

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid"

Matthew 14:27

— ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST —
WILDCAT
Classic
 — GOLF OUTING —

A golf club and a white golf ball resting on a green grassy field.

 **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026**

 **KLEIN CREEK GOLF CLUB**
 1N333 Pleasant Hill Road
 Winfield, IL 60190

**THIS OUTING BENEFITS
 OUR STUDENTS, STAFF
 AND SCHOOL**

We Love  Our Teachers!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

-  **CHECK IN**
11:30 AM
-  **LUNCH**
12:00 PM
-  **SHOT GUN START**
1:00 PM
-  **DINNER, COCKTAILS,
RAFFLES**
6:00 PM
-  **DINNER ONLY
OPTION AVAILABLE!**

A QR code with a small silhouette of a person in the center.

*For more info,
 INCLUDING SPONSORSHIPS
 AND MORE WAYS TO GIVE TO
 OUR SCHOOL AND STAFF,
CLICK HERE!*

A background image of a golf course with a flag on a green and trees in the distance.

A PRAYER FOR OUR RETURNING TEACHERS

Our teachers return to classrooms this week “Instill in our treasured teachers, dear God, patience as they prepare for our first day of school. Patience with our students, who are beginning a new grade. It’s hard growing up in today’s modern world. Help our faculty to give them the benefit of doubt and be kind even when one could rightfully be angry. We ask for patience too for the faculty themselves—for adjusting back into the routine of the school year, for wearing so many different hats, with so many things needing to get done. Your work is done slowly and in ways we might not often recognize. Bless all the school staff today, help all of us remember that today is the first day of many and that You’ll be with us each step of the way.”



BOX OF JOY MINISTRY CONTINUES

Our parish will once again participate in **Box of Joy**, a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach that brings Christmas gifts, hope, and the love of Christ to children living in extreme poverty. For many, this small box is the only gift they receive all year, reminding them that they are seen, valued, and loved. Learn more at crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy.

As you shop **summer clearance** or begin **back-to-school** errands, please consider picking up **lightweight clothing** or **practical essentials** for a child in need. Suggested items include:

- T-shirts • Shorts • Sundresses • Flip-flops or sandals • Toothbrushes (no toothpaste please)
- Washcloths • Combs or brushes • School supplies. These items are ideal for the warm climates where the children live and help bring dignity and joy to those who have so little.

We know families support many parish ministries throughout the year. Box of Joy is a simple, meaningful way to share Christ’s love beyond our parish walls — even one small item makes a difference.

If you wish to donate early but need a place to store items, contact **Mary McKinney at 630-272-7929**. Storage is available until our **November collection weekend**. **If you are unable to shop, we would gratefully welcome volunteers of all ages to help during our packing weekend.** Your time and presence are a blessing. Thank you for your generosity and for helping us bring hope to children in need.



MASS FOR ASSUMPTION

While not a holy day of obligation this year, we look forward to seeing you

Masses celebrating the Solemnity of the the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will take place as a Mass of anticipation in the church on Friday, **August 14** at **7:00 pm**, and also in the church on Saturday, **August 15th**, at **9:00 am**. The Assumption of Mary celebrates our belief that the Virgin Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her earthly life. This major feast day highlights her unique role in salvation and symbolizes the hope of eternal life for all believers.



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!



NEW LITURGICAL MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY:

Mass Coordinator/Sacristan

The Ministry of Mass Coordinator/Sacristan is a new one for our parish. The Mass Coordinator will set up for Mass, be sure the Priest has what he needs for Mass, check to assure there are adequate Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Altar Servers for Mass, and then clean up after Mass. It helps if you already have experience in one or more of these ministries, but it is not necessary.

Training will be offered on the following Saturdays in church at 10:30am:

September 12 September 19 September 26

If you already serve in another liturgical ministry, please note that you will not be scheduled for this ministry at the same Mass.

We are hoping to have several people interested in this new ministry so that everyone could be scheduled a couple of times a month at most. We will be training volunteers in September and scheduling this ministry beginning in October. So if you feel called to this new ministry, please register by filling out our quick interest form at:

<https://parishlink.org/MassCoordinator>.



BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - August 19

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.



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST RESPECT LIFE

40 Days for Life 2026 Fall Campaign

Please mark your calendar for the *40 Days for Life Fall Vigil*, starting Wednesday September 23 through Sunday, November 1. It is a good time to spread the word to others in our church community. SJB Parishioners are invited to peacefully pray across the street from the Aurora Planned Parenthood Women's Center on Waterleaf's hill. The kick off is Saturday, September 26 from 10 to 11:00 am. The new Executive Director of Waterleaf, Corinne Callender, will be attending the gathering. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Corinne. Watch upcoming bulletins for more info.



SEASONS OF HOPE BEGINS YEAR TWO

Open to all who may need a Catholic grief support program

Seasons of Hope (SOH) is a unique grief support program for Catholics that focuses on the spiritual side of grieving the death of a loved one. It invites those who mourn to accompany one another and to meet Christ through scripture, prayer, reflection, and simple activities that offer comfort and help to foster healing and spiritual growth.

Season of Hope meets every other Thursday throughout the year at 6:30pm in the parish office building. "Season 1" begins August 27. This is a special day for Dcn Joe who facilitates SOH, as he was ordained on this date in 2011.

If you, a loved one, or friend are struggling with a loss, consider participating in this grief support program. For more info, contact Deacon Joe Verdico at 630.580.8810 or via email at deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org. **Pre-registration is required.**



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

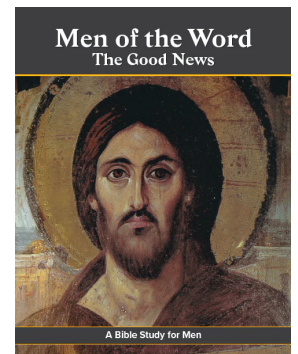
Set the World on Fire is a four-week personal retreat based on the writings of the four female Doctors of the Church: St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Sienna, and St. Hildegard of Bingen. Learn about how these four amazing women saints have influenced the Church and the world 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: <https://parishlink.org/WorldonFire>



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

August 10

*St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr*

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

TUESDAY

August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8-3:4

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY

August 12

Weekday

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22

Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY

August 13

Weekday

Ez 12:1-12

Mt 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY

August 14

*St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr*

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63
or 16:59-63

Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY

August 15

*The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20-27

Lk 1:39-56

SUNDAY

August 16

*Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

For Evangelization in the City.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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



August 2 - Ceuta

I am following with concern the alarming situation in Ceuta, praying to God that, through the intercession of Our Lady of Africa, solutions may be found to bring peace, stability and justice..



LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Jesus Shows Us God.

In his time of trial, Elijah is looking for the Lord to save him. The psalmist pleads for God's salvation. Paul recounts the covenantal bond between God and all the People of God. And Jesus. Jesus feeds those who hunger. Jesus tries (again!) to go off and pray. But he sees his disciples in peril and walks on troubled water to offer courage and safety.

- How will I keep looking for God in this troubled time?
- How will I act because God choose me - and us?
- How will I take courage and not be afraid trusting in Jesus' power to save?





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



In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 8

5:00 pm ✠ Salvador Castro
✠ Melody Herbert

Sunday, August 9

8:00 am ✠ Reynaldo Beltran
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✠ Regalado Carlos
Sp. Int. of Christian
Marcelo

Monday, August 10

8:00 am ✠ Christine Petitti

Tuesday, August 11

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 12

8:00 am Special Intention of
Eileen Carnes

Thursday, August 13

8:00 am Special Intention of
the Rohr Family

Friday, August 14

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory
✠ Brett Soprano

7:00 pm

Saturday, August 15

9:00 am ✠ Jim Russell
5:00 pm ✠ Fred Dusza
✠ Chuck Johnston

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am ✠ Lester Hitchner
10:00 am ✠ Manuel Garza Jr.
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.

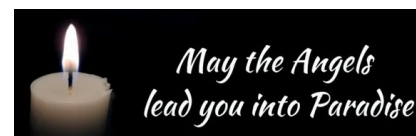
For the Sick

Janet Bartelli, Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, 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

Patricia Hussey
Carole Cada



For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns in honor of all teacher returning to school this week.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in thanksgiving for the healthy birth of baby Sylvie Lea McEwen.



Feed Your Faith

Read more about St. Maximilian Kolbe (feast day August 14)

Maximilian Mary Kolbe, a Polish, Conventual Franciscan, is best known for volunteering to take the place of a condemned prisoner in a death/labor camp in Auschwitz. Sgt. Francis Gajowniczek, a young husband and father who had been conscripted into the Polish army begged the guards for mercy and pleaded on behalf of his wife and children who would have no one to care for them. The guards readily took Fr. Kolbe in his place. Gajowniczek lived to be 93 years old and in 1982, attended the canonization ceremony of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

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

Aug. 9 Fr. Matthew Nathan

Aug. 10 Dcns. Robert Miciunas, Ken Miles, Eduardo Murillo,
Terrence Neary

Aug. 11 Srs. Fran Glowinski, Mary Beth Glueckstein, OSF

Aug. 12 Fr. Andrew Buchanan, Fr. Sam Comforti, Fr. Tony Nugent

Aug. 13 Sr. Beatrice Hernandez, OSF

Aug. 14 Dcns. Paul Newey, Timothy Nickels, Matthew Novak

Aug. 15 Fr. Ron Neitzke, Fr. Quyen H. Nguyen, Fr. Jeff Stoneberg

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.

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.