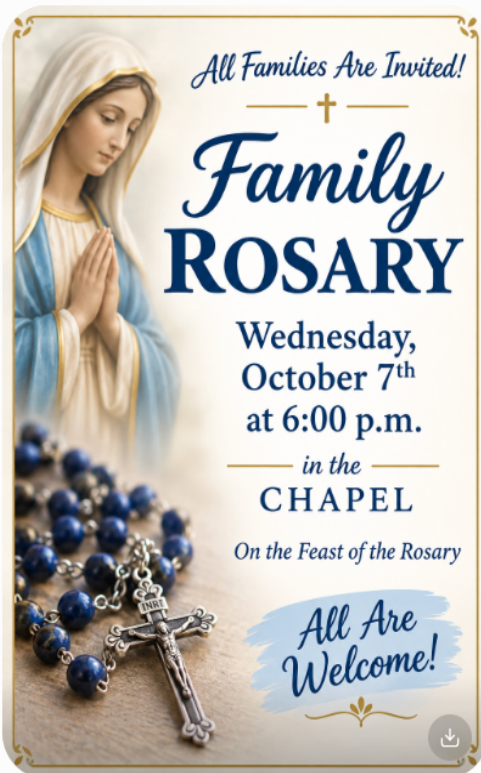


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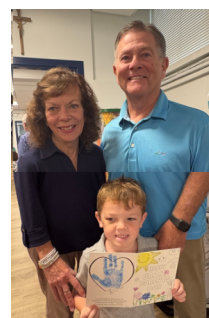
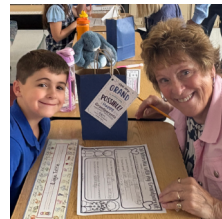
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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2026



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



We Love Our Grandparents!



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

OUR SUPPORTERS HAVE GOOD TASTE!

Thank you - Every dollar counts!

Many of you took us up on the invitation to dine out and contribute financially to the school. Last week, our Do Good at Chipotle night provided the opportunity to do just that! Thank you to all school families and parishioners who participated.



Thursday, October 22
6:30-7:00 pm

3- and 4-year-old

**PRESCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Will your child be in Preschool in 2027-28?

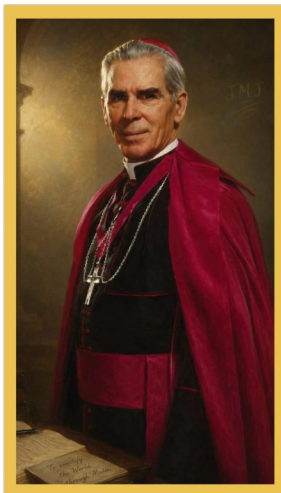
Come to our Open House for *Parents of Preschool Children* who might want to be new prospective students. Please visit our school to learn more about what we are so proud of. We anticipate limited openings in the Pre-Kindergarten class. Enter **Door 1**, our main entrance, and you will be led to our 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 email to Joanne Policht, principal, at Jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org

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

SCOUT FOOD DRIVE IS COMING! Sunday, November 8 Heading out to grocery shop? Make room for a few more!

Food insecurity in our local community is increasing faster than food donations have increased. Estimates for DuPage County currently tally the food insecure population at 56,610. The hunger is real, the need is real. All food collected by Scout Pack and Scout Troop 575 directly benefits the St. Vincent DePaul Society Pantry here at St. John the Baptist. While you're doing your own grocery shopping, might you add a few more cans of quality, nutritious food to your cart?



WISE WORDS TO LIVE BY

During the homily at the beatification Mass for Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, Cardinal Tagle commented: "For Archbishop Sheen, caring for the poor was not ideological propaganda, but an imperative for the following of Christ, of the joining of the Church and the missions, and of the conversion inspired by the Holy Spirit."

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left...I cannot depend upon merits of my own, for I am only too conscious of having failed the Son of God and all that I'm supposed to be, but I hope that when I go there for judgment, that I will hear from Him these words, 'I heard my mother speak of you'" - Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

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



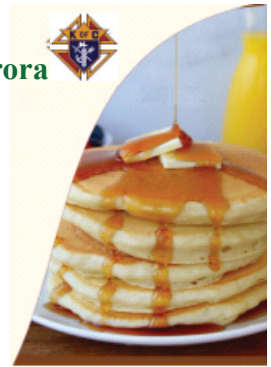
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST KICKOFF - OCTOBER 11

Supports pro-life initiatives and directly benefits Waterleaf Women's Center in Aurora

Treat yourself and your family to a freshly prepared menu of Hot Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage Links, Bacon, Golden Hashbrowns, Apple or Orange Juice and Fresh Roasted Coffee. A free-will offering is appreciated.

The Knights provide over 90 million volunteer hours across the U.S. each year. Our Catholic faith communities benefit, and YOUR participation helps make that happen!

Come enjoy a cup of coffee on us, and find out for yourself why we're voted the best breakfast value in the six county area! You'll find us in Sebahar Hall from 8 to 11:00 am.



SCAN THE QR CODE AT THE RIGHT TO LEARN ALL ABOUT THE LIFE SAVING MISSION OF WATERLEAF WOMEN'S CENTER

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



BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ

October 21

Join us !

Join St. John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday, October 21st at 7:00 pm at the home of Diane Bucheit. Join us for fellowship and lively discussion of the book, *The Little Wartime Library* by Kate Thompson. Please RSVP with Jean at tjdaniell@att.net and inquire for directions or with questions.



Scripture Readings

Monday

October 5
Weekday
Gal 1:6-12
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday

October 6
Weekday
Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday

October 7
Our Lady of the Rosary
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday

October 8
Weekday
Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13

Friday

October 9
Weekday
Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday

October 10
Weekday
Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28

Sunday

October 11
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 25:6-10a
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Mental Health Ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.



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

September 27 - LET'S PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER

Today I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue and reconciliation



WE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Fr. Dan has mentioned at mass that the parish office center has asbestos tile under the carpeting in the 1st and 2nd floors of the building. The carpeting needs to be replaced but in order to do so the asbestos tile also needs to be removed. The asbestos tile abatement will begin Monday October 5. The abatement company anticipates that the abatement will take one week to complete. When that is finished we plan to have every room in the building painted which will possibly take two weeks to complete. When that is done the new flooring will be installed and that will take up to another week to complete. With that completed, all the office equipment (desks, chairs, file cabinets, etc.) will return and computer equipment set up and connected. That will take a few days to complete which means the whole process could take up to five weeks to complete. During this time the parish center will be closed. Rosa, at the main desk, will be working out of the Rel. Ed office which is at door #11 at the school directly across the parking lot from the chapel. The phones will be operating as normal so please phone first. 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 for copies of sacramental certificates will also be limited.

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Teri:	580-8818

St. Vincent de Paul:
580-8870

For a full listing of staff, titles and extensions, please see page 7 of this week's bulletin.

LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Caring for the vineyard:

People of Israel are often in scripture, compared to a vineyard. In the first reading the complaint was the grapes were too sour. in the gospel, problem is not with the grapes, but with those charged with the task of caring for the vineyard. God looks for holiness among his people and he looks for those with authority, not only religious leaders, but also parents, and teachers to lead God's people in the right direction.

- Who is counting on you to lead the way?
- What can be added, or taken away to improve the holiness of your life?
- Has greed, and its many manifestations become an obstacle in your relationship with God?

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday,	October 3
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
Monday,	October 5
8:00 am	✠ Scott Woodbury
Tuesday,	October 6
8:00 am	Sp Int of Maureen Garro
Wednesday,	October 7
8:00 am	Father Day Intentions
Thursday,	October 8
8:00 am	✠ Daniel I. Kilpatrick
Friday,	October 9
8:00	✠ Jim Ehrenberg
	✠ Dianne Martin
Saturday,	October 10
8:00 am	✠ Deceased members of
	Kadolph - Hicks family
	Sp Int of Bertucci family
5:00 pm	✠ Margaret Kliebhan
	✠ Donald Schmitt
Sunday,	October 11
8:00 am	✠ Virginia and Harold
	Miller
10:00 am	✠ Clem and Joyce Milder
12 Noon	✠ Virginia Mary White

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 Skrobott, **Weronika Smorczewska**, 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

Letitia Christie

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 the blessed mother during this month of the rosary .

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in honor of the retirement of Rev. Michael Radowicz, Diocese of Madison.



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, Cpt. Allyson Serbick, Sgt. Jack Serbick, Sgt. Keegan Serbick, PVC Max 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

October 4	Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs
October 5	Srs. Madelyn Gould, Barbara Rowan, Carol Stevens, OSF
October 6	Dcns. David Prete, Edward Ptacek, Joseph Pusateri, Victor Puscas
October 7	Seminarian Jared Beltz
October 8	Sr. Paula Bingert, OSF
October 9	Sr. Anita Beloin, OSF
October 10	Fr. Néstor F. Sánchez

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Confirmation Coordinator

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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



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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.