

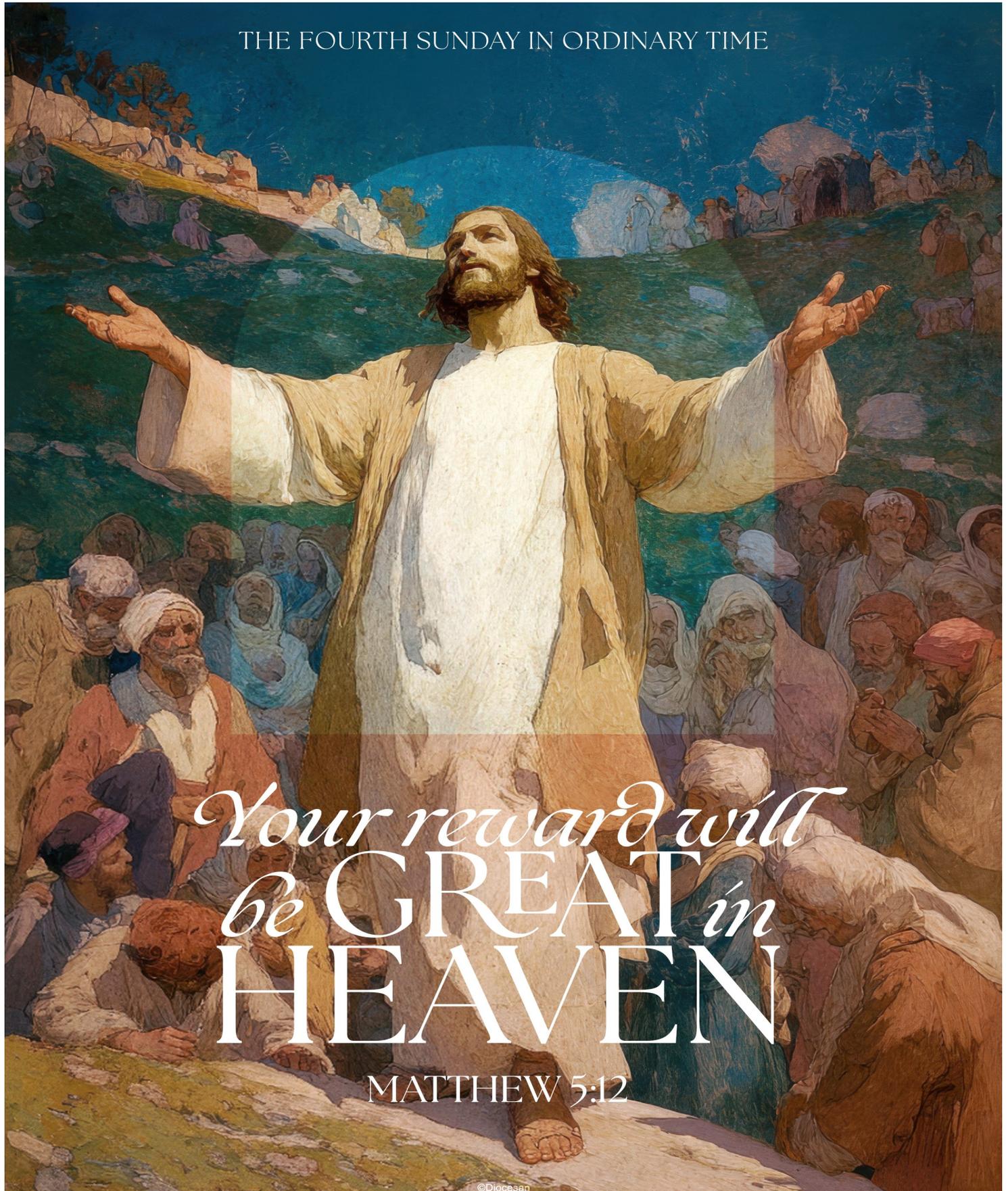
# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 1, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



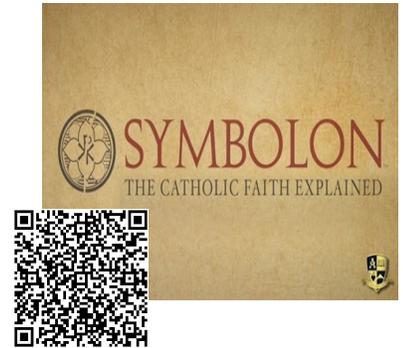
*Your reward will*  
**be GREAT in**  
**HEAVEN**

MATTHEW 5:12

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

### It isn't too late to join

Wish you knew more about the Catholic Faith? Are you an adult who has not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Are you looking to become Catholic? If any of these apply to you, you are invited to attend **Symbolon**, our adult faith formation program. This is a required program for those looking to receive the sacraments, but is open to EVERYONE in the parish. Join Fr. Pat on Tuesdays, in Sebahar Hall at 7:00 pm. To register, complete the form at <https://forms.gle/q6hoBmADAWhZ5VWS6> or click the QR code here.



## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - FEB. 5

Our parish is fortunate to have two different groups meeting to help parishioners handle their grief. The SJB Grief Support Group offers emotional support on the first Thursdays of the month. If we can be of help as you walk your grief journey for a loss whether by death, divorce, or other significant event, we are here for you. Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5 at 7pm in the Parish Office Dining Room. Contact the parish office for more information.



## CCW FEBRUARY EVENTS

### All of these events are open to all women of the parish

**Feb. 6** First Friday Mass at 8 am - we join the parish at daily Mass where the intention is for the living and deceased members of CCW and peace. Mass is followed by the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet.

**Feb. 7** General Meeting at 10:30 am - join us in Sebahar Hall where we will share breakfast together and assemble Goodie Bags for residents of Winfield Woods.

**Feb. 25** Young at Heart Senior Luncheon **Feb. 26** CCW Board meeting - BYO lunch or snack  
Contact Venessa Lopatka with questions at 630.336.5414 or [venessalopatka@gmail.com](mailto:venessalopatka@gmail.com)



## YOU ARE INVITED!

### Bring your Marriage into the Church

Were you married civilly, at a venue, by a justice of the peace, or married in a non-Catholic church but would like to have your marriage recognized in the Catholic Church but don't know how to do that? We can help, and we want to!

Feb. 19, we will begin a program called **Beloved** which will help you to understand Marriage in the Church and prepare for it. We will also help you if you have had prior marriages that need to be annulled. At the end, you will have the option to celebrate your marriage in a group wedding celebration. The program is six weeks long, and will meet on Sundays after the 10:00am Mass. This program is in English only at this time. To get more information, please visit <https://forms.gle/C5StjimpDYH3UXS4n88> or use the QR code at right to fill out our interest form.



## OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

### Lend a hand at DuPage Care Center

DuPage Care Center at 400 N. County Farm Rd, Wheaton is asking for volunteers to help push wheelchair bound residents to attend their in-house Catholic Communion Service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

Please consider donating your time to help fellow Catholics worship our Lord. Perhaps you can help one Sunday a month. Please contact Chaplain Andrew of the DuPage Care Center at 630.784.4262 or [Andrew.Hougan@dupagecounty.gov](mailto:Andrew.Hougan@dupagecounty.gov). Thank for all that you do for the least of your brethren.



## FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION - FEB. 7

Join us the first Saturday of each month to experience this beautiful devotion.

Meet in church for the 8:00 am Mass with Adoration, Confession, Rosary and Devotional prayers to follow. Our Lady proclaimed in her own words, *"I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."*



## KOFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST - TODAY - FEB. 1

Waterleaf Women's Center to benefit from donations

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.



This year, instead of the traditional baby bottle collection, Waterleaf Women's Center will have a table set up at the pancake breakfast. Invite friends, bring a group and support this worthy cause. Scan the QR code here to learn more about Waterleaf's life saving mission.

You'll find us in Sebahar Hall from 8:00 am to noon.

## NEW ONLINE GIVING - SUPPORTED BY OSV

Our Sunday Visitor is our new online giving.

Our parish is now offering Our Sunday Visitor Online Giving. The Online Giving Portal lets your donations can be made automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account(s) into the parish bank account. You can choose your donation dates, types and frequencies, as well as enter multiple payment methods. From this main screen you can choose and fund such as Sunday Contributions and immediately click Pledge to Give or Give now.

Or you can click the upper right corner, SIGN IN / CREATE ACCOUNT to set up your account in detail including setting up recurring weekly, monthly or annual donations for each and every donation the parish collects from Sunday Contributions to Pardon Our Dust to Catholic Relief Services. You can scan QR code at right or this link. <https://www.osvhub.com/stjohnwinfield/giving/funds>

You can Enable Two-factor authentication for greater security on your information. OSV has a great Customer Service Department at 800-348-2886 if you run into any difficulties.



If you are using our original Online giving program WeShare, and you start giving in via OSV, please discontinue your donations in the original system. Failure to do so could result in duplicate donations being processed. Please contact the Parish Business Office at 630-668-0918 ext 602 with any questions. Thank you!

## ADULT CHOIR CONTINUES TO BUILD!

Did you know: we have rolling enrollment

If you missed your chance to join the St. John the Baptist Adult Choir in the fall, we always have room for more singers. Please email our Director of Sacred Music, Carrie Marcotte, at [cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org) so that she can prepare music for your first rehearsal.

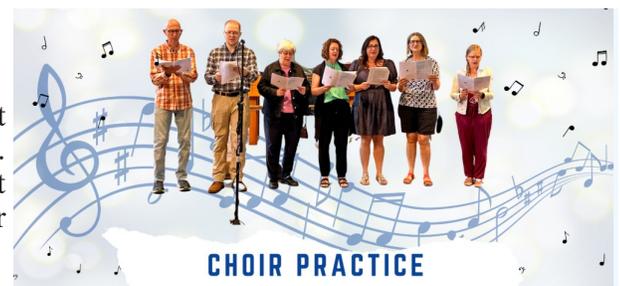
February choir dates and times are below.

Sunday, February 1, Sing at the 10 am Mass (warm-up at 9:30 am)

Wednesdays, February 4 & 11, Rehearsal 6:15-7:30 pm in the Church

Wednesday, February 18, Sing at the 7 pm Ash Wednesday Mass (stay for a brief rehearsal afterward)

Sunday, February 22, Sing at the 10 am Mass (warm-up at 9:30 am)





There is more light in the world since January 14th when the 2nd grade SJB school and RE students made their First Reconciliation.



## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - ALWAYS AVAILABLE

**This sacrament of healing awaits us all**

Reconciliation is when baptized individuals confess sins and receive God's absolution through a priest. Grace is received to reconcile with God and the Church. Here at St. John the Baptist, confession is available each Friday at 3:00 pm and Saturdays following the 8 am morning Mass. Mark your calendar now for the Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on March 19th at 7pm where a number of priests will be present to hear your confession.

ONE child  
ONE teacher  
ONE book and  
ONE pen  
can change the  
WORLD

-Malala Yousafzai

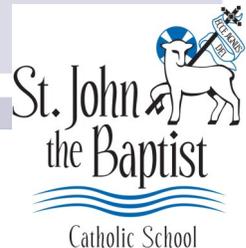
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GALA & AUCTION



SAVE THE DATE

*A Night at the Races*

Feb **21** 2026



Our School is

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

## A NIGHT AT THE RACES SCHOOL GALA

**Attend in person or support the silent auction**

Tickets to attend this year's Gala are still available for \$45 per person. RSVP by Feb. 7.

If you can't attend, register on the bidding site to enjoy the excitement of the silent auction.

Phone 630.668.2625 x 618 for more information on changing the world through our students!

## Scripture Readings

### MONDAY

February 2

*The Presentation of the Lord*

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22-32

### TUESDAY

February 3

*Weekday*

2 Sm 18:9-10,

14b, 24-25a,

30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

### WEDNESDAY

February 4

*Weekday*

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

### THURSDAY

February 5

*St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr*

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

### FRIDAY

February 6

*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

Sir 47:2-11

Mk 6:14-29

### SATURDAY

February 7

*Weekday*

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

### SUNDAY

February 8

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 58:7-10, 1 Cor 2:1-5, Mt 5:13-16



## POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

This year, we are emailing contribution statements to all parishioners and visitors with an email address on file with us. If you would like to verify the email address, we have on file for you and your family, please contact Rosa in the parish office.

If you prefer to have your statement mailed to you, contact the parish office. Thank you for the **many** ways you support St John the Baptist Parish.



## BOOK CLUB - Feb. 18

Join St. John Book Club at their next monthly meeting. Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 pm at the Winfield Public Library. The book being discussed in *The Flower Sisters* by Michelle Collins Anderson. Contact Jean to RSVP or any questions at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net)



## LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

**We are blessed**

Pope Benedict XVI noted that each Beatitude is the fruit of Christ looking upon his disciples, they express the meaning of discipleship. They demonstrate conclusively how God is choosing the weak of the world.

- How might I thank the Lord for the “weakness” in my life?
- When might I have boasted of my accomplishments?
- Who might I have misjudged as being weak?
- How might I better seek the Lord in my weakened state?

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The desire to work together for a common purpose reflects an essential reality: no one is Christian alone! We are part of a people, a body established by the Lord...The Christian life is not lived in isolation...It is lived with others, in a group and in community, because the risen Christ is present wherever disciples gather in his name.

Address, Rome, June 6, 2025



CATHOLICS  
FOR LIFE

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN

The Campaign begins Ash Wed., Feb 18 and continues through Palm Sunday Mar 29. Parish members will be praying every Lenten Monday and Wednesday from 11am-noon on the hill at Waterleaf Women's Center, 3055 E. New York St. Aurora, directly across from a Planned Parenthood Center. We stand and pray, not protest or confront. If this time slot is not convenient, you may register online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/aurorail>. One hour of prayerful witness can save a life!

# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 31**

5:00 pm ✠ Jim Brewer  
✠ David Henderson

**Sunday, February 1**

8:00 am ✠ Carol Effinger  
10:00 am People of the Parish  
12 Noon ✠ Charles LoGiudice

**Monday, February 2**

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Finn Joseph  
Scheuller

**Tuesday, February 3**

8:00 am ✠ Rose Garro

**Wednesday, February 4**

8:00 am ✠ Bonnie Hansen

**Thursday, February 5**

8:00 am ✠ Spencer Lindquist

**Friday, February 6**

8:00 am ✠ Departed of the Parish  
✠ John Wiederhold

**Saturday, February 7**

8:00 am ✠ Souls in Purgatory

5:00 pm ✠ Jack Parks

✠ Ellen Bauler

**Sunday, February 8**

8:00 am ✠ Louise Matusiak  
10:00 am ✠ Clem & Joyce Milder  
12 Noon People of the Parish

**T**he 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

Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, Regaldo Carlos, Dcn. Michael Crowell, Mildred Hoffman, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, Rick Rohr, Bobby Schreiber, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobutt, Anita Venard, Marino Verdico

To place a name on the prayer lists, contact Rosa Benavides, at [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto: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 those in the Armed Forces for Peace and Safety

Lt. Col. John Berg, SSgt Tyler Bowling, Commander Nicholas Daly, Lt. Col. Anthony Eschliman, Airman Nicholas Kostecka, Cpt. Matthew Luff, 1st Lt. Allyson Serbick, SPC Keegan Serbick, SPC Jack Serbick, Lt. Col. James Smolucha, Maj. Michael Smolucha

## For Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week in memory of Tim Zubrod.

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns in memory of Pete Daly.



*Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. - Pope Francis*

## Vocation Prayer Calendar

**February 1** Brs. Michael Fehrenbach, Christopher Ford, James Gaffney, Richard Geimer, FSC  
**February 2** Dcns. Nick Cifonie, Gerald Christensen  
**February 3** Dcn. Anthony Clishem  
**February 4** Fr. Santos Castillo, Fr. Benjamin Chinnappan  
**February 5** Fr. Daniel Torson, CPPS  
**February 6** Fr. Edward Howe, CR  
**February 7** Dcns. Ron Brown, Rocco Busato, Michael Butz, Bruce Carlson, Robert Cassey, Arnulfo Cisneros

## Prayer Line

If you would like a loved one prayed for by our prayer line, visit our website to submit a request: [stjohnwinfield.org/prayer-request](http://stjohnwinfield.org/prayer-request).

## Sick and Military List

For both Sick and Military list inclusions, contact the parish office at 630-688-0918 Ext. 1 - OR - via email at [sjbulletin@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:sjbulletin@stjohnwinfield.org)

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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**



## 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](http://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 1 to be added to the prayer list, or 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 include a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding and attendance in a marriage preparation program. 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.

## ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the lower level of the parish office in Sodonna Hall.

## 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

Follow us on:



**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