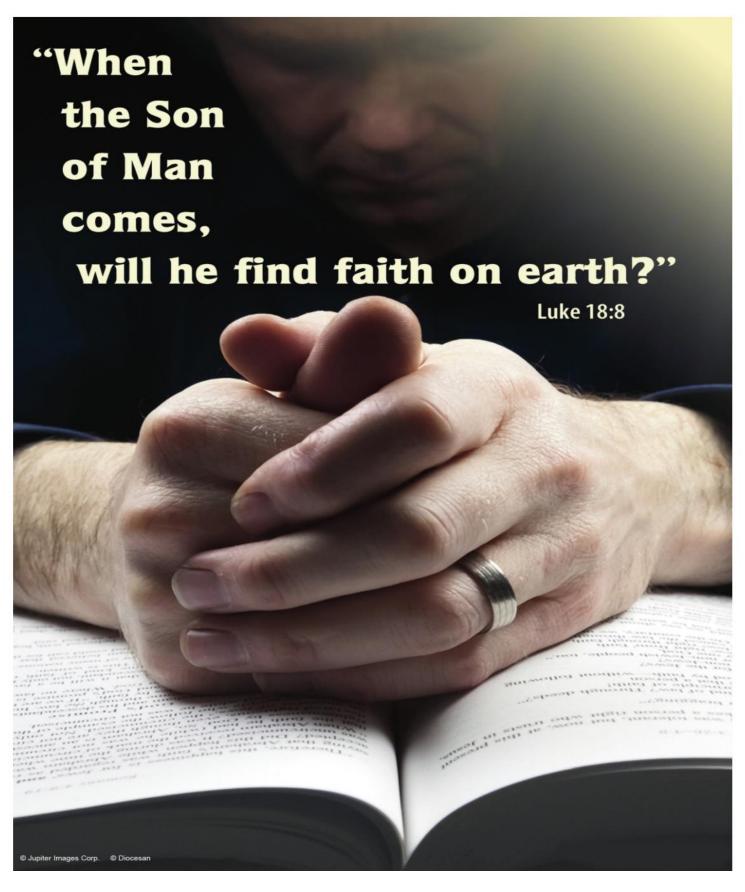
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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025



SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR ADVENT STUDY

Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent (I know, Christmas already, but yes, it's on its way!)

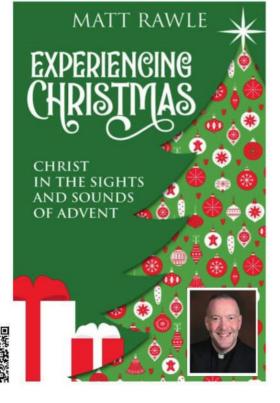
On that first Christmas, God the Word became flesh to be one of us and redeem us. This mystery, known as the Incarnation, celebrates that God can be experienced with our senses: he can be seen, heard, touched, and even tasted, and Christmas is an introduction to all of that. Join us at Saint John's for our **FOUR-WEEK** Advent book study of: *Experiencing Christmas* by Matt Rawle.

Participants will need to purchase the book from Amazon, and when you register, you will get the link to do that. It's not expensive, and it is a wonderful way to prepare your hearts and make Christmas something more than a disastrous version of retail therapy!

The group will meet four times, on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm beginning December 2 in person, OR if you're homebound or otherwise not available on Tuesday evenings on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am via Google Meets, beginning December 3.

Meetings will be led by Fr. Pat Mulcahy

Register now and get the book link by scanning this QR code: or via this link at: https://forms.gle/aQYjg9oyqzhaXYhk7





The World Mission Rosary was first promoted in 1951 by Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, then National Director of The Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. He envisioned a rosary that would embrace the whole world in prayer, assigning each decade a color representing a region of the world where the Church continues its mission work.

Celebrating World Mission Sunday - October 19

The Colors and Their Meanings:

- Green for Africa, signifying its lush forests and rich natural resources
- Red for the Americas, recalling the fire of faith and the blood of martyrs
- White for Europe, symbolizing the seat of the Holy Father and the heart of tradition
- Blue for Oceania, representing the vast waters surrounding its many islands
- Yellow for Asia, evoking the sunrise and the light of the East

Praying five decades of the Rosary each day with these regions in mind is a concrete way to respond to Christ's call to go and make disciples of all nations and to be missionaries of hope among the peoples.



Diocese of Joliet Office of the Bishop



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October 2025

Dear Friends,

On October 19th, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics around the world in supporting the missionary work of the Church - a day of prayer, reflection, and financial support for the Church's missionary work in 1,124 territories. These are regions of the world where the Church is still young, growing, and often facing poverty, conflict, or persecution. Just as we are recommitting ourselves today to MAKE disciples in the Diocese of Joliet, World Mission Sunday, reflects Jesus' great commission, to 'go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19).

This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," invites us to reflect deeply on the meaning of hope in the Christian life. Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, echoes this theme in his first apostolic exhortation, "Dilexi Te" ("I Have Loved You"), when he says, "God has a special place in his heart for those who are discriminated against and oppressed, and he asks us, his Church, to make a decisive and radical choice in favor of the weakest." So, let's join Our Holy Father and help him care for our brothers and sisters in missionary lands all across the globe. This second collection supports:

- The formation of seminarians and future religious sisters and brothers
- The education of children in Catholic schools
- Healthcare and pastoral care in remote and underserved regions
- The training of catechists and lay leaders
- The construction of churches, chapels, schools, and mission centers

The invitation to be "Missionaries of Hope among the peoples" is not for just some of us - it belongs to all of us by baptism. When we give, we are not simply making a donation - we are participating in a spiritual and missionary act of love, sustaining the Church where it cannot yet sustain itself. And when we pray for the missions, especially during World Mission Month, we are united with those bringing Christ's hope to the peripheries of the world.

Christian hope is not a vague optimism; it is the fruit of divine love - alive in us and active through us. That is why our missionary efforts are powerful acts of hope, especially for those suffering from poverty, violence, or religious persecution.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Bishop of Joliet

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MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES! - YOU'RE INVITED!

Greetings! My name is Carrie Marcotte, and I am thrilled to be the new Director of Sacred Music here at SJB. I invite all of our parish youth in grades 3-8 to join our "Pop Up" Parish Youth Choir.

POP UP PARISH YOUTH CHOIR

WHAT: 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 4 dates. If they cannot participate this time around, 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. We will have another "Pop Up" choir in the spring.

WHO: Any parishioner in grades 3-8 is welcome to join.

WHEN: We will rehearse 11:15-11:45 AM (*between the 10 AM and 12 PM Masses*) just FOUR times: Oct. 19th, Oct. 26th, Nov. 2nd, and Nov. 9th. THEN, on Nov. 9th, we still stay after our rehearsal and provide the music at the 12 PM Mass. This choir concept keeps your weekdays open for other activities. For the rehearsals, you may either attend the 10 AM Mass and stay after to rehearse, or arrive early to rehearse and stay after for the 12 PM Mass.

To register your 3rd-8th grader for this choir, please complete the google form found at this link: https://forms.gle/VSpZqsT7hh5suZYU9 or use this QR code:

NEIGHBORS EMPOWERED!

Would love to have 15 parishioners ages 9-90 to volunteer at the northern Illinois food bank in Geneva on Thursday November 6th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Need name and email to sign you up for that day. Deadline is October 23 as the bank needs to know how many are coming. Please contact Sally Wood, either by phone (call or text) or email sjwood8852@gmail.com Thank you for your time! There will be some forms to fill out once you are registered.



FALL TRAINING

We will hold a refresher course for lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers after Mass on Saturday, November 8 in the church. Gather for light refreshments before we begin the meeting.

If you are interested in joining the team of Lectors for weekend Masses at St. John the Baptist, you are welcome. Any parishioner who has been confirmed, including 8th graders and high school students, is eligible. Please contact Karen Bondy if you would like to participate in this ministry. bondykj@aol.com or 630-436-0621

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION?

There will be a training session for **new** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Ministers) in the near future.

In order to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you must be a registered parishioner, have received the sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. So, for those who have received the sacrament of Confirmation this fall, this is an excellent way to enhance your faith! Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. For questions, contact Shirley Axelson, laxelson@comcast.net, or 630-988-3100.





3- and 4-year-old

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

COME AND VISIT US
THIS WEEK

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





COME AND CHAT WITH FR. PAT





Are you:

- An unbaptized person interested in joining the Catholic Church?
- A person baptized in another Christian denomination who would like to become Catholic?
- A Catholic who was baptized but has not yet received other sacraments of initiation (First Eucharist and/or Confirmation) or made first reconciliation (confession)?

If any of these are true, and you would like to become Catholic or deepen your Catholic faith, please **stop by after any of the Masses this weekend to see Father Pat**. No strings attached: he's there to answer questions or, <u>if you're ready</u>, to get you signed up. If you're not able to see Father this weekend, please phone or email the parish office and they will direct you.

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.

PLAN TODAY FOR PEACE OF MIND TOMORROW

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow. Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details. *We're here to help!*



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.



"Conversion is that moment when you realize that God is real and not just a theory, and when you personally understand that God is connecting with and loving you to the point that you respond by deciding to follow Him forever." - Bishop Hicks

from "Make" Pastoral Letter, October 2025

Read the full pastoral letter by scanning the QR code at the right.

Let's MAKE 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.



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN OPPORTUNITY - NOVEMBER 14

The whole parish is invited to participate! A headcount must be given by Oct. 30th

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 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 30th. 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

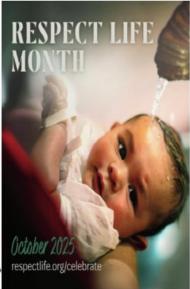
Pray the Respect Life Month Novena October 23-30

Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, as well as a short reflection, ideas for building a culture of life, and more. Sign up to get the daily prayers delivered straight to your inbox! Go to: Respect Life Month Novena | USCCB Respect Life

Next week is our Baby Shower collection. Drop off your gift (monetary gifts are also appreciated) at either entry of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

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.



Seasons of Hope

Bereavement Support Group

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.



Scripture Readings

MONDAY

October 20 Weekday Rom 4:20-25 Lk 12:13-21

TUESDAY

October 21 Weekday Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 Lk 12:35-38

WEDNESDAY

October 22 Weekday Rom 6:12-18 Lk 12:39-48

THURSDAY

October 23 Weekday Rom 6:19-23 Lk 12:49-53

FRIDAY

October 24 Weekday Rom 7:18-25a Lk 12:54-59

SATURDAY

October 24 Weekday Rom 8:1-11 Lk 13:1-9

SUNDAY

October 25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12-14. 16-18 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 Lk 18:9-14



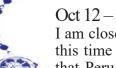
POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

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 12 – Peru

I am close to the dear people of Peru at this time of political transition. I pray that Peru may continue on the path of reconciliation, dialogue and national unity.

Therefore, I invite everyone, every day of the month, to pray the Rosary for peace: personally, in the family, in the community." Pray the World Mission Rosary focusing each decade on a different area of the world. By completing the rosary, you have symbolically "hugged the world" with your prayers. See page 2 for more information or go to https://missionsla.org/wmr

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CMAA PLEDGE REPORT

Thank you for making your pledge payments for the CMAA. Now that we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL: \$103,800 AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$123.858 \$118,175 AMOUNT PAID: REMAINING BALANCE: \$ 5,683 REBATE AMOUNT: \$ 10,062

Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity and support.



Stewardship... A Way of Life



STEWARDSHIP IS...GRATITUDE

Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of Oct. 5 totaled \$21,355.

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 18 5:00 pm ₱ Joe Konopka

♣ Domingo Gudmalin

♣ Rick Zagotta

Sunday, October 19

8:00 am † Donny Brach

10:00 am ♥ Kenneth Kmet

12 Noon People of the Parish

Monday, October 20

8:00 am Teresa Plappert

Tuesday, October 21

8:00 am 🕏 Efraim Garcia

Wednesday, October 22

Thursday, October 23

8:00 am Patrick O'Sullivan

Friday, October 24

8:00 am Pred Dusza

Saturday, October 25

♣ Salvador Musni 8:00 am

☆ Kevin Grieco 5:00 pm

₱ Fred Dusza

♣ Figiel Family - deceased

† Raymond Morrison

♣ Anelita Barrios

Sunday, October 26

8:00 am People of the Parish

10:00 am 🗘 Joe Perri

12 Noon & Corlis Enders

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 are deceased.

For the Sick

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

Our sick list has been updated. To keep a name on the list for prayers, please contact Rosa Benavides, Administrative Assistant at rosab@stjohnwinfield.org or by phone at 630.668.0918 x 601. Names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks. In a long term illness situation, simply identify such to Rosa at the time of your call.

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 Patricia Rios. 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

19 Srs. Laura Filipas, Rosemary Fonck, OSF October

20 Dcns. John Rex, John Ripoll, David Ritter, Tim Roberts October

October 21 Srs. Sharon Frederick, Ann Freiburg, OSF 22 Fr. Robert Schoenstene, Fr. James Schwab October

October 23 Fr. John Sponder

October 24 Seminarian Giovanni Gonzalez

October 25 Fr. Maciej Stelmach, Fr. Dan Stempora

Praver 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. 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.



Follow us on:





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

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

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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