

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 19, 2026



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Our school has achieved significant recognition!

Hats off to Fr. Dan, Joanne Policht, our school principal, and the faculty and staff of SJB school! We were recently recognized with a WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association) certification. This indicates that as a Catholic elementary school, we have met rigorous, nationally recognized standards for **educational quality, financial stability, and authentic Catholic identity**. This is basically a professional "seal of approval" for families. and guarantees that the school is committed to **continuous improvement**.

Accredited schools must regularly submit self-studies and action plans, meaning we are continually assessing and improving our programs. If you think this level of commitment to your child's education is something you're looking for, please call the school office and inquire about openings. Come see why we are so proud!



Western Catholic Educational Association
Catholic Schools Accrediting Commission



Our School is

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



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

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

Happy 95th Birthday Fr. John Sebahar

On Saturday, July 18th, Fr. Sebahar turned 95 years old and currently lives independently with other diocesan priests at the St. John Vianney Villa in Naperville! In 1958, he was ordained a priest by Bishop Preciado in Chicago. Since that time he has dedicated his life to caring for the people and parishes of our diocese. In 1978, Fr. John became the 5th pastor of St. John the Baptist, serving our parish from 1978 - 1990.

Fr. Sebahar Fun Facts

- *A native Chicagoan, he was born at home to Edward and Pauline
- *Fr. John is currently the oldest priest of our diocese
- *He attended St. Francis de Sales Catholic grade school where Msgr. Cloos was his parish priest during Fr. John's second and third grade. (Msgr. Cloos was the fourth pastor of St. John the Baptist!
- *Fr. John attended St. Jude High School Seminary in Momence, IL which operated from 1932 - 1970.



*In 1982, Fr. John was here when ground was broken for the new church and supervised its construction through to completion. He was also here for the beginning of the gym addition to the school.

*He built other churches and supported many Knights councils and Councils of Catholic Women.

*Fr. John last visited our parish in December at the Fish Fry hosted in Sebahar Hall, so named in his honor. During that visit, Fr. John thanked Fr. Bachner for loving this parish as he had, and for the care they share and continue to show for the people and buildings of St. John the Baptist.

Our Catholic community is forever blessed by his love and care for us. All are invited to return the love by sending birthday wishes to:

Fr. John Sebahar, 1464 Green Trails Drive, Naperville, Illinois, 60540



HELLO GROWN-UPS! DID YOU REMEMBER TO REGISTER ME??

RE registration now on going

If you haven't already registered for the 2026-27 RE programs, please do so now. Classes for students Kindergarten-Confirmation are available on Tuesdays. The diocese requires 2 years of Religious Education prior to the reception of any sacraments. If your child needs to receive First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation we can help them prepare. Registration forms are available online (www.stjohnwinfield.org) under the Faith Formation section. You can also phone us at 630-682-4400 ext 613.

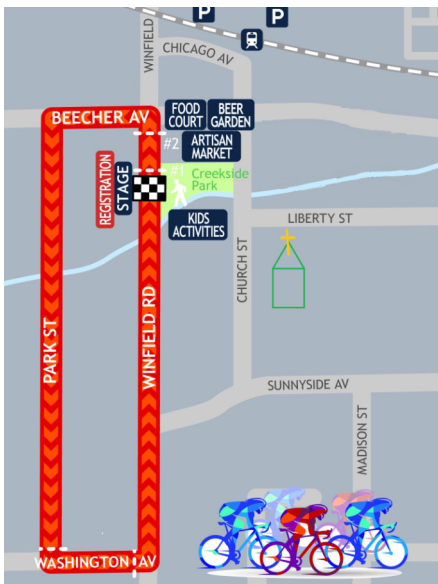
THANK YOU!

Young voices ring out

How lucky we are to have our parishioners share their gifts. Recently we were treated to two of our school students serve as cantors at the July 5 noon Mass. Thank you Eliana and Maisy for sharing your gifts!




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. Email Handbell Director Joyce Schram at joyceschram5@gmail.com to register.



PLAN YOUR ROUTE TO MASS

Special Attention needed this weekend!

The 6th Annual Winfield Criterium and Summerfest takes place THIS 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!

Scripture Readings

MONDAY

July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY

July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14-15,
18-20
Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY

July 22
St. Mary
Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY

July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8,
12-13
Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY

July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14-17
Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

SUNDAY

July 26
Seventeenth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-46

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.



God's generosity towards us is not naïve but wise. He sees within us the potential of a good that, at times, we ourselves might fail to recognize. For this reason, the Lord, who knows the soil of our hearts better than we, never ceases to believe in us - in who we are and in who we can become, day by day, if we entrust ourselves to him in faith. Let us therefore resolve, especially during these summer days of vacation to make room for listening to, reading, and meditating on the Word of God, thereby fostering - together with rest and wholesome recreation - meaningful moments of silence and prayer. In that way, we shall return to our usual activities renewed in body and spirit, ready to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel and ever more capable of contributing to the growth of the Kingdom of God.

Angelus, Castel Gandolfo, July 12, 2026

LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Growing Together

We live in the time between Jesus' ascension and his second coming. In this kingdom of heaven that is begun but not yet complete, the bad and the good (seed) grow up together. How do we put up with this reality? The answer is in the Romans reading (8:26-27): grace, divine activity, life in God.

- How will I trust grace this day?
- How will I let some small act (some small seed) nurture and grow to benefit others?
- How will I grow strong and not be smothered by enemy's weeds?



STEWARDSHIP . . . A WAY OF LIFE

Your generous sacrificial giving in June totaled as follows:

June 7: \$ 18,856

June 14: \$ 17,416

June 21: \$ 14,493

June 28: \$ 20,474

We continue to be in need of your participation, support and prayers in helping the parish meet our weekly budget of \$20,198. We are grateful for your support.



Stewardship
a way of life

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 18

5:00 pm ✠ Richard Bartelli
 ✠ Fred Dusza

Sunday, July 19

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

Monday, July 20

8:00 am ✠ Tim Sulima

Tuesday, July 21

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 22

8:00 am ✠ Marie Jesukaitis

Thursday, July 23

8:00 am ✠ Rob Coleman

Friday, July 24

8:00am Special Intention of
 Tom & Stacia Garro
 ✠ Bob DiMuzio

Saturday, July 25

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm ✠ Don Essling
 ✠ Randall Majdich

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am ✠ Dcn. Andrew Nielo
10:00 am ✠ Clem & Joyce Milder
12 Noon People of the Parish

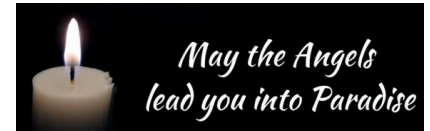
For the Sick

Janet Bartelli, Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, **Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks**, 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 Verdicto, **Julie Zuhn**

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

Judith Tasson



For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns for in honor of the 30th wedding of Carlito and Armor Gabas.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in honor of the 95th birthday of Fr. John Sebahar.



Keep Reading the Word of the Lord

As St. Lawrence of Brindisi suggests (feast day June 21)

"The word of the Lord is a light for the mind and a fire for the will, so that man may know and love God. For the inner man, who lives through the living grace of God's Spirit, it is bread and water, but bread sweeter than honey and water better than wine or milk.... It is a weapon against a heart stubbornly entrenched in vice. It is a sword against the flesh, the world and the devil, to destroy every sin".

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 19 Dcn. Anthony Martini
July 20 Joseph Min, seminarian
July 21 Dcns. Artemio Martinez, David Marlowe, Ricardo Marquez
July 22 Fr. Timothy Andres, O.Carm
July 23 Srs. Alice Reckamp, Audrey Marie Rothweil. OSF
July 24 Fr. Marcin Michalak, Fr. Joshua Miller
July 25 Dcns. Todd Bly, Stephen Contreras, Michael Doerries

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.

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Parish office: (630) 668 - 0918 Ext. 1
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Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm, closed Friday

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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.