

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

God Bless our 2026 1st Communicants



Christopher Barton
Daphne Buchmann
Charlotte Burns
Liam Centeno
Camden Cheehy
Lilliana Click
Mila Click
Blake Collings
Angel Coss
Neil Galla
Joanna Gorski
Thomas Grote
Liam Grunwaldt
Eli Jacobs
Eleanor Katzenberger
Nicholas Machalek
Antonio MacShane
Victoria Mang
Ava Martin
Bianca Mateo Scarpa

George Mennecke
Nicholas Mung
Charlize Naugle
Adela Ortiz
Olivia Par
Aliyah Perez
Richard Pierscionek
Everly Preisig
Isaac Romo
Scarlett Saucedo
Rafferty Schoenborn
Anastasia Schuhriemen
Delylah Servin
Leonardo Silva
Michael Soroko
Anali Soto
Victoria Soto
Francis Tuang Samte



Our Parish Living Their Faith Out Loud - First Eucharist

A Jubilant Mass and Reception marked the beautiful Saturday morning experienced last weekend as our parish celebrated 38 new members receiving the body and blood of our Risen Christ for the first time. Aside from the work of the Holy Spirit, many people contributed to this spiritual milestone. Absolutely none of this is possible without the presence of our dear priests, our Pastor, Fr. Dan Bachner, and our concelebrant, Fr. Michal Twaruzek.

Students were guided to the table of the Lord by their very first teachers, their parents. Further catechesis was provided by teachers Mrs. Nancy Cirelli, Mrs. Annamarie Simon and Aide, Mrs. Susana Ortiz. Our Coordinator of Faith Formation Mrs. Kathie Brewer, and Principal of our St. John the Baptist School, Mrs. Joanne Policht were also generous in the sharing of their time and talent. Thank you to Ms. Carrie Marcotte, along with Mr. Galvin Coyle for lending their beautiful voices to the celebration. We extend our most sincere thanks to all who contributed to the beautiful smiles on our First Communion Day!



Taste and See the



Goodness of the Lord



Living Their Faith Out Loud - Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt

With a reminder that the Easter Celebration continues for 50 days...we remember the ways in which we prepared our hearts and homes with annual Easter Traditions. If you've never had the opportunity to smell delicious meats and sweets fill the chapel, you are encouraged to join the blessing of baskets next year.

BLESSING OF THE BASKETS

Anticipating the Easter Feast and the Goodness of All God's Gifts - Especially the Gift of His Son



EGG HUNT

Anticipating celebrating our Risen Lord on Easter Sunday Morning



A special thanks to Fr. Michal, Miles Meade and his cousin Ben, Isabel & James Zalatoris, Maddie Buchmann, Ady Vihnanek and Hollie Willix for their help with the event. We also thank the many people that helped by providing candy or their time to stuff all those eggs. It was so very appreciated.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Happy Easter! As we continue celebrating the joy of the Resurrection, I have a special request for the people of our diocese on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County.

On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

To offer concrete support, I am asking every parish in the Diocese of Joliet to take up a special collection **THIS WEEKEND. THERE IS A BASKET IN THE BACK OF CHURCH TO COLLECT YOUR DONATION.** It will be distributed through Catholic Charities. Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.
- Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ, *+ Dennis E. Spies*

Bishop Dennis E. Spies, Apostolic Administration for the Diocese of Joliet



Don't miss out without a seat! Buy your tickets now for our school production 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.



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!

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

- Our School is**
- ≡ Formed in Faith
 - ≡ Educated in Excellence
 - ≡ Embraced by Community

For students in the lower grades, we will happily coordinate a private tour for you to come and see these students engaged in learning.

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



Scripture Readings



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

That everyone might have food.

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.



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

April 26 - 40TH ANNIVERSARY IN CHERNOBYL

Today marks the 40th anniversary of the tragic incident in Chernobyl, which left a lasting mark on the conscience of humanity. It serves as a warning regarding the inherent risks of using increasingly powerful technologies. Let us entrust those who died and all who still suffer from the aftermath of the disaster to God's mercy. I hope that discernment and responsibility will always prevail at every level of decision-making so that all use of atomic energy may be placed at the service of life and peace.



STEWARDSHIP Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of April 19 totaled \$ 23,995. **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.



COME PRAY WITH US - MAY 8

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 8.



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 pmish 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>



MONDAY
May 4
Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18
Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY
May 5
Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY
May 6
Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY
May 7
Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY
May 8
Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY
May 9
Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY
May 10
Sixth Sunday of
Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
1 Pt 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 2

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

Monday, May 4

8:00 am † Stanley Zawislak

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Mark Noonan

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, May 7

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Mike and
Nancy Noonan

Friday, May 8

8:00 am † Anna Trojanowski
† Charles Parisi

Saturday, May 9

8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm † Jon Passini
† Sr. Barbara Rowan

Sunday, May 10

8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am † Jeanne Ptak
12 Noon † Rose Marecek

The 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.

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks. In a long term illness situation, simply identify such to Rosa at the time of your call.

For the Deceased

Thomas Christopher Fernandez
Margaret Glenn

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.



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 Timothy Joseph Patrick Cleary.

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns this week for the special intention of Guillermo and Catherine Blanco.



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

May 3 Dcn. Paul Nappi
May 4 Fr. James Holup, Fr. John Honiotes
May 5 Dcn. John Gustin, Ray Hamilton, Philip Heitz
May 6 Dcns. Donald Helgeson and Brad Hentz
May 7 Dcns. Michael Raiz, Juan Reyes
May 8 Fr. Tom Logue
May 9 Fr. John Horan, Fr. John Hornicak

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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Communication
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



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.

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.

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

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