

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026



**Jesus led his disciples out as far as Bethany,  
raised his hands, and blessed them.**

**As he  
blessed them  
he parted  
from them  
and was taken  
up to heaven.**

**Luke 24:50–51**

## 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>



## YOU'RE INVITED TO A LIFE LINE SCREENING EVENT

Here at SJB on Wednesday, June 3

This screening is offered to anyone age 40 and over. Screenings are simply and painless and can provide Peace of mind with early detection. SJB parishioners are offered a special pricing of \$129. Phone 800.324.9458 use code **HABC001**, OR visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://www.llsa.org/social/habc), OR text the word "CIRCLE" to 216.279.1607 OR scan the QR code.



## DONUT SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND - MAY 17

Join us in Sebahar Hall after the 8 & 10 am Mass

Last opportunity to enjoy our monthly fellowship served up along with delicious coffee, juice and sweets until the new season begins in the Fall. This event is a parish favorite and not to be missed! Next Donut Sunday will be in September.



## YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH - MAY 27 (NEW DATE DUE TO GRADUATION)

Join us on Wednesday, May 27 at 11:30 am in Sebahar Hall for our last luncheon of the summer. Luncheons will resume in September. Come and enjoy a delicious picnic style lunch of fried chicken, potato salad, broccoli salad and yummy desserts. Stay after lunch to enjoy Bingo! No pre-registration required, and no set fee to participate. Free will offerings appreciated. Young at Hearts is open to all who are at least 55 years young! So proud of our graduates, sending prayers for their best high school years! Phone Gwen Hopkins with questions at 630.222.6777.



## ONLINE GIVING - SUPPORTED BY OSV

**Our Sunday Visitor is our portal to online giving.**

The Online Giving Portal lets your donations be made automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account(s) into the parish bank account. You can choose donation dates, types and frequencies, as well as enter multiple payment methods. From this main screen you can choose a fund such as Sunday Contributions and immediately click Pledge to Give or Give now.

Or you can click the upper right corner, SIGN IN / CREATE ACCOUNT to set up your account in detail including setting up recurring weekly, monthly or annual donations for each and every donation the parish collects from Sunday Contributions to Pardon Our Dust to Catholic Relief Services. Scan QR code at right or this link. <https://www.osvhub.com/stjohnwinfield/giving/funds>

Two-factor authentication is available for greater security on your information. OSV has a great Customer Service Department at 800-348-2886 if you run into any difficulties.

Please contact the Parish Business Office at 630-668-0918 ext 602 with questions. Thank you

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## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)?

MAY 30

“Extraordinary” means ‘not ordained’. This distinguishes a person such as yourself, from the ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, namely a bishop, priest or deacon. Being an EMHC means participating in the administration of Holy Communion during Mass, bringing the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ to the People of God. It is also the ministry of witnessing faithfully to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The EMHC ministry should, therefore, be treated with utmost dignity and reverence.

There will be a training session for **new** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) on **Saturday, May 30th** at 10:00 am in Church.

To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you must be a registered parishioner, and have received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. For those who have received Confirmation this fall, this is an excellent way to enhance your faith! Anyone interested in learning more and being trained for this ministry is encouraged to attend. Contact the Parish Office about this ministry at 630-668-0918.



**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training**



## MAY CROWING

### Celebrating our Blessed Mother

While Mary the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the “Queen of Heaven.” Our Mary statue was crowned this year by Mrs. Helen Lutzenkirchen along with recent first communicants; George Mennecke from our religious ed program and from our parish school, Anastasia Schuhriemen.

Helen participated in the Diocesan CCW woman of the year ceremony at the cathedral on April 25th.



## SEASONS OF HOPE

### Season 4 to begin soon

The first ‘season’ of the Bereavement Support Group began in August, and the fourth season will begin on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 pm. Seasons of Hope is a Catholic Christ centered bereavement ministry that focuses on our Catholic faith and the many ways our faith helps us through grief with the loss of a loved one. We meet every other week on Thursday evenings. Pre-registration is required. For more information, or to register contact Deacon Joe at 630-668-0918 x 610. You can also make contact via email at: [deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org).



**Seasons of Hope**

Bereavement Support Group

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - JUNE 4

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, June 4 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Office Dining Room. There will not be a meeting during the month of July. Contact the parish office for more information.



## MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS

Honoring those who sacrificed for our freedom

Join us at St. John the Baptist cemetery located at Summit Drive and Garys Mill Road for a 9 am Mass. Bring your own folding chair to the cemetery for this annual Mass, weather permitting, otherwise join us at the church. We pray this day for the souls of the faithful departed, honoring the belief in the communion of saints. We remember their sacrifice as a reflection of Christ's love. You are also encouraged to pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy at your home at 3pm, the national moment of silence.

MAY 25



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

June 22 –26 commitment

We are looking for a few crafty adults to help at VBS this June. Each day, five groups rotate into a twenty minute session making simple crafts.

VBS is June 22-26 from 9am until noon.

Phone Kathie in the RE Office for more information at 630-682-4400 ext 613.

Looking for service hours? We are in need of high school helpers too!

Crafty like a Raccoon?



# Register Today!

## RE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Now is the time to reserve your spot

Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education programs is now open. Classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation 2 are on Tuesdays. Forms available on the St. John the Baptist website under the Faith Formation tab.

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



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.sjbinfield.org](http://www.sjbinfield.org)



Our School is

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

## Scripture Readings

### MONDAY

May 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 19:1-8  
Jn 16:29-33

### TUESDAY

May 19  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:17-27  
Jn 17:1-11a

### WEDNESDAY

May 20  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 20:28-38  
Jn 17:11b-19

### THURSDAY

May 21  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 22:30;  
23:6-11  
Jn 17:20-26

### FRIDAY

May 22  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 25:13b-21  
Jn 21:15-19

### SATURDAY

May 23  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 28:16-20,  
30-31  
Jn 21:20-25

### SUNDAY

May 24  
Pentecost Sunday  
Acts 2:1-11  
1 Cor 12:3b-7,  
12-13  
Jn 20:19-23



## 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.



### HOW TO HELP HERE AT HOME:

Our own SVDP Food Pantry at SJB is in current immediate need of: toilet paper, kleenex, paper towels, med. size boxed cereal, coffee, crackers, cooking oil, med. size laundry soap, pasta sauce, canned corn, sweet and salty snacks, ramen. Items must not have past expiration dates. Your generosity answers the Pope's plea.

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

### May 13 - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Today, on the liturgical feast of Our Lady of Fatima, we turn our gaze to the Shrine, where the Virgin Mary entrusted the three shepherd children with a message of Peace. Let us entrust to the Immaculate Heart of Mary our cry for peace and harmony, which rises from every part of the world, especially from people afflicted by war.

### COME PRAY WITH US - MAY 22

**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 22th.



### 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 questions and RSVP Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net).

## Stewardship... A Way of Life

**STEWARDSHIP** Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of April 26 totaled \$ 16,646. We need your participation, 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, May 16  
5:00 pm † Michael Hussey  
Sp. Int. for Chris and  
Bernie Bartelli 51st  
Anniversary

Sunday, May 17  
8:00 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am † Brett Joseph Sloma  
12 Noon † Eleanor & John  
Van De North

Monday, May 18  
8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, May 19  
8:00 am † Merilee Phillips

Wednesday, May 20  
8:00 am † Kathryn and Bob  
Lorden

Thursday, May 21  
8:00 am † Bernie and Edward  
Serwach

Friday, May 22  
8:00 am † Steve Kalat  
† Charles Slifka

Saturday, May 23  
8:00 am † Eric Paul Scheuller  
5:00 pm † Joseph and Florence  
Bryja  
† Kevin Grieco  
† Nick Larson

Sunday, May 24  
8:00 am † Salvador Castro  
10:00 am † Clem and Joyce Milder  
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, 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, at [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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

*Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember. Fulfill in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy.*

## 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 honor  
of our Blessed Mother

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns this week in  
celebration of parishioners being confirmed on  
May 24 through the Adult Confirmation program.



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

## Vocation Prayer Calendar

**May 17** Fr. Christian Sinclair, Fr. Vincent Omondi  
**May 18** Dcn. Emanuel Eklou  
**May 19** Fr. Frank Pusateri, Fr. Jeremy Leganski  
**May 20** Fr. Alexander Lorang, Fr. Jared Rutnicki  
**May 21** Srs. Dorothee Ndzie, Lois Nixon, SSCM  
**May 22** Fr. Gregory Alberts, Fr. Brian Geary  
**May 23** Dens. John Jensen, Scott Parks

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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*Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm, closed Friday*

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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**



## 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.