

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2026

*"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."*



"Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22



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

Thursday, Oct. 22 St. John the Baptist 3 and 4 year old Preschool Open House



6:00 to
7:30 pm

Enter Door 1 to discover a joyful 2027-28 school year rooted in faith, learning, and community. RSVP to Principal Joanne Policht at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org



Tour our classrooms, meet our teachers.

RAISE THAT DOUGH

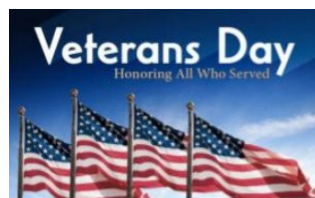
All are invited to participate in this Panera Fundraising event on Tuesday, **October 20 from 4 to 8:00 pm**. Our school will earn 25% of all net sales. Use code **FUND4U** at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the Kiosk in-cafe for your

purchase to be credited. This fundraiser is only at the Panera at 167 Danada Square East in Wheaton. On-line orders placed all day at this location will count toward total sales. If ordering at the cafe, show this flyer or a digital copy from school website.

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 10th

A small reception will be held afterwards. 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!





ALL SOULS' MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Wednesday, November 4

7:00 PM

All are invited to join us at St. John the Baptist for a special Mass of Remembrance for those love ones lost during this past year, or many years ago.

The beginning of November is when our church traditionally turns her heart toward the faithful departed who await the fullness of God's mercy. Grief in truth, is the shape love takes when someone we cherish is no longer beside us. Christ himself wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, and in those tears, we find companionship, not distance from Him. The Wisdom of God, which surpasses all understanding, assures us that what awaits those who love Him is beyond anything eye has seen or ear has heard.

Together we will honor those whom we love, pray for their eternal rest, and find comfort in our faith and one another. May this Mass offer a quiet time of prayer, remembrance, and peace, surrounded by a parish community that cares for you.

Death does not have the final word; life everlasting does. What a gift our faith gives us in this hope!

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. Donut Sunday usually takes place on the third Sunday of the month.

October 18



BECOMING CATHOLIC and RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

Fr. Pat makes clear the path

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or being baptized? Were you baptized in another Christian denomination but want to become Catholic? Were you baptized as a Catholic but never received Eucharist and/or Confirmation? If so, we would love to hear your story and accompany you on your faith journey. There are no strings attached; we are eager to answer your questions and, if you wish, to help you come into full communion with the Church. To get started, please visit: <https://parishlink.org/OCIA> to provide some basic information and to schedule an appointment with Fr. Pat Mulcahy, Director of Adult Faith Formation and OCIA. I look forward to meeting you!



HERE COMES ADVENT!

The Heart that Grew Three Sizes

Fr. Pat will help us to get our heart ready for Christmas this Advent as he leads us through the book and video series by Matt Rawle. As a follow up to last year's successful Advent workshop series, we explore the next installment centered on the whimsical study of the Grinch! Join the St. John's Adult Faith Formation Community in this advent adventure! You can attend in person on Tuesday Evenings (7pm to about 8:30) in Sebahar Hall beginning on Dec. 1, or online on Wednesday Mornings (10:30am - 11:30) beginning Dec. 2. There is no cost to join us, but you will want to purchase the book, and you can do that online. Go the Adult Faith page of the parish website for registration and book purchase information.

<https://www.churchlink.me/sjbaff/>



BOXES OF JOY DUE SOON!

October 24-25

CCW collection brings joy to those will little for Christmas.

A grateful reminder - please bring your Box of Joy filled boxes, loose items or financial donations to church NEXT WEEKEND, October 24/25. We would also gratefully accept help after Mass on Saturday, October 31 to help back the boxes. Please contact Mary McKinney with any 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. 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!**



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.



CCW THANK YOU!

St. John's Council of Catholic Women would like to express our gratitude to the parish for supporting our Fall Bazaar. We appreciate those who baked goodies for our sale, volunteered, donated items and shopped. Our Parish office staff publicized our events and our building staff provided all the set up and space we needed. Our CCW has been active in our parish for over 62 years, and the Bazaar has taken place annually for most of those years. Profits earned will be shared with St. John's when donations are made later in the year.



CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

Work at the parish offices continues to make good progress. Rosa, normally at the main desk in the parish office, 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. Staff may be hard to find in person, so please phone first to confirm if they are working remote, or in office. 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 might also be temporarily limited.

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Scripture Readings

Monday

October 19
Sts. John de
Brébeuf and Isaac
Jogues, Priests,
and Companions,
Martyrs

Eph 2:1-10
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

October 20
Weekday
Eph 2:12-22
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

October 21
Weekday
Eph 3:2-12
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

October 22
Weekday
Eph 3:14-21
Lk 12:49-53

Friday

October 23
Weekday
Eph 4:1-6
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

October 24
Weekday
Eph 4:7-16
Lk 13:1-9

Sunday

October 25
Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ex 22:20-26
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For Mental Health Ministry

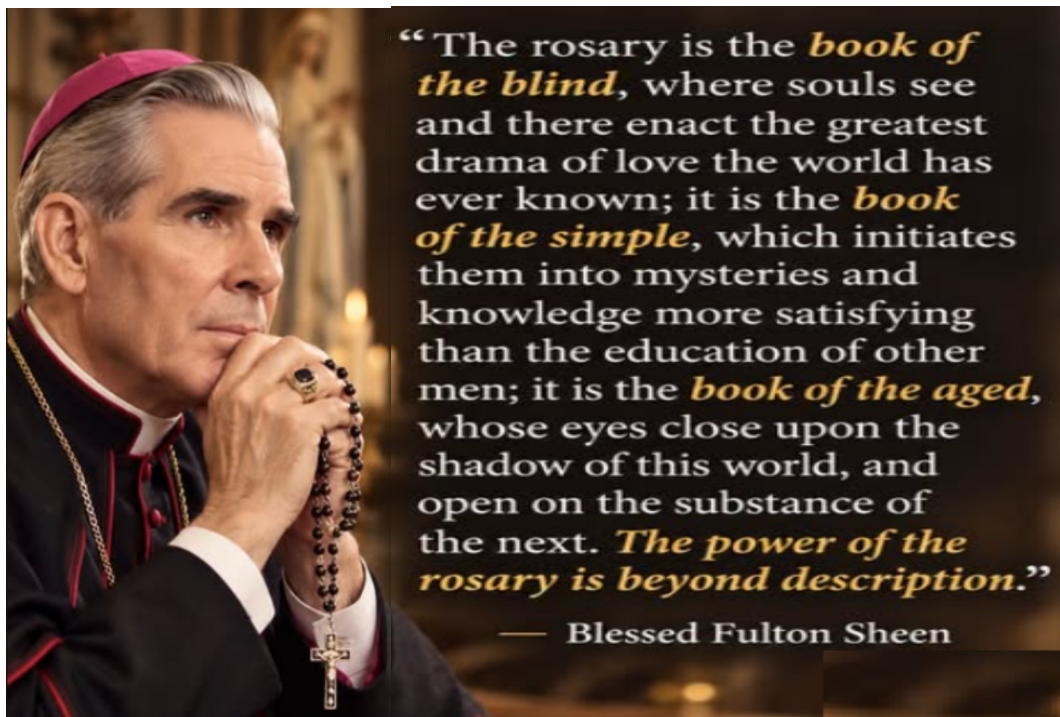
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illness.



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

October 13 - UNITED IN PRAYER FOR POPE LEO XIV

Dear friends, during some recent medical examinations, the doctors found a small, localized nodule in my lung. It was detected at a very early stage and is well-localized. The doctors believe that it is best to intervene, so, following their advice, I had surgery to remove it. I thank you for your spiritual closeness and entrust myself to your prayers.



— Blessed Fulton Sheen

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Month
of the
Rosary

STEWARDSHIP . . . A WAY OF LIFE

Your generous sacrificial giving in September totaled:

September 6:	\$ 28,049
September 13:	\$ 22,021
September 20:	\$ 27,610
September 27:	\$ 16,827

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.



Stewardship
a way of life

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 17
5:00 pm Sp Int of Jack Van De North
✠ Donald Schmitt
✠ Rick Zagotta

Sunday, October 18
8:00 am ✠ Regalado Carlos
10:00 am ✠ Timothy D. Cebulko
12 Noon People of the Parish

Monday, October 19
8:00 am ✠ Mary Karwoski

Tuesday, October 20
8:00 am ✠ Daniel Kilpatrick

Wednesday, October 21
8:00 am ✠ Daniel Kilpatrick

Thursday, October 22
8:00 am ✠ Frank DiMaso

Friday, October 23
8:00 ✠ Patrick O'Sullivan
✠ Mary Conley

Saturday, October 24
8:00 am ✠ Shuana Temple

5:00 pm ✠ Fred Dusza
✠ Joe Essling

Sunday, October 25
8:00 am People of the Parish
10:00 am ✠ Joe Perri
12 Noon ✠ Kevin Grieco

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, **Pope Leo XIV**, 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

John "Jack" Aylward

Mary Johnson

Fr. Al Heidecke

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 Cesar Diaz.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in honor of the Rohr Family for health.



**We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.
-St. Padre Pio**



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 18 Fr. Dick Smith, Fr. Danilo Soriano
October 19 Srs. Laura Filipas, Rosemary Fonck, OSF
October 20 Dcns. John Rex, John Ripoll, David Ritter, Tim Roberts
October 21 Srs. Sharon Frederick, Ann Freiburg, OSF
October 22 Fr. Robert Schoenstene, Fr. James Schwab
October 23 Fr. John Sponder
October 24 Seminarian David Molfese

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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.