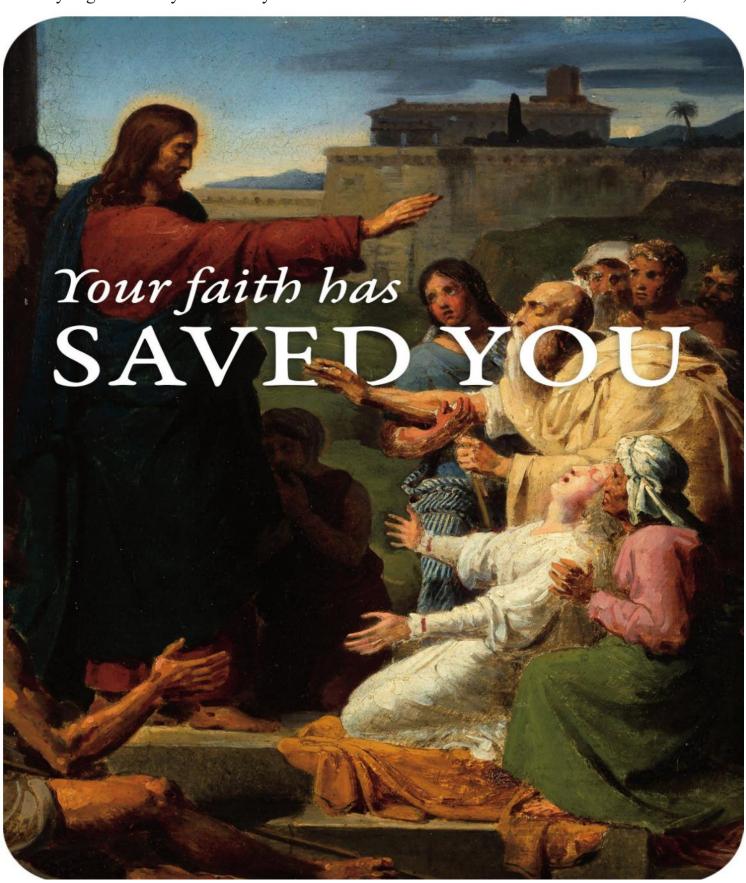
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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 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:

The "Pop Up" Parish Youth Choir is designed for busy families. We will schedule this choir to sing at Mass 3-4 times per year. As a parent of two children who are now 21 and 18 years old, I understand that activities and sports can cause scheduling conflicts. Each "Pop Up" choir will be its own entity. This first time, your student will commit to the 4 dates. If they cannot participate this time, no problem. They can sign up for the "Pop Up" choir in January, which will be a 3 date commitment. Still doesn't fit your schedule? No problem. Three more dates will be published in the spring.

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

You many 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

TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAYS!

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 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, please email me at

cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org



ST. FRANCIS WOULD BE SO PLEASED WITH YOUR PARTICIPATION

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. Our parish animal family was well represented at this year's Blessing of the Animals

Fr. Michal presided over all those gathered who came together to give thanks for the companionship among, other benefits, that the pets in attendance provide. Photos were present for some pets not able to join in the blessing.

Join us next year for our celebration of the Feast Day of Saint Francis. In 2026, this date will also mark the restoration of October 4th as a national public holiday in Italy, according to a decision by the Italian Parliament, honoring their patron saint. The date of Saint Francis' feast day also coincides with World Animal Day,

highlighting his role as a protector of creation and animals.









requires that we assist the animals, when they need our help. Each being (human or creature) has the same right of protection. - St. Francis of Assisi

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PARISH OFFICES CLOSED - OCTOBER 13

In observance of the Columbus Day holiday, the parish offices will be closed on Monday. We look forward to greeting you on Tuesday morning.

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 am





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

OCTOBER 11 LAUREN ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
AND BENJAMIN JORDAN DAMISCH

WELCOME FR. PATRICK MULCAHY





OCIA is the pathway to answer God's call to you to become Catholic or complete your sacraments. If you feel the call, whether you're unbaptized or a baptized Catholic interested in receiving First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, OCIA can provide the path you were looking for. Do you know someone who has expressed interest in how and why we, as Catholic Christinas, celebrate our faith the way we do? Those questions, and many more will be answered by Fr. Patrick Mulcahy who will be leading this year's OCIA group of inquirers. The new group is forming now and classes will begin soon. To add your name to the inquiry list, please phone the parish office at (630) 668-0918.

SAVE THE DATE - DECEMBER 13 - 5:00 pm MASS

Word has been received from the Office of the Bishop that the Installation Mass for Fr. Dan Bachner as Pastor of St. John the Baptist will take place on December 13th at the 5:00 pm Mass. Attend the Mass if you are able. As parishioners, you have an important role to perform in the Installation.



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3- and 4-year-old

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 22nd 6:00 p.m. St. John the Baptist Catholic School Do you have a child who will be attending preschool during the 2026-27 school year?

Which school will you choose?

Come to our Open House to find out why St. John the Baptist is the place for your child(ren).



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For more information, contact school Principal, Mrs. Joanne Policht at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org

Calling all Veterans!

Our school cordially invites veterans who would be interested in being honored at our school Mass at 8:45 am on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11 th.

A flag ceremony and small reception will be held afterwards. If interested and available, please phone or email Principal Joanne Policht at 630-668-2625 ext 617 or by email at jpolicht@stjohnwinfield.org.

We hope you can join us, so that we can thank you for your service! www.stjohnwinfield.org





ALL ARE INVITED TO THE FALL BAZAAR - OCTOBER 18

Join in the fun at this Council of Catholic Women annual event. Stop in any time on Saturday, October 18th between the hours of 9 am and 4 pm. You will find us in Sebahar Hall surrounded by Bakery Items, a Resale Market, This and That, Jewelry and MORE!

A variety of volunteer opportunities also exist! All women of the parish are considered CCW members! This is a GREAT way to become involved!



Homemade baked goods are a great way to show your support and are greatly appreciated! Drop off of donated bakery items can take place in Sebahar Hall from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday the 17th, or on the morning of the 18th no later than 11:00 am!

If you are able to help with set up and/or pricing, join us on Friday, the 17th between 10 am and 2pm. Would you like to work the Sale event itself? Join us! Phone Cecily Langellier at 630-408-2109



YOUNG AT HEART OKTOBERFEST! - OCTOBER 15

Open to everyone 55 years of age - drop in to join the fun for a delicious fall luncheon. There is no pre-registration required, and no set fee to participate. We do appreciate you making a free will offering. This favorite event takes place at 11:30 am in Sebahar Hall. Enjoy an Oktoberfest menu of bratwurst, roast pork, German potato salad, sauerkraut, cucumber salad, applesauce and yummy desserts.

Feel free to phone Gwen at 630-222-6777 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



Let's <u>MAKE</u> Disciples for Jesus!

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.



KNIGHTS AND MEN OF SJB - OCTOBER 15

All are welcome to join us and pray a rosary together. Stay for some fellowship and enjoy the flames of new friendships. Meet us at St. John's Fire Pit at 7:00 pm.

If there are any questions, please contact Sean Conley at 630-835-8225



GRIEF MINISTRY - NOVEMBER 6

Please join us on the first Thursday of the month in the parish office dining room. Each month we meet at 7:00 pm. If we can be of help as you walk your grief journey, we are here for you.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN OPPORTUNITY - NOVEMBER 14

The whole parish is invited to participate! A headcount must be given by Oct. 15th

Some of the most heartbreaking news stores we see are of children starving across the globe. Our hearts go out to them, but what can we do? One way to help is by volunteering to pack food for many of these children at the pack location in Aurora. Our parish currently has 30 spots reserved for the pack night on Friday, Nov. 14th. The event takes place from 5 to 6:30 pm. In that one and a half hours, you will pack food parcels that help alleviate hunger!

Please consider joining us. EVERYONE CAN HELP! Children can participate as long as those under 18 years of age are accompanied by an adult. Families are welcome!





Please contact Kathie Brewer in the RE Office by phone at 630-682-4400 ext. 613 or by email at kathieb@stjohnwinfield.org. We need the final head count by October 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity for service to the larger community.

The packing center is located at 555 Exchange Ct. in Aurora.

SCOUT TROOP DOOR TO DOOR FOOD DRIVE - NOVEMBER 1-2

A more than 25 year tradition continues!

Boy Scouts of Winfield Troop 575 will be conducting their annual door-to-door food drive the first weekend in November.

On Saturday, November 1, look for the notices that scouts will have distributed to your homes throughout Winfield. Check your front doors!

Then on Sunday, November 2 scouts will make another visit to your homes to pick up your donations and deliver them to our own food pantry which is open to anyone who needs food! Non-perishable food items can be donated by placing the items in

bags and setting them by the front door of your homes by noon on Sunday.



You may drop off items at St. John the Baptist on Sunday afternoon.

Looking for some grocery shopping inspiration? These are frequently requested items: Canned Chicken ♦ Canned Fruit ◆Canned Tuna ♦ Chili with Beans ♦ Cookies ♦ Cooking Oil ♦ Crackers ♦ Cream of Mushroom Soup ♦ Dish Soap ♦ Jello Laundry Detergent ◆ Mac & Cheese ◆ Paper Towels ◆ Rice ♦ Sugar ♦ Toilet Paper ♦ Flour ♦



Thank you to: Cub Scout Pack 575 Boy Scout Troop 575

for your dedication to helping our neighbors in need.

CATHOLICS FOR LIFE

We are nearly halfway through the month of October which is dedicated to both Respect Life and the Holy Rosary. Each evening at 7 pm on Relevant Radio, Fr. Rocky leads the Rosary. During October, at Pope Leo XIV's request, it is offered especially for peace.

The annual Baby Shower for Birthright of Joliet will take place the weekend of October 25-26. With rising costs, the need is greater than ever. Below are items most in need, but all baby items gratefully accepted.

Baby wash, diaper ointment, boy and girl clothing 24 mo - 2T baby socks sizes 12-24 months and diapers sized 3 and 5. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.



SVdP FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The St. Vincent DePaul Society wants to thank you for your generous donations. This past discal year, you donated over 3500 pounds of food to the pantry. Additionally, over \$3000 of your financial donations went to stock other needs of the pantry. In this past fiscal year we served 224 visitors to the pantry and because of YOUR generosity, we were able to distribute over 600 bags of groceries and 130 jugs of laundry detergent.

We wanted you to know that this food pantry is not just limited to the people the St. Vincent DePaul society helps financially. It is open to anyone in the Winfield area who is food insecure. If YOU know of anyone who needs food, please encourage them to phone us at 630-668-0918 ext.692 to schedule a time access our pantry.



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.

It will meet every other Thursday at 6:30 pm in the parish office dining room. Season 2 begins November 20.

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.



Bereavement Support Group

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 Vigsnes for lively discussion and fellowship.

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





Scripture Readings

MONDAY

October 13 Weekday Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32

TUESDAY

October 14 *Weekday* Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY

October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Rom 2:1–11 Lk 11:42–46

THURSDAY

October 16 *Weekday* Rom 3:21–30 Lk 11:47–54

FRIDAY

October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr Rom 4:1–8 Lk 12:1–7

SATURDAY

October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10–17b Lk 10:1–9

SUNDAY

October 19 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14-4:2 Lk 18:1-8



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.

Oct 5 – Rosary for Peace

In this month of October, as we contemplate with Mary the mysteries of Christ our Savior, let us deepen our prayer for peace: a prayer that becomes concrete solidarity with those people tormented by war.

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!

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration of the Week

Whether Jesus was speaking to a woman who had anointed him in a Pharisee's house, another woman whom he had cured of a hemorrhage, or a leper whom he'd cleansed, his closing words were much the same: "Your faith has saved you." Believing in Jesus' power to heal had opened the door to healing. Some versions of the Bible, though, translate this phrase a little differently:

"Your faith has made you well." To be "saved," then, can mean to be made well, to be made whole, not only in one's own person but in relationships with others, too.

In yourself and in your relationships with God and others, what needs healing?



Stewardship... A Way of Life



STEWARDSHIP IS...GRATITUDE

Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of Sept. 27/28 totaled \$ 19,779.

We are grateful, and thank you for your support and prayers in helping the parish meet our weekly goal of \$20,198. May God continue to bless all of us with gratitude!

In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 11

5:00 pm ₱ Patti Bentley

> ♣ Annette Schromm ♣ Joey Jesse Prehn

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am \$\P\$ Susan Leigh

People of the Parish 10:00 am

12 Noon Sp. Int. of Tom and Sandy

Noonan

Monday, October 13

Tuesday, October 14

8:00 am 🕆 Ida Perri

Wednesday, October 15

Sp. Int. of Al Ptak 8:00 am

Thursday, October 16

8:00 am 60th Wedding Anniversary

of Sheila and John Otto

Friday, October 17

8:00 am Sp. Int. of Mike Butz

Saturday, October 18

Sp. Int. of Victor Policello 8:00 am

5:00 pm ₱ Joe Konopka

♣ Domingo Gudmalin

♣ Rick Zagotta

Sunday, October 19

8:00 am P Donny Brach

10:00 am ♣ Kenneth Kmet

12 Noon People of the Parish

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 deceased.

For the Sick

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

For the Deceased

Donald Longacre Ellen Bauler Anthony Danosky

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, 1st Lt. Allyson Serbick, SPC Keegan Serbick, SPC Jack Serbick, ,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 Al Ptak



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

October 12 Seminarian Joshua Solarz October 13 Seminarian Colin McGarel

October 14 Dcn Candidates Mark Santschi, Justin Sommer,

Kvle Stern

15 Srs. Lourdes Boyer, Sue Bruno, Maria Bul, OSF October 16 Sr. Mary Ann Clark, Mary Agnes Cross, OSF October

October 17 Fr. John Sebahar, Fr. Greg Skowron 18 Very Rev. Richard Smith, Fr. Danilo Soriano

On Oct 11-12, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with those who witness through their lives to a profound Marian devotion and spirituality. We recognize the Marian Fathers, the Blue Army, and all the other Marian Devotion groups in our parishes. They have brought us a deeper understanding of Mary's role in the life of the Church and witness to us the path we can take to follow Mary's modeling of living a Christ-centered life.



Prayer Line

October

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. 1 - OR - via email at sjbbullletin@stjohnwinfield.org



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Communication

Bulletin submissions:

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society (630) 668-0918 Ext. 692



Follow us on:

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Sunday vigil) 5:00 pm - church

8:00, 10:00 am, and 12:00 noon - church Sunday **Daily** Monday through Friday 8:00 am - chapel

Saturday 8:00 am - church

Vigil 7:00 pm, holy day 8:00 am - church **Holy Days**

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

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

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