

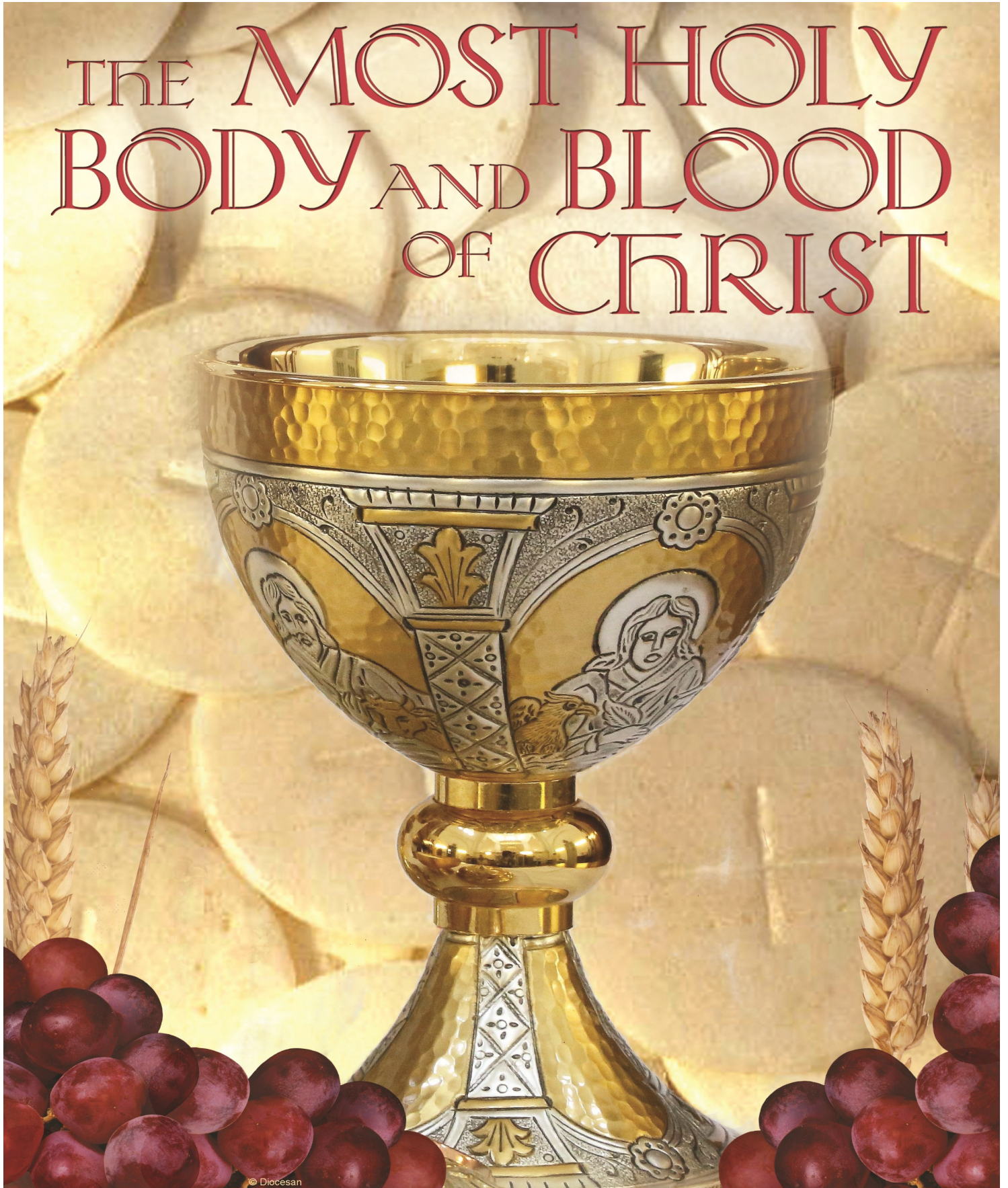
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 7, 2026

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



A Legacy of Faith, A Future of Hope, 160 Years Strong!

Our parish, St John the Baptist is approaching its 160th birthday. It is one of the oldest parishes in the Diocese. It is a parish filled with caring, loving, and devout witnesses to Christ and His Church. Over the past 11 months as pastor of your parish, I have been amazed by the sense of community and love between her members. I am blessed to be part of a *true* community of faith where repeatedly I see members of the community coming together, with everyone pitching in for various events. I am encouraged and strengthened by the stories shared about her history and the devoted, faith-filled priests who have served at St. John's.

Now, as we approach our 160th anniversary, it is a good time to address current needs, as we secure a sound foundation for this wonderful parish and the many future generations of parish members. As the parish was being born in 1867, when Bishop Duggan of Chicago was asked about a parish being created for Winfield, he responded "I give you my permission to build a church, but do not go into debt." His prophetic words were both wise and fruitful. It is in that same spirit that I come to you seeking help in funding some current needs. I too do not want to go into debt, which in contemporary terms means securing a loan from the diocese through a capital campaign. I do not want a capital campaign but instead wish to reach out to our parish families with a list of items needing our attention and see what we can accomplish *together*.

I am very happy to announce officially that work will begin in June on new lighting in Church. Our present lighting system is no longer up to code and produces minimal lighting in the church. The lighting project, estimated at \$250,000 has cleared all Diocesan requirements. While the project will take four weeks to complete, it will not interfere with Sunday masses. One of our parishioners has already given \$70,000 toward funding this project.

We will also be looking to address sound issues in both the Church and Chapel. In another example of working together, a parishioner has graciously offered to restore the organ in the chapel and will completely cover the cost of this major project. The organ project will be completed within two months.

Carpeting installed in 1989 throughout the parish office space (or old rectory) has served us well. After many decades of use, it has reached end of life status. Unfortunately, there is asbestos underneath the old carpet which will need to be removed before new flooring may be laid.

Our church bells that call us to worship are in a state of deterioration and need to be restored. Presently we are able to use only two of the three bells. Our first restoration quote was \$220,000. We have secured the services of a second bell company that will be coming in to do their own inspection and present their findings and a quote for repairs.

Our Church currently has no easy access to a main floor bathroom. We are evaluating options of turning the *old* sacristy in the back of church into a bathroom. We are encouraged by an early contractor's estimate that the renovation cost for this project is very reasonable.

There are additional projects further detailed in our "*Legacy of Faith*" tri-fold flyer. Some projects are more urgent than others, but they all look to the good of the entire parish community. As previously stated, not wanting to go into a capital campaign to raise the necessary funding, I instead seek to put these needs out to the parish community and look for your help in funding these investments in our future together. We will have opportunities to make a particular donation to memorialize a loved one, as well as a donor wall.

A mailing will be sent to all parish families, or you may use the QR code below to get started right away. If you are interested in memorialized donations, or have questions regarding the donor wall or any project in general, please contact Marian Johnston, Business Manager. She may be reached directly by phone at 630.668.0918 x 602 or via email at : mjohnston@stjohnwinfield.org.

In short, we are soliciting donations to fund a wish list for our parish and the future generations who will worship here. It is my hope and prayer that we can accomplish this holy task and raise the funds needed, giving back to God, for the 160 years he has given to the generations at St. John the Baptist. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you can participate. Just as this parish has been built on the dedication of many, so too will its future be sustained by our shared generosity. Let us move forward together with trust in God, with gratitude for the past, and with hope for what lies ahead.





School Office Summer



Our School is

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

The month of June, the office is open Monday thru Thursday 9:00am to 1:00pm
The month of July is by appointment only.

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St. John the Baptist Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Immediately following the
12:00 pm Mass

What to Bring:

- A Hot or Cold Dish to Pass – Salads/Veggies/Fruit (Please bring in a disposable container)
- A Blanket or Lawn Chair if you would like to sit outside



SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURS

As the culminating activity for third grade’s novel study of *The Lemonade War*, students hosted a lemonade stand during lunch, and it was a huge success! They took on roles as servers, cashiers, and lemonade makers, working together to run their own “small business.” Through this hands-on experience, students applied key economic concepts while learning the value of teamwork and responsibility. We are proud to share that the lemonade stand raised \$280, which has been donated to St. Jude Children’s Hospital.



Ways to Volunteer:

We need pop/water donations and several volunteers.

Sign up online: <https://signup.com/go/ORxWbXm>

Or on the poster in the Narthex



Fun Events:



Food - Knights of Columbus will serve BBQ and Sweet Corn
Enjoy a Parishioner Pot Luck



Beverages - Beer, Wine, Pop and Water



Music - Live music by SJB Contemporary Ensemble



Bingo - Games - Obstacle Course & Hayrides



➤ All are welcome! Let's celebrate our parish family! ➤

CELEBRATING WITH OUR PRIESTS ON THEIR ANNIVERSARIES

God has blessed us with your ministering here at St. John the Baptist

Fr. Dan Bachner 21st Anniversary of Ordination on Friday, June 5

Fr. Michal Twaruzek 11th Anniversary of Ordination on Saturday, May 16

Fr. Pat Mulcahy 20th Anniversary of Ordination on Wednesday, June 3



Your words bring comfort, your prayers bring peace, and your lives are a testimony of faith in action. May you always be reminded that your ministry matters, your work is bearing fruit and your faithfulness is a blessing beyond measure. Thank you, and may God continue to strengthen and guide you.

FATHER'S DAY 2026 "A Year of Masses"

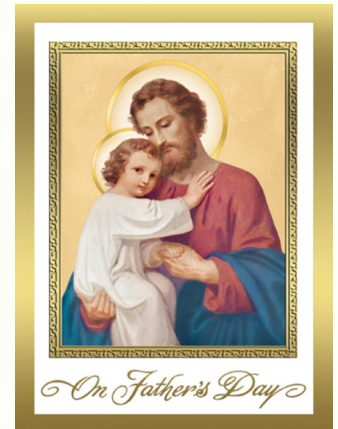
As a Spiritual Gift for the father/grandfather or father figure in your life!

Available for purchase after Masses **this** and **next** weekend of **June 6/7** and **June 13/14** th. At time of purchase, you will receive a Father's Day card with dates listed for the twelve Masses.

With your donation of **\$10.00**, Masses will be said once a month at designated Masses from **July, 2026 through June 2027**.

Proceeds benefit the Respect Life Programs of our Parish

Cards also available for purchase in the Parish Office.



ADULT VBS - IT ISN'T TOO LATE TO JOIN THE FUN! - 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>

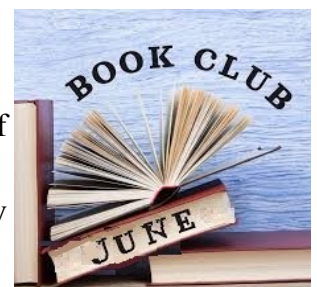


BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - JUNE 17

Join us in discussing **The Church of the Wild**

Join us at 7:00 pm at the home of Linda McKee for fellowship and lively discussion of this book by author, Victoria Looz.

Please RSVP with Jean at tjdaniell@att.net and inquire for directions or with any questions.



Scripture Readings

MONDAY

June 8
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:1-6
Mt 5:1-12

TUESDAY

June 9
Weekday
1 Kgs 17:7-16
Mt 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY

June 10
Weekday
1 Kgs 18:20-39
Mt 5:17-19

THURSDAY

June 11
St. Barnabas,
Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26;
13:1-3
Mt 5:20-26

FRIDAY

June 12
The Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus
Dt 7:6-11
1 Jn 4:7-16
Mt 11:25-30

SATURDAY

June 13
Weekday
1 Kgs 19:19-21
Mt 5:33-37

SUNDAY

June 14
Eleventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Ex 19:2-6a
Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

For the Values of Sport.

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



Announcing the 48th Annual
Wedding Anniversary
Mass
AUGUST
SUN **30** 1:00 PM
2026
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL 60435
Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass at St. Raymond's Cathedral and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.
Deadline to register: August 10, 2026
Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine:
815-221-6136
dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org

2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Lets join together to meet our parish goal of \$99,400. Every gift makes a difference. Making your pledged payments helps us increase our rebate over goal.

Thank you for your generosity.

Amount Pledged:	\$ 110,843
Amount Paid:	\$ 99,430
Remaining Balance:	\$ 11,413
Current Rebate Amount \$	21

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STEUBENVILLE JOLIET
June 26-28, 2026

For students entering 9th through 12th grade. For registration information, contact Youth Minister, Sophia Lech **NOW!** Leave a phone message at 630.668.0918 x 612 or by email at: slech@stjohnwinfield.org.

Partial parish scholarship may be available. One Weekend. Eternal Impact. Where teens experience a life-changing encounter with Christ and leave as transformed disciple-makers.

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 6

5:00 pm ✠ Fr. Gene Parnisari
✠ Don Rericka

Sunday, June 7

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Ruby Garro
10:00 am ✠ Emma Rubino
12 Noon People of the Parish

Monday, June 8

8:00 am ✠ Mickey Meyer

Tuesday, June 9

8:00 am ✠ David Ripley

Wednesday, June 10

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, June 11

8:00 am ✠ John Noonan

Friday, June 12

8:00 am ✠ Jane Kalat
✠ Maurice Martineau

Saturday, June 13

8:00 am Special Intention of
Sheila and John Otto

5:00 pm ✠ Jim Brewer
In Thanksgiving to
St. Anthony

Sunday, June 14

8:00 am ✠ Salvador Castro
10:00 am ✠ Clem and Joyce Milder
12 Noon People of the Parish

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

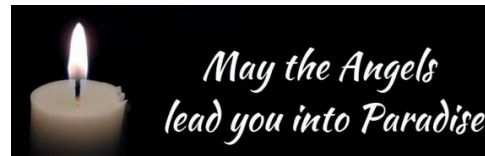
Janet Bartelli, Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, Mildred Hoffman, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Genevieve Rohr, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Fr. John Sebahar, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobutt, Fr. Gerald Tivy, Jack Van De North, Anita Venard, Marino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

To place a name on the prayer lists, contact Rosa, at rosab@stjohnwinfield.org 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

Raymond Stachniak Jr.
Gail Trimble



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 lamp in the chapel and church this week both burn for the future of our country, the United States of America. On Thursday, June 11th, as part of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate our great country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Go to <https://www.usccb.org/consecration-united-states-sacred-heart-jesus> to read more about the consecration and how you can join in a specific Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for this purpose.



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

June 7 Dcns. Lawrency Kearney, James Kelly, Chang Kim,
Paul Kolodziej

June 8 Fr. Jeremy Leganski

June 9 Dcns. Paul Kelly, Darrell Kelsey

June 10 Seminarian Peter Thuong Nguyen

June 11 Srs. Agnes Ortiz, Mary Regina Quелlette

June 12 Dcns. Patrick Kenny, Kevin Koster

June 13 Fr. Sundar Raj Kocherla

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**



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.

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 or email: weddings@stjohnwinfield.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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