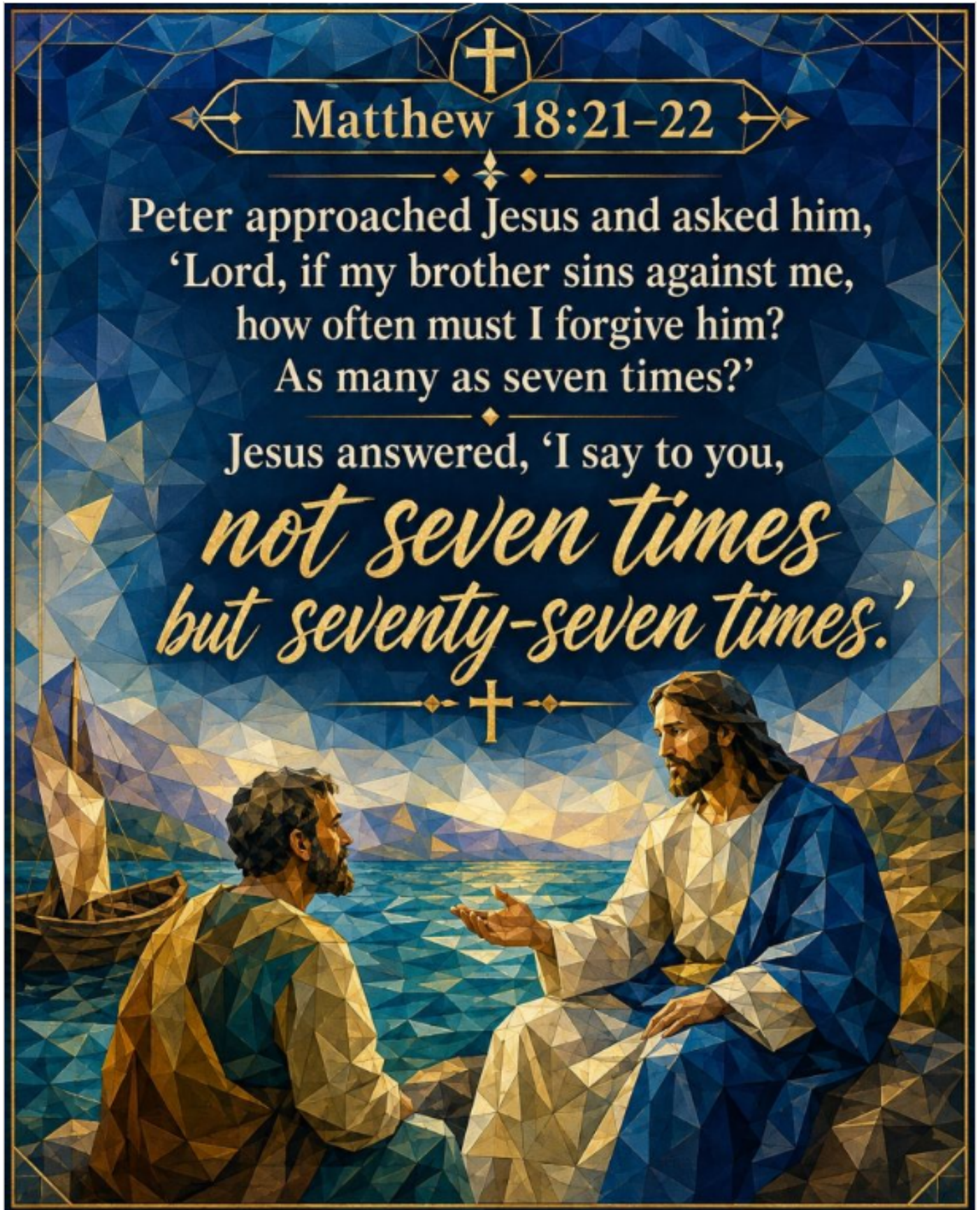


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

0S233 Church Street, Winfield, IL 60190 630.668.0918 [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org)  
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2026



Due to Confirmation - Adoration ends at 5 pm on Sep. 17

## PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMANDI AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED

*O Holy Spirit of God, take our confirmandi as your disciples; guide them, illuminate them, sanctify them. Bind their hands that they may do no evil; cover their eyes that they may see it no more.*

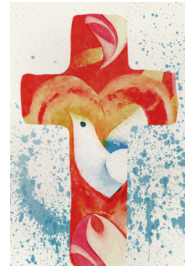
*Sanctify their hearts that evil may not dwell within them. Be their God, be their Guide.*

*Wherever you lead them, they will go; whatever you forbid them, they will renounce; and whatever you command them, in your strength, they will do.*

*Lead them, then, unto the fullness of your truth. Amen*

Cardinal Henry Edward Manning

Sept. 17



## PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

**Open to all students in grade 3 through 12! (Not just to grade 8...BUT 12!)**

Greetings! We invite children, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade, to sing in our Parish Youth Choir. The choir sings 3-4 times per year. In order 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** - we stay after our rehearsal and provide the music at the 12 PM Mass.



To register your 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader for this choir, please complete the google form found with the QR code at right, or at this link: <https://forms.gle/8E244hscNKgvvdLq7>



## A NIGHT OF PRAYER, MUSIC AND ADORATION

Join Bishop Spies, priests and deacons of the diocese



**Wednesday, September 23 7:00 pm**  
**DuPage County Campus at**  
**503 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton**

As our nation marks its 250th Anniversary, people across the Diocese of Joliet are invited to gather for a historic public Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join Bishop Spies, priests, deacons, and people across the Diocese for an hour of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration as we pray for our nation.



## DATE CHANGE !

**Join us NEXT WEEK**

Join us in Sebahar Hall after the 8 and 10:00 am Mass on **Sept. 20**. The fellowship served up along with the sweets is not to be missed.



## Respect Life

**40 Days for Life 2026 Fall Campaign**

**Wed. Sept. 23 through Sun. Nov. 1**

SJB members cover the 10:30 to 11:30 am slot

Mondays

9/28, 10/5, 10/12

10/19 10/26

Wednesdays

9/23, 9/30, 10/7

10/14, 10/21, 10/28

We stand at 3055 E New York St. Aurora, across the street from Aurora's Planned Parenthood Clinic and **peacefully** pray focusing on changing hearts and minds to end abortion. Come join us to save babies' lives.

**Sign up NEXT WEEKEND** at our information and sign up table in Sebahar Hall. Grab a donut and sign up. For more information or to sign up go to :

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/aurorail>

SJB Life contact: Liz Tarmichael

[liz.tarmichael@comcast.net](mailto:liz.tarmichael@comcast.net) or text 630-653-3853

This year's school theme: "Lord, Make Us Instruments of Your Peace"

## CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY OF MARY

September 8

Third graders celebrating the gift that the blessed mother is to each of us! Birthday cupcakes were literally the icing atop a day full of honor, praise, and spending time with our Blessed Mother.



Our School is

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

## CELEBRATING GRANDPARENTS

September 18

School Grandparents, we are getting ready to celebrate YOU! We can't wait to honor and celebrate the love, wisdom, and support that you bring to our families!

E-mail [jplicht@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:jplicht@stjohnwinfield.org) with name of grandchildren to RSVP.

We will celebrate on Friday 9/18 with the following events:

8:45 am Mass in church

9:45 am Donuts and coffee in Sebahar Hall

10:00 am Musical performance by students

10:20 am Classroom visits

11:30 am Dismissal for ALL - young and old alike! Enjoy each other!

*Grandchildren are the crown of the aged, and the glory of children is their parents."*

(Proverbs 17:6)



*Explore the Value  
of a Catholic Education*

### High School Admissions Fair

Wednesday, Sept 16 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Benedictine University

Daniel Goodwin Hall of Business

5700 College Rd, Lisle.

All 4th - 8th grade students are invited to explore all the Catholic High Schools in the area, speak with school representatives, learn about the admission process and financial aid opportunities.

Scan QR code for list of schools.



Register  
[bit.ly/4wg3Uak](http://bit.ly/4wg3Uak)  
Walk ins welcome.

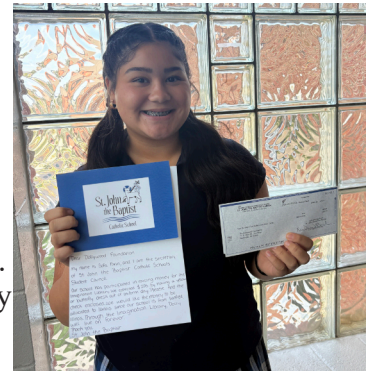


## FUNDRAISING FOR READERS

### Donating to lift others up.

The students at SJB recently chose to participate in an out of uniform day to benefit the Imagination Library foundation which is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five. Winfield is one of the towns that benefits from this foundation.

Combined, our students raised over \$200. When the check was mailed, it was requested that the donation be used for the literacy efforts in Illinois. Student Council secretary Sofia Farin, mailed the check with good wishes.



## CELEBRATE A NIGHT WITHOUT COOKING

September 21

### Donate while you dine!

All are invited to Chipotle at 2119 W. Roosevelt Rd, Wheaton between 4 and 8:00 pm where the St. John the Baptist school will receive a donation of 25% of your pick up or in store order. If ordering online, it must be for pick up only and you must use code: **W9YQPNW** or show this flyer in store. Delivery orders and gift cards do not apply to the donation. What a delicious way to support our school. 25% is huge! Thank you!



## YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

September 16

### It is Fiesta Time!

Let's start this season off with a fiesta! Join us Wednesday, September 16, at 11:30 am in Sebahar Hall for a fun lunch of tacos with all the trimmings, re-fried black beans, Spanish rice and of course, yummy desserts. Stay after lunch for some games of Bingo! Young at Hearts is open to anyone at least 55 years young. If you have never come before, please plan to come and join the fun. We are a welcoming group! There are no reservations required, no set fee, but Free Will offerings are always appreciated. We hope to see you on the 16th! Phone Gwen Hopkins at 630.222.6777 with any questions.

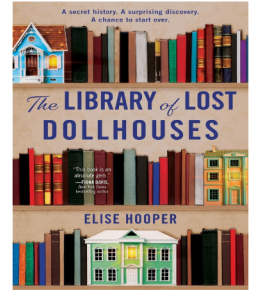


## BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ

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](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net) and inquire for directions or with questions.



## 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 in church at 10:30am: **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>.



## OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

October 1

### For high school and young adult age men and their fathers

This specific gathering is a special gathering with Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests. It is an evening of dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories.

This is a no pressure opportunity to simply learn more, ask questions and receive honest answers to life as a priest. There is also an opportunity to meet other young men open to the idea of the priesthood.

The evening will take place at Queen of the Apostles Parish at 18 Woodlawn Ave in Joliet, Illinois. There is so much to share, often the journey begins with a simple nudge to learn more. Scan the QR code at the right to begin your own journey!



SCAN ME



## Scripture Readings

### Monday

September 14  
*The Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b-9  
Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17

### Tuesday

September 15  
*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
1 Cor 12:12-14,  
27-31a  
Jn 19:25-27 or  
Lk 2:33-35

### Wednesday

September 16  
*Sts. Cornelius,  
Pope, and Cyprian,  
Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 12:31-13:13  
Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday

September 17  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:1-11  
Lk 7:36-50

### Friday

September 18  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:12-20  
Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday

September 19  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:35-37,  
42-49  
Lk 8:4-15

### Sunday

September 20  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*  
Is 55:6-9  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a  
Mt 20:1-16a

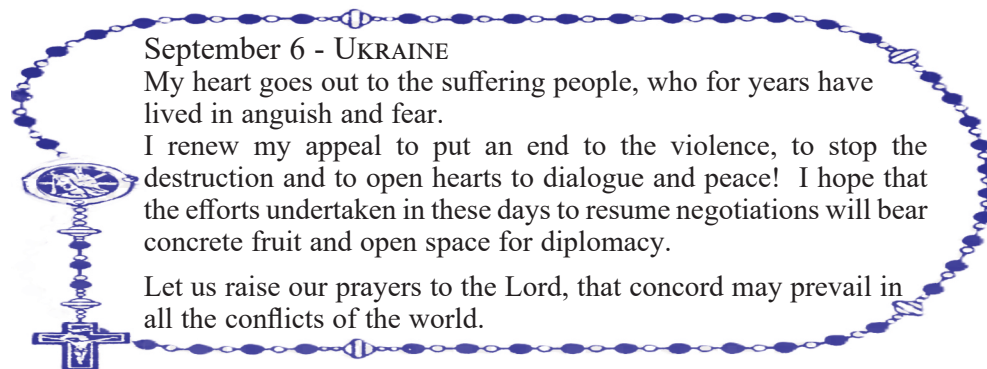
## POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

### 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!.



September 6 - UKRAINE

My heart goes out to the suffering people, who for years have lived in anguish and fear.

I renew my appeal to put an end to the violence, to stop the destruction and to open hearts to dialogue and peace! I hope that the efforts undertaken in these days to resume negotiations will bear concrete fruit and open space for diplomacy.

Let us raise our prayers to the Lord, that concord may prevail in all the conflicts of the world.



## BEATIFICATION OF OUR HOME GROWN

### Celebrate the elevation of Illinois' native son

The Beatification of Fulton Sheen will take place in St. Louis on Thursday, September 24th. September 20th is the Anniversary of his priestly ordination in 1919. You can celebrate both by starting a novena on Tuesday the 15th. The Diocese of Peoria is hosting nine days of holy hours. Registration is free. Even if you can't attend in person, a livestream link is sent to everyone who registers. Register using the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/PeoriaDiocese/posts/on-september-20-we-celebrate-the-anniversary-of-archbishop-sheens-priestly-ordin/1506049331568668/>

Other platforms like [praymorenovenas.com](http://praymorenovenas.com), or <https://celebratesheen.com> can provide information on this historic event in the church. Celebrate Fulton Sheen and everything that confirms that *Life is Worth Living!*



BEATIFICATION OF  
ARCHBISHOP  
**FULTON J.  
SHEEN**

## STEWARDSHIP...A WAY OF LIFE

Your generous sacrificial giving in August totaled as follows:

August 2: \$ 22,182

August 9: \$ 18,081

August 16: \$ 19,555

August 23: \$ 16,493

August 30: \$ 16,041

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.

[www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org)



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Saturday,                       | September 12                      |
| 5:00 pm                         | ✠ Lawrence Szmurlo                |
|                                 | ✠ Arnold Pins                     |
| Sunday,                         | September 13                      |
| 8:00 am                         | ✠ Arely Bejarano Conley           |
| 10:00 am                        | People of the Parish              |
| 12 Noon                         | ✠ Regalado Carlos                 |
| Monday,                         | September 14                      |
| 8:00 am                         | ✠ Fr. Martin Kirk                 |
| Tuesday,                        | September 15                      |
| 8:00 am                         | ✠ Deceased of the Hitchner Family |
| Wednesday,                      | September 16                      |
| 8:00 am                         | Sp. Int. of Marcella Siavelis     |
| Thursday,                       | September 17                      |
| 8:00 am                         | ✠ Clem and Joyce Milder           |
| 7:00 pm                         | Confirmation                      |
| *adoration will end at 5:00 pm* |                                   |
| Friday,                         | September 18                      |
| 8:00                            | ✠ Paul Martineau                  |
|                                 | ✠ Souls in Purgatory              |
| Saturday,                       | September 19                      |
| 8:00 am                         | ✠ Robertina Ballentos             |
| 5:00 pm                         | ✠ Joseph and Florence Bryja       |
|                                 | ✠ Virginia Zelasko                |
| Sunday,                         | September 20                      |
| 8:00 am                         | ✠ Mary Mahoney                    |
| 10:00 am                        | ✠ Clem and Joyce Milder           |
|                                 | People of the Parish              |
| 12 Noon                         | ✠ Regalado Carlos                 |

*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, Sebastian Osslund, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Genevieve Rohr, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Fr. John Sebahar, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobitt, Charles Stilin, Loretta Stilin, Emily Tennison, **Virginia Underwood**, Jack Van De North, Anita Venard, Marino Verdico, Julie Zuhn

To place a name on the prayer lists, contact Rosa, at [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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

**Fr. Herb Essig**

**Keith Cieslik**, brother of Fr. Shaun Cieslik

Eternal Rest  
grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let the  
Perpetual Light  
shine upon them.

## For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns in honor of all our candidates for Confirmation.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in memory of Edward Umbricht.



## 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

|                     |                                                                     |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>September 13</b> | Srs. Judith Davies, Nancy Roberta Schramm, Mary Paul Shisler, OSF   |
| <b>September 14</b> | Srs. Kathleen Anne Copp, Kathleen Hook, M. Alexine Knotek, OSF      |
| <b>September 15</b> | Srs. Kathleen Moseley, Geneive Raupp, Leticia Lapid, OSF            |
| <b>September 16</b> | Fr. Michael Powell, Fr. Matthew Pratscher                           |
| <b>September 17</b> | Fr. Thomas Schrader, Fr. Jeff Smialek, Fr. Michael O'Keefe, O.Carm. |
| <b>September 18</b> | Seminarian Jared Beltz                                              |
| <b>September 19</b> | Fr. Mario Quejadas, Fr. James Radek, Fr. John Regan                 |

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

**Parish office:** (630) 668 - 0918 Ext. 1  
**School office:** (630) 668 - 2625 Ext. 618

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

## Clergy

(630) 668-0918

**Rev. Dan Bachner, Pastor**

Ext. 601

**Rev. Benzes Thomas, O. Praem Parochial Vicar**

frbenzes@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 604

**Deacon Rev. Mr. Joe Verdico**

deaconJoe@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 610

## Parish Staff

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### Administration

**Marian Johnston, Business Manager**

mjohnston@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 602

**Aaron Simpson, Facilities Manager**

aarons@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 603

**Rosa Benavides, Admin. Assistant /**

*Secretaria Hispana*

rosab@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 601

**Dianne Scheiblein, Accountant**

diannes@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 614

### Adult Faith Formation

**Fr. Pat Mulcahy, Director of Adult Faith Formation, OCIA and Liturgy**

frpat@stjohnwinfield.org  
(630) 580-8828

### Religious Education Office

**Kathie Brewer, K-5 grade Coordinator**

kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 613

**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

## School Office

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**Joanne Policht, Principal**

jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 617

**Teri Hardesty, Admin. Assistant**

terih@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 618

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

(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](http://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](mailto:weddings@stjohnwinfield.org)

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the lower level of the parish office in Sodonna Hall.