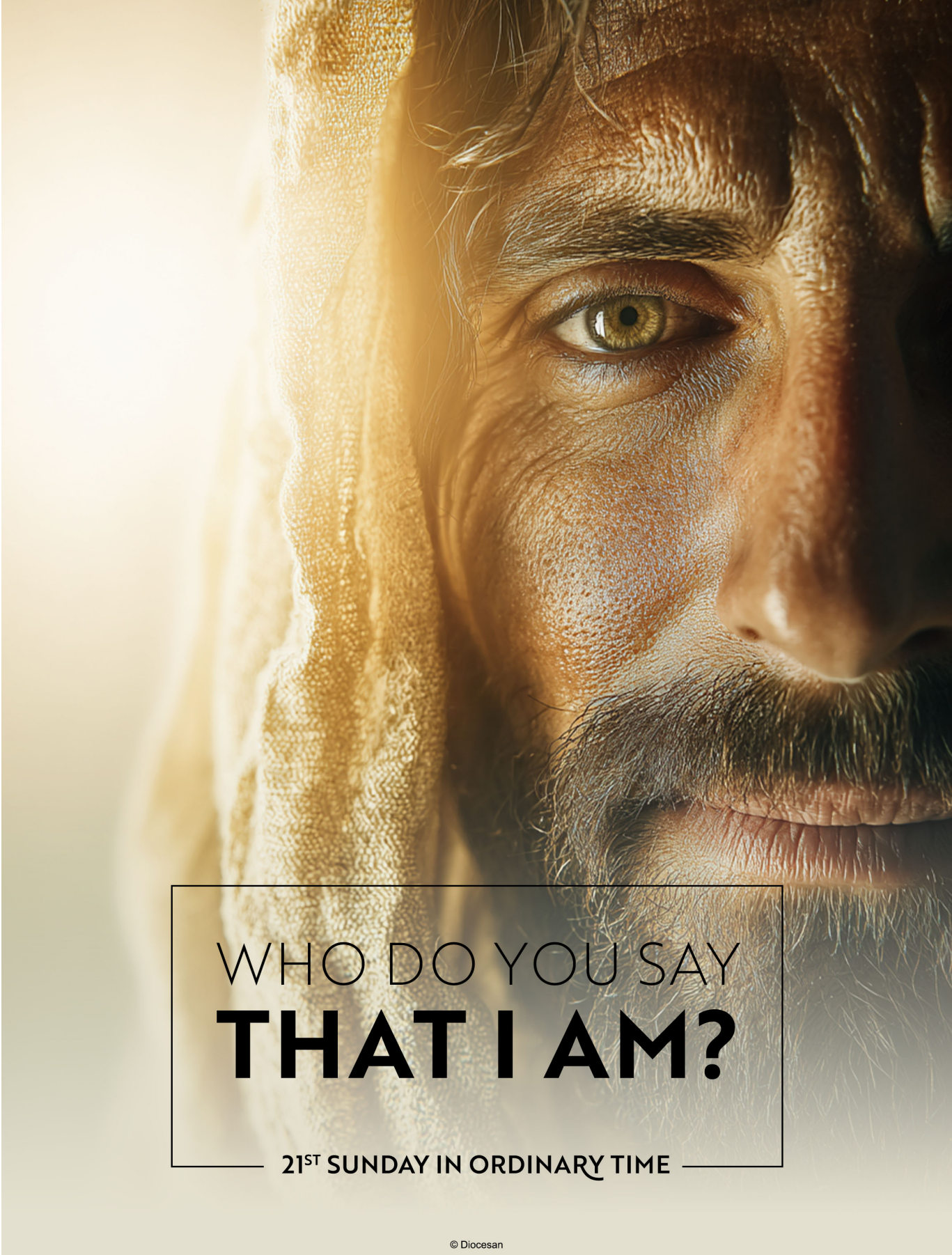


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

0S233 Church Street, Winfield, IL 60190 630.668.0918 www.stjohnwinfield.org
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2026



WHO DO YOU SAY
THAT I AM?

— 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —

You are cordially invited to participate in this opportunity to beautify your outdoor space and do a good deed all at the same time!

Choose your favorite color along with the number of each color you'd like and start planning your Fall flower beds!

Mark your calendar now for these two important dates:

Orders due NEXT MONDAY, Aug. 31

Pick up is here at St. John's on TUESDAY, Sep. 15



This is a wonderful opportunity for all parishioners to take advantage of this beautiful way to help support our parish school. Don't delay! There is a quick window of opportunity to purchase these beautiful mums.



We are excited to offer beautiful 2-gallon mums for just **\$15 each!**

All proceeds from the Mum Sale benefit the St. John the Baptist Home & School Organization.



Orders Due
Monday, August 31st



Pickup at St John the Baptist
Tuesday, September 15th

Orders Due Monday, August 31st

Name _____

Phone Number _____

MUM SELECTION:

Number of RED: _____	x \$15	Subtotal: \$ _____
Number of YELLOW: _____	x \$15	Subtotal: \$ _____
Number of BRONZE: _____	x \$15	Subtotal: \$ _____
Number of PURPLE: _____	x \$15	Subtotal: \$ _____

Parishioners order with

**Cash or checks payable to St. John the Baptist
Kindly Submit Your Order to The Parish Office by
Monday, August 31st**

School Families only: order by completing the section below

I _____, authorize St. John the Baptist Catholic School to charge my FACTS account for the following charges on August 31st. By signing this form, you authorize St. John the Baptist Catholic School to charge your account for the above listed amount on or after the date indicated above. This permission is for the transaction listed above and does not allow for additional unrelated debits or credits to your FACTS account.

Kindly submit your order to your child's teacher or school office. Do not send in Cash or Check.

PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE

Aug. 26

Special Preview right here at St. John the Baptist

The acclaimed Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet is registering students for classes this Fall: Attend in person classes at St. Michael Catholic Church in Wheaton on Thursdays from 7-9:00 pm. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you. Tuition for the year is \$550. To learn more, come to the in person preview event here [this Wednesday](#) in Sebahar Hall from 7-8:30 pm. Meet the instructor, see the books, get a feel for a typical class.



HELLO GROWN-UPS! DID YOU 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. If you were part of the program last year, please don't just assume we "know" you're coming back. Give us a ring so we know to expect you!



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. OCIA is a program that can bring you fully into the church. At St. John the Baptist, our program will begin in October. 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. If you feel called to this new ministry, please register by filling out our quick interest form at:

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

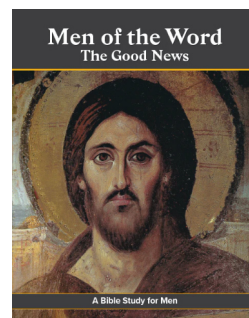
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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MEN OF THE WORD

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>.

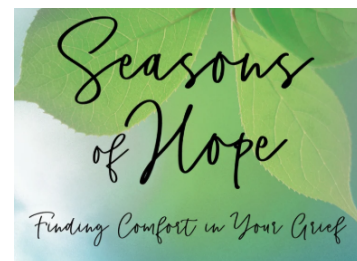


SEASONS OF HOPE BEGINS YEAR TWO

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**. 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 Verdicto at 630.580.8810 or via email at deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org. **Pre-registration is required.**



FIRST CCW EVENT OF THE YEAR! JOIN US!

Open to all women of the parish

Women of our parish are invited to a Council of Catholic Women (CCW) September potluck dinner and lecture on St. John's Cemetery presented by the Winfield Historical Society.

All are invited to join us on Thursday, September 3. Plan to arrive at 6:15 pm with dinner being served at 6:30pm in Sebahar Hall which is below the church.

Bring a dish to share such as an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert - whatever you like! CCW will provide Chicken Francese (lemon chicken) from Addante's.

All women of the parish are encouraged to attend. This is a great way to make friends, become involved in our service projects and enrich your Catholic faith! Contact Venessa at 630.336.5414 with questions.



WOMAN'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 Liseaux, 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>



Scripture Readings

MONDAY

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14
Jn 1:45-51

TUESDAY

August 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1-3a,
14-17
Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY

August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6-10,
16-18
Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY

August 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1-9
Mt 24:42-51

FRIDAY

August 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Cor 1:17-25
Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

August 29
The Passion of St.
John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mk 6:17-29

SUNDAY

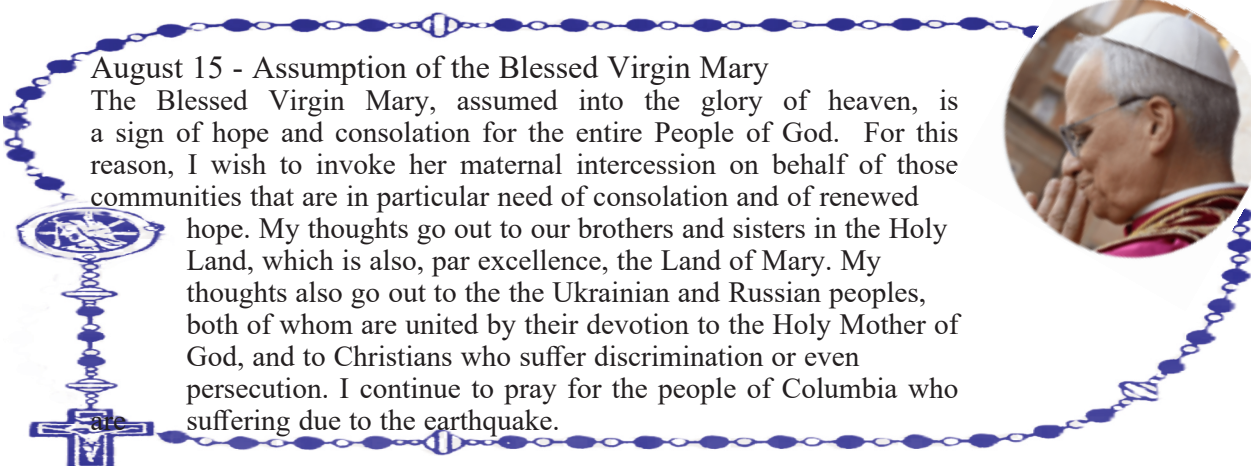
August 30
Twenty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

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!.



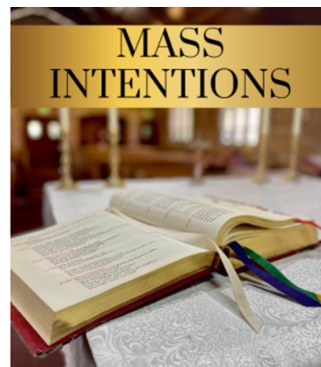
August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Blessed Virgin Mary, assumed into the glory of heaven, is a sign of hope and consolation for the entire People of God. For this reason, I wish to invoke her maternal intercession on behalf of those communities that are in particular need of consolation and of renewed hope. My thoughts go out to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, which is also, par excellence, the Land of Mary. My thoughts also go out to the the Ukrainian and Russian peoples, both of whom are united by their devotion to the Holy Mother of God, and to Christians who suffer discrimination or even persecution. I continue to pray for the people of Columbia who are suffering due to the earthquake.

SCHEDULING A MASS INTENTION

Mass Intention Book opens on the first of each month for the year ahead

September 1 the Mass Intention Book will open for all to book a Mass Intention they would like during the month of September of 2027. A \$10 Mass Stipend per Mass is requested, however no one will be turned away due to an inability to pay. Families are asked to limit their intention requests to twelve in any given calendar year. To Schedule a Mass for someone, you may stop by or phone the parish office at 630.668.0918 x 601 and speak with Rosa. Masses may be offered for the living, deceased, souls in purgatory, for the ill or for special occasions.



LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

My Experience.

Jesus asks today: Who am I? Peter blurts out: "The Christ." In that response, he means the Messiah, the Promised One, the Son of God, the One who saves, redeems, and binds us to God. Quite a mouthful. Profound belief. He is the very foundation of the Church, the People of God.

- What is my experience of Jesus? He is...
- How does my experience bind me to all who believe in Him?
- Since I am called to be like him, whom will I save in some small way today?

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22

5:00 pm ✠ Fred Dusza

Sp. Int. of Jack

Van De North

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am Sp Int. of David Garro

12 Noon ✠ Ambrosio Madera Sr

Monday, August 24

8:00 am ✠ Benedict & Fumiyo

Sikorski

Tuesday, August 25

8:00 am ✠ Guadalupe Ortiz

Wednesday, August 26

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, August 27

8:00 am ✠ Frank DiMaso

Friday, August 28

8:00 ✠ Charlene Herrera

Sp Int. of Dwight

Saturday, August 29

8:00 am ✠ Gloria Romero

5:00 pm ✠ David Ripley

✠ Gloria Romero

✠ Maria Elena Cruz

Mendez

Sunday, August 30

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Rosa

Benavides - birthday

10:00 am People of the Parish

12 Noon ✠ Jeanne Ptak and

Sp. Int. of Al Ptak on their anniversary

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, **Jean Christoffer**, Mildred Hoffman, Luke Hougan, **Bernie Madden**, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Genevieve Rohr, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Fr. John Sebahar, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobott, 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 Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns for the Special Intentions of the Rohr Family.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in thanksgiving for the 70th wedding anniversary of Audrey and Thomas Byrne.



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

August 23 Fr. Jesus Oliveros, Fr. James Olofson

August 24 Fr. Robert Colaresi, O.Carm.

August 25 Srs. Rose Mary Pint, Sr. Diane Przyborowski

August 26 Fr. Clive Otieno, Fr. John Ouper

August 27 Srs. Lynn Schafer, Rosemarie Stewart, OSF

August 28 Srs. Sylvia Wehlisch, Georgene Wilson, OSF

August 29 Fr. J. Agustin Ortega Ruiz, Fr. William O'Shea

Know Your Faith

Memorial of St. Monica (August 27)

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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School office: (630) 668 - 2625 Ext. 618

Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm, closed Friday

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Ext. 601

Rev. Benzes Thomas, O. Praem Parochial Vicar

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Rosa Benavides, Admin. Assistant /

Secretaria Hispana

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Dianne Scheiblein, Accountant

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Sofia Lech, 6-8 grade Coordinator

slech@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 612

Music

Carrie Marcotte, Dir. of Sacred Music

cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 608

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



Contact Us via email at:

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jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 617

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terih@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 618

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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.