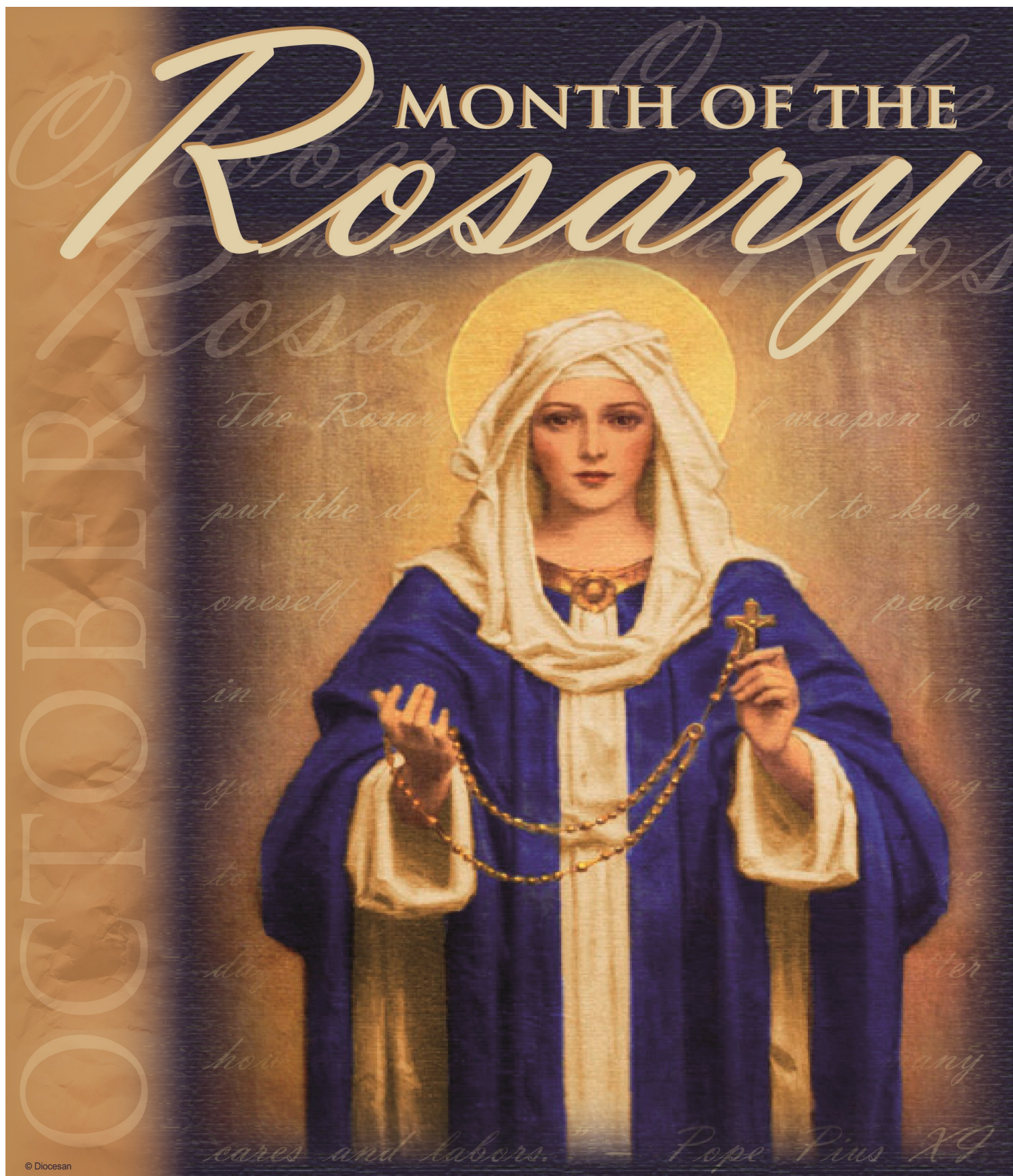


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 5, 2025



MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES! - YOU'RE INVITED! - OCTOBER 15, 19

Greetings! I am Carrie Marcotte, and I'm thrilled to be the new Director of Music! There is a special place in my heart for sacred music, and I want to share my love for it with all of you. Below find information about our "Pop Up" Parish Youth Choir, Cantor Ministry and Adult Choir (no commitment required) "Meet and Sing" event.

POP UP PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

All Parishioners in Third through Eighth grade:

Our "Pop Up" Parish Youth Choir will be co-directed by myself and Aimee Scala. We rehearse 11:15 - 11:45 am (between the 10 am and noon Masses) on the following four Sundays:

October 19, October 26, November 2 and November 9 THEN....we will stay after rehearsal on November 9 and sing at the noon Mass that same day! **THIS CHOIR DOES NOT REQUIRE YOU TO BRING YOUR CHILD TO CHURCH ON A WEEKDAY SINCE EVERYTHING TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAYS!**

You may either attend the 10 am Mass and stay after for the rehearsal, or arrive early for rehearsal and stay for the noon Mass. To register your 3rd - 8th grader for this choir, complete the google form at this link: <https://forms.gle/VSpZqsT7hh5suZYU9> or scan this QR code



PARISH ADULT CHOIR

High school age through adults of all ages:

Our Adult choir is having a "Meet and Sing" event on **Wednesday, October 15th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.** Late arrivers are welcome. This is a *no commitment required* get-together to meet, sing a bit, and share some Q and A time. Regardless of having previously sung in a choir here or not, **ALL ARE WELCOME!** To help us get a head count, please RSVP via the google form at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/bZAwnrCRAg2PFbPD7>

or use this QR code.



CANTOR MINISTRY

Cantors lead the assembly in sung prayer for parish Masses. Cantors need a **good quality leading voice** and must be able to read and prepare music independently in advance. Cantors must be comfortable as a soloist. If you are interested in auditioning as a cantor, email me at cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org.

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.

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 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 ICU or a parent with complications after surgery.

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 and load the Versiti Donor app.



Bishop Hicks' Column - October 2025



MAKE!



When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter *MAKE! and launched it* just this month. It builds on Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter *GO!*, which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28): "Go and make disciples." *MAKE!* vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why *MAKE!* is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to

every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to *MAKE* disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org.

Let's *MAKE* Disciples for Jesus!



MAKE.diojoliet.org

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, *MAKE!*, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.



MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet

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 and inquire for directions or with any questions.



MIGRANTS AND THE MISSIONARY WORLD

On October 4-5, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with Migrants and the Missionary World. During these days let us remember all those who have left their home country to move to another land to live out their lives. Let us offer our assistance to them at every opportunity with Christian hospitality. Let us pray for the women and men who have dedicated their lives to the service of allowing people throughout the world to learn about and come to honor and worship God while also fulfilling their human life needs.



SEASONS OF HOPE - SEASON 2 - NOVEMBER 20

The first 'season' of the Bereavement Support Group began in August, and the second season will begin in November. Anyone who is suffering a loss through death is welcome to attend. This program was created by author M. Donna MacLeod and originally released in 2007. It is a support program for Catholics that focuses on the spiritual side of grieving the death of a loved one.

The Seasons of Hope (SOH) program is structured so that a person who is interested in participating is asked to attend at least the first two sessions of a season to see if they are comfortable in the setting. SOH consists of four seasons, each consisting of six sessions. It will meet every other Thursday at 6:30 pm in the parish office dining room. Season 2 begins November 20.

Registration for Season 2 has begun. For more information, or to register contact Deacon Joe at 630-668-0918 extension 610. You can also make contact via email at deaconjoe@stjohnwinfield.org. Space is limited.



Seasons of Hope

Bereavement Support Group

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Fall Vigil of prayers and fasting has begun. All parishioners are invited to join in prayer each Monday and Wednesday from 11 am to noon on Waterleaf's hill, 3051 E. New York St. in Aurora. It is across the street from Aurora Planned Parenthood Women's Center.

This Sunday is Respect Life Sunday. Join us to pray for the unborn and be a link in the *National Life Chain*. Join us in the parking lot of Compass Church at 520 W. Roosevelt Rd, Wheaton at 1:45 pm. The event will include a prayer service and distribution of appropriate sign for this event. The life chain will form on the sidewalk and pray silently from 2-3pm.

Watch the bulletin for details on the upcoming Life Baby Shower on Oct. 25-26.



Scripture Readings

MONDAY

October 6

Weekday

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11

Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY

October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY

October 8

Weekday

Jon 4:1-11

Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY

October 9

Weekday

Mal 3:13-20b

Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY

October 10

Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY

October 11

Weekday

Jl 4:12-21

Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY

October 12

Twenty-eighth

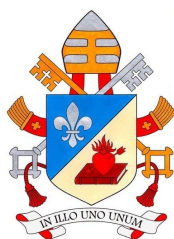
Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

For collaboration between different religious traditions:

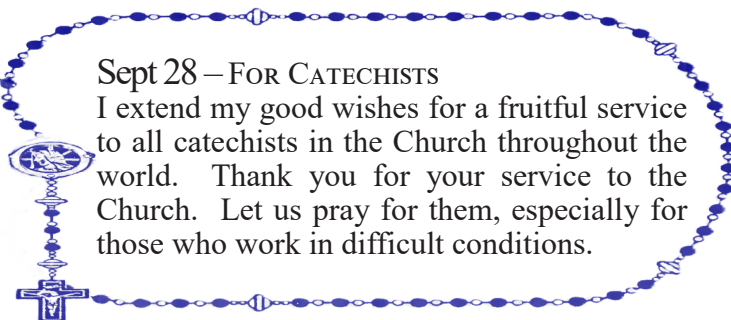
Let us pray that, believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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

ROSARY EVERY DAY IN OCTOBER

At his General Audience on Sept. 24, Pope Leo XIV invited Catholics around the world to join in praying the Rosary every day during October for the cause of peace in our world. "Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary.

Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the month, to pray the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, in the community." If you end each rosary with a litany (such as the Blessed Virgin Mary), you can receive a plenary indulgence!



Sept 28 – FOR CATECHISTS

I extend my good wishes for a fruitful service to all catechists in the Church throughout the world. Thank you for your service to the Church. Let us pray for them, especially for those who work in difficult conditions.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

The feast day of Pope St. John XXIII is on Saturday. He is a shining example of recognizing our shared humanity. He was active in many successful efforts during WWII to save many (mostly Jewish) refugees. He had a daily decalogue he recited. Each line started with *Only for Today...* You can make your own, or share the challenge Pope St. John XXIII put before himself including *Only for Today...* I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it. - Or - ...I will devote ten minutes to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There is so little dialogue around us; shouting often replaces it, not infrequently in the form of fake news and irrational arguments proposed by a few loud voices. Deeper reflection and study are essential, as well as a commitment to encounter and listen to the poor.

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. 20/21 totaled \$ 16,072.

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, October 4

8:00 am ✠ Howard Skolak

5:00 pm ✠ Bonnie Hansen

✠ Shirley Stachniak

Sunday, October 5

8:00 am ✠ Breda Dowd

10:00 am People of the Parish

12 Noon Living and deceased
members of KoC

Monday, October 6

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Joe and Maureen
Garro

Tuesday, October 7

8:00 am ✠ Domingo Gudmalin

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 am ✠ Aylward Family - deceased

Thursday, October 9

8:00 am ✠ Howard Skolak

Friday, October 10

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Bertucci Family
✠ Deceased children of
Abortion
✠ Dorothy Aylward

Saturday, October 11

8:00 am ✠ Patricia Laramie

5:00 pm ✠ Patti Bentley

✠ Annette Schromm

✠ Joey Jesse Prehn

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am ✠ Susan Leigh

10:00 am People of the Parish

12 Noon Sp. Int. of Tom and Sandy
Noonan

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 Intentions

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel is in memory of Frank DiMaso. The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week for the Special Intention of the Rohr Family.



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

October 5	Srs. Madelyn Gould, Barbara Rowan, Carol Stevens, OSF
October 6	Dcns. Dave Prete, Ed Ptacek, Joe Pusateri, Victor Puscas
October 7	Seminarian Jared Beltz
October 8	Sr. Paula Bingert, OSF
October 9	Sr. Anita Beloin, OSF
October 10	Fr. Néstor F. Sánchez
October 11	Fr. Terry Deffenbaugh, Fr. Joseph McCormick, Fr. John Merkelis, OSA



On October 8-9, our Holy Father will remember in prayer and celebrate with those who have heard the call from God to live in the Religious and Consecrated Life. This weekend let us pray for an increase in vocations to the Religious and Consecrated Life.

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.

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

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Bulletin submissions:

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

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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

Follow us on:



NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly invite you to join our parish family. To register, visit the parish website at 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.