abortive women and men, through counseling, retreats, and compassionate support groups.

The month of May is often associated with the arrival of Spring and the renewal of life. During this time, we also turn to Mary in a special way, celebrating her "YES" in bringing forth new life through Jesus Christ. Through her Son's life, suffering, death, and resurrection, we have been given the gift of life eternal. We acknowledge one's value should not depend on where one lives, because life is a gift from God both inside the womb and outside of the womb. And with Easter joy, we continue to celebrate that eternal-life is a gift from God for those who believe and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Mercy, Life-Giving Spring, pray for us. And let us celebrate our mothers - those on this earth and those in heaven - with prayers of love and gratitude this Mother's Day.

(To view photos from this year's March for Life in Springfield, I encourage you to visit our website at www.diojoliet.org)

Collections

Sunday, April 28th-\$3,061.00
By Mail-\$832.00
On-Line-\$1,685.00
Home Missions-\$875.00

TOTAL: \$6,453.00

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



May 13th

MARIAN REFLECTION



Come to me, all you who desire me, and eat your fill of my fruits. For the memory of me is sweeter than honey: to possess me is sweeter than the honeycomb.

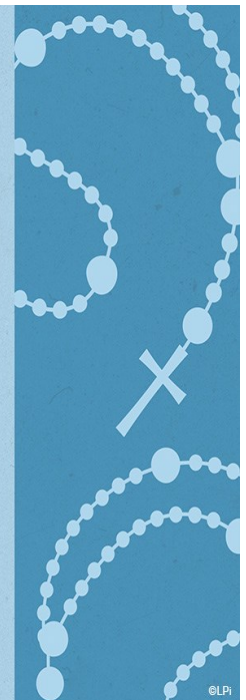
-Sir 24:18-19

May the life of Mary, who gave birth to God, be for all of you as instructive as if it were written down.

Come to know yourselves in her and carry out the good works that you have neglected in the past.

-St Athanasius

The Fátima children, St. Francisco Marto, St. Jacinta Marto, and Venerable Lucia dos Santos, ages 7-10 years, impacted the world after the many apparitions of Mary they experienced. They shared Mary's call to pray the rosary and for peace in the world.



St John the Apostle invite all parishioners, friends, family, children, wheel chair bound persons to process



Eucharistic Procession on Corpus Christi Day
On

Saturday after 5:00 PM Mass **June 1**

Sunday after 12:30 PM Mass **June 2**



Events For The Week

Monday, May 13th

Confessions-5:00-6:00 PM/Church
Finance Meeting-7:00 PM/Library

Tuesday, May 14th

CCW General Meeting-7:00-9:00 PM/Hall
CCW May Crowning-7:00 PM/Church

Wednesday, May 15th

Legion of Mary (Span)-6:00-8:00 PM/Library

Thursday, May 16th

Spanish Bible Study-5:00-7:00 PM/Library
Knights of Columbus-6:30-8:30 PM/Hall

Friday, May 17th

Hora Santa-6:00-7:00 PM/Church
Seton/Play-6:00-9:00 PM/Hall

Saturday, May 18th

Nothing On Schedule

Sunday, May 19th

First Communion-11:00 AM/Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Nest 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
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

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: **\$27,609**
Amount Paid: **\$19,973**
Balance Due: **\$7,636**
Donor Count: **142**

2024 Parish Rebate: 0



Sunday, May 19th
Wear Red

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK – May 12th-19th

Date		Intention	Requested by
Sunday, May 12th	9:00 AM	1. Rob Young (+)	Jeannie Young
	11:00 AM	1. Kenneth Konopacz (+)	Dorothy Konopacz
	12:30 PM	1. Sara Mayia Toroes Vences (+) Descanso eterno en aniversario de fullecido	The Vences Family
Monday, May 13th	7:45 AM	1. Beverly Winn (+)-8th Anniversary of Death	Ginger & Wess
Tuesday, May 14th	7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Wednesday, May 15th	7:45 AM	1. Isidro Estrada (+)	The Estrada Family
Thursday, May 16th	7:00 PM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Friday, May 17th	7:45 AM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Saturday, May 18th	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle 1. The Parishioners of St. John the Apostle	
Sunday, May 19th	9:00 AM	1. Conrad & Rose Cilella (+)	The Cilella Family
	11:00 AM	1. Milagros Destreza (+) 2. Santiago Destreza Sr. (+)	The Family The Family
	12:30 PM	1. La Comunidad de los Hispanos	

12 de mayo de 2024 7º Domingo de Pascua

En este pasaje del Evangelio de Juan, Jesús deja su testamento plasmado en la oración. Aboga por todos nosotros ante el Padre: *“Yo les he dado tu mensaje y el mundo los ha odiado porque no son del mundo, como tampoco yo soy del mundo. No te pido que los saques del mundo, sino que los defiendas del Maligno”* (Juan 17:14-15). Esta oración también es llamada oración sacerdotal. El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica en el número 2747 lo explica de la siguiente manera: *“La tradición cristiana acertadamente la denomina oración sacerdotal de Jesús. Es la oración de nuestro Sumo Sacerdote, inseparable de su sacrificio, de su paso, {pascual} hacia el padre donde él es consagrado enteramente al Padre”*.

El Catecismo continua en el número 2748: *“En esta oración pascual, sacrificial, todo está recapitulado en Él. Dios y el mundo, el Verbo y la carne, la vida eterna y el tiempo, el amor que se entrega y el pecado que lo traiciona, los discípulos presentes y los que creerán en Él por su palabra, su humillación y su Gloria. Es la oración de la unidad”*. El secreto aquí está en no dejarnos llevar por el maligno, por el pecado que todo lo descompone, lo divide y lo pudre. No dejemos que la división reine en la familia, la sociedad y en el mundo. Luchemos siempre por la paz. Pidamos, en este domingo, que seamos signos visibles de esperanza, sabiendo que tú Señor, no nos has dejado solos en el mundo. ¡Ven Espíritu Santo!