

October 3, 2021 † 180th Anniversary Celebration

**St. John the Baptist**  
Catholic Church



**WEEKEND MASSES**

Mass Registration  
No Longer Required

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 7:00 am,  
9:00 am, 11:00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday: 8:00 am  
Tuesday: 8:00 am  
Wednesday: 8:00 am  
Thursday: 8:00 am  
Friday: 8:00 am

**HOLY DAY OBLIGATION**

Eve of Holy Day: 7:00 pm  
Holy Day Masses:  
9:00 am and 7:00pm

**SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00—3:45 pm  
and by appointment  
Communal Penance  
celebrated during  
Advent and Lent

**ROSARY**

Weekdays before Mass  
Sundays at 6:35 am

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**RCIA:** Adults seeking baptism and/or entry into the Catholic Church are invited to participate in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program. Please call Fr. Jacek Junak, CR for more information.**CEMETERY:** Please call Annie in the parish office at (815) 385-1477, EXT. 203 to purchase cemetery plots and niches in the columbarium.**MARRIAGES:** Please call Fr. Jacek Junak, CR at (815) 385-1477, EXT. 202 for appointment, requirements, and a desired wedding date of at least 6 months in advance.**PRAYER LIST:** Please call Anna Rose in the parish office at (815) 385-1477 or email at stjohnbulletin2302@gmail.com to be placed on the bulletin prayer list.**REGISTRATION:** Please call Annie in the parish office (815) 385-1477, EXT. 203 to register as a parishioner.**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

|                   |                  |                    |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Alexandria Arber  | Amy Hershenbach  | Jason Pratt        |
| Jakey Baldassano  | Joanne Hoy       | Thadd Rancourt     |
| Kinsley Bentz     | Richard Jastre   | Lester Rieck       |
| Larry Blaney      | Jim Johnston     | John Robbins       |
| AJ Elsey-Bleck    | Judy Jonas       | Nancy Roberts      |
| Josh Bleck        | Michael Jonas    | Roz Ruiz           |
| Stanley Butski    | Jameson Justen   | Jerry Schillaci    |
| Carmelita Caifano | Jerome Kehl      | Gretchen Short     |
| Jeannie Caifano   | Judy King        | Judy Spears        |
| Serenity Carf     | Connie Kucharski | Robert Spears      |
| Sabrina Cavanaugh | Eloise Leight    | Pete Spitz         |
| Mike & Sharon     | Dean & Sandra    | Benny Taylor       |
| Coyle             | Lenard           | Ralph Torres       |
| Lawrence DiPrima  | Carol Madigan    | Christine Turner   |
| Timothy Wells-    | Robert Madsen    | Karen Walker       |
| Duffek            | Jill McLean      | Gina Wierz         |
| Patrick Eldridge  | Sr. Carol Mecko  | Alice Zabawski     |
| Shirley Fix       | Aaliyah Gilbert- | Joanne Zaremba     |
| John Ferraro      | Meyer            | Diane Zyskowski    |
| Mark Fischer      | Jeanne Monaco    |                    |
| Tina Fosnacht     | Bill Nowak       | <b>Our Beloved</b> |
| Glenda Fussell    | Dan Oleksa       | <b>Deceased:</b>   |
| Carol Gall        | Bob Osborn       | Charles Waldron    |
| Debbie Glen       | Robert Phillips  |                    |
| Flo Gofron        | Kathy Posey      |                    |

We will keep names on the list for eight weeks, and then remove. If you would like the name of your loved one to be on the list for longer than eight weeks, please call the Parish Office to renew. Thank you for your understanding.

## WEEKLY READINGS

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Sunday:      | Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12     |
| Monday:      | Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37                                  |
| Tuesday:     | Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42                            |
| Wednesday:   | Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4                                |
| Thursday:    | Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13                       |
| Friday:      | Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26                     |
| Saturday:    | Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28                            |
| Next Sunday: | Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 |

## MASS INTENTIONS

*"One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord." - St. Monica*

### Saturday, Oct. 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Martinus Schmitt Family (John Schmitt)

### Sunday, Oct. 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

7:00 AM † Joe & Gerri Hiller (Family)  
 9:00 AM † Nancy Mattison (Ray Mattison Family)  
 11:00 AM Jeremy Halley (Family)  
 2:00 PM Past, Present, and Future Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. John the Baptist (Fr. Jacek)

### Monday, Oct. 4, St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 AM † Christopher Wirtz (Jessica Justen)

### Tuesday, Oct. 5, Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

8:00 AM † Sofia M. Handago, *Anniversary* (Paulette Handago)

### Wednesday, Oct. 6, St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

8:00 AM † Evelyn & Lyn Raske (Marlene Goetschel)

### Thursday, Oct. 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 AM † John & Gayle Spalich (Gena Beck)

### Friday, Oct. 8

8:00 AM † Anthony Poprawski (Mercado Family)

### Saturday, Oct. 9, St. Denis & Companions; St. John Leonardi

4:00 PM S.I. Jason & Anna Rose Zakrzewski, *Wedding Anniversary* (Mario, Ari & Bayleigh Zakrzewski)

### Sunday, Oct. 10, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM † Parishioners, Friends, and Benefactors of St. John the Baptist (Fr. Jacek)  
 9:00 AM † Pat Callahan, *Birthday* (Family)  
 11:00 AM † Sophia Handago, *Anniversary* (Paulette Elsey)

## ST. JOHN'S 180TH ANNIVERSARY—A CELEBRATION OF OUR HISTORY

*The following is an excerpt from a publication celebrating St. John's 150th Anniversary in 1991. It gives an abbreviated history of our parish founding, and church building history...*

Our journey of faith began on August 2, 1841, when three young men, having immigrated from their German homeland, arrived on the banks of the Fox River. They had left their families behind in Chicago as they searched for a place to settle that had adequate land for raising crops and where they could establish their homes.

Jacob Schmitt, Nicolaus Adams, and Nicolaus Frett found themselves surrounded by a countryside that was lush and green, virtually untouched. They agreed that this place would be where they would settle.

Soon there were others who would join them: the first was Johann Baptist Mueller, followed by more families from the Coblenz and Eiffel regions of Germany. The community they formed was first called Miller's settlement, possibly named for Johann Mueller. One year later, the first St. John the Baptist Catholic Church was constructed under the direction of Fr. Portman on the site of the present church. The church was built of logs and measured 20' x 28' in size.

As more families joined the parish, it became necessary, in 1850, to construct a larger 33' x 75' frame church building. In 1851 Bishop Van de Velde, bishop of Chicago, blessed St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church. He also confirmed 63 people during the ceremony. Later that year, 33 people were confirmed into the Roman Catholic faith. Until 1852, visiting priests minister to the people of Miller's settlement but, as the community grew, resident pastors became part of St. John the Baptist Parish.

In 1867, during the pastorate of Rev. Clemens Venn, the third St. John the Baptist church building was begun...a larger brick building of Gothic architecture (50' x 133' in size) like that remembered by those from their German homeland. It was completed 20 years later, during the pastorate of Rev. Henry Mehring, at a final cost of \$45,000.

On February 18, 1900...during the time Father Mehring was in residence...the church was destroyed by fire of such proportion that it burned the entire building. Only a few statues and a small organ were retrieved before the building was consumed. Although the parishioners were saddened by the event, they were very grateful to God that there were no deaths or serious injuries as the fire started during a Sunday morning High Mass when the church was filled.

Parishioner Elisabeth Nichols, who was attending the mass with her brother and her father, Martin Schmidt, gave this account of the tragic event:

*"Father Mehring had just begun his sermon when some of the faithful noticed smoke swirling around the Everlasting Light, which was hung near the Communion Rail. Soon flames and smoke were rampant along the entire ceiling. In an effort to evacuate the burning building as quickly as possible, many people became panic stricken, causing crushing and fainting. Many people climbed over pews. Some choir members fell down the stairs, and one even fell out a window on the staircase landing."*

Undaunted by the catastrophe that would've overwhelmed others, the people of St. John's showed their spirit, their conviction, and their determination. Starting almost immediately

with the laying of a cornerstone, and using part of the foundation of their beloved church destroyed by the fire, they constructed a new church building. The church was completed in 1902 at a cost of nearly \$90,000.

That structure...the very church in which we worship today... was patterned after the north German Gothic architectural style. The floor of the church was laid out in the form of a cross with the room widening near the altar and narrowing at the front doors. ...The hand painted murals and stained glass inside the church were brought from Germany. The steeple of the church rises 159 feet above the ground. The three bells inside the bell tower were made in St. Louis, Missouri. The largest of these is 47 inches in diameter, forged of solid bronze, and weighs 3,500 pounds.

In 1927 the parish held a three day celebration on June 24th, 25th, and 26th to commemorate the 86th anniversary of the founding of the parish and the 25th anniversary of the present church. To celebrate the double Jubilee, during the pastor of Reverend Reverend William Weber, the church was redecorated at a cost of \$30,000. The elaborate decorating took eight months to complete as the work was done free-hand, with a large amount of gold leaf being used.

From the time of its completion in 1902 until 1975, the church building served its parishioners well. Maintenance repairs to the roof and redecoration of its interior were done as needed over the years, but not on a regular schedule. Because of this, through the years the building deteriorated; paint began to peel, plaster cracked, support pillars showed signs of aging, and the church lost the luster at once possessed. By 1975, major repairs were needed.

There were those who believed it should be torn down, replaced by a more modern structure that would be far more efficient and easier to maintain. But the spirit of their forefathers remained in the blood of the people...they resisted this notion. They had a vision, a vision of maintaining the heritage and beauty of the past with the needs of the present.

During the pastorate of Rev. Leo J. Bartel, a campaign was begun in late 1974 to save the church and restore it to its original beauty. Funding was raised, and the work begun. As the restoration proceeded, problems were incurred. Structural columns supporting the roof had serious dry-rot, necessitating major and unanticipated repairs that required the raising of additional money to complete the restoration. Because of this, the parish was left with a debt of almost \$1,000,000 by the time the restoration was completed in 1978. But the spirit of the people again rose to the occasion. Through the efforts of the Winners' Circle they responded with their support so that the debt was completely paid in 1986 during the pastorate of Rev. John C. Holdren. In addition, an endowment of \$200,000 was established for the maintenance of the church building. The final restoration cost was \$1,241,000.

The decision to forgo the establishment of a new building later proved to be the correct decision as, in 1984, the church building received Landmark status. A plaque, presented by the McHenry County Historical Society, was placed to the left of the front entrance and commemoration of the event. The inscription on the plaque reads:

**The Site of St. John's Church**  
**The first building here was 20' x 28',**  
**Built of logs, in 1842**  
**McHenry County Historical Society**  
**Plaque # 21**  
**1984**

# St. John the Baptist Church *Throughout the Ages*



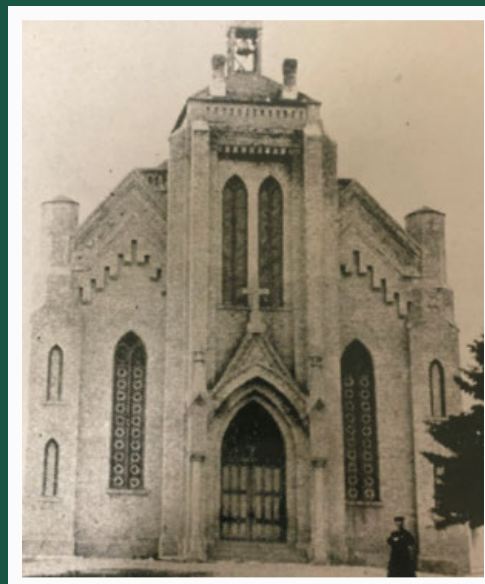
The first chapel on the site of the present church was built of logs and measured 20' x 28' in size. It's construction was overseen by Fr. Portman. This first log cabin church also served as a school and meeting hall and served the community until 1850 when a larger frame church was built.

The first frame church was built in 1850 according to the testimony of old settlers and the diary of a Bishop Van de Belde: "May 1, 1850—visited new church (not finished, frame) of St. John the Baptist, in Miller settlement, three or four miles from McHenry town, (75' x 33'), well-designed; made arrangements to have a frame church 50' x 35', built at McHenry. A lot free, for the purpose was given by Mr. Brown, a protestant." "November 9, 1851—Blessed church of St. John the Baptist of the German congregation, near the village of McHenry..."



In 1867, under the pastorate of Rev. Clemens Venn, construction of a new church began, and was finished 20 years later by Rev. Henry Mehring.

Here the church is pictured before the construction of the church steeples. Rev. H. M. Fegers can be seen in the lower right hand corner.



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## PASTORAL HISTORY

Up until 1852 the Johnsburg congregation was ministered to by visiting priests. The first priest visited the settlement in the fall of 1841 by accident. He was the Rev. Fr. Fisher, sent from Vincennes, Indiana to minister to the needs of Catholics in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin. Returning from the latter state, he had lost his way and was brought by Indians to Miller's Settlement, where he offered Mass next morning in Nick Frett's block house. The next priest who visited the settlement was the Rev. Plathe, who at intervals offered Mass in John Mueller's block house and once in Schmitt's chapel over the river. Another priest, Rev. Koch, remained with the people a fortnight. (Source: *Parish Jubilee Publication from 1927*)

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Rev. John Jacomet       | 1852-1853 |
| Rev. M. Gipperich       | 1853-1854 |
| Rev. F.P. Carolus       | 1854-1858 |
| Rev. A. Jaeger          | 1858      |
| Rev. Thos. Fraunhofer   | 1858-1860 |
| Rev. J.P. Vogt          | 1860-1861 |
| Rev. Phillip Porh       | 1861      |
| Rev. W. Liermann        | 1861-1865 |
| Rev. Edw. Hermann       | 1865-1866 |
| Rev. Wm. Gerst          | 1866      |
| Rev. F.L. Maria, O.S.B. | 1866      |
| Rev. Clemens Venn       | 1866-1868 |
| Rev. H.M. Fegers        | 1868-1883 |
| Rev. Otto Groenebaum    | 1883-1884 |
| Rev. Henry Mehring      | 1884-1908 |
| Rev. Stephen Wolfgarten | 1908-1912 |
| Rev. Edward Berthold    | 1912-1915 |
| Rev. Wm. Weber          | 1915-1930 |
| Rev. Anthony Vollman    | 1930-1938 |
| Rev. Albert Neidert     | 1938-1949 |
| Rev. Joseph Blitsch     | 1949-1963 |
| Rev. John Dording       | 1963-1970 |
| Rev. Leo J. Bartel      | 1970-1983 |
| Rev. John C. Holdren    | 1983-1994 |
| Rev. Robert A. Balog    | 1994-2006 |
| Rev. Gerald Watt, C.R.  | 2006-2009 |
| Rev. Jacek Junak, C.R.  | 2009-     |



**Left:** On February, 18, 1900, a fire, originating near the Everlasting Light near the communion rail began during High Mass. Thankfully, there were no deaths or serious injuries, despite the entire church being consumed by flames.

**Below:** Construction of a new church (our current church building) began almost immediately and was completed in 1902. Rev. Henry Mehring, pastor from 1884-1908, oversaw its construction and completion.



**Right:** A celebration of First Holy Eucharist takes place in the current church building. Since its construction in 1902, St. John's has undergone several renovations to preserve, renovate, and redecorate the interior of the church.



## HISTORICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY

It is very fitting that St. John the Baptist Cemetery is dedicated to the lasting memory of the first settlers who organized the parish. Plaqued in 1986, the inscription reads, in part:

*"It is the resting place until the day of Resurrection for the bodies of the faithful departed, once temples of the Holy Spirit, whose souls are now with God. It is a final and continuing profession of faith in God and of membership in the Church by those who have chosen to be buried with fellow believers of "The Household of Faith."*

While the parish had a cemetery from the very beginning of its organization, two pastors, in particular, were instrumental in beautifying the grounds, and evidence of their efforts is still visible today.



Rev. William Weber served as pastor from 1915 until 1930. One of the most memorable contributions to the parish was the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, dedicated to the memory of Rev. Henry Mehring. The grotto is an exact reproduction of the original grotto in Lourdes, France... It is constructed from petrified stone which was shipped to Johnsburg from Erie County, Ohio.

Father Weber's successor, Rev. Anthony Vollman, authorized the building of the Via Dolorosa, "Road of Sorrows", with a beautiful garden, Stations of the Cross, ponds, and a chapel with housed an image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Thousands of people came annually to visit the inspirational and artistic church and to meditate while making their way through an equally impressive churchyard. By the year 1944, a guest book located in the cemetery contained names of people from every state.



The Crucifixion, located near the entrance of the cemetery, was dedicated on September 4, 1932. The statue was sculpted in Italy, and was shipped to Johnsburg in sections. The statue was then pieced together by Joseph and George Frett (descendants of Nicolaus Frett, one of the original pioneers to settle Johnsburg), and Frank Freund. These men also built the pedestal on which the statue rests as well as the chapel in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. When the statue was completely assembled, it presented, as it still does, an object of rich beauty.

*This excerpt taken in part from "Our Cemetery", an article appearing in the 1927 St. John's Parish Jubilee publication.*

*Editor's Note: The following is an excerpt taken from the 1927 Parish Jubilee publication titled "History of the Parish" identifying the names of several of the first settlers and founders of our church.*

**Taken from the New World, Edition, Volume 8, No. 33, Chicago, Saturday, April 14, 1900, and from the History of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois, 1924, and From the Parish Records, and from Tombstone's in the Cemetery**

This is one of the oldest Catholic communities in the state of Illinois, exclusively German. There is a tradition that as early as 1838, Bishop Brutte of Vincennes, IN was in the neighborhood and baptized four children. The Germans, however, did not come until about three years later. The first German settlers at Johnsburg were Jacob Schmitt, Nicolaus Adams and John Bapt. Mueller, and they arrived at the place on August 2, 1841. In 1842 came Fred Schmitt, Nic Molitor, John P. Bell, Hy Thelen, John Shaefer, William Klein, Nic Hess, John Mueller, John Freund, M. Blamenser, Fred Laiken, Math Gerads, Stephen Baudes, Peter Sabel, Nic Wagner, Matthew Wagner, John Friedrich, Franz Schmitt, John Adam Bloedt, Math Blek, Ph. Blek, Peter Blek, Matthew Gilles, Nic Meurer, Math Lay, Michael Wenkel. In 1843 they were followed by George Scheit, Michael Mueller, John P. Schmitt and Hy Brefeld, and in 1844 by Bernard and Hy Kennebeck, John Fester, John Kretzgen, B. Becker, Fr. Rothaermel, John Adam Mueller and John Schang. All these people came from the Eiffel, Coblenz and vicinity (of Germany).

## MINISTRY NEWS &amp; ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Celebrate With Us!**

**Join us for our 180th Anniversary  
Mass with Bishop David Malloy!**

**Sunday, October 3rd  
2:00 PM**

**Celebrate afterwards with  
Food & Fellowship on the  
Community Club grounds  
at 3:00 PM!**

**All parishioners are welcome!**

***St. John's Cookbooks are Here!***

180th Anniversary Parish  
Cookbooks are available in the  
parish office during office hours.  
Cookbooks sell for \$12.50

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***Are you feeling called to the ministry  
of Religious Education?***

We are still in need of substitute catechists for our Monday and Wednesday evening Classes. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, please contact Stephanie Eldridge at [stjohnre youth@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnre youth@gmail.com) or by phone at 815-385-1477 ext. 201.

***If not you, then who?***



The Bereavement Ministry will meet  
Monday, October 4th at 5:00 pm  
in the Parish Office.

**HOLY LEAGUE FOR MEN**

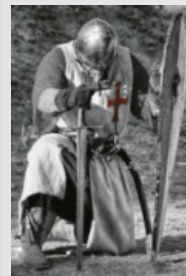
**OCTOBER 7TH, 7-9 PM**

**HOLY HOUR &  
CONFESSION**

**FRATERNAL  
ENCOURAGEMENT**

**STEP INTO THE BREACH!**

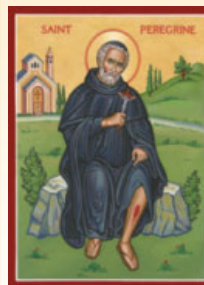
**PREPARE FOR SPIRITUAL  
COMBAT!**

***St. Peregrine Cancer Support***

St. Peregrine Cancer Support  
meetings are held on the second  
Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.

October—St. Patrick's  
November—Holy Apostles

For information, please contact:  
Michelle Anelli 815-355-8500  
Felicia Kuna 815-322-2558



The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sodality will meet Tuesday,  
October 12th at 1:00 PM  
in the Parish Office.

All women of St. John's  
are welcome to join us  
for fellowship and  
activities.



# October is Respect Life Month!

## ~BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG~

In honor of Respect Life Month, St. John's Respect Life Ministry will be conducting their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser to support 1st Way Life Center and our parish's Respect Life Ministry.

### WHAT IS 1<sup>ST</sup> WAY?

1<sup>ST</sup> Way is a non-profit organization that offers positive alternatives to abortion to anyone facing a crisis pregnancy. In operation for over 40 years, 1<sup>ST</sup> Way has had the opportunity to assist well over 10,000 moms & their babies!

They have a **24-hour Hotline, (800) 712-HELP**, and they are located at 3714 N. Fairview Ave. in Johnsburg.

All services are **free of charge**, and they include:

- \* Pregnancy testing
- \* Childbirth & parenting classes
- \* Shelter homes
- \* Referrals to county agencies
- \* Baby layette supplies & layettes
- \* Baby clothing & diapers
- \* Housing assistance
- \* Referrals to licensed adoption agencies
- \* Life Skills Courses

Limited Ultrasound, limited STD testing & treating and pregnancy testing are offered at Focus Women's Center in McHenry, 1<sup>st</sup> Way's second site.

### HOW TO HELP:

Beginning October 9th, each family is asked to take **one** baby bottle from baskets located in the Narthex and side exits of the church. Bring the bottle home and fill it with change, bills or checks (**made payable to 1<sup>st</sup> Way Life Center**). Return the bottles to the designated basket in the Narthex throughout October.

Let's make 2021's BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG another great success!

### Respect Life Chain—St. Mary's, McHenry

October 3rd in front of St. Mary's, McHenry

Meet at 2:00 pm to pick out signs, pray, and talk with Father and find your spot on the sidewalk.

Chain is from 2:30 pm—3:30 pm.

No personal signs allowed.



Free  
Ultrasounds!

Pregnant volunteers  
needed for hands-on  
training.

Text "Ultrasound Volunteer"  
to 815-322-1585  
for more information.

Focus Women's Center  
409 N. Front Street  
McHenry, IL

focus  
women's center




**October is Respect Life Month. Please join us in the church every Saturday in October at 6:00 am as we pray for the protection of unborn children and their mothers.**



**WEEK AT A GLANCE**

**October 4th—October 10th**

|                   |  |                             |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>MON. 10/4</b>  | <b>RE Classes</b>                        |                             |
|                   | 7:35 am                                  | Rosary                      |
|                   | 8:00 am                                  | Mass                        |
|                   | 5:00 pm                                  | Bereavement Meeting, PO     |
| <b>TUES. 10/5</b> | <b>Parish Office CLOSED for Workshop</b> |                             |
|                   | 7:35 am                                  | Rosary                      |
|                   | 8:00 am                                  | Mass                        |
| <b>WED. 10/6</b>  | <b>RE Classes</b>                        |                             |
|                   | 7:35 am                                  | Rosary                      |
|                   | 8:00 am                                  | Mass                        |
|                   | 7:00 pm                                  | Choir Practice, Church      |
| <b>THR. 10/7</b>  |  |                             |
|                   | 7:35 am                                  | Rosary                      |
|                   | 8:00 am                                  | Mass                        |
|                   | 7:00 pm                                  | Holy League for Men, Church |
| <b>FRI. 10/8</b>  |  |                             |
|                   | 7:35 am                                  | Rosary                      |
|                   | 8:00 am                                  | Mass                        |
| <b>SAT. 10/9</b>  | <b>Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins</b>      |                             |
|                   | 6:00 am                                  | TMIY! Meeting, PH           |
|                   | 6:00 am                                  | Pro Life Prayer, Church     |
|                   | 4:00 pm                                  | Mass                        |
| <b>SUN. 10/10</b> | <b>Baby Bottle Boomerang Begins</b>      |                             |
|                   | 7:00 am                                  | Mass                        |
|                   | 9:00 am                                  | Mass                        |
|                   | 11:00 am                                 | Mass                        |

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**CHURCH FINANCES**

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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| Online Contributions.....  | \$ | 1,097.00 |
| Collection Envelopes ..... | \$ | 6,902.00 |
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|                                       |                     |
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| <u>2021 Diocesan Stewardship Goal</u> | <b>\$66,550.00</b>  |
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- Oct. 11: Columbus Day, No School SJS
- Oct. 11: No RE Classes
- Oct. 12: St. Peregrine Cancer Support, St. Patrick's—10 am
- Oct. 12: BVM Meeting, PO—1 pm
- Oct. 13: No RE Classes
- Oct. 16: That Man is You!, PH—6 am
- Oct. 16: Pro Life Prayer, Church—6 am
- Oct. 16: K of C Blood Drive, PH—8 am to Noon
- Oct. 17: Pack- A- Sack Sunday
- Oct. 17: Children's Choir, Fr. Schroeder Building—8 am
- Oct. 18: RE Classes
- Oct. 19: Confirmation Class—6 pm
- Oct. 20: RE Classes
- Oct. 20: Choir Practice, Church—7 pm
- Oct. 21: K of C Meeting, PH—7:30 pm
- Oct. 22: SJS Half Day of School
- Oct. 23: Pro Life Prayer, Church—6 am
- Oct. 23: That Man is You!, PH—6 am

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The Holy Rosary is recited:  
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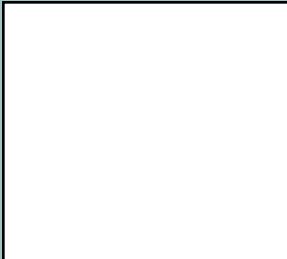
**Sundays at 6:35 am**



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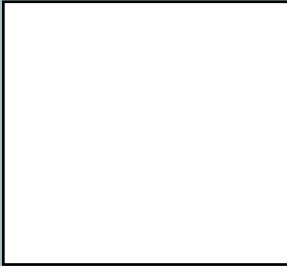
  
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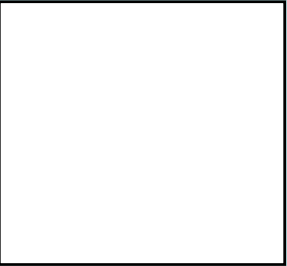
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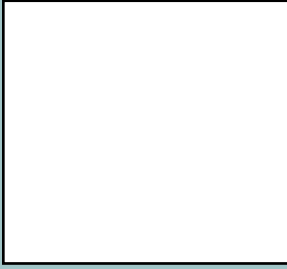


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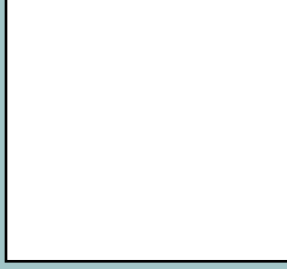
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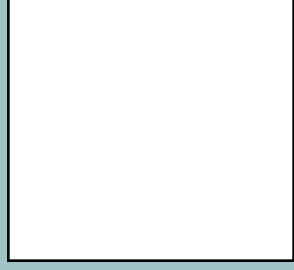


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