

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 11, 2026



GO OUT INTO THE MAIN ROADS
& invite to the *feast*
whomever you find.

MATTHEW 22:9

Calling all Veterans!

Our school cordially invites veterans who would be interested in being honored at our school Mass at 8:45 am on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 10 th

A small reception will be held afterwards.

If interested and available, please phone or email Principal Joanne Policht at 630-668-2625 ext 617 or by email at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org

We hope you can join us, so that we can thank you for your service!



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

Be sure you have these special dates marked on your calendars at home:

Monday, Oct. 12 NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, Oct. 13 NO SCHOOL

Thursday, Oct. 15 PICTURE DAY!

Friday, Oct. 30 11:30 am Dismissal



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



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

3- and 4-year-old

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

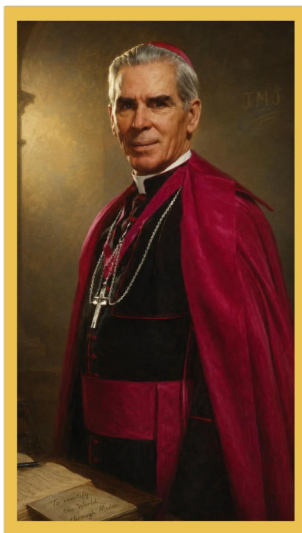
Discover the difference at St. John's where we participate in Mass, celebrate our differences, and thrive in smaller student/teacher ratios.

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?



WHAT IS A BEATIFICATION?

On September 24th, Venerable Fulton Sheen became Blessed Fulton Sheen, joining a small group of Blesseds from the United States, such as Michael McGivney, Solanus Casey, and Stanley Rother. To be beatified or Named a Blessed, the Church must carefully examine the person, ensuring he or she lived a holy life. Under Church norms, a miracle must be verified for a person to be beatified. In the case of Fulton Sheen, the miracle was that a stillborn baby came back to life after not breathing for sixty one minutes. For the next stage, canonization, an additional miracle is required. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Katharine Drexel are two of the canonized saints from the United States.

"Just as you would never pass by a friend without greeting him, never pass by Our Lord in the Eucharist without a prayer. You and I have an opportunity to know the Judge before the day of our trial, and that friendship may avail us much in the hour of judgment"

- Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

COLUMBUS DAY OR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Parish offices Closed Mass celebrated at 8:00 am in the chapel

In 2021, President Joe Biden issued the first-ever presidential proclamation of Indigenous Peoples' Day to be observed on the second Monday in October along with Columbus Day. In doing so, he stated "For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples' resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society."

On November 29th of last year, the Franciscan nuns in Wisconsin transferred land they had purchased in 1966 to the Lac du Flambeau Indigenous tribe that originally settled it. During a ceremony with deep spiritual symbolism, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration turned over land to the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. It was believed to be the first such land transfer by a Catholic Institution in the U. S., in the name of reparations for past treatment of Native Americans. For decades the Sisters used this Marywood property as a retreat center. Though the 2 acre lake front property was valued at the time at over two million dollars, the Sisters gave it back for the same \$30,000 they themselves paid in 1966.



The two parties' histories are intertwined in more ways than just the land since 1883. The sisters operated the St. Mary's Catholic Indian Boarding School, part of a larger project by the federal government to forcefully assimilate Indigenous children. In the U.S., there were around 500 boarding schools. Five years prior to the exchange, the sisters journeyed to understand their history, educating themselves about the role their boarding school played in the cultural genocide that occurred and joined the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

Sr. Sue Ernster, president of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration said that while they know this is nothing they could ever do to "fully repair the damage that has happened and the trauma that has happened," they saw the returning of the land as one way they could atone for the past. "This is what we can do to really live our values. One of the Franciscan hallmarks is to be in right relationship with all of creation, all people. " For the Chippewa, this return represents more than the restoration of land, it is the restoration of balance, dignity, and a sacred connection to the place where their ancestors once walked.

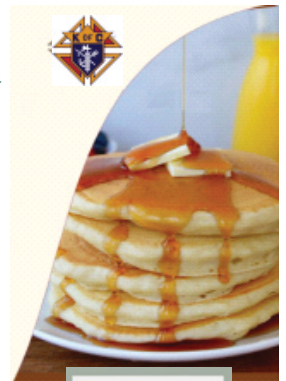
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST KICKOFF - OCTOBER 11

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 the very 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

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.



EARLY VOTING HAS BEGUN

Ahead of the Nov. 3 General Election, Early voting at the DuPage County Fairgrounds

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that it is "the duty of citizens to contribute along with civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom." Followed by : "The love and service of one's country follows from the duty of gratitude and belongs to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community."

Early voting is currently available locally at the County Fairgrounds, Building 5 at 2015 Manchester Rd, Wheaton. Hours for voting through **Oct. 17** are M-F, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Sat. 9 am - noon. Beginning **Oct. 19** voting is open weekdays 8 am - 7pm and both Saturday and Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm. For more information phone 630.407.5600.

Your vote is power and the ultimate power belongs to the people. In voting, decide the standards of performance you are granting to the people being elected to these offices of power. A president is powerful, but that office is not the entire government; Congress matters, Governors matter, State legislatures matter, Checks and balances matter, Oversight matters, and the people elected to exercise those powers matter. **Your vote matters!**



LAST CHANCE TO BUY TICKETS

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.



Scripture Readings

Monday

October 12
Weekday
Gal 4:22-24,
26-27, 31-5:1
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday

October 13
Weekday
Gal 5:1-6
Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday

October 14
Weekday
Gal 5:18-25
Lk 11:42-46

Thursday

October 15
*St. Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor
of the Church*
Eph 1:1-10
Lk 11:47-54

Friday

October 16
Weekday
Eph 1:11-14
Lk 12:1-7

Saturday

October 17
*St. Ignatius of
Antioch, Bishop
and Martyr*
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 12:8-12

Sunday

October 18
*Twenty-ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time*
Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

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!

October 4 - LET'S PRAY FOR THE HOLY LAND AND FOR THE INNOCENT VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE

Last Sunday in Lourdes, I invited everyone to pray the Rosary during this month of October, with the special intention that wars may cease and peace may be built. In particular, let us pray for the Holy Land and for the innocent victims of violence.



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

LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thy Will Be Done

Today's first reading and gospel give us a beautiful picture of what it is we're praying for when we say 'thy will be done.' God's will is for our complete and eternal happiness. Our gospel warns us, however, that in order to be part of his beautiful plan, we need to respond to the invitation he offers us.

- Will God be there for me when I need him, when I can't feel him?
- Will God bring justice to all the injustices in this life?
- When judged, will I find myself included or excluded based on the life I've led and decisions I've made?

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 5:00 pm	October 10 ✠ Margaret Kliebhan ✠ Donald Schmitt
Sunday, 8:00 am	October 11 ✠ Virginia and Harold Miller
10:00 am	✠ Clem and Joyce Milder
12 Noon	✠ Virginia Mary White,
Monday, 8:00 am	October 12 Sp Int of Tom and Sandy Noonan
Tuesday, 8:00 am	October 13 ✠ Robert Woodbury
Wednesday, 8:00 am	October 14 ✠ Alice Richards
Thursday, 8:00 am	October 15 Sp Int of Al Ptak Family
Friday, 8:00	October 16 Sp Int of Bonnie Baldwin ✠ Daniel Kilpatrick
Saturday, 8:00 am	October 17 Sp Int of Kory McGinn
5:00 pm	Sp Int of Jack Van De North ✠ Donald Schmitt ✠ Rick Zagotta
Sunday, 8:00 am	October 18 ✠ Regalado Carlos
10:00 am	✠ Timothy D.Cebulko
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, Sebastian Osslund, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Genevieve Rohr, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Fr. John Sebahar, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobitt, 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 Gerald Zubrod

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 for the special intention of Steve Diaz.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in honor of the Al Ptak and family Birthday.



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 11	Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, Fr. Joseph McCormick, Fr. John Merkelis, OSA
October 12	Seminarian Joshua Solarz
October 13	Seminarian Joseph Min
October 14	Dcn. candidates Mark Santschi, Justin Sommer, Kyle Stern
October 15	Srs. Lourdes Boyer, Sue Bruno, Maria Bui, OSF
October 16	Srs. Mary Ann Clark, Mary Agnes Cross, OSF
October 17	Fr. John Sebahar, Fr. Greg Skowron

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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.