

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2026



"But others fell on good
ground and yielded a
crop: some a
hundredfold, some sixty,
some thirty."

Matthew 13:8

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

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

We have a lot to offer!

Full and half day
3 and 4-year old
Preschool

Full day
Kindergarten

Academic excellence in
Grades 1 through 8

Discover the difference at St. John's where we participate in Mass, celebrate our differences, and thrive in smaller student/teacher ratios.

To find out more, contact Principal Joanne Policht at 630.668.2625 x 618

Save the Date!



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2026



BEGINNING HANDBELLS OPPORTUNITY

Did you play an instrument as a child? Practicing scales ring a bell?

Are you interested in learning to ring handbells? This is an opportunity for you to learn with other new ringers! Beginning handbells is starting in August and there are still a few spots available. You will learn the basic ringing techniques and how to read handbell music. Some music reading experience is helpful. Come give us a try! We'll be in the church on Thursdays from 7-8 p.m. Please email our Handbell Director Joyce Schram at joyceschram5@gmail.com to register.

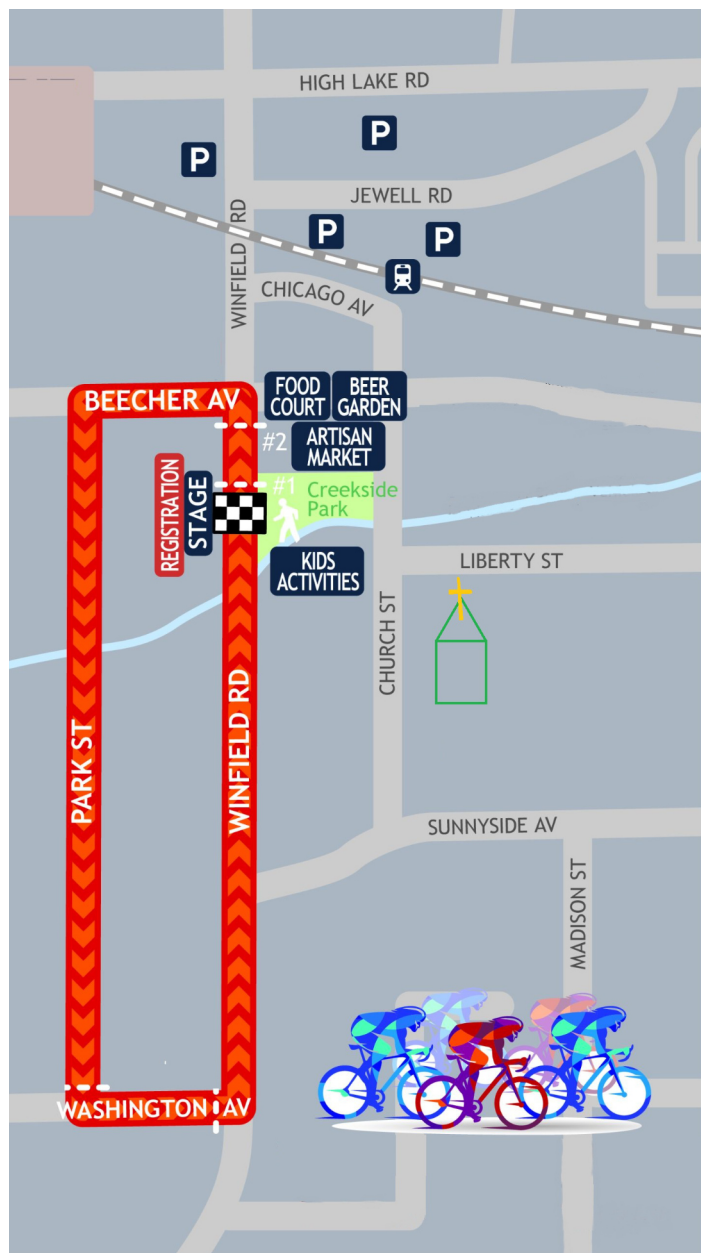


BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - JULY 15

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 and inquire for directions or with questions.



PLAN YOUR ROUTE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Join us for Mass

The 6th Annual Winfield Criterium and Summerfest takes place NEXT Sunday, July 19. While there is a full day of events and opportunities to watch PROFESSIONAL cycling, the most sacred event for the day is Holy Mass and we have that for you right here at St. John the Baptist! Don't be discouraged by a change in traffic routes. **Plan ahead to enjoy a full day of events!**

Holy Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and Noon at St. John the Baptist

Criterium Races beginning at 10:00 am until 8:00 pm

Creekside Artisan Market from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm

Food Truck Fest and Beer Tent beginning at 12:00 noon

Kid Zone! with lots to do from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm

Live DJ all day!

THE LIVES OF LOUIS AND ZELIE MARTIN

July 12th is the feast day of Sts. Louis and Zelie Martin. They are the first married couple to be canonized as saints together! Sts. Louis and Zelie were the parents of St. Therese of Lisieux. Both of St. Therese's parents felt called to religious life until each individually realized this it was not their vocation. The two met in 1858, fell in love and married three months after their relationship began.

Their family life was no different from ours in that it was a life filled with both joys and sufferings. They are the patron saints of marriage and parenting, they are an ideal for what it means to build the Domestic Church. While most feasts are celebrated on the date of their death, Louis and Zelie's feast day is on their wedding anniversary! They show us how the home and the family are where we grow in holiness. As July marches on, and the start of school seems as if it will never arrive, pray to this powerhouse sainted couple to inspire holy habits at home.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to all who helped ensure our success

SJB hosted St. Michael Parish of Wheaton's VBS last week. There were 125 campers – 100 from St. Mike's and 25 from St. John's. Due to all the campers running around construction going on around St. Mike's it wasn't safe for them to hold VBS at their own location.

Each day, the campers rotated to different stations: a skit on the life of Jesus, games, a craft, a presentation on a saint and even a science experiment that taught them more about God's world. They learned, "We can trust Jesus in a wild world."

We want to thank Fr. Dan for allowing VBS to take over the campus. Thanks also to Fr. Michal and the SJB staff for putting up with 125 campers and the noise level that goes with that many extra people around. A very special thank you to SJB parishioners Mr. Mike Reedy, Mrs. Gayle Shee, Mrs. Gwen Hopkins, Aaron Simpson and Ivan Valladolid and the very dedicated volunteers from St. Michael's who helped the week run smoothly. A great time was had by all as we shared a wonderful spirited opportunity to get to know our neighbors.



Scripture Readings

MONDAY

July 13
Weekday
Is 1:10-17
Mt 10:34-11:1

TUESDAY

July 14
St. Kateri
Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 7:1-9
Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

July 15
St. Bonaventure,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
Is 10:5-7, 13b-16
Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY

July 16
Weekday
Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY

July 17
Weekday
Is 38:1-6, 21-22,
7-8
Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY

July 18
Weekday
Mi 2:1-5
Mt 12:14-21

SUNDAY

July 19
Sixteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19
Rom 8:26-27
Mt 13:24-3 or
13:24-30

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.



Protect and respect human life in all its stages

Care for life with love. It's not enough to avoid doing harm. Respecting life also means actively caring for it: supporting those who suffer, defending those who cannot speak, accompanying those who are alone. To protect life with love is to live the Gospel with an open heart and outstretched hands. (Cf. Step 3, The Way of the Heart - Choose Life. Humanize our environments).





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



LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Bearing Fruit

The plantings in our gardens weeks ago are already bearing fruit. We have vegetables aplenty (we hope), enough to share (we are urged). All because of the goodness and bounty of God.

- How is my life rooted in "rich soil", tilled and nourished by God?
- What are the fruits of my life, of my very self I can share?
- How can I nourish life (God's goodness) in my family, my neighborhood, my place of work?



In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11

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

Monday, July 13

8:00 am ✠ Dorothy DiMuzio

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 am ✠ Fr. Tom Sularz
 Special Intention
 of Joan Noonan

Thursday, July 16

8:00 am ✠ Elizabeth Marecek

Friday, July 17

8:00am ✠ Isabelle Martineau
 ✠ Clarence Talentowski

Saturday, July 18

8:00 am ✠ Bernice Kolich
5:00 pm ✠ Richard Bartelli
 ✠ Fred Dusza

Sunday, July 19

8:00 am Special Intention for
 James Fuller and
 Katy Granbon
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon Father Day Intentions

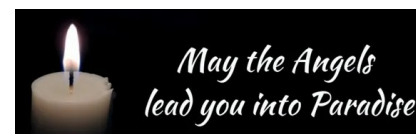
For the Sick

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 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
John O'Neill



For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns for a special intention.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Rick and Irma McCall.



Keep Praying

As St. Therese of Lisieux suggests

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be, may you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the *freedom to sing, dance, praise and love*. It is there for each and every one of us.

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 12	Dcn. Frederick Maier
July 13	Fr. Jason Stone
July 14	Fr. Alex Lorang
July 15	Sr. Alana Gorski, Sr. Margaret Gremppka, OSF
July 16	Dcns. Robert Malek, Peter Manning
July 17	Dcns. Tom Marciani, Philip Marrow
July 18	Fr. Michael McMahon

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.

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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Rev. Benzes Thomas, O. Praem Parochial Vicar

Deacon Rev. Mr. Joe Verdico

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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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Communication

Bulletin submissions:

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

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church & School



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 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

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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