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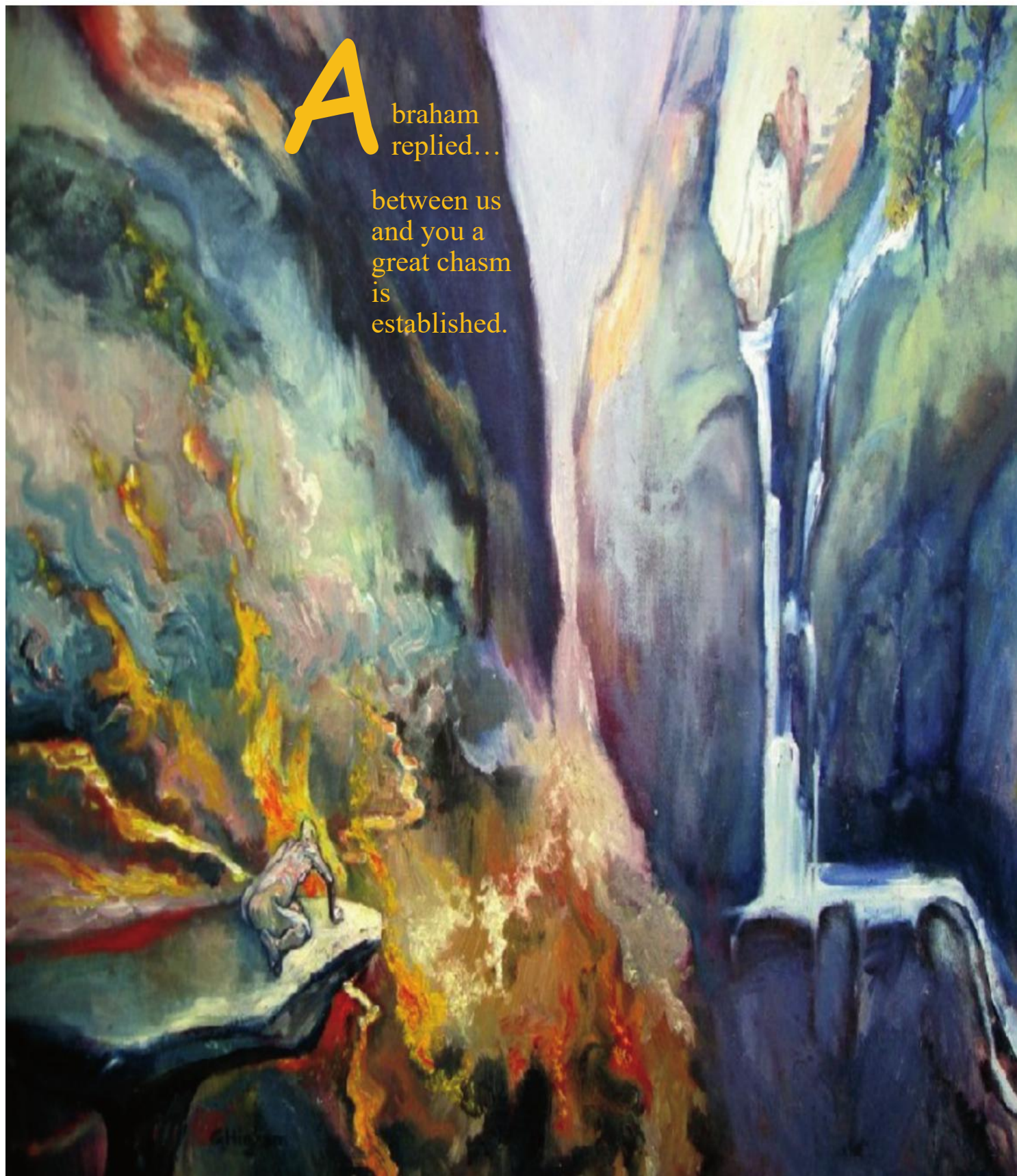
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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025

**A**braham  
replied...

between us  
and you a  
great chasm  
is  
established.





## FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION - OCTOBER 4

**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."* St. John the Baptist church will provide for all four of the requirements of a First Saturday:

🌹 Opportunity to make a Sacramental confession, 🌹 Pray five decades of the Rosary, 🌹 Receive Holy Communion, 🌹 Keep Our Lady company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.



## FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS - OCTOBER 4

**Blessing those who bless us with companionship**

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, emphasizing their shared existence and dignity as creatures of God. St. Francis' example encourages humanity to be good stewards of the earth and its inhabitants, treating them with compassion and respect.

Plan to join Fr. Michal on Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 am at the Pavilion. All contained and well controlled animals and owners are welcome.



Love  
IS THE  
Beauty  
OF THE  
Soul  
- ST. AUGUSTINE

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THIS NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE  
AS THEY BEGIN THEIR NEW LIFE AS HUSBAND AND WIFE

**SEPTEMBER 13** PATRICIA ANN SCHREIBER  
AND ANDREW WILLIAM BOHR

## ALTAR FLOWERS SPONSOR

This week's altar flowers were donated anonymously in honor of the **Sacred Heart of our blessed Mother Mary**. Thank you for glorifying our worship space.

If you are interested in sponsoring altar flowers in the future, you may place a \$75 donation in the weekly collection clearly marked "Flowers", or stop by the parish office. We sincerely thank all of our sponsors.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST KICKOFF - OCTOBER 5

### Are you hungry?

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.

Invite some friends, bring a group and support the parish. The Knights provide over 90 million donated volunteer hours across the U.S. each year. Every effort benefits our Catholic faith communities and YOUR participation helps make that happen!

Come enjoy a cup of coffee on us, and find out for yourself why we're voted the best breakfast value in the six county area! You'll find us in Sebahar Hall from 8 to 11:00 am.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE - OCTOBER 6

### Because of You, life doesn't stop

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This could be your neighbor, a child in the ICU or a parent with complications after surgery.

The entire process is safe, and efficient and you will feel amazing knowing that your donation has potentially helped save up to three people. Find us in Sebahar Hall from 3-7pm. A government issued photo I.D. is required. Appointments are preferred - but walk-ins are welcome!



To schedule, scan QR code, phone 800-7TO-GIVE or visit [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL) and load the Versiti Donor app. THANK YOU!!



## BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - OCTOBER 15

### Join us to find out *What Happened to the Bennetts*

This work of fiction by Lisa Scottoline will be the topic of October's Book Club meeting. Join us at 7:00 pm at the home of Carol Vignes for lively discussion and fellowship.

Please RSVP with Jean at [tjdaniell@att.net](mailto:tjdaniell@att.net) and inquire for directions or with any questions.



We congratulate the families of our recently baptized, and welcome them into our church family of faith.

Aleah Isabella  
child of Michael Cirelli and Jaclyn Scheithe

Maeve Ann  
child of Benjamin Robillard and Brittany Flynn

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven be longs to such as these."*

*Mt 19:14*

## FALL BAZAAR - OCTOBER 18

This year CCW is again offering a **Resale Market** as part of the Annual Fall Bazaar. This year's event will take place on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Sebahar Hall. You can join in the fun for \$25 by renting an 8 ft table to sell treasures you are looking to re-home in the Garage/Resale portion of the Fall Bazaar. By renting a table space you agree to bring and display the items for sale, be personally present at your table during the sale hours and return to your home all unsold items after the 4:00pm close. Complete the form below, enclose cash or check to cover the fee and drop it off in the parish office or mail slot of the office door.

Contact Cecily Langellier with questions at [cecilyandlarry@comcast.net](mailto:cecilyandlarry@comcast.net) or by text or phone to 630-408-2109



### Garage Sale/Resale Table Reservation - Fee per table is \$25.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tables at \$25 ea. \_\_\_\_\_

Type of items for sale: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Check payable to St. John's CCW or Cash enclosed

## CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

Deacon Joe led a beautiful service in tribute to the unborn on the National Day of Remembrance. Thank you to all who attended and to those who participated in other honorings of lives lost to abortion. September 13 is the national remembrance of the unborn whose lives were taken through no fault of their own.

40 Days for Life Fall vigils began worldwide Sept. 24 and will continue through Nov. 2. All parishioners are invited to join in prayer each Monday and Wednesday from 11 am to noon at Waterleaf, 3051 E. New York St. in Aurora. See [www.40DaysForLife.com/aurorail](http://www.40DaysForLife.com/aurorail) for more information.



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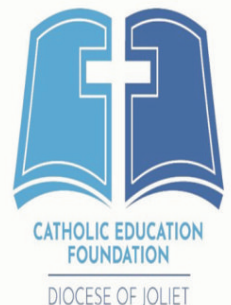
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## Scripture Readings

### MONDAY

September 29

*Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
or Rv 12:7-12ab  
Jn 1:47-51

### TUESDAY

September 30

*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Zec 8:20-23  
Lk 9:51-56

### WEDNESDAY

October 1

*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*  
Neh 2:1-8  
Lk 9:57-62

### THURSDAY

October 2

*The Holy Guardian Angels*  
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12  
Mt 18:1-5, 10

### FRIDAY

October 3

*Weekday*  
Bar 1:15-22  
Lk 10:13-16

### SATURDAY

October 4

*St. Francis of Assisi*  
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29  
Lk 10:17-24

### SUNDAY

October 5

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14  
Lk 17:5-10

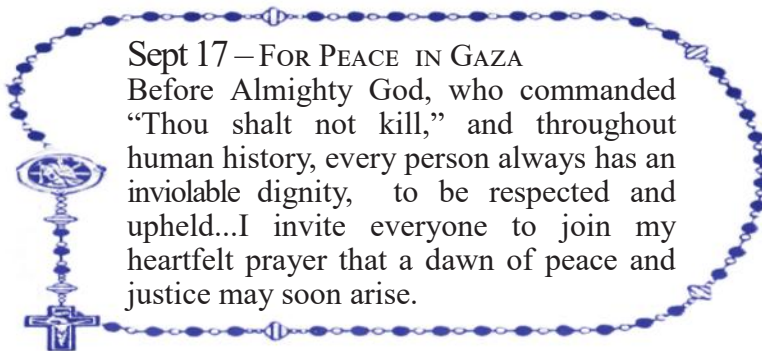


## POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

### For our relationship with all of creation:

Let us pray that, inspired by St. Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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



Sept 17 – FOR PEACE IN GAZA

Before Almighty God, who commanded “Thou shalt not kill,” and throughout human history, every person always has an inviolable dignity, to be respected and upheld...I invite everyone to join my heartfelt prayer that a dawn of peace and justice may soon arise.



## LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Always, but in a special way on Thursday, pray to your Guardian Angel!

*Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love  
commits me here,  
ever this day be  
at my side, to light  
and guard, to rule  
and guide.  
Amen.*

**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*In our day, there is a widespread thirst for justice, a desire for authentic fatherhood and motherhood, a profound longing for spirituality, especially among young people and the marginalized, who do not always find effective means of making their needs known. There is a growing demand for the Church's social doctrine, to which we need to respond.*

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 17, 2025

## Stewardship... A Way of Life



### STEWARDSHIP IS...GRATITUDE

Stewardship is living a life of gratitude - taking the time every day to recognize the gifts that God has given and to be grateful for them. Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of Sept. 13/14 totaled \$ 13,946.

We are grateful, and thank you for your support and prayers in helping the parish meet our weekly goal of \$24,600. May God continue to bless all of us with gratitude!

# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 27**

5:00 pm ✠ Thomas Mader  
✠ Raul Rosalez  
✠ Loretta Kalina  
Sp. Int. of Terence Kalina

**Sunday, September 28**

8:00 am ✠ Shirley Stachniak  
10:00 am ✠ Deirdre Scott  
12 Noon People of the Parish

**Monday, September 29**

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Charles Garro

**Tuesday, September 30**

8:00 am ✠ Shirley Stachniak

**Wednesday, October 1**

8:00 am For the gift of Life

**Thursday, October 2**

8:00 am ✠ Shirley Stachniak

**Friday, October 3**

8:00 am Parish All Soul's Intentions  
Living and deceased members  
of CCW and for peace  
✠ Bonnie Hansen  
✠ Shirley Stachniak  
✠ Gruskas family - deceased

**Saturday, October 4**

8:00 am ✠ Howard Skolak  
5:00 pm ✠ Bonnie Hansen  
✠ Shirley Stachniak

**Sunday, October 5**

8:00 am ✠ Brenda Dowd  
10:00 am People of the Parish  
12 Noon Living and deceased  
members of KoC

*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

Lawrence Campbell, David Henderson, Luke Hougan, Britney Prehn, Edward Ranahan, Desiree Sheppard, Anita Venard, Marino Verdico

## 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, Commander Nicholas Daly, Lt. Col. Anthony Eschliman, Airman Nicholas Kostecka, Cpt. Matthew Luff, Lt. Col. James Smolucha, Maj. Michael Smolucha

## For Sanctuary Lamp Memorials

Our Sanctuary Lamps in the Church and Chapel burn this week in memory of Shirley Stachniak



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

## Vocation Prayer Calendar

**September 28** Srs. Josephine Mulcahey, Francis Ortega, Mary Hassler, OSF

**September 29** Bishop Ronald Hicks

**September 30** Srs. Cristina Soyao, Elaine Teders, Kim Marie Wolf, OSF

**October 1** Brs. Lawrence Fidelus, Dominic Saganich, O.Carm  
Br. Edward Marc Arambasich, OFM

**October 2** Dens. Richard McCowan, Douglas McIlvaine

**October 3** Srs. Lucille Krippel, Kathy Salewski, Janice Keenan,  
Louise Bemier, OSF

**October 4** Fr. Gregory Rothfuchs

## 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. 0 -OR- via email at [contactus@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:contactus@stjohnwinfield.org)



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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## Communication

**Bulletin submissions:**

Due Wednesday by 3:00 pm, ten days prior to publication date. Holiday schedules will vary.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

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**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

**Holy Days** Vigil 7:00 pm, holy day 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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## NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly invite you to join our parish family. To register, visit the parish website at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org) or stop by the parish office.

## BAPTISMS

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the third Saturday of the month at 12:00 noon. Special events and holidays may alter the schedule. There is a three month waiting period for new parishioners. 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, 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.



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