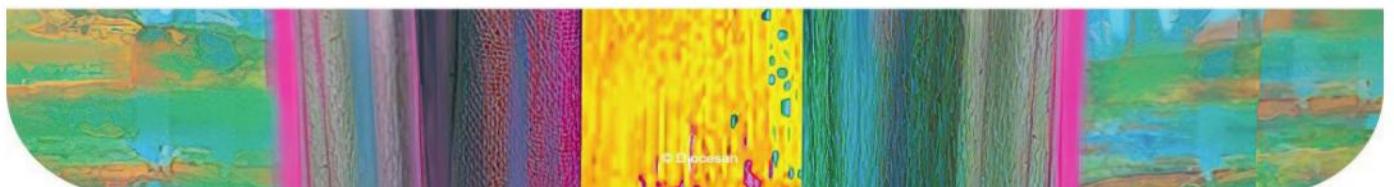


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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, August 10, 2025



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We're Going to Sell Out!" Encountering Jesus at Our Youth Conference

"We are going to sell out all the tickets instantly!" That was my spontaneous reaction when I first heard the news: Father Mike Schmitz had agreed to be our keynote speaker for our 2025 Youth Conference in the Diocese of Joliet.

If you do not know who Father Mike Schmitz is, it likely means you do not spend much time online or listening to Catholic podcasts. A priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz has become one of the most recognizable Catholic voices in the digital world. His Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year podcasts have touched millions of lives. With a rare mix of clarity, humor, and conviction, he brings the Faith alive to all generations.

And that is exactly why we were elated when he was chosen as one of the speakers for our inaugural Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference. Yet long before a speaker was booked or ticket sales opened there was a dream to bring a Youth Conference to our diocese. For years, teens from the Diocese of Joliet had been traveling long distances to experience dynamic Catholic conferences hosted by Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. The fruit was undeniable: renewed faith, deep conversions, and young people stepping into lives of discipleship. We began to ask, what if we brought that encounter home? What if we did not just send our teens away to find Christ, but invited Christ into our own backyard?

So, we did it. With prayer, planning, and no shortage of volunteers, collaborators, and donors, the Steubenville-Joliet Youth Conference took place on the weekend of June 27 - 29, 2025, at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. The response was overwhelming.

Nearly 2,000 teens, plus chaperones and youth ministers, filled the campus. More than 1,700 confessions were heard. Parishes that had never connected before were praying side by side. There were moments of joyful chaos with laughter, dancing, and games, and moments of reverent silence that moved even the most skeptical hearts. One youth minister told me, "It felt like this conference had been running in our diocese for ten years." And in a way, it had, only in prayer and in the longing of many hearts.

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, our young people were immersed in an experience centered around Christ. There was music and praise, compelling keynote talks, breakout sessions for young men and women, and powerful times of small group reflection. But it was Saturday night's Eucharistic Adoration that left the deepest mark. I watched as Jesus in the monstrance was processed through the crowd. Two thousand voices quieted. Two thousand hearts opened. Christ was truly present—not only in the Eucharist, but also in their lives.

The weekend concluded with the Sunday closing Mass, which I had the privilege of celebrating. After the final prayer, Father Mike Schmitz stepped forward and invited anyone who was not yet baptized, but who had felt stirred by the Lord over the weekend, to come forward to receive a special blessing. He then invited any young people who were considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to do the same. Slowly, and then more confidently, over 100 teens stood and came forward. Some were weeping, and others were smiling with unapologetic joy. As I extended my hands in blessing over each group, the entire crowd prayed for them too.

Sometimes, I worry that if a young person loves God and wants to participate in the sacramental and communal life of our Church, they can feel like an anomaly or like they are the only ones with this desire. And that can be isolating and discouraging for them. Yet, at this Youth Conference, Christ was working in their hearts, and emboldened their steps toward faith, hope, and the future with the Church. Looking out at the participants, I saw joy, renewal, and courage. These teens were not just attending a Church-sponsored youth conference. They were meeting the Lord and being sent out as disciples.

I thank the many partners who made this possible, such as our parishes, our Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and of course Partnership For Youth who organized the logistics of the conference. Together, apostolates, higher education, and the local church can work together to build the Kingdom of God.

We are committed to building something sustainable and Spirit-filled for the youth of our Church. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 dates for our next Youth Conference are already set: June 26 - 28, 2026, again at Benedictine University. Praise be to God, it is that popular! So, stay alert for when those tickets go on sale, because if this year was any indication, they will not last long.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, August 9, Vigil, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm † Patti Bentley (*Mike Bentley*)
 † Fred Dusza (*Butch Hansen*)
 † Chuck Johnston (*Butch Hansen*)
 † Anthony Mildred (*Roseann & Anthony Cirelli*)
 † Philip Capano (*Roseann & Anthony Cirelli*)

Sunday, August 10, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am † Anthony Urbik (*Joe Urbik*)
 10:00am ♥† The People of the Parish
 Noon † Rufino & Josefina Ligan (*Bless & Ed Romero Family*)

Monday, August 11

8:00am † Randy Natches (*Rose & Jim Effinger*)

Tuesday, August 12

8:00am † Howard Skolak (*Sean Conley*)

Wednesday, August 13

8:00am † Howard Skolak (*Jim Feltes*)

Thursday, August 14

8:00am † Richard Aylward (*Jack Aylward*)
 7:00pm † Vigil of the Assumption of BVM

Friday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am † Barbara Gallucci (*Amy Serritella*)
 † Francis Barrios Estella (*Henry & Christina Kare*)

Mass Intentions: The donation for an individual Mass intention Monday-Thursday daily Mass and the Sunday Masses at, 8am, 10am, and Noon is \$10. The Friday 8am Mass and Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm are free will donations.

Scripture Readings For the Week of For the Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or
 Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17, Mt 18:15-20

Thursday Memorial of Maximilian Kolbe

Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14;
 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
 Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Prayer Requests

We understand how important it is to lift our loved ones up in prayer. If you have someone who needs prayers, is sick, or has passed away, please contact us at 630-668-0918 x 0, or contactus@stjohnwinfield.org.

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Our Sanctuary Lamps

This week, our Sanctuary Lamps* burn in Memory of (†) /Honor of (♥):
CHAPEL ♥ Frank DiMaso, for health
CHURCH † Manuel Garza, Jr.



*If you would like to request a sanctuary lamp to burn in memory of/in honor of a loved one, please contact the parish office. A \$10.00 donation per week is requested.

Around the Parish



Seasons of Hope

Bereavement Support Group

SJB Seasons of Hope Bereavement group begins Thursday August 28 @ 6:30pm in the parish dining room.

If you or someone you know are bereaved due to the loss of a spouse, family member or close friend through death, then Seasons of Hope (SOH) may be a way to assist you on your grief journey.

At St John the Baptist, SOH is a unique, Christ-centered Catholic support group for the bereaved. The program is divided into four, six-week sessions, called Seasons, which are held throughout the year. Participants may join at the beginning of any Season. Our first Seasons of Hope meeting is on August 28 from 6:30—8:00pm in the parish dining room. Preregistration is required. Please call the parish office or contact Deacon Joe Verdico at 630-668-0918 ext. 610 or by email at DeaconJoe@stjohnwinfield.org for more information or to register for Season One.



Join St John's Book Club at our next monthly meeting, Wednesday Aug 20th at 7 pm at the home of Jean Daniell. We will discuss the book, *The First Ladies* by Heather Terrell and Victoria Christopher Murray.

Please inquire for directions or with any questions and RSVP Jean at tjdaniell@att.net.

SVDP GROCERY NEEDS

While you are out shopping, consider picking up any of the items listed on the St. Vincent de Paul grocery list included here. You can bring them to Mass and place in the barrel at each Church entrance inside the doors or drop off at the parish office vestibule. Questions? 630-668-0918, ext 692

Thank you!

Items currently needed:

- ♦ Paper Towels
- ♦ Toilet Paper
- ♦ Cooking oil
- ♦ Flour
- ♦ Sugar
- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Laundry Detergent



Cursillo Corner

Fall Cursillo Weekend Dates

Cursillo weekends will be held at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien. Please pray about who you are called to invite to this life changing weekend. Applications are available at www.jolietcursillo.org.

- ♦ Women's 138th Weekend September 11-14 (Rectora: Elaine Jimenz)
- ♦ Men's 146th Weekend October 23-26 (Rector: Bob Barron)

If you would like to be sponsored for a weekend or are looking for additional information on the Cursillo Movement, contact our Parish Coordinator, Amy Serritella at amythe1@att.net or visit the website www.jolietcursillo.org.

Winfield Good Old Days



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- 6-8th grade classes meet every other week on Tuesdays from 6:15-8:00 pm
- Prior to First Holy Communion or Confirmation, children must have at least two consecutive years of faith formation in RE classes or a Catholic School.

For more information or to register,
contact the Religious Education Office 630-682-4400 Ext. 613
RE Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Kathie Brewer, kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond

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Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and
more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A.
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special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required
by August 8, 2025. Scan the
QR code or website link:
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Office of Lifelong Lay Formation
Questions? Contact Jim Elias
(815) 221-6134
jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org
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The Kane County Cougars weren't the only cats at Northwestern Medical Field in Geneva. SJB Wildcats were in the house for a win on superhero night. It was a night filled with friendship, fun, food, and fireworks! Thanks to all who joined us!



Sacrificial Giving

Offertory collections for the weekend of
July 27, 2025 were \$14,030.00

We thank you for your support and prayers
in helping us meet our weekly goal of
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Questions?
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Mass Schedule Effective August 1st

Monday - Friday 8:00am (Chapel)

Saturday 8:00am & 5:00pm (Church)

Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am & Noon (Church)

Holy Day Masses:

Vigil 7:00pm (Church)

Holy Day 8:00am (Church)

Holiday Masses:

9:00am only (subject to change)

Confessions:

Friday 3pm (Church)

Saturday after 8am Mass (Church)

Adoration:

Thursdays 9:00am - 8:00pm (Chapel)

Sacramental Information:

For Baptisms, Weddings, Anointing of the Sick, Funeral and Homebound
Ministry, please contact the Parish Office or visit stjohnwinfield.org.

Grief Support:

Our grief support ministry offers a supportive environment for those
dealing with loss. Meetings will resume in the fall. Please watch the
bulletin for updates later in the summer.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting:

Thursdays at 7:00pm in Sodonna Hall (lower level of parish office)

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