

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2026

WELCOME FR. BENZES THOMAS



# School Office Summer Hours

The School Office hours for the month of July is by appointment only. Give us a call 630.668.2625 x 618



## Our School is

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# Save the Date!



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2026



## INTRODUCING OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR

Fr. Dan would like to introduce Fr. Benzes Thomas, as he begins his ministry with us in his own words.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

My name is Father Benzes Thomas, O.Praem, and I am blessed to be assigned as the associate pastor of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Winfield. It is a great privilege to serve you.

Before I tell you a little bit about myself, I want to thank the Lord for the grace given to me to serve in the Diocese of Joliet. For the past three years, I have served as an associate pastor at St. Isidore Church in Bloomingdale. My three years of ministry at St. Isidore has been a very enriching experience, helping me grow closer to God's love and His Holy Will.

I was born on September 28th, the youngest of three children, and grew up in Kerala, in the southern part of India. I joined the Norbertine Religious Order in 1988, and I was ordained a priest on December 30, 2000. Following my ordination and my Mass of Thanksgiving at my home parish of St. Mary's Church in Kerala, I served as an associate pastor at a Norbertine parish in North India for two years.

Later, I was called back to the Abbey to assist with administration and the formation of students. Throughout my 26 years of priesthood, I have served as an Abbot (major superior of the community in India), pastor, novice master, director of formation, manager of schools, and spiritual director within the Norbertine communities in India. When I heard about my new assignment at St. John the Baptist, I immediately thought of the beautiful connection between St. John the Baptist and our founder, St. Norbert. In the 12th century, when St. Norbert established his first community house in Prémontré, France, he dedicated the chapel to St. John the Baptist. It was in that very chapel that St. Norbert and his first companions made their religious vows.

I look forward to my new assignment with gratitude, love, and deep trust in Jesus, who called me to be His minister and to share in His priesthood. I have been praying for all of you since receiving my assignment, and I will continue to lift you up in my daily prayers and the Holy Mass.

Fr. Benzes Thomas, O. Praem

The Norbertine order is the fifth oldest surviving Catholic religious order in the world. Rooted in the Rule of St. Augustine, the Norbertrines live a life of *communio* - a balance of contemplative prayer and active ministry. Unlike monks, they are canons regular, meaning they serve as priests in parishes and apostolates while living in community. Their mission centers on Eucharistic devotion, serving the local church.

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We congratulate the families of our recently baptized and welcome them into our church family of faith:

**Patrick Lawrence**

child of Andrew Miller and Anna Spatz

**Anthony Joseph**

child of William Preston and Angela Marie Koss

**Jonah Joseph**

child of Matthias Wittman and Amanda Kuhn

**Resse Ann**

child of Gary Resner and Meghan Stubits

**Connor Austin**

child of Carl Duber and Kristina Hanbel

## BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - JULY 15

### Join us

The St. John Book Club invites you to their next monthly meeting, Wednesday, July 15 at the home of Carol Schroeder. Join us for fellowship and lively discussion of the book, *Daughters of Shandong* by author, Eve J Chung.

Please RSVP with Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net) and inquire for directions or with questions.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL LED THE WAY TO OUR TRUE NORTH IN THE LORD

Just a few photos from our very successful week of vacation bible school! The weather was perfect, the volunteers were dedicated, games were fun and giggles and snacks were around every corner! Our favorite moments included the Imagination Station, cast members greeting campers, shirt signing and closing day!



## Scripture Readings

### MONDAY

July 6

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17c-

18, 21-22

Mt 9:18-26

### TUESDAY

July 7

Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13

Mt 9:32-38

### WEDNESDAY

July 8

Weekday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8,  
12

Mt 10:1-7

### THURSDAY

July 9

Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9

Mt 10:7-15

### FRIDAY

July 10

Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mt 10:16-23

### SATURDAY

July 11

St. Benedict,  
Abbot

Is 6:1-8

Mt 10:24-33

### SUNDAY

July 12

Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23 or

13:1-9

## POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

### For Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



June 28 - Venezuela

I wish to express solidarity with our Venezuelan brothers and sisters affected by the recent earthquakes, which have caused numerous deaths and injuries, as well as extensive damage to property.

Praying to the Lord for the eternal rest of the deceased, I renew my spiritual solidarity with their families, the injured, and all who have been shaken by this tragedy. I also wish to express my gratitude and encouragement to those generously working on search and rescue efforts and providing assistance.





Diocese of Joliet

**THE 48TH ANNUAL**  
**Wedding Anniversary Mass**  
**August 30, 2026**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Cathedral of St. Raymond**  
**604 N. Raynor Avenue, Joliet, IL**  
**Registration Required**

**Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.**

**Deadline to register is August 10th.**  
**Scan the QR code to register.**  
**Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine:**  
**815-221-6136 or [dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org)**



## LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

### Once Again: "Come to Me."

The gospel today is the same one heard on June 19th for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus never tires of inviting. We should never tire of hearing the invitation.

- Asked again: How will I go to Christ?
- What rest do I need?
- Whom will I bring with me?



# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 4

5:00 pm ✠ Jaculene Koniencki  
✠ Uldarica Madera

Sunday, July 5

8:00 Special Intention of  
Musni Family  
10:00 am ✠ John Ryan, MD  
12 Noon People of the Parish

Monday, July 6

8:00 am ✠ Edward Ranahan

Tuesday, July 7

8:00 am ✠ Rose Garro

Wednesday, July 8

8:00 am ✠ Terrance M. Conley

Thursday, July 9

8:00 am Special Intention of  
Kevin Noonan

Friday, July 10

8:00am ✠ Fr. Henry Puetz  
✠ Katarzyna Walkowicz  
50th wedding anniv of  
Irma and Rick McCall

Saturday, July 11

8:00 am Special Intention of  
Elizabeth Wojcik  
Special Intention of  
Mary Nigro

5:00 pm ✠ Joe Simosky  
✠ Hugh Bondy

Sunday, July 12

8:00 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am ✠ Mary & Joseph Nolan  
12 Noon ✠ Tom DuPuis

**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.

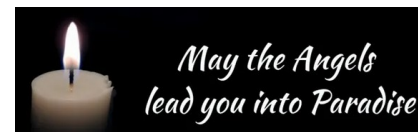
## For the Sick

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 Skrobitt, Charles Stilin, Loretta Stilin, 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

**Mary Karwoski** - wife of John



## For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns in thanksgiving of those who "gave all" in guaranteeing our freedoms.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in honor of Fr. Benzes Thomas as he begins his ministry at St. John the Baptist.



## Keep Praying

**The Souls in Purgatory need our prayers**

Continue the habit of reciting the St. Gertrude prayer. It is a wonderful practice. As St. Padre Pio reminds us:

*"I was talking with some souls who, while on their way from Purgatory to Heaven, stopped here to thank me because I remembered them in my Mass this morning. More souls of the dead, than of the living, climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers."*



**We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.**

**-St. Padre Pio**

## 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

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

## Vocation Prayer Calendar

**July 5** Seminarian Daniel Obendorf

**July 6** Dcns. Pat Lombardo, Jose Lopez, Marco Lovero,  
Ron Madsen, Dave Mahoney

**July 7** Sr. Colette Murawski, PCC

**July 8** Fr. Josh White

**July 9** Fr. Robert Basler

**July 10** Sr. Maria Murphy, PCC

**July 11** Fr. John McGeean

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# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

**Parish office:** (630) 668 - 0918 Ext. 0  
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*Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm, closed Friday*

## Clergy

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**Rev. Dan Bachner, Pastor**

Ext. 601

**Rev. Benzes Thomas, O. Praem Parochial Vicar**

**Deacon Rev. Mr. Joe Verdico**

DeaconJoe@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 610

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### Communication

#### Bulletin submissions:

Due Wednesday by 3:00 pm, ten days prior to publication date to [sjbulletin@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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](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 consist of a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding and attendance in a program of marriage preparation. 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](mailto:weddings@stjohnwinfield.org)

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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

## Mass Schedule

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| <b>Saturday (Sunday vigil)</b> | 5:00 pm - church                                                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>                  | 8:00, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon - church                             |
| <b>Daily</b>                   | Monday through Friday 8:00 am - chapel<br>Saturday 8:00 am - church |

Follow us on:



**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