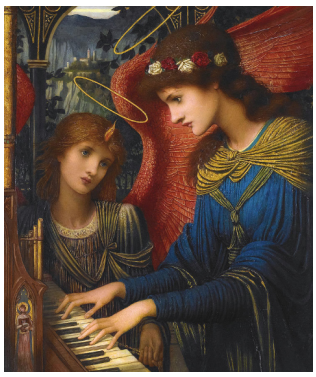
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 25, 2026



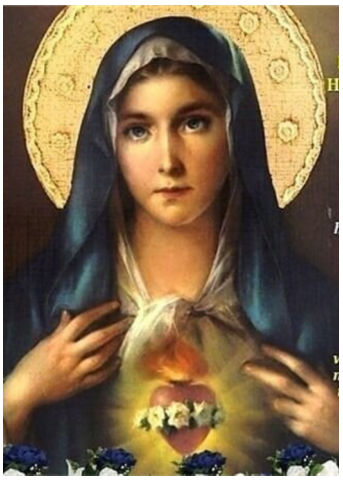
ST. CECILIA SING — October 25



All are warmly invited to attend a special gathering of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians - Joliet Chapter. This gathering brings together several choir members from across the Diocese for an uplifting evening performance of sacred music. Our own Director of Sacred Music, Carrie Marcotte and 15 of our St. John the Baptist choir members will be participating. A St. Cecilia Sing is a prayer service/ concert combined event. There will be over 60 members total performing at St. Raphael Church in Naperville. The concert begins at 4:00 pm. Join the gathering at 1215 Modaff Road in Naperville. Phone 630.355.4545 for directions.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY — November 7

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."

BUNCO NIGHT — November 14



Please join us for a parish Bunco Night on Saturday, November 14 directly after Mass in Sebahar Hall. Bunco is a simple, fast-paced, and very social dice game - if you can count to six, you can play! Luck is everything, skill is imaginary. All ages and families are welcome.

A meal and desserts will be provided, and prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. If you're able, we would love dessert donations.

Come enjoy a fun, relaxed evening of fellowship! Please email or text Mary McKinney with number of guests **by Nov. 4** for food quantity planning.
Email: mmac1737@aol.com or text 630.272.7929.

KNIGHTS AND MEN OF SJB — October 28



All are welcome to join us and pray a rosary together. Stay for some fellowship and enjoy the flames of new friendships. Meet us at St. John's Fire Pit at 7:00 pm.
If there are any questions, please contact Sean Conley at 630-835-8225

YOUNG AT HEART OKTOBERFEST! October 28



Open to everyone of at least 55 years of age - drop in to join the fun for a delicious fall luncheon. There is no pre-registration required, and no set fee to participate. We do appreciate you making a free will offering. This favorite event takes place at 11:30 am in Sebahar Hall. Enjoy an Oktoberfest menu of bratwurst, roast pork, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and of course yummy desserts. Feel free to phone Gwen at 630-222-6777 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

BECOMING CATHOLIC and RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

Fr. Pat makes clear the path

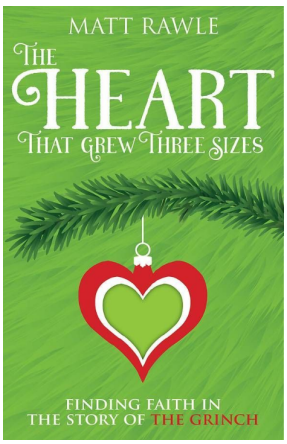
OCIA
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults



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! December 1 or 2

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/

ADVENT OPPORTUNITY BEGINS November 29

Celebrate Advent with Your Parish Family



For the Sundays of Advent, we would like to have families (or couples, or even small groups of friends) come forward with the procession to light the candles on the Advent wreath. On your scheduled date, groups would check in with an usher before Mass, then wait in the Narthex to come forward with the procession. When you get to the front of the Altar with the priest, you will then light the candle(s) for that week when he gives you the cue. You then simply return to your seat to worship with the community.

If you are able to serve in this way, please sign up at:

https://sjb.parishlink.org/AdventCandles or scan the QR code at right.



WE REMEMBER AND WE CELEBRATE WITH JOYFUL ANTICIPATION

What and why we celebrate

The name "Halloween" comes from All Hallow's Eve , which is the ***Vigi***l of All Saints Day on November 1 when Catholics remember those who have gone before us to enter our heavenly home. Immediately afterwards, on November 2, the church commemorates all the faithful departed still detained in Purgatory, and prays in suffrage All Hallos Eve, All Saints Day and All Souls Day - these three days taken together are the "Days of the Dead," a Triduum of feasts also called Allhallowtide. See page 7 of this week's bulletin for our parish remembrance.
So what is a Triduum? It is a single, continuous liturgical celebration that spans three sacred days. Think of the Paschal Triduum that takes place each year leading up to Easter Sunday.

In celebrating these holy days we are reminded of the reality of death and the 'last things"; death, judgment, heaven and hell. These celebrations also remind us to pray for the souls of the deceased. We remember also that we too can ask those who have gone before us to pray for us. This is what we mean by the Communion of Saints that is so important in our Catholic Tradition. A Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day is a celebration of one of the Church's major feasts. We remember that Christ triumphed over sin, death, and the devil. It provides an opportunity to meditate on our own mortality and duties to God; to shun sin, Satan, and all his works; to give honor to the saints in heaven.

You can celebrate by attending Mass, pray for the intercession of the saints (especially your patron saints), read about the lives of the saints, pray for the souls in purgatory, sacrifice on their behalf and visit a cemetery.



Early Dismissal

This coming Friday, October 30th, school will be dismissed at 11:30 am. There will be no Extended care on that date.

We ask all of our students to be safe this Halloween Weekend and make choices in how you celebrate the triduum of Hallowtide in a way that truly represents our celebration of Christ's victory over death!

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!





St. John the Baptist Catholic School

Our School is

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

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3 and 4-year old
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Full day
Kindergarten

Academic excellence in
Grades 1 through 8

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To find out more, contact Principal Joanne Policht at 630 . 668 . 2625 x 618

BOXES OF JOY DUE THIS WEEKEND 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 NOW. We would also gratefully accept help after Mass on Saturday, October 31 to help back the boxes.

Please contact Mary McKinney with any questions.

FOOD DRIVE NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION

Scout Pack and Scout Troop 575 are running a food drive in Winfield on the weekend of November 7 and 8. This food drive directly benefits the St. Vincent DePaul Society pantry that helps St. Johns feed our hungry neighbors. We ask for your help in two ways to make it successful.

FIRST - participate in the food drive by donating non-expired non-perishable food.

SECOND - help the Scouts distribute flyers on November 7.

We will be meeting just outside the food pantry door in the church parking lot at 9:00 am. Volunteers will be distributing flyers and door hangers at all Winfield homes. We have maps that we use to help coordinate the event. The amount of homes reached will be dependent on the number of volunteers that step forward.

Looking for some grocery shopping inspiration? These are frequently requested items: Canned Chicken ♦ Canned Fruit ♦ Canned Tuna ♦ Chili with Beans ♦ Cooking Oil ♦ Cream of Mushroom Soup ♦ Crackers ♦ Jello ♦ Dish Soap ♦ Detergent ♦ Mac & Cheese ♦ Rice ♦ Paper Towels ♦ Sugar ♦ Flour ♦ Toilet Paper ♦ Cereal/Oatmeal



Thank you to: Cub Scout Pack 575 Boy Scout Troop 575 for your dedication to helping our neighbors in need.

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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Marian:	580-8872
Aaron:	580-8873
Fr. Benzes:	580-8874
Fr. Patrick:	580-8828
Dcn. Joe:	580-8810
Carrie:	580-8878

Pg. 11 has a full listing of staff, titles and extensions

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST KICKOFF November 1

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.



CAN YOU JOIN THE PARISH YOUTH CHOIR FOR 2 SUNDAYS?

Open to Grades 3 through 12

We invite children in grades 3 through 12 to sing in our Parish Youth Choir. The choir sang beautifully at the beginning of October! We will schedule just TWO rehearsals to prepare for out next Mass. Rehearsals will be from 11:15 - 11:45 (between the 10 am and noon Masses) on November 8 and 15. We will stay after rehearsal and sing at the noon Mass. To register your 3rd through 12th grade, complete the google form found with the QR code at right or use this link: https://forms.gle/xCMLEt3HWaJAWPR6A





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.

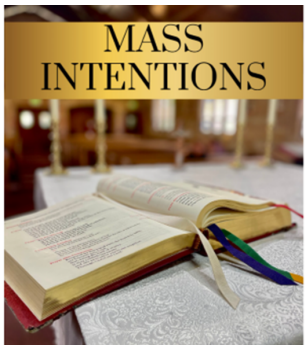
The beginning of November is when our church traditionally turns her heart toward the faithful departed who await the fullness of God's mercy. Grief in truth, is the shape love takes when someone we cherish is no longer beside us. Christ himself wept at the tomb of his friend Lazarus, and in those tears, 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. Death does not have the final word; life everlasting does. What a gift our faith gives us in this hope!

SCHEDULING A MASS INTENTION

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

November 1 the Mass Intention Book will open for all to book a Mass Intention to take place during the month of November 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 630.580.8871 and speak with Rosa. Masses may be offered for the living, deceased, souls in purgatory, for the ill or for special occasions.





JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THESE COUPLES AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

November 7 Megan Bruggeman and Michael Van Drill

November 14 Lillian Smothers and Cade Shonkwiler

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS November 1

Next Sunday, the clocks "Fall back" one hour. While we are always glad to see you, make certain to double check the time before loading up the car with the family. Move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



ST. FRANCIS WOULD BE SO PLEASED WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION

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. Our parish animal family was well represented at this year's Blessing of the Animals Fr. Dan Bachner presided over all those gathered who came together to give thanks for the companionship among, other benefits, that the pets in attendance provide.

In 2026, this date will also mark the restoration of October 4th as a national public holiday in Italy, according to a decision by the Italian Parliament, honoring their patron saint. The date of Saint Francis' feast day also coincides with World Animal Day, highlighting his role as a protector of creation and animals.





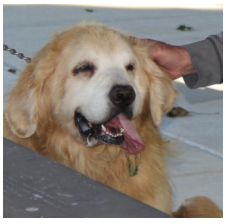
















God requires that we assist the animals, when they need our help. Each being (human or creature) has the same right of protection. - St. Francis of Assisi

Scripture Readings

Monday
October 26
Weekday
Eph 4:32–5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday
October 27
Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday
October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday
October 29
Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday
October 30
Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday
October 31
Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday
November 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

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 18 - World Mission Day

Today we celebrate the 100th World Mission Day. Let us think of how much missionary history has unfolded over these one hundred years! Let us pray that the Church may always remain faithful to the mandate of the Risen Lord: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mk 16:15)

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. At this location, 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**!

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. If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Making your pledged payments helps us increase our rebate over goal. Thank you for your generosity.

Amount Pledged:	$ 123,925	Amount Paid:	$ 119,804
Remaining Balance:	$ 4,121	Current Rebate Amount	$ 14,283

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24
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

Monday, October 26
8:00 am ✞ Corlis "Cory" Enders

Tuesday, October 27
8:00 am ✞ Kevin Grieco

Wednesday, October 28
8:00 am Sp. Int of Luke Garro

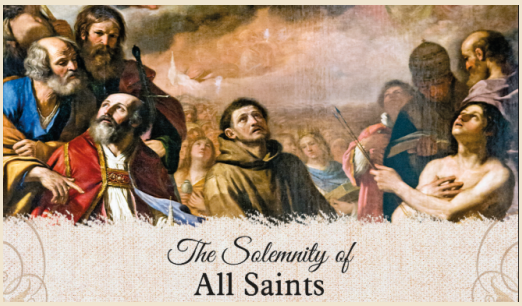
Thursday, October 29
8:00 am ✞ Robert D. Conley

Friday, October 30
8:00 ✞ Sharon Garro
✞ Florence Sykta

Saturday, October 31
8:00 am ✞ Manuel Garza Sr.

5:00 pm ✞ Jim Russel
✞ Joan Blackburn

Sunday, November 1



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, **Marianne O'Malley**, Bernie Madden, Michael McGrath, Sebastian Osslund, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Genevieve Rohr, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Fr. John Sebahar, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobutt, 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

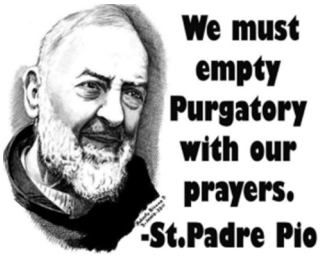
Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember. Fulfill in them the purpose of your love, and bring us all with them, to your eternal joy.

For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary lamp in the chapel burns in memory of Manuel Garza.

The Sanctuary lamp in church burns in memory of Kevin Grieco.





Pio reminds us:
" *I was talking with some souls who, while on their way from Purgatory to Heaven, stopped here to thank me because I remembered them in my Mass this morning. More souls of the dead, than of the living, climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers."*

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 25 Fr. Maciej Stelmach, Fr. Dan Stempora
October 26 Dcns. Tom Ross, Mike Ruddle, Kevin Ryan, Terry Safko, Tom Sagenbrecht
October 27 Srs. Verene Girmscheid, Mary Jane Griffin, Mary Ann Hamer, OSF
October 28 Seminarian Sean Czaplewski
October 29 Fr. Gerald Nicholas, Fr. John Ohner, Fr. John Sotak, OSA
October 30 Dcns. Tom Rachubinski, Don Randolph, Tom Rehak, Dave Raskowsli, Phil Rehmer
October 31 Sr. Barbara Houdek, OSF

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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*

Mass Schedule

Follow us on:

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

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.