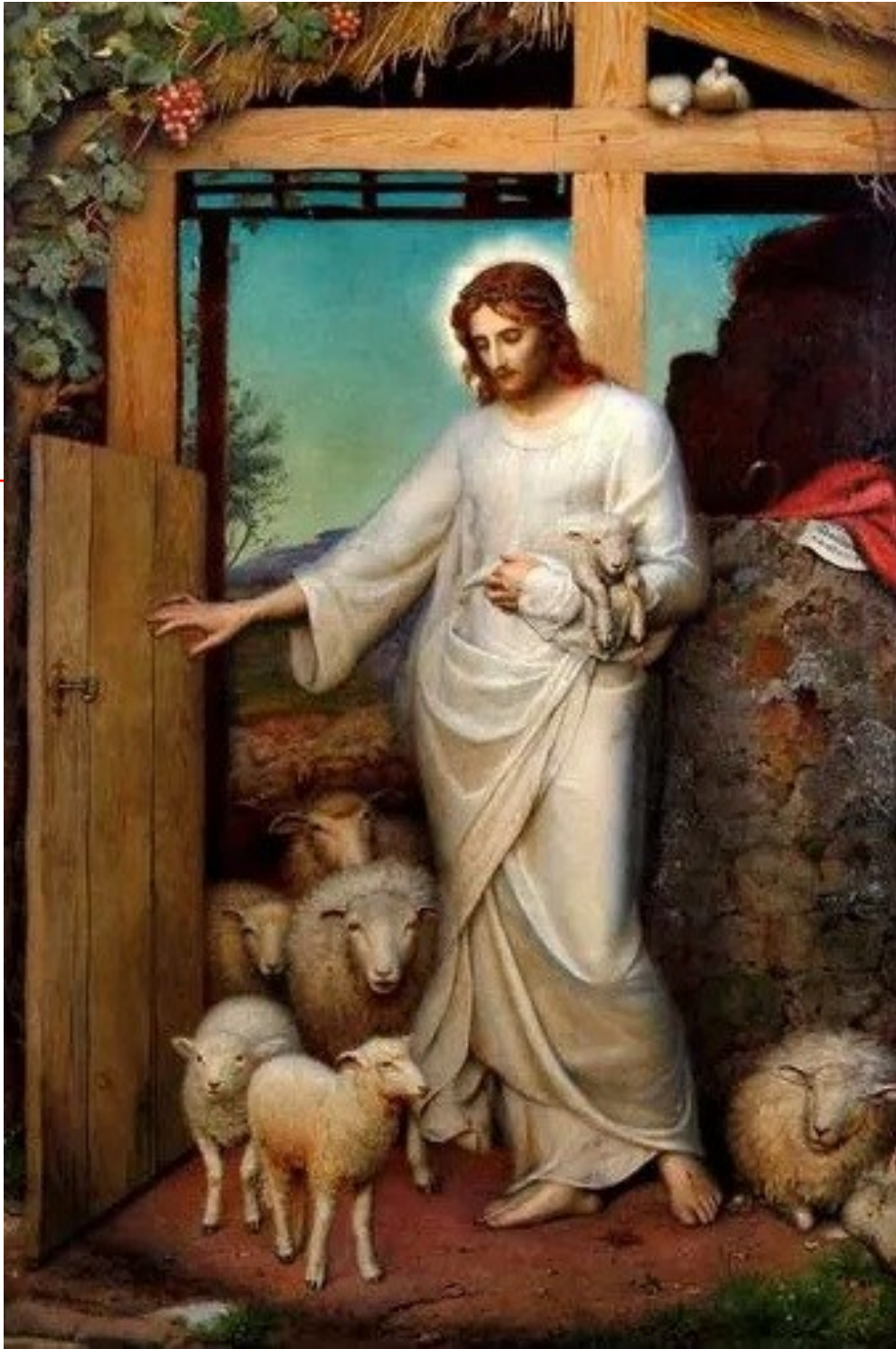


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2026



**W**hoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.

*John 10:9*

Pope Leo XIV shares that today is “an occasion of grace in which we share some reflections on the *interior dimension* of vocation, understood as the discovery of God’s free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts.”

“The Lord,” Pope Leo said, “knows us and enlightens our hearts with His loving gaze. *Every vocation begins with the awareness / experience of a God who is love. The Lord knows us profoundly, has counted the hairs on our head, and has envisaged for each person a unique path of holiness and service.*”

The Pope explains that a vocation is not “an immediate possession, something given once and for all,” but rather a path that unfolds.

For people to come to know the Lord, Pope Leo urges making

time for Eucharistic Adoration, meditate faithfully on the Word of God and to participate actively and fully in the sacramental life of the Church.

***“Through the intimacy of friendship with Jesus, all will discover how to give of themselves. Every vocation is an immeasurable gift for the Church and for those who receive it with joy.”***

Pope Leo XIV, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, April 26, 2026

**PSSST! MOTHER'S DAY IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!**



**IT HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER, OR MORE DELICIOUS TO PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS - AND....help the school fundraiser. LAST CHANCE! - NOW through April 30. Vouchers will be delivered by May 15**

You may purchase vouchers for one 9" frozen DEEP DISH Pizza (choice of cheese, sausage, pepperoni or spinach) AND/ OR one Bundtlet cake, flavor of your choosing!

Pizza vouchers are honored for 6 months at any Lou's location, including Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Arizona

Cake vouchers are can be redeemed at all local Chicagoland locations listed on back of voucher.

Pay by **Cash** or **Checks** made payable to St. John the Baptist. Complete the order form below and kindly submit orders to the school office or drop in collection basket **next** weekend.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ or PARISHIONER (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00 for each individual cake voucher  
 Sub total: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00 for each 9" pizza voucher  
 Sub total: \_\_\_\_\_

GRAND TOTAL OF PURCHASE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone the school office with any questions at 630.668.2625

**COME PRAY WITH US - MAY 1**

**Mary is this Glorious Intermediary. She is the mighty Mother of God. - Pope Leo XIII**  
 The month of May is the celebration of our Blessed Mother. Please pray with the students of St. John the Baptist school as they pray the most holy rosary each Friday during May at 2:15pm at Mary's Garden.

Please join us if you are able and we especially encourage parents pickup up their students to park and pray with us. We look forward to you joining us on Friday, May 1.



**CCW END OF YEAR DINNER - MAY 6**

Join us in Sebahar Hall for our End of Year meeting and Dinner. We will begin with a delicious Italian dinner of Chicken Francese, stuffed shells, salad and dessert. After dinner we will install officers for 2026-7 and hold a brief meeting. Cost of the dinner is \$12 per person.



Contact Venessa Lopatka **by May 1** to reserve you spot or complete the form below. Contact Venessa with questions. [venessalopatka@gmail.com](mailto:venessalopatka@gmail.com) or by phone at 630.336.5414

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Make your check payable to St. John's CCW and drop with registration information in the collection basket **this weekend** or at the parish office no later than May 1

**BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - Wednesday, May 20**

Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday May 20th at 7pm at the home of Roberta Ripley. We will discuss the book, *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore. Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net).

## OPEN TO ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 3 - 8 JOIN THE CHOIR!

**Commit to only a few weeks and then belt it out at Mass!**

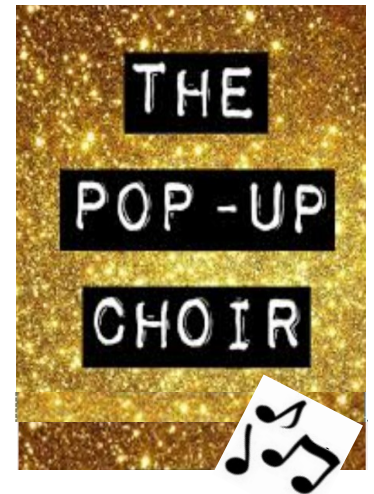
We are gathering once again for our “pop up” Parish Youth Choir. We will have three rehearsals and then we’ll sing at Mass. This choir is a limited time commitment!

The choir will practice in the Church:

Sunday, April 26, 11:15 - 11:45 am

Sunday, May 3, 11:15 - 11:45 am \*\*We will stay after this practice and sing at the 12 noon Mass on this date.

If you were unable to join the choir the first two times singing at Mass, we hope this third group of dates will fit your schedules. To register, fill out the google form at this link: <https://forms.gle/q17ATRTCaTMWBCpg8> - OR - email our Director of Sacred Music, Carrie Marcotte at: [cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org)



## FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION - MAY 2

**Join us the first Saturday of each month to experience this beautiful devotion.**

Meet in church for the 8:00 am Mass with Adoration, Confession, Rosary and Devotional prayers to follow. Our Lady proclaimed in her own words, *“I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”*

St. John the Baptist church will provide for all four of the requirements of a First Saturday:

- 🌹 Opportunity for a Sacramental confession, 🌹 Pray five decades of the Rosary,
- 🌹 Receive Holy Communion, 🌹 Keep Our Lady company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - MAY 7

The SJB Grief Support Group meets on the first Thursdays of the month and offers emotional support for those grieving a loss whether by death, divorce, or other significant event in their lives. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office Dining Room. Contact the parish office for more information.

## JOIN OUR MARIAN CONSECRATION RETREAT - TUESDAYS or WEDNESDAYS

**33 Days to Morning Glory Parish Retreat - It isn't too late to join!**

If you've been thinking about entrusting yourself to Mary for the first time or if you're looking to deepen and renew your devotion - this is the perfect retreat to make.

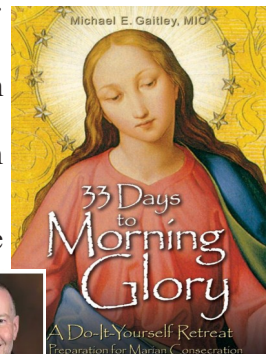
Fr. Pat Mulcahy will lead our parish retreat in both an in-person or online option to supplement the daily reading required in the book. The videos and discussions will further enhance the retreat experience. There will be a parish celebration of the Consecration to Mary at the end of the retreat.

The 33 days runs on **Tuesday, April 21** through May 30. In person will meet at 7:00 pm in Sebahar Hall.

Remote online option will be via Google Meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am beginning **April 22**.

Register at <https://piou.us/morningglory>. There is no cost for the retreat, but the book must be purchased. Cost of the book is around \$13.

Give yourself the gift of this retreat and then give yourself to Mary! Contact Fr. Pat with any questions at [frpat@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:frpat@stjohnwinfield.org) or at 630.668.0918 x 638





PRE-SALE TICKETS: SUNDAY, APRIL 19

GET TICKETS: [CUR8.com/24720/project/138549](http://CUR8.com/24720/project/138549)

Children 3 and under FREE as lap child

St Cecilia Hall · OS259 Church St, Winfield, IL 60190



Buy your tickets now and treat the family to a cultural event that you don't have to pay for parking to enjoy! Join us on May 15 or 16. Scan QR code at left to purchase your tickets.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST - THEATER DEPT  
Presents  
**THE WIZARD of OZ**

FRIDAY MAY 15 7 PM 

SATURDAY MAY 16 1 & 7 PM

## Our School may be just what you're looking for!

YOU'RE INVITED TO VISIT OUR **PRE-8TH GRADE SCHOOL**

**May 15 is SHADOW DAY.**

We especially invite all 3rd - 7th graders to spend the day with us.

We will even treat you to a pizza lunch!



**Our School is**

- ≡ Formed in Faith
- ≡ Educated in Excellence
- ≡ Embraced by Community

A Tuition Transfer Grant is available to students in Grades 1-7 making this a great time for new families from the public school system to join our school.

Phone the school Principal, Mrs. Joanne Policht at 630.668.2625 or look us up at [www.sjbwinfield.org](http://www.sjbwinfield.org)

Some students in our lower grades will be away on a fieldtrip May 15th, so while there is no opportunity to shadow on that date, we will happily coordinate a private tour for you to come and see these students engaged in learning.

Phone our Principal, Mrs. Joanne Policht at for tour arrangements.

## Scripture Readings

### MONDAY

April 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:11-18

### TUESDAY

April 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

### WEDNESDAY

April 29  
St. Catherine  
of Siena, Virgin  
and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

### THURSDAY

April 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

### FRIDAY

May 1  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

### SATURDAY

May 2  
St. Athanasius,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

### SUNDAY

May 3  
Fifth Sunday  
of Easter  
Acts 6:1-7  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12



## POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

For priests in crisis.

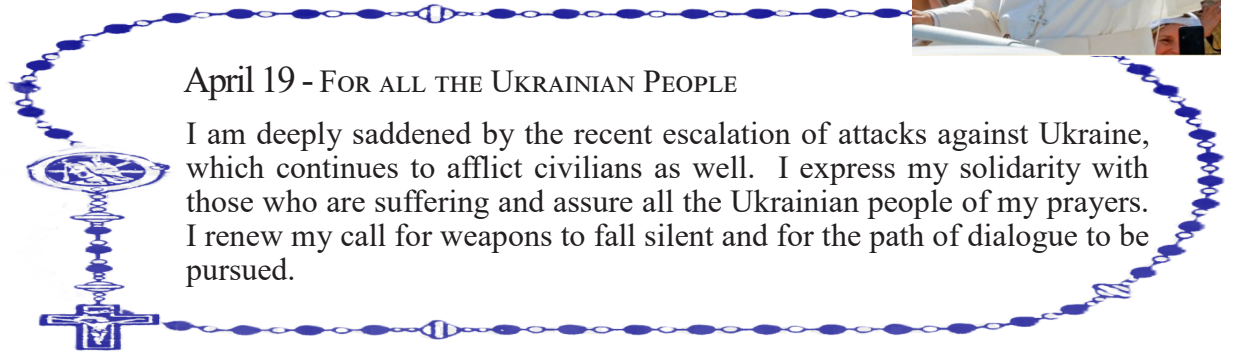
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.



Join your prayers with the Holy Father and spread your love and rosary devotions around the world!

### April 19 - FOR ALL THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

I am deeply saddened by the recent escalation of attacks against Ukraine, which continues to afflict civilians as well. I express my solidarity with those who are suffering and assure all the Ukrainian people of my prayers. I renew my call for weapons to fall silent and for the path of dialogue to be pursued.



## ADULT VBS - YES, YOU READ THAT RIGHT! - JUNE 9 - 30

Come study the "I Am" statements of Jesus found in the Gospel of John ("I Am the Light of the World," "I Am the Bread of Life,") etc. We will dig in through video, Bible Study, crafts, movie night, snacks, and celebrate a closing Mass. All the stuff of Vacation Bible School, but for adults! Cost includes crafts and snacks, but if you would like to buy the book to follow along, you can get that on Amazon at below link.

Led by Fr. Pat Mulcahy and friends!  
Location: Sebahar Hall  
7 - 8:30 pm ish depending on the evening's activity

Cost: \$30 Register at: <https://piou.us/adultvbs26>

Purchase the book (if desired) at:  
<https://a.co/d/04UZ3Y2U>



## ART AND ENVIRONMENT NEEDS YOU

**Even a little help would go a long way**

We are looking for some volunteers to assist with the watering and other ongoing maintenance of the plants and flowers in the Church and Chapel. Suggested days for watering are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Currently, volunteers are set up for one week each month. If you are interested, please get in touch with Joe Kadolph at: [jakadolph@gmail.com](mailto:jakadolph@gmail.com) or get in touch with Fr. Dan at [contactus@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:contactus@stjohnwinfield.org)

## Stewardship... A Way of Life

Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of April 5 and Easter combined totaled \$ 44,845.  
Collection total for the weekend of April 12 was \$ 24,213.

**Thank you** for your support and prayers in helping the parish meet our weekly goal of \$20,198. May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25

5:00 pm † Michael Brennan  
† Fr. Richard Prodehl

Sunday, April 26

8:00 am † Charles Lo Giudice  
10:00 am † Clem and Joyce Milder  
12 Noon People of the Parish

Monday, April 27

8:00 am Sp. Int. for Linda LeBreux

Tuesday, April 28

8:00 am † Frank DiMaso

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 am Sp. Int. for Jim Russell

Thursday, April 30

8:00 am Sp. Int. for Kay Konopka

Friday, May 1

8:00 am † All Souls Intentions of  
the Parish  
Living and Deceased  
CCW members and for  
Peace

Saturday, May 2

8:00 am Sp. Int. for James  
Marecek

5:00 pm † Michael Brennan  
† Jim Brewer

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am † Helen Payne  
10:00 am † Fr. Tony Stockinger  
12 Noon People of the Parish

**T**he Mass is considered the highest form of prayer in the Church, and certainly the most powerful prayer that is said on behalf of those who are deceased.

## For the Sick

Janet Bartelli, Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, Regalado Carlos, Mildred Hoffman, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Genevieve Rohr, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Fr. John Sebahar, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobutt, Fr. Gerald Tivy, **Jack Van De North**, Anita Venard, Marino Verdico

To place a name on the prayer lists, contact Rosa Benavides, at rosab@stjohnwinfield.org or by phone at 630.668.0918 x 601.

## For those in the Armed Forces for Peace and Safety

Lt. Col. John Berg, SSgt Tyler Bowling, Commander Nicholas Daly, Sgt. Justin Earle, Lt. Col. Anthony Eschliman, Airman Nicholas Kostecka, Cpt. Matthew Luff, 1st Lt. Allyson Serbick, SPC Keegan Serbick, SPC Jack Serbick, Lt. Col. James Smolucha, Lt. Col. Michael Smolucha

## For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week in memory of Jose Lino Bejarano

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Dean Howell.



*Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. - Pope Francis*

## Vocation Prayer Calendar

**April 26** Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez, Fr. Robert Hoffenkamp

**April 27** Dcns. Alexander Grozik, Manuel Guerrero

**April 28** Dcn. Candidates David Guglielmi, David Hartke

**April 29** Seminarian Juan Pablo Torrijos

**April 30** Sr. Margaret Christi Karwowski, OSF

**May 1** Dcn. Hung Nguyen

**May 2** Dcns. Michael Murphy and Saul Garcia

On Good Shepherd Sunday, continue to pray for Vocations ...those who have served in the past, are currently serving, especially Fr. Dan, Fr. Michal, Fr. Pat and Deacon Joe, or will do so in the future.

## World Day of Prayer

*for Vocations*

Sunday, April 26, 2026



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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**Bulletin submissions:**  
Due Wednesday by 3:00 pm, ten days prior to publication date to sjbulletin@stjohnwinfield.org  
Holiday schedules will vary.

**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & School**



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday (Sunday vigil)** 5:00 pm - church  
**Sunday** 8:00, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon - church  
**Daily** Monday through Friday 8:00 am - chapel  
Saturday 8:00 am - church

**Reconciliation** **Friday** 3:00 pm and **Saturday** following morning Mass - both in church

## First Saturday Devotion and Reconciliation

First Saturday of each month following 8:00 am Mass - church

**Eucharistic Adoration** **Thursdays** 9:00am until 6:00 pm - chapel

Follow us on:



## NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly invite you to join our parish family. To register, stop by the parish office or see the parish website at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org).

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month after the 12:00 noon Mass. Special events and holidays may alter the schedule. There is a three month waiting period for new parishioners to schedule a baptism. Contact the parish office for information.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Hospitals do not inform churches when parishioners are patients. Tell hospital staff you want to be added to the Catholic census so that hospital ministers know to visit. Contact the parish office Ext 0 to be added to the prayer list. Ext 610 to receive Eucharist from a Minister of Care.

## FUNERALS

Arrangements for a funeral are usually made through the Funeral Director at a funeral home of your choice. Contact the parish office with any questions.

## MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

Diocese requirements include a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding and attendance in a marriage preparation program. St. John the Baptist requires either the bride, groom or parents of either to be registered as parishioners for at least three months before contacting us to set a date. There are a number of additional requirements. To begin the marriage process, either the bride or groom must contact the parish office.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the lower level of the parish office in Sodonna Hall.