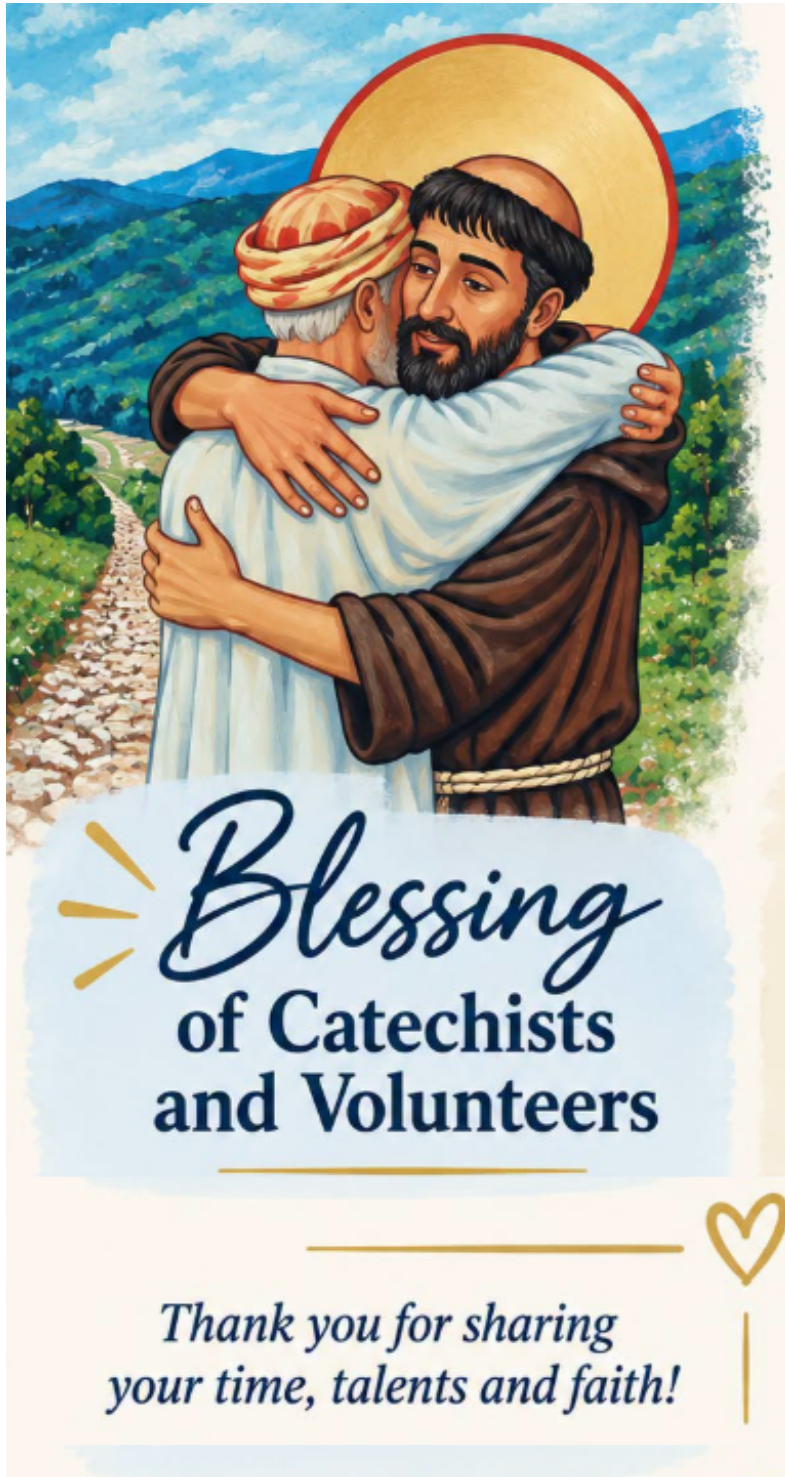


# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

0S233 Church Street, Winfield, IL 60190 630.668.0918 [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org)  
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2026



Our  
Catechists  
and Aides  
are Golden!

Thank you  
for sharing  
your time  
and your  
faith.

Mary Slowinski

Jeanne Hess

Victoria Hernandez

Arlita Ancheta

Jessica Wetendorf

Karen Reed

Beth Fuhrman

Beth Reedy

Sofia Lech

Mary Truran

Susana Ortiz

Jamie Buhnerkemper

Paul Rodriquez

Nancy Cirelli

Scott Valenta

Nicole Preisig

Kathie Brewer

Chris Colangelo

Danielle Rooney

Naila Saucedo

Gwen Hopkins

Annamarie Simon

Grace Fisher

Sheila Hornyak

Gemma Scarpa

Vicky Staden

Lexi Ortiz

Angela Murray

Lori Seay

MaryAnn Trevino

Cameron Grunwaldt

Katie Pierscioneck

Linda Anderson

Maripaz Garnica

Joanne Policht

Leslie Wicker

Stefanie Potts

Sharon Dalla Costa

Teri Hardesty

Erin Mott

Carole Russo

George Malsam

Aaron Ortiz

Courtney Pena

Valerie Murphy

## BOX OF JOY

### CCW sponsors Many ways to share Christ's love

As we move into fall, our parish continues preparing for Box of Joy, a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach that blesses children living in deep poverty with a small shoe box filled with hope, dignity, and the love of Christ. The CCW of our parish is deeply grateful for the quiet generosity already happening - and for every family considering how they might participate.



If you're out shopping Fall clearance or Back-to-school sales, please consider choosing an item or two for a child in need. Everything must fit inside a small shoe box.

There are many ways to join in the giving:

- Shop and fill a box
- Donate individual items
- Shop the Amazon wish list via QR code at right
- Donate \$9 per box for shipping
- Extra rosaries perfect for donating
- Volunteer on set up / packing day - Oct. 30 set up - Oct. 31 packing after Mass
- Help transport boxes to the collection center

Your **Box of Joy** may be the only Christmas gift a child receives!



Phone Mary McKinney at 630.272.7929 to help or to drop off donations early. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with children who have so little.

## A NIGHT OF PRAYER, MUSIC AND ADORATION

Join Bishop Spies, priests and deacons of the diocese



This will be outside.  
Please bring your own blanket or chair

**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.



## DONUT SUNDAY

Join us **THIS WEEK**



Join us in Sebahar Hall after the 8 and 10:00 am Mass. 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**

All are invited to join us in participating in the Fall Campaign. It is not too late to join us! St. John's parishioners will be praying every Monday and Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 am on the hill at Waterleaf Women's center, across the street from the largest Planned Parenthood Center in Illinois.

**Sign up THIS 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>

Contact Deacon Joe via email at:

deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org or

contact Liz Tarmichael at:

liz.tarmichael@comcast.net

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



Our School is

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

## LET'S RIDE ILLINOIS

September 20

**A wonderful initiative bringing communities together**

School families are invited to meet at the Southeast corner of County Farm and Geneva Road. The round-trip route is a relatively flat trip of family-friendly paths that weave through Wheaton and includes a stop for ice-cream! This is part of the 2026 Let's Ride Illinois celebration that takes place during the month of September. It highlights a number of community-focused events celebrating the joy, freedom and sense of community that riding a bicycle brings to people of all ages and abilities. These events feature "slow roll" rides of 10 miles or less that are free and open to all. Join your classmates for a relaxed ride and a fresh look at your community from the seat of your bicycle. One student was motivated to learn to ride a two-wheeler this summer so she could join the ride this year! What a blessed example of learning a life skill that will provide years of benefits. That is what our school is all about!

## 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!



## BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC FUN

**Thank you to all who support us and came out to celebrate our new school year!**

God blessed us with a beautiful day for our Back-to-School Picnic! We are so grateful to everyone who joined us and helped make the day so special. Even Vinny the Wildcat stopped by to celebrate with us!



## BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC FUN ...continued

We are especially thankful for the wonderful partnership between the Knights of Columbus (KOC), Dads of Action, and CCW. Your support, time, and dedication made this event possible, and we are truly grateful for all you do for our community.



## OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

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

This 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.

**October 1**

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. 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



## ECUMENICAL CHAIN FOR LIFE

**Join the Mission to Enable Life**

Join others in the local area at a silent, prayerful, chain for life event. Meet in the parking lot at 300 E. Roosevelt Road Wheaton from 1:45 to 3:00 pm. A brief prayer service will begin the event and signs will be distributed.

**October 4**

More than praying for the sanctity of life, the Mission to Enable Life focuses on supporting parents, strengthening families, AND protecting the unborn. Being pro-life means helping parents choose life by providing the emotional, medical, practical, and financial support they need to thrive. More than 60% of women who visit a pregnancy center first, choose life. Approximately 80% of women who view an ultrasound of their unborn child choose life. Last year, local Caring Network and Waterleaf Pregnancy Centers helped save over 1,100 baby's lives across the western suburban Illinois area. Your participation makes all of this possible.



## RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

**For healing after an abortion**

The Church is the hospital of healing. Nothing is unforgivable. If you are experiencing grief, numbness, fear or shame after an abortion, know that God always offers forgiveness. This retreat is an opportunity for healing to any woman or man who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. For confidential information, prayer or to register, phone 815-370-8118 or [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org). The event takes place at the Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center at Sister of Mt. Assisi in Lemont. .

**October 2 - 4**

**Forgiveness  
Compassion  
Mercy**



## Scripture Readings

### Monday

September 21  
St. Matthew,  
Apostle and  
Evangelist  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:9-13

### Tuesday

September 22  
Weekday  
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13  
Lk 8:19-21

### Wednesday

September 23  
St. Pius of  
Pietrelcina, Priest  
Prv 30:5-9  
Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday

September 24  
Weekday  
Eccl 1:2-11  
Lk 9:7-9

### Friday

September 25  
Weekday  
Eccl 3:1-11  
Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday

September 26  
Weekday  
Eccl 11:9-12:8  
Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday

September 27  
Twenty-sixth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Ez 18:25-28  
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5  
Mt 21:28-32

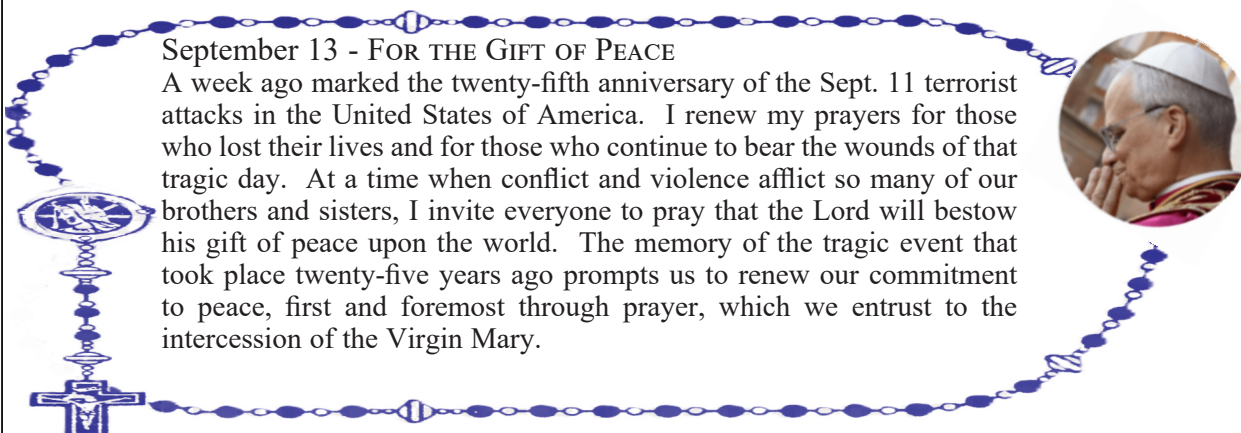
## POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

### 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 13 - FOR THE GIFT OF PEACE

A week ago marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States of America. I renew my prayers for those who lost their lives and for those who continue to bear the wounds of that tragic day. At a time when conflict and violence afflict so many of our brothers and sisters, I invite everyone to pray that the Lord will bestow his gift of peace upon the world. The memory of the tragic event that took place twenty-five years ago prompts us to renew our commitment to peace, first and foremost through prayer, which we entrust to the intercession of the Virgin Mary.

## 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Lets join together to meet our parish goal of \$99,400. Every gift makes a difference. Making your pledged payments helps us increase our rebate over goal. Thank you for your generosity.

|                          |            |              |            |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Amount Pledged:          | \$ 118,535 | Amount Paid: | \$ 112,832 |
| Remaining Balance:       | \$ 5,703   |              |            |
| Current Rebate Amount \$ | 9,402      |              |            |

## 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 praying a World Mission Rosary. For information on this powerful rosary, visit the celebrate sheen site below. Platforms like [praymorenovenas.com](http://praymorenovenas.com) or [celebratesheen.com](http://celebratesheen.com) both provide information on this historic event in the church. Celebrate with prayers, the beatification of Fulton Sheen and everything that confirms that *Life is Worth Living!*

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



BEATIFICATION OF  
ARCHBISHOP  
**FULTON J.  
SHEEN**

# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19  
5:00 pm ✠ Joseph & 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 ✠ Deceased members of  
Camp Family

Monday, September 21  
8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory  
Tuesday, September 22  
8:00 am Sp. Int. of Violet Garro  
Wednesday, September 23  
8:00 am Sp. Int. of Autumn Bodi  
Thursday, September 24  
8:00 am ✠ Fred and Joan Pacer

Friday, September 25  
8:00 ✠ Donna Huber  
✠ Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, September 26  
8:00 am ✠ Luisito Gudmalin  
5:00 pm ✠ Joe Essling  
Sp. Int. of  
Jack Van De North

Sunday, September 27  
8:00 am ✠ Dick Larson  
10:00 am ✠ Deceased members of  
Daniell Family  
12 Noon People of the Parish

**T**he 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 Derrill Perchorowicz

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 memory of Genevieve Umbricht.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in memory of Thomas Bronieckit.



## 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

**September 20** Dcn. candidates Scott Pointner, Francisco Prado, David Rudofski, Gustavo Santana  
**September 21** Srs. Jeanette Pierce, Marily Renniger, Gayle Lynn Rusbasan, OSF  
**September 22** Dcns. Edward Petak, Anthony Plese  
**September 23** Fr. Edward Ward, O.Carm.  
**September 24** Fr. Lawrence Jagdfeld, O.F. M.  
**September 25** Srs. Joyce Shanabarger, Mary Shinnick, OSF  
**September 26** Fr. Gerry Riva, Fr. Mark Rosenbaum

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

**Parish office:** (630) 668 - 0918 Ext. 1  
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*Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm, closed Friday*

## Clergy

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**Rev. Dan Bachner, Pastor**

Ext. 601

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frbenzes@stjohnwinfield.org Ext. 604

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**Confirmation Coordinator**

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### Music

**Carrie Marcotte, Dir. of Sacred Music**

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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



**Contact Us via email at:**

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### School Office

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**Joanne Policht, Principal**

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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](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.