

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2026



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

IS LIKE A TREASURE BURIED

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THERE IS SO MUCH HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES!

Start repetitions of raising your hand over your head! We have questions, and we can't wait to see what are your answers.

There is so much happening in these last weeks of summer. Thank you teachers and staff for all the extra time you put in! Bulletin boards are going up, lockers are squeaky clean, copy machines are humming and the shine on the gym floor is blinding! In three short weeks we will all be together again. **First day of school is Wednesday, August 19th and will dismiss at 11:30 am that day.** You've been in our prayers all summer, and share this prayer for these last few weeks.

Heavenly Father -

Thank you for the gift of this summer - for the rest, laughter, and time to recharge. As the final weeks approach, we lift up all students preparing to head back to class.

Lord, calm any anxieties about new teachers, new classrooms and workloads. Grant them focus, curiosity, and a sense of joy in learning. Give them the strength to stand firm in who they are and the the courage to be a light and a good friend to others.

Help our students finish these last weeks of summer well, soaking up these final days with family and fiends. Prepare their hearts and minds for the year of growth. And show us Your love through our parish and school family. Amen.



Our School is

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

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



Western Catholic Educational Association
Catholic Schools Accrediting Commission



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

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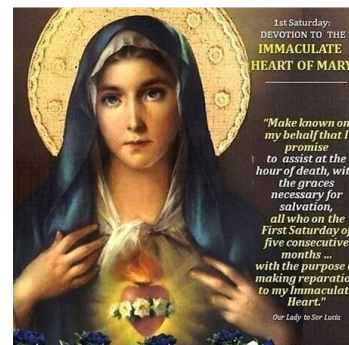
FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

August 1

Join us directly after morning Mass for this beautiful devotion.

All are invited to join this faithful group at St. John the Baptist that participate in this devotion each month. Meet in church for the 8:00 am Mass with Adoration, Confession, Rosary and Devotional prayers to follow. First explained to Sr. Lucia dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, on December 10 of 1925, Our Lady came and asked for specific things at Fatima. Among her requests were: pray the Rosary every day for peace in the world, consecration of Russia and each of us individually to Mary's Immaculate Heart, to do our daily duties out of love, dedicating everything to God, and make reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary by observing the Five First Saturdays. This devotion is still relevant today - wars are still going on. You are invited to make the Five First Saturdays a regular part of your prayer life. Our Lady said to St. Lucia "I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."

Pope, Francis said "Mercy is the best thing we can feel; it changes the world." In this regard, Pope Francis is following the path of Jonah, asking us all to repent, repair our lives and do penance. Like the Ninevites, all nations need to contemplate the mystery of mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. Join us in this expression of Mercy, Repentance, and Devotion.



CHOIR FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE A CHOIR VOICE

Share the gifts you have!

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.



BECOME CATHOLIC AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS

No fear and no pressure, simply a place to get started.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or being baptized? Were you baptized in another Christian denomination but want to become Catholic? Were you baptized as a Catholic but never received Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If so, we would love to hear your story and accompany you on your faith journey. There are no strings attached; we are eager to answer your questions and, if you wish, to help you come into full communion with the Church.



To get started, please visit <https://parishlink.org/OCIA> to give us some basic information and to schedule an appointment with Pat Mulcahy, Director of Adult Faith Formation and OCIA. I look forward to meeting you!



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.



**EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DEADLINES FOR TWO UPCOMING BULLETINS:
ANY INFORMATION FOR THE AUGUST 9, OR 16 BULLETIN
MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY JULY 29.**

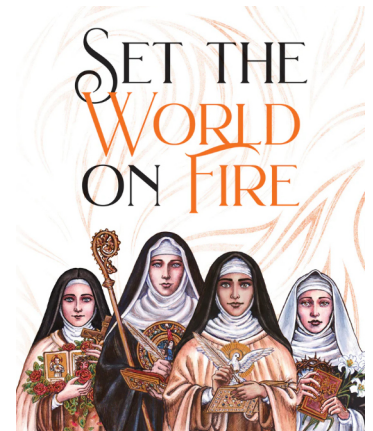
SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL PROGRAMS!

Adult Faith Formation has some great Fall programs coming up. Save the date to check your calendar, or sign up now!

Women's Retreat: Set the World on Fire

Set the World on Fire is a four-week personal retreat based on the writings of the four female Doctors of the Church: St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Hildegard of Bingen. Learn about how these four amazing women saints have influenced the Church and the world with their writings. Offered in two formats: in person on Tuesday evenings beginning September 8, or virtually on Wednesday mornings beginning September 9. For more information and registration, visit:

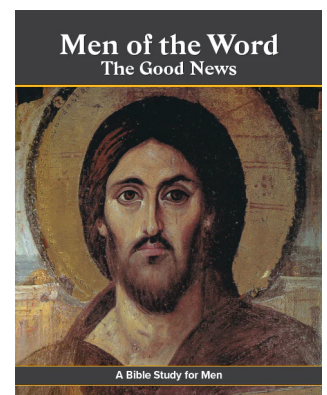
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Men's Bible Study: Men of the Word

This Bible Study is for all men, ages 18 and over, offered on Saturday mornings at 7am beginning October 3. It's accessible for all levels, so you don't have to be a Biblical scholar to join us, and even if you have some Bible Study experience, you'll still find inspiration. Offered at 7am, followed by the parish Mass at 8am (optional). This is kindly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, but you do not have to be a Knight to join us. For more information and to sign up, visit:

<https://parishlink.org/MensBibleStudy>



Scripture Readings

MONDAY

July 27
Weekday
Jer 13:1-11
Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

July 28
Weekday
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY

July 29
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

THURSDAY

July 30
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Jer 26:1-9
Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY

August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

SUNDAY

August 2
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

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.

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



JULY 10 - Let Us Pray Together for Peace

We continue to follow with concern the events unfolding in various countries torn apart by war and violence. Let us not forget those who are suffering and dying because of these conflicts, and let us add our constant prayers to the generous offers for peace.



LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

The Kingdom of Heaven

Living in the kingdom of heaven can be hard to fathom at times. It is a treasure, it is surprising, it is full of good and bad alike. The Letter to the Romans reminds us that for those who love God, all things work for good. It may not happen tomorrow, or next week, but it will happen. All will be well.

- While living in God's kingdom now, what treasure(s) do I seek?
- How will I share what I find?
- What in my storeroom can I share with others?



LOST AND FOUND

We are all about happy reunions!

Are you aware that the parish office has a number of items missing their owners? Recently, a pair of Ray Ban prescription sun glasses were left behind at a Mass on the weekend of July 12th. There's a lot of summer and sunshine remaining! Please phone the parish office at 630.668.0918 x 0.



BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - JULY 15

Join us

The St. John Book Club invites you to their next monthly meeting, Wednesday, August 19 at the home of Linda McKee. Join us for fellowship and lively discussion of the book, *My Friends* by Fredrick Backman. Please RSVP with Jean at tjdaniell@att.net and inquire for directions or with questions.



In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25

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

Monday, July 27

8:00 am ✠ Frank DiMaso

Tuesday, July 28

8:00 am ✠ Joseph Grabowski

Wednesday, July 29

8:00 am ✠ Marie Theis

Thursday, July 30

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 31

8:00am ✠ Josephine Pavini
 Sp. Int. for David
 Ramos

Saturday, August 1

8:00 am Living and deceased
 members of CCW, and
 for Peace.
5:00 pm ✠ Jim Brewer
 ✠ Tom Dupuis

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am ✠ Jose Lino Bejarano
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✠ John Hornyak

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 Verdico, 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

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 Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns for principals of catholic school in the diocese of Joliet.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in memory of Elsie Radowicz.



Feed Your Belief

Read more of St. Ignatius of Loyola (feast day July 31)

"God freely created us so that we might know, love and serve him in this life and be happy with him forever. God's purpose in creating us is to draw forth from us a response of love and service here on earth, so that we may attain our goal of everlasting happiness with him in heaven. All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully." St. Ignatius

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 26 Fr. Tom Milota, Fr. David Mowry
July 27 Sr. Monica Sesko
July 28 Dcn. Wilfredo Marrero
July 29 Dcn. Michael Doerries
July 30 Fr. Patrick Mulcahy
July 31 Fr. Marcin Michalak, Fr. Joshua Miller
August 1

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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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.

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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.