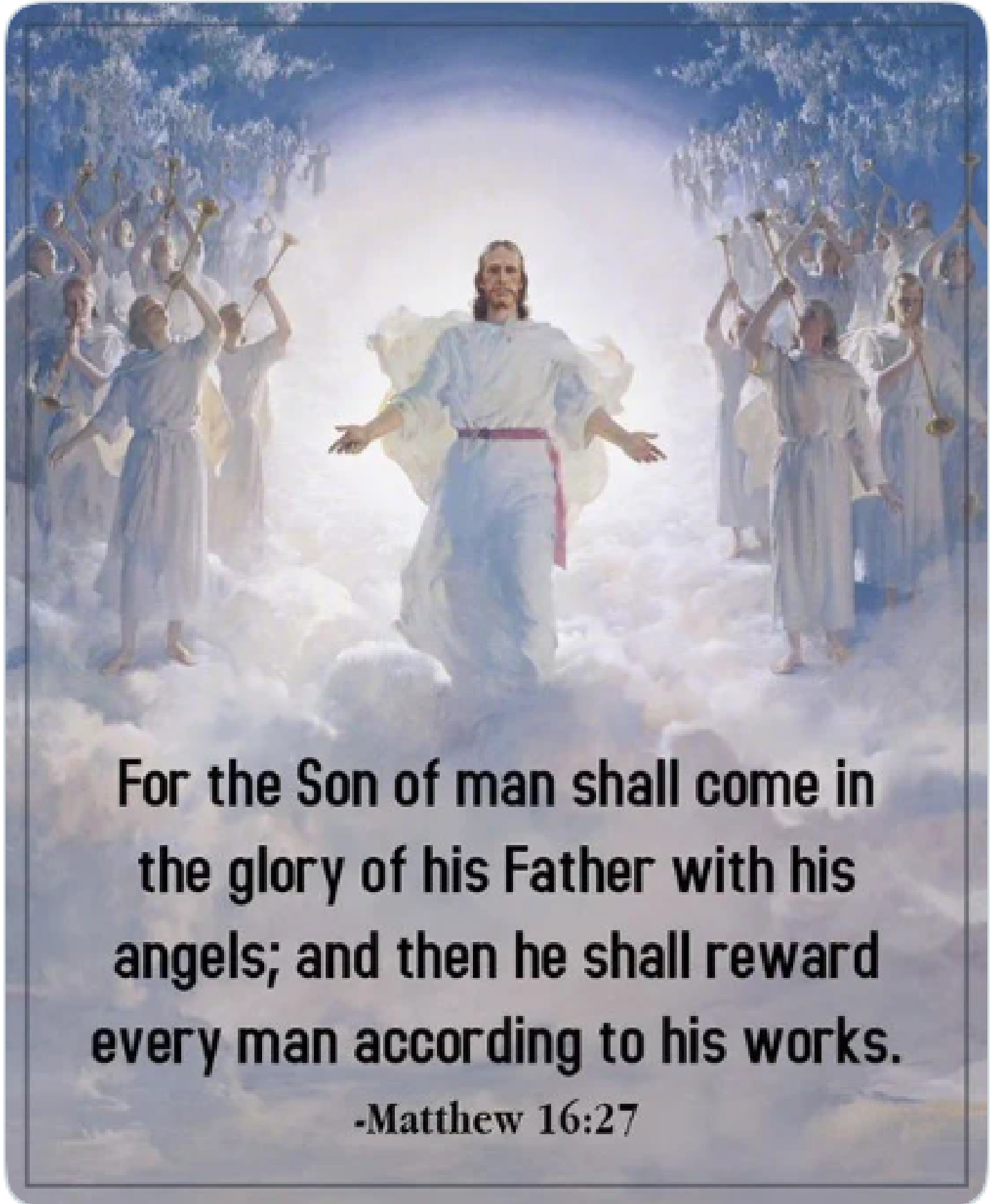


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

0S233 Church Street, Winfield, IL 60190 630.668.0918 www.stjohnwinfield.org
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 30, 2026



**For the Son of man shall come in
the glory of his Father with his
angels; and then he shall reward
every man according to his works.**

-Matthew 16:27

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:

Last Chance

Orders due **THIS MONDAY**, Aug. 31

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



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.

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.

Sing Joyfully to the Lord

Music Ministry Opportunities at St. John the Baptist



As summer turns to fall, our Music Ministries are reuniting. We have many opportunities for you to share your musical gifts.

Adult Choir: First rehearsal is September 9th. 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, from 6:15-7:30 pm. 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.

Contemporary Ensemble: Comprised of singers and instrumentalists, our Contemporary Ensemble is open to parishioners aged high school through “seasoned” adult. We rehearse Saturdays at 4 pm in the Church and provide music at the 5 pm Mass. Please email our Director of Sacred Music, Carrie Marcotte, at cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org to join.

Handbell Choir: First rehearsal for the season will be September 10th. Do you enjoy listening to handbells? Great! You might also enjoy ringing handbells. We are excited to invite all parishioners, high school age and up to ring in our bell choir. We rehearse Thursdays in the Church from 7-8 pm and will ring for one Mass each month. If you are interested in giving this music ministry a try, please email Joyce Schram our Handbell Director and let her know you will be there: joyceschram5@gmail.com. She will reply with additional instructions.

Youth Choir: We invite children, 3rd grade-12th grade, to sing in our Parish Youth Choir. This is a low commitment choir that sings 3-4 times per year. To accommodate busy schedules, our Parish Youth Choir does not meet weekly.

WHAT: A three Sunday commitment to practice and sing at Mass.

WHO: Any parishioner in grades 3-12 is welcome to join.

WHEN: We will rehearse 11:15-11:45 AM (*between the 10 AM and 12 PM Masses*) on:

September 20

September 27

October 4

On October 4th, we still stay after our rehearsal and provide the music at the 12 PM Mass.

To register your 3rd-12th grader for this choir, please complete the google form found at this link:

<https://forms.gle/8E244hscNKgvvdLq7> or with this QR code



Our faculty and staff embracing this year's school theme:
"Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace."



Our School is

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

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



Our second graders were some of the first to enjoy the new school library! Many hard hours of work and book order points were used to create this warm inviting, comfy place to read and discover all the inspiration a library provides!

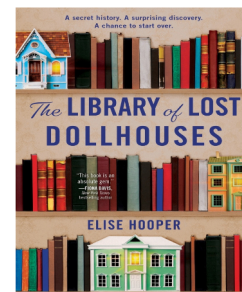


BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ

September 16

Join us

The St. John Book Club invites you to their next monthly meeting, Wednesday, September 16th at the home of Patti Loechl. Join us for fellowship and lively discussion of the book, The Library of Lost Dollhouses by Elise Hooper. Please RSVP with Jean at tjdaniell@att.net and inquire for directions or with questions.



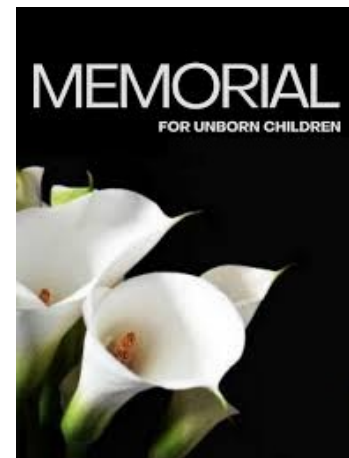
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR UNBORN CHILDREN

Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Naperville

This annual prayer service gives us the opportunity to remember and pray for all the babies that have been aborted, their parents and those moms who lost their lives during abortions. This year, the remembrance will take place on September 12th and begins at 12:30 pm with a rosary led by young people of Sts. Peter and Paul parish. Prayers, scripture readings, and sacred hymns are part of the day as well. As in past years, the Knights of Columbus will post an honor guard at the memorial to the unborn throughout the event.

This year marks the 30th year of the consecration of this memorial on Oct 19, 1996. Our speaker this year is Angelica Perry, a faith rooted pro-life speaker who blends personal testimony with practical steps to help champion life with compassion and conviction.

Bring a lawn chair, bring some friends, and join us in remembering those who have lost their lives to the tragedy of abortion in a powerful and prayerful presentation.



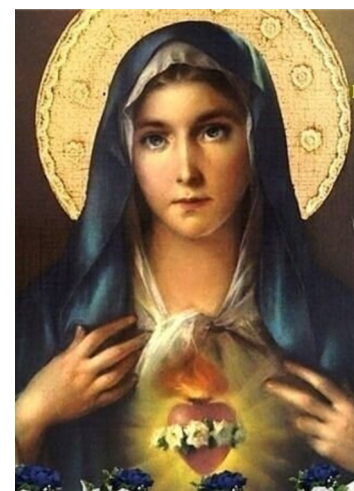
FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

September 5

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.





PRESENTS

St. John the Baptist

All School and Parish Skate

Family Fun for all no
matter how you ROLL!

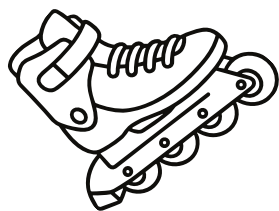
WEDNESDAY
SEPTEMBER 16
5:30PM-7:30PM



Doors open 15 minutes prior to session

\$8.00 Per Person Online

- ✓ Admission
- ✓ Inline or Roller Skate Rental
- ✓ Personal skates are allowed



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Additional funds will go to
St. John the Baptist Catholic School.

Waivers Required

www.funway.com

630-879-8717

1335 S. River St . Batavia, IL 60510



COME RING A BELL IN THE HANDBELL CHOIR

September 10

First rehearsal for the season will be September 10. Do you enjoy listening to handbells? Great! You might also enjoy ringing handbells. We are excited to invite all parishioners, high school age and up to ring in our bell choir. We rehearse in the church on Thursdays from 7-8 pm and will ring for one Mass each month. If you are interested in giving this music ministry a try, please email handbell director, Joyce Schram, at: joyceschram5@gmail.com and let her know you will be there. She will reply with additional instructions.



September 11

SJB Friday Morning Bible Study

Join us and grow your bible knowledge

Morning Bible Study will resume on Friday, September 11th. We meet every Friday in Sebahar Hall from 9:30 to 11AM until the middle of May. This year we will start with a 7-week study on the Book of Revelation, followed by a 10-week study on Parousia - The Bible and the Mass. We will continue viewing The Chosen, season 6 during Lent. After Easter, we will conclude with a 6-week study on the Book of Romans.

Please consider joining us and expanding your knowledge of the bible !

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Axelson 1axelson@comcast.net 630-988-3100

www.stjohnwinfield.org

PRESENTS TO YOU

Adult CHOIR REHEARSALS

09 SEPTEMBER 2026

6:15 - 7:30 PM WEDNESDAYS

INTERESTED? EMAIL CARRIE MARCOTTE, DIRECTOR OF SACRED MUSIC AT:
cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org

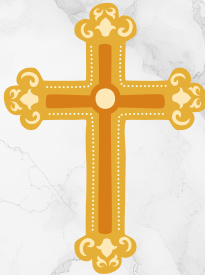


Registered? RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS

16 SEPTEMBER 2026

FOR GRADES KINDERGARDEN THROUGH CONFIRMATION --- CLASSES ON TUESDAYS

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON LINE AT
WWW.STJOHNWINFIELD.ORG
 UNDER THE FAITH FORMATION TAB OR PHONE THE RE OFFICE AT 630.682.4400 X 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. 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>.

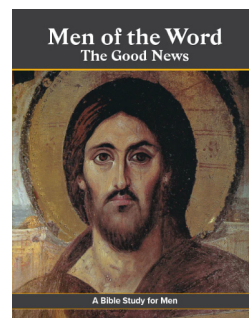
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MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MEN OF THE WORD

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>.



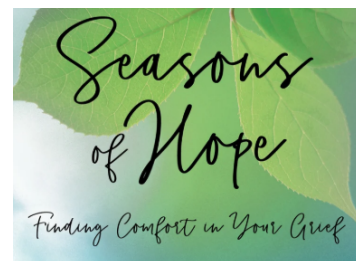
SEASONS OF HOPE BEGINS YEAR TWO

August 27

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!

September 3

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 September 8

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 31
Weekday
1 Cor 2:1-5
Lk 4:16-30

TUESDAY

September 1
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Lk 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY

September 2
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1-9
Lk 4:38-44

THURSDAY

September 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 3:18-23
Lk 5:1-11

FRIDAY

September 4
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1-5
Lk 5:33-39

SATURDAY

September 5
Weekday
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Lk 6:1-5

SUNDAY

September 6
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 33:7-9
Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20

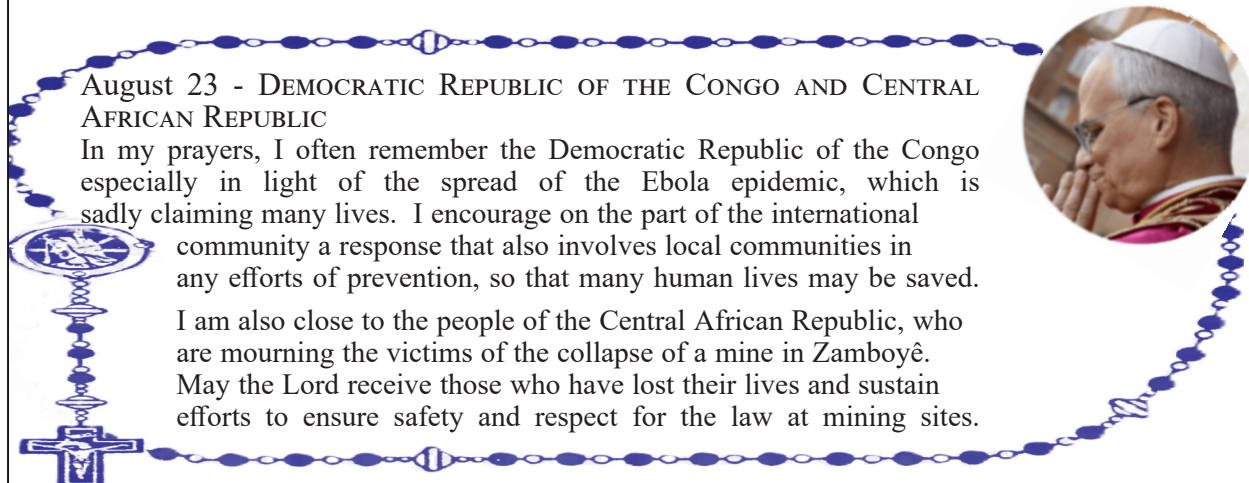
POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.



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



August 23 - DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

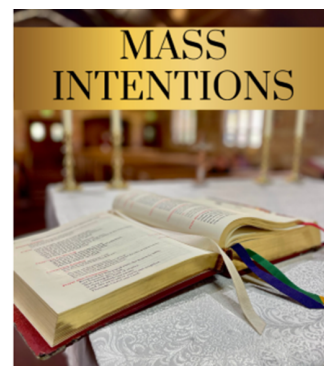
In my prayers, I often remember the Democratic Republic of the Congo especially in light of the spread of the Ebola epidemic, which is sadly claiming many lives. I encourage on the part of the international community a response that also involves local communities in any efforts of prevention, so that many human lives may be saved.

I am also close to the people of the Central African Republic, who are mourning the victims of the collapse of a mine in Zamboyê. May the Lord receive those who have lost their lives and sustain efforts to ensure safety and respect for the law at mining sites.

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

Overcoming Obstacles

Jeremiah complains that because of the compelling presence of God within, he cannot **not** speak God's message. Paul urges us not to conform ourselves to **this** age. And Peter, trying to protect Jesus, blurts out "God forbid" and becomes an obstacle to Jesus' mission. Baptized followers of Jesus must **deny**, take up the **cross**, and **follow**.

- In denying self, how will I attend to need this week?
- What is the cross I bear for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- How will I follow, not the greed of this age, but the goodness of Christian life?

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29

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 and
Sp. Int. of Al Ptak on their anniversary

Monday, August 31

8:00 am Father Day Intentions
Sp. Int. of John Karwoski

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 am ✙ Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 am ✙ Louisa Matusiak

Thursday, September 3

8:00 am ✙ Al Gasteler

Friday, September 4

8:00 ✙ Parish All Souls Intentions
Living and Deceased members of CCW and for Peace

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 pm ✙ Michael Hussey
✙ Evelyn Essling
Sp. Int. of Robertina B

Sunday, September 6

8:00 am ✙ Jose Lino Bejarano
10:00 am ✙ Joyce and Clem Milder
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, 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 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

Jean Christoffer

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 50th wedding anniversary of Jeanne and Al Ptak.



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 30 Fr. Michael Groth, Fr. Gregory Alberts
August 31 Srs. Ella Binz, Christine Bowman, Ellen Mary Brenner, OSF
September 1 Br. Charles Pratt, OH
September 2 Dcns. Jack Hayes, Peter Houtman, Philip Leonard
September 3 Srs. Maria Brizuela, Gloria Cabrera, Lois Ann Cline, OSF
September 4 Fr. Dennis Paul, Fr. Thomas Paul
September 5 Srs. Mary-Lynn Danaher, Diane Martin, OSF

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THIS COUPLE AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

October 3

Sarah Ann Pinna and

Jack Thomas Ramsey



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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

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Ext. 601

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Deacon Rev. Mr. Joe Verdico

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(630) 580-8828

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Sofia Lech, Dir. of Youth Ministry,

Confirmation 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:

contactus@stjohnwinfield.org

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(630) 580-8870

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.