

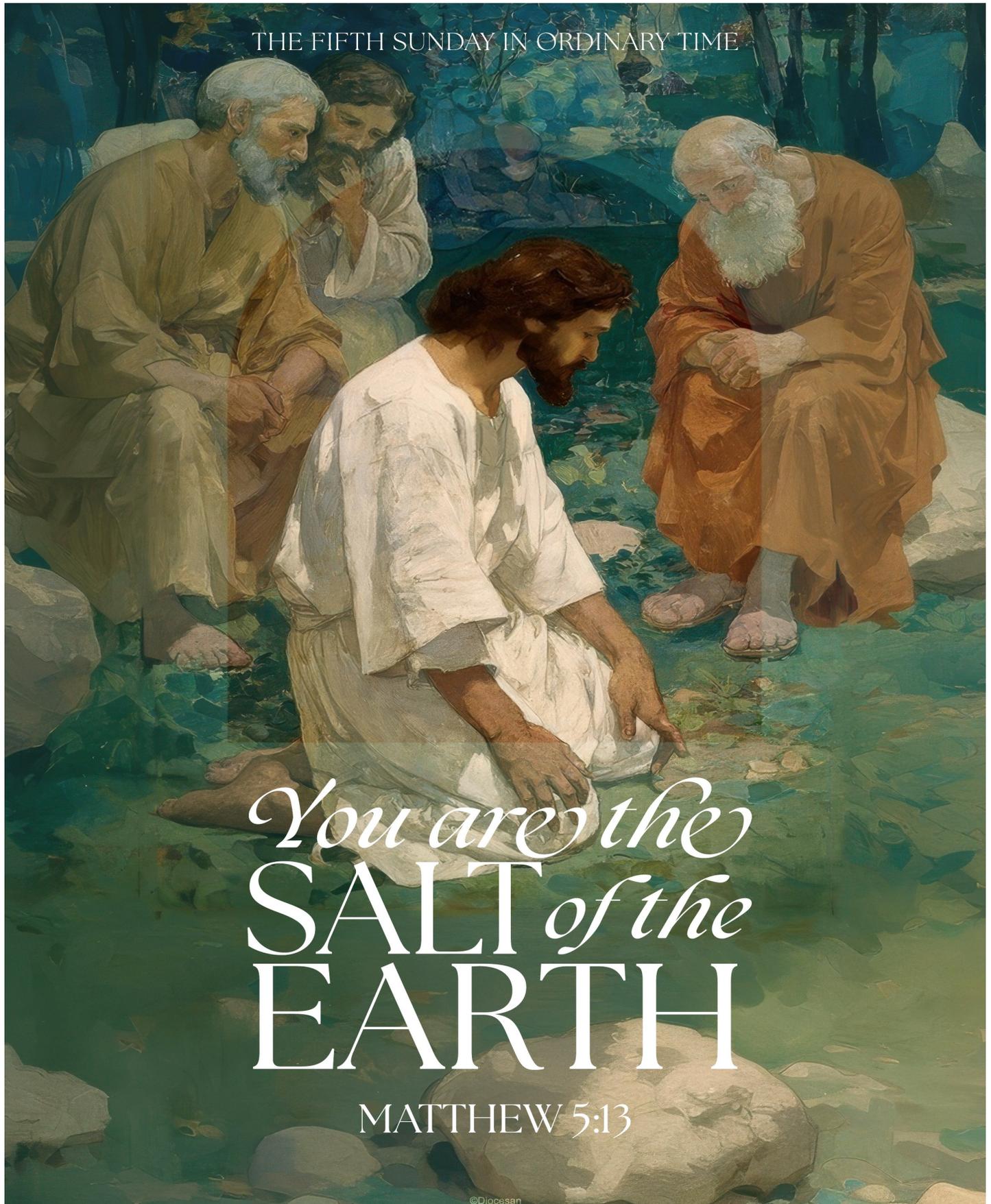
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Feasts and Fasts

These two things play a powerful role in the life of a Catholic. We **feast** as a reminder of God's abundant generosity and the goodness of life. We **fast** to train our bodies and souls to rely more fully upon God. Now is the time for all of the Christmas decorations to be put away safely until next year, for the Season of Lent is quickly upon us. Here are a few things you can do to prepare for our next liturgical season:

CELEBRATE!

February 17 is Fat Tuesday or Paczki Tuesday

This is the great feast before the Lenten Fast begins. Traditionally, this day was a way to get rid of all the fats and desserts in the house. With tempting goodies already consumed, it is easier to more fully engage in Lent and experience spiritual growth. The deeper meaning comes from its traditional name, Shrove Tuesday. The word "shrove" means to give absolution - to be forgiven! It is an invitation to reflect on your life, seek forgiveness and peace and get ready for 40 days of spiritual renewal. Mardi Gras - means Fat Tuesday in French. Wear some colorful beads, seek out a local bakery with King cakes or delicious Polish Paczki and share a favorite meal along with your faith with the people you love!

BE FORMED

How to Lent

Scroll through the many wonderful items on the parish sponsored Formed content site. Formed is hosted by the Augustine Institute and provides Catholic material (over 4,000 titles) to guide and support your spiritual journey. If Lent feels more about giving up chocolate than actual spiritual growth, check out their 4 part series entitled "How to Lent". The series aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Scan the QR code at right or go to Formed.org/signup, enter the parish zip code of 60190 and you are on your way to a more meaningful Lent.



FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH OUR LADY OF SORROWS NOVENA

5:00 pm Mass added each Wednesday beginning on February 25

As part of the parish Lenten observances, a 5:00 pm Wednesday evening Mass will be added to the regular weekday daily Mass schedule of 8:00 am Monday through Saturdays. Lent is a significant time in the liturgical year to increase your daily Mass participation. The additional Wednesday evening Mass will be immediately followed by the Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa) Novena which leads participants to remember the human grief that Mary experienced relating to the death of her son, Jesus. The novena helps in recognizing that Mary's sorrow on Calvary was deeper than any sorrow ever felt on earth, for no mother in all the world had a heart as tender as the heart of the mother of God. She earnestly wants to help us bear our daily crosses as it was on Calvary that her dying son entrusted us to her care. It was His last will that she should be our Mother. It was also His last will that we love His Mother as He did.

Lent is only a week and half away!

Ash Wednesday - February 18

Mass at 8:00 am, 10:00 am school Mass, 7:00 pm and a Noon prayer service ALL with distribution of ashes

Stations of the Cross - Friday, February 20

Meet in church every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm

First Lenten Fish Fry - Friday, February 20

Order on line, or stop in person to enjoy the fantastic food and festive fellowship 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

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.



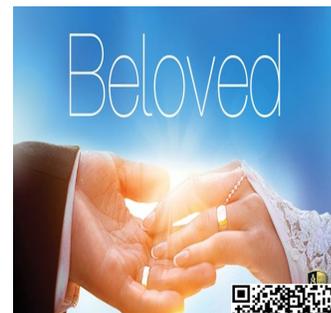
CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE!



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.



CCW's Spring Bazaar will take place on Sat. March 14th. If you are interested in being a Vendor, contact Cecily Langellier at: 630-408-2109 or cecilyandlarry@comcast.net



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 so that she can prepare music for your first rehearsal.

February choir dates and times are below.

Wednesday, February 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)



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 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 a 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 the original Online giving program WeShare, and you start giving via OSV, please discontinue your donations set up in the weshare 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 questions.

2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report is in today's bulletin. As Christians, we are called to elevate our faith beyond all expectations in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Through the CMAA, we serve the most vulnerable in our community, and our parish benefits from many CMAA supported ministries including vocations, Catholic education and faith formation.

Our parish goal is \$99,400. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you!



DONUT SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 15

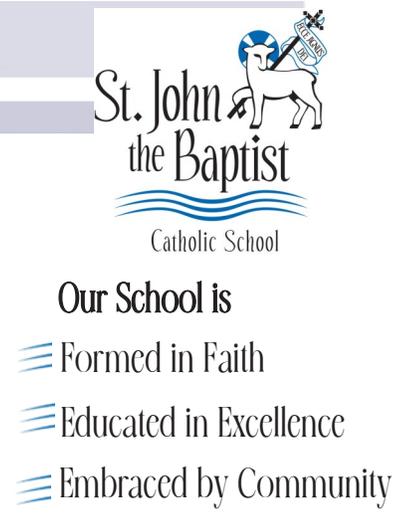
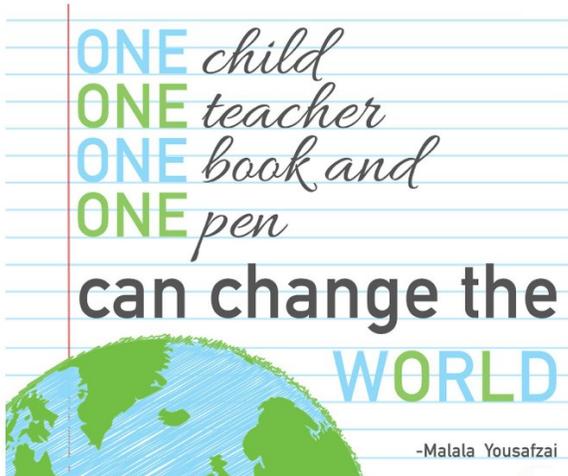
Join us in Sebahar Hall after the 8 & 10 am Mass

The fellowship served up along with the sweets is not to be missed! Next Donut Sunday will be February 15th.



PRIVATE PRAYER

The chapel is open for private prayer between 9 am and 2:30 pm weekdays. Additional evening hours in the chapel are on Thursdays when it is open straight through until Adoration ends at 6:00 pm. The church is locked after morning Mass on weekdays. The church is open for prayer Saturdays 8:00 am to 6:00 pm / Sundays 7:30am - 1:30pm. If the parish office is closed due to holiday observances, the church and chapel will be closed.



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 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Mk 6:53-56

TUESDAY

February 10

St. Scholastica,
Virgin

1 Kgs 8:22-23,

27-30, Mk 7:1-13

WEDNESDAY

February 11

Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1-10

Mk 7:14-23

THURSDAY

February 12

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4-13

Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY

February 13

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:29-32;

12:19. Mk 7:31-37

SATURDAY

February 14

Sts. Cyril, Monk,
and Methodius,
Bishop

1 Kgs 12:26-32;

13:33-34

Mk 8:1-10

SUNDAY

February 15

Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37 or

5:20-22a, 27-28,

33-34a, 37



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.

COME PRAY WITH US - February 15

Join us, the Fallen Away prayer ministry at 2:00 pm in the chapel to pray for family members, friends or others who have left the church.

If you are unable to join us but would like to add a name to our prayer list, contact Patti Loechl at pattivanloechl@hotmail.com or 630.730.4801. Please leave only the first name of the person you would like this ministry to pray for.



BOOK CLUB - February 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



LIVE THE LITURGY THIS WEEK

Being Salty

In old Roman times, soldiers were paid in salt (it is the root word for 'salary'). We are not paid with salt but are told to be salt today. Salt of the earth. Told, not to use 'salty' language, but to be seasoned, tasty. We are also told to be light today. Light of the world. Told, not to show the goodness of our deeds, but to let our good deeds manifest the glory of God.

- How will I season, enliven someone's life today?
- How will I shine God's light on some gloom in today's world?
- How will doing this mercy work _____, show the blessedness of God and Christ and Spirit?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In a divided and troubled world, the Holy Spirit teaches us to walk together in unity. The earth will rest, justice will prevail, the poor will rejoice, and peace will return once we no longer act as predators but as pilgrims. No longer each of us for ourselves but walking alongside one another. Not greedily exploiting this world but cultivating it and protecting it.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 7, 2025



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 at Waterleaf Women's Center, 3055 E. New York St. Aurora, directly across from a Planned Parenthood Center. You may also register online at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/aurorail> for a better fit for your schedule.

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 7

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

Monday, February 9

8:00 am † LaDonna Christman

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 am Sp. Int for Rose Marie Lambert

Wednesday, February 11

8:00 am † Amelia Gaetano

Thursday, February 12

8:00 am † Frank and Ray LeBreux

Friday, February 13

8:00 am † Margaret Cline

Saturday, February 14

8:00 am † Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm † Art and Rosemarie
Laschober
† Jim Brewer

Sunday, February 15

8:00 am † Arely Bejarano Conley
10:00 am † James Bartelli
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

Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, Regaldo Carlos, Mildred Hoffman, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Fr. Gerald Riva, **Genevieve Rohr**, 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 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

Patrick Joseph (PJ) Henning - husband of Susan
Deacon Michael Crowell

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 Margaret Cline.

The Chapel sanctuary lamp burns in memory of Frank DiMaso.



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

February	8	Fr. Shaun Cieslik, Fr. Santiago Corona
February	9	Fr. William Conway
February	10	Dcns. Arturo Chacon, Lorenzo Chaidez, John Chan
February	11	Dcns. William Ciston, Ray Clark, Greg Clodi, Chris Cochran
February	12	Srs. Patricia Francis, Linette Howard
February	13	Linda Andrejek, Patricia Haney, Con Virgin
February	14	Sr. M. Parual Nasenbeny, SSFCR

Stewardship... A Way of Life



WE MUST REMEMBER WE ARE STEWARDS OF WHAT GOD HAS PROVIDED US, NOT OWNERS

Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of January 25 totaled \$ 11,796.

Thank you for your support and prayers in helping the parish meet our weekly goal of \$20,198. May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

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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



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

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 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.