

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2026



WHICH OF THE TWO
DID HIS FATHER'S WILL?

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

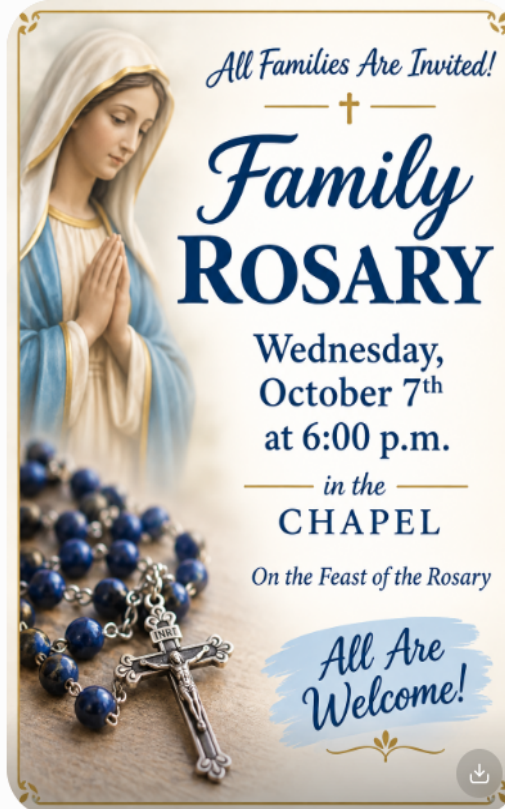
Will your child be in Preschool in 2027-28?

Please come to St. John the Baptist Catholic School's Open House for Parents of Preschool Children who might want to be New prospective students. Please visit our school on Thursday, October 22nd from 6 - 7:30 PM in Winfield to learn more about our school. We already anticipate limited openings in the Pre-Kindergarten class. Enter **Door 1**, our main entrance, and you will be led to our classrooms. Find out why St. John's might be the right choice for your child(ren) and begin a tradition that will last a lifetime! We are very proud of our environment in which children play, pray, learn and love all at the same time. RSVP for the Open House by emailing Joanne Policht, principal, at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org



A sincere thank you to everyone who came out in support of our school through the Wildcat Classic golf outing. A perfect Fall day greeted our golfers! With no worries about rain or sunburn, golfers were able to give their full focus to their game and it showed!

Thank you to all our parishioners, school families, alumni, friends, staff and community supporters. We feel the love you have "FORE" our school.



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

Dear Parish family, in the name of Jesus I am very grateful to all who have given so generously to the *Legends of Faith, 160 years for St John the Baptist parish*. May the good Lord reward you a hundred fold for your gifts to His Church. We are still hoping to reach our goal that all the works may be completed.

As of today we have already finished the lights in the Church, and now are working in the chapel. The Chapel work is addressing the lighting in the Sanctuary. Work began last week and will hopefully be finished within the next two weeks. The organ repair is primarily finished. We are only waiting for new keys which are manufactured in only one place in the world. We had a very generous donation to our bell tower and are three quarters of the way there. We will meet with another company to get a second quote.

The business office will be closed the month of October, as Asbestos is being removed and the offices re-flowed and walls painted. Rosa, our front desk administrator, will be moving over to the school building to the RE office. All others will be working mostly off campus. Our phone system will be working.

The bathroom has been fully contracted, and we await a start date. One family has gifted the parish a donation to be put toward installation of electric doors facing Church Street for those with limited mobility. We anxiously await a quote for this work. So as not to fight mother nature, and incur unnecessary extra costs, we will wait until Spring to redo the atrium area between the church and chapel.

Work will begin on the sound system next week. We are not getting a new sound system but simply upgrading the system we have.

We are waiting for installation of a new air flow system for the gym.

These are most of where we are with our projects. We could not do any of these needed projects without you. Your donations are making a big difference in the viability of St John the Baptist Parish, and her future well-being. I will let you know more in a few weeks

Pax, Fr Dan

WE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Chapel will be closed through September 30th to accommodate the lighting upgrades taking place. During this time, Morning Mass and adoration will take place in the Church.

Parish offices have begun the carpet / asbestos removal process. As of Monday, September 28th, parish staff will be most easily accessed by phone. Depending on the work being done each day, some staff will be working from home. Please use the direct phone number list to expedite leaving messages for staff.

Requests for Mass Intentions can be handled via email to Rosa at: rosab@stjohnwinfield.org. If a card is needed, she can even mail the card to the bereaved family if you can provide the necessary address.

Access to sacramental books, needed to provide copies of sacramental certificates will also be limited. At this time we are unsure of exact availability so phone Rosa to inquire.

Some days Rosa will be sharing office space with the Religious Ed office. Phone ahead before coming, but once verified she is on the parish grounds, enter the RE office door #11 to find Rosa.

Rosa:	580-8871
Marian:	580-8872
Aaron:	580-8873
Fr. Benzes:	580-8874
Fr. Patrick:	580-8828
Dcn. Joe:	580-8810
Carrie:	580-8878
Sofia:	580-8882
Kathie:	580-8813
Dianne:	580-8814
Michele:	580-8816
Joanne:	580-8817
Teri:	580-8818

St. Vincent de Paul:
580-8870

For a full listing of staff, titles and extensions, please see page 11 of this week's bulletin.

Celebrating Confirmation



Show me your hands. Do they have scars from giving?



Filled with the Holy Spirit



Show me your feet. Are they wounded in service?



Thursday, September 17th, we as a parish had the opportunity to welcome Bishop Dennis Spies as he joined us to confirm the candidates who have spent the last two years preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation.

We pray that the holy spirit will continue to guide these young adults as they learn to discern the promptings of the holy spirit.

A sincere thank you to all who helped in the formation of these young adults. This includes parents, godparents, family, clergy, staff, sponsors, teachers and catechists. Thank you for hearing your prompting.



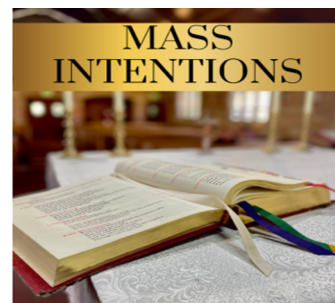
Show me your heart. Have you left a place for divine love?



SCHEDULING A MASS INTENTION

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

October 1 the Mass Intention Book will open for all to book a Mass Intention to take place 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, 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.



PET BLESSING ON SATURDAY

Blessing those who bless us with companionship

St. Francis had a profound love for God's creation and saw all living things as part of one family. He famously referred to animals as his brother and sister, emphasizing their shared existence and dignity as creatures of God. St. Francis' example encourages humanity to be good stewards of the earth and its inhabitants, treating them with compassion and respect. Join us in the Pavilion, rain or shine, at 10:00 am as we ask God to richly bless our animal friends. Please be sure pets are contained either by leash, carrier, fish bowl or warmly hugged.

October 3



Compassionate Franciscan Sisters of the Poor (CFSOP) invite us all to come celebrate and help them build God's Kingdom at this celebratory event of mercy for the children in their care and their poor sisters. *Participate locally to make a difference globally!* Benet Academy in Lisle, is the host location for this event to benefit their mission work in Jamaica and Kenya. The evening consists of dinner, a concert and dancing - a fun way to share and care! **Saturday, October 17th 5:30 pm.**



SCAN QR Code to
Donate:



PLEASE CONTACT:
SR. MYRNA, CFSOP
(630)506-3564
SR. RITA, CFSOP
(645)217-4400

There are two ticket levels, \$100 or \$50 per person. For tickets contact: Paula Schumacher at 630.209.0176 or Barry O'Donnel at 630.212.9129. All proceeds aid the children's ministries and hurricane recovery efforts. Visit cfsopusa.wixsite.com/home. This is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization

Shop before or after Mass

Shop ♥ Browse ♥ Support the Community

Fall Bazaar

SATURDAY, OCT 3
10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT 4
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church's Sebahar Hall
No Sales during Mass but we're here before and after.

Baked Goods

Pre-Loved Treasures

Jewelry

Coffee

FEATURED FAIR TRADE VENDOR:
GLEN ELLYN FAIR TRADE
Beautiful, ethical gifts that make a difference!
Handcrafted Goods • Global Artisans • A Brighter Tomorrow

Come shop, find treasures, and enjoy the season!
Questions? Contact Michelle at 630-661-5396.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

October 5

Join us on Monday to give the gift of life

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This could be your neighbor, a child in the ICU or a parent with complications following surgery. The entire process is safe, efficient and you will feel amazing knowing that your donation has the potential to help save up to three other lives! Use the QR code at right the schedule an appointment. Reservations are preferred, but walk-ins are always welcome!

Meet us in Sebahar Hall from 3-7:00 pm. A government issued photo ID is required. As a promotional thank you, all attempted donors will receive a cozy fall thank-you item - either flannel pajama pants or a hooded sweatshirt...while supplies last!

HOPE

IT'S IN OUR BLOOD



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.

RESPECT LIFE

40 Days for Life 2026 Fall Campaign

Through Sunday, November 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.

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



OPERATION ANDREW DINNER

October 1

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.

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!

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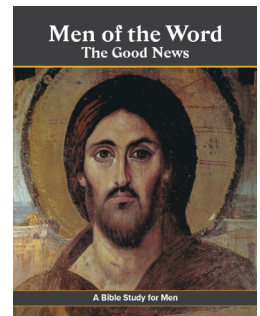
SCAN ME



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: MEN OF THE WORD

October 3

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>.



ECUMENICAL CHAIN FOR LIFE

October 4

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.

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

October 2 - 4

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. The event takes place at the Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center at Sister of Mt. Assisi in Lemont. .

Forgiveness
Compassion
Mercy



Scripture Readings

Monday

September 28
Weekday
Jb 1:6-22
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday

September 29
Sts. Michael,
Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
or Rv 12:7-12ab
Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday

September 30
St. Jerome, Priest
and Doctor of the
Church
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday

October 1
St. Thérèse of the
Child Jesus, Virgin
and Doctor of the
Church
Jb 19:21-27
Lk 10:1-12

Friday

October 2
The Holy Guardian
Angels
Jb 38:1, 12-21;
40:3-5
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday

October 3
Weekday
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday

October 4
Twenty-seventh
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

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.

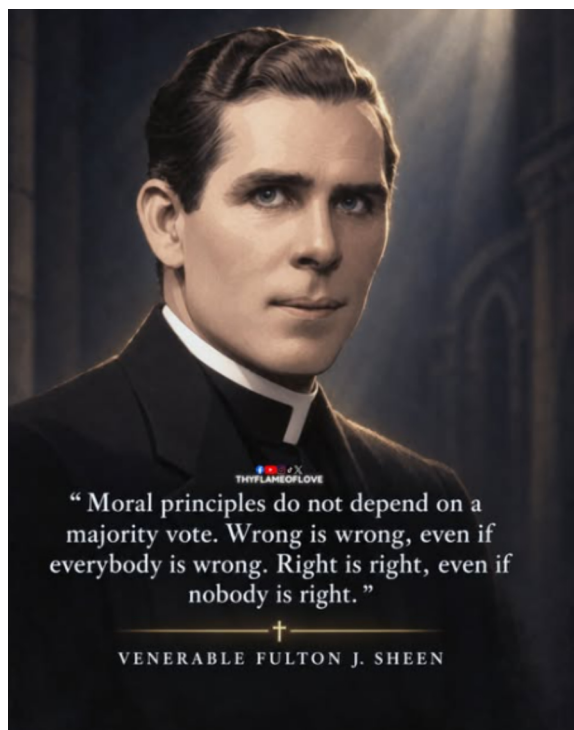
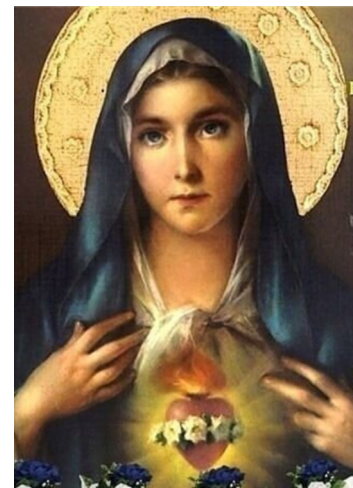


FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

October 3

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."



We congratulate the families of our recently baptized, and welcome them into our church family of faith.

Theo Alan Dumelle

child of David Dumelle and Alexis Pall

Giuliana Mia Caputo

child of Michael and Gianna Caputo

Zaydriel Gavian Martinez Terrazas

child of Victor Martinez and Saharar Esparza

Stella Mairead Frankel

child of Robert Frankel and Sinead Walsh

Brynn Eloise Dickinson

child of Austin Dickinson and Katharine Taity

Charlotte Josephine Karwoski

Elizabeth Mary Karwoski

children of Chad Karwoski and Kelly Ososky

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26
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,

Monday, September 28
8:00 am ✠ Frank DiMaso

Tuesday, September 29
8:00 am Sp. Int. of Charles Garro

Wednesday, September 30
8:00 am ✠ John Robert Thurston

Thursday, October 1
8:00 am For the protection of Life
at conception to natural
death

Friday, October 2
8:00 ✠ Parish All Souls Intents.
✠ Deceased and living
members of CCW and
for Peace

Saturday, October 3
8:00 am ✠ Domingo Gudmalin
5:00 pm ✠ Marie Theis
✠ Gary Lelko

Sunday, October 4
8:00 am ✠ Bonnie Hansen
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✠ Fred and Joan Pacer

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 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

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember. Fulfill in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy.

For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns as a birthday remembrance of Padre Pio.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in honor of our new bishop-delegate, Bishop Brendan J. Cahill.



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 27 Fr. Larry Janezic, OFM

September 28 Srs. Josephine Mulcahey, Francis Therese Ortega,
Mary Barbara Hassler, OSF

September 29 Bishop Dennis Spies

September 30 Srs. Cristina Soyao, Elaine Teders, Kim Wolf, OSF.

October 1

October 2

October 3

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

Parish office: (630) 668 - 0918
School office: (630) 668 - 2625

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

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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

School Office

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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.