

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2026

A photograph of a woman wearing a brown headscarf, looking up and to the left with an expression of awe or devotion. In the foreground on the left, the arm and hand of a statue are visible, reaching towards her. The background is a softly lit church interior with other people blurred in the distance.

O WOMAN
GREAT IS YOUR FAITH

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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. If you feel called to this new ministry, please register by filling out our quick interest form at:

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



WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO JASNA GÓRA

Expressions of our Faith

The Jasna Góra Monastery is known worldwide as the spiritual capital of Poland. Every year, up to 5 million pilgrims travel to Częstochowa. The walking pilgrimages are a global religious and social phenomenon. The tradition dates back to the 15th century, when the Black Madonna painting, restored after being stolen, was ceremoniously transferred from Krakow to the Pauline monastery.

Between June and September over 200,000 pilgrims will arrive via the 50 different pilgrimage routes. The Kashubian route stretches over 370 miles needing 19 days to complete. Among the other pilgrimages, the Warsaw route holds a special place as one of the oldest, which first set off in 1711. It has continued uninterrupted through partitions, wars, and pandemics.



The tradition of this pilgrimage is a cultural, living ritual passed down from generation to generation. It combines prayer, music, songs, hospitality of local communities and blessing of herbs and ears of corn. Most pilgrims arrive at the Jasna Góra Monastery for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th.

STEWARDSHIP . . . A WAY OF LIFE

Your generous sacrificial giving in July totaled as follows:

July 5: \$ 22,728

July 12: \$ 17,076

July 19: \$ 21,733

July 26: \$ 18,613

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 needed support.

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

RE Classes Begin September 16th

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.



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!



DEAR FATHER -

August 16, 2026

What does the Church teach about evolution?

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assured believers that there is no intrinsic opposition between Christianity and the theory of evolution, provided that God is affirmed as the Creator of all things and that the human soul is acknowledged a direct creation of God. (See *Humani Generis* [On the Human Person], 36.) In section 6 of his October 22, 1996, address to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, Pope St. John Paul II sanctioned the acceptance of evolution theories but added that the nature of the soul and its relationship to God are beyond the realm of science. Thus, the Catholic Church maintains that while evolution explains the development of life, it is God who initiated and guided the evolutionary process, and that our providential God is ultimately responsible for creating the human soul.

Many people find Darwin's evolutionary theory (*On the Origin of Species*, 1859) hard to reconcile with their literal interpretation of the biblical account of origins in Genesis 1 and 2. But views on whether God created human beings in evolutionary stages that span millennia, or literally created human beings in an instant, can coexist for Catholics. Yet, regarding the latter view, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* discourages an overall literal interpretation of the Bible, encouraging readers instead to recognize its various literary genres. (See CCC 109–117.) Recall, too, that the Bible wasn't written for scientific information, nor was Darwinian biology written for theological revelation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



COME SING IN THE CHOIR! SEPT. 9

Rehearsals begin soon!

Last year we revived our SJB Adult Choir with previous members returning and new members adding their voices. We are excited to continue growing this fall and invite all parishioners, ages high school to “seasoned” adult, to sing in our choir. We rehearse Wednesdays in the Church, between 6:15-7:30 pm and will begin on September 9th. The Adult Choir sings at the 10 AM Mass 1-2 times per month. If you are interested in joining, please email our Director of Sacred Music, Carrie Marcotte, at cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org so that she can prepare music for your first rehearsal.

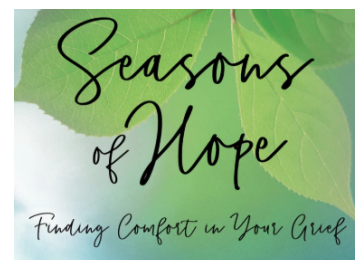


SEASONS OF HOPE BEGINS YEAR TWO

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, the memorial of St. Monica. This is a special day for Dcn Joe who facilitates SOH, as it is his ordination date back 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

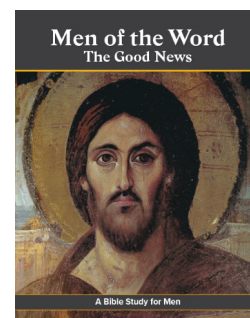
Set the World on Fire is a four-week personal retreat based on the writings of the four female Doctors of the Church: St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Hildegard of Bingen. Learn about how these four amazing women saints have influenced the Church and the world 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: <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 17
Weekday
Ez 24:15-23
Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY

August 18
Weekday
Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY

August 19
Weekday
Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY

August 20
St. Bernard, Abbot
and Doctor of the
Church
Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

FRIDAY

August 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY

August 22
The Queenship of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary

Ez 43:1-7ab
Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY

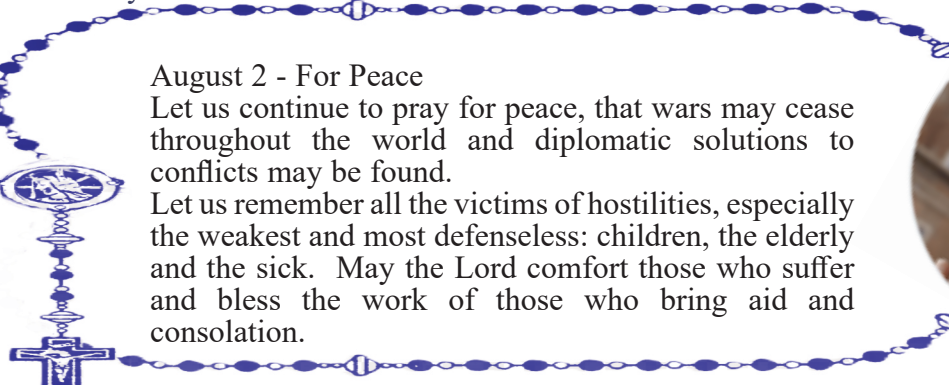
August 23
Twenty-first
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

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 - For Peace

Let us continue to pray for peace, that wars may cease throughout the world and diplomatic solutions to conflicts may be found.

Let us remember all the victims of hostilities, especially the weakest and most defenseless: children, the elderly and the sick. May the Lord comfort those who suffer and bless the work of those who bring aid and consolation.

LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Kyrie, Eleison

Isaiah reminds us today, in **our** time of trouble: Observe what is right, do what is just. Even with outsiders. Jesus, today, is in lands foreign to the People of Israel. Although he first ignores her, he helps the foreign woman calling to him in her need. Kyrie, Eleison. He hears and acts. The Lord does have mercy.

- Who are on the outs with me; how can I show them kindness?
- How will I act in right and just ways this week?
- Because God constantly shows mercy to me, how will I be merciful?

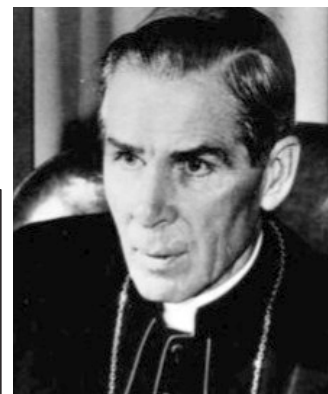


"You must remember to love people and use things, rather than to love things and use people. F. Sheen

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Attend the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24, 2026 in St. Louis, MO.

Get your tickets here:



In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 15

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

Monday, August 17

8:00 am		Father Day Intentions
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Tuesday, August 18

8:00 am		Souls in Purgatory
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Wednesday, August 19

8:00 am	✠	Evelyn Zawislak
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Thursday, August 20

8:00 am	✠	Allyson Vollman Blevins
	✠	Deceased members of Vollman Family

Friday, August 21

8:00am		Souls in Purgatory
	✠	Margaret Mary Kliebhan

Saturday, August 22

8:00 am	✠	Kevin Tabor
5:00 pm	✠	Fred Dusza
		Sp. Int. of Jack VanDeNorth

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am		People of the Parish
10:00 am		Sp. Int. of David Garro
12 Noon	✠	Ambrosio Madera Sr

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.

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 Skrobutt, 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.

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns in memory of Manuel Garza Jr.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in thanksgiving for the Guardian Angels of all students returning this week to school. We've missed both you and your angel!



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

August 16	Dcns. Roger Novak, Michael O'Ryan, Anthony Osei, Mark Otten, Greg Ouska
August 17	Seminarian Peter Davis
August 18	Fr. Tuan Nguyen, Fr. James Guarascio
August 19	Srs. Mary Ellen McAleese, Patricia Villarreal, OSF
August 20	Srs. Shirley Krull, Pauline Langfield, Theresa Langfield
August 21	Srs. Patricia Norton, Clare Nyderek, Melanie Paradis, Jane Petzel, OSF
August 22	Aspirants Pravin Lewis, Guy Maras, Doug Pearson

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 22)

This Marian celebration honors the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Established in 1954 by Pope Pius XII, this title flows directly from Jesus Christ being the King of Kings. Because Mary is the mother of Jesus, who is King, she holds the traditional royal dignity of a Queen Mother. The feast is placed eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption to mark her coronation following her entry into heavenly glory body and soul.

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.