

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



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*V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.  
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

*Hail Mary,  
full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.*



## SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE

### So many reasons to give!

As the season of giving begins, we want to remind you that the financial support of your parish is a need that continues well after the national day of giving! We thank our parishioners who already recognize this and have signed up for automated giving or make a regular habit of dropping off their check in the weekly offertory baskets. There are many worthy causes needing funding, your church home is one of them! Look for a new automated giving opportunity in the next couple weeks. Due to early print deadline, there is no offertory amounts to publish in this week's bulletin. We are thankful for you!



## ADVENT NATIVITY DISPLAY - DECEMBER 5 THROUGH 7

### Start the countdown! Join us as we journey through Advent!

The first Advent fish fry and after ALL weekend Masses during Pancake Breakfast, will have the added celebratory environment of hosting the Family Nativity Exhibit. Share your heritage, share your tradition, share your memories. All parishioners are invited to Sebahar Hall to see the Nativity scenes. If you are interested in bringing your nativity to display, contact Linda Fuechl at 630.290.9649 or by email at sfuechl@aol.com.

Set up of nativities is Friday, December 5th between the hours of 12 noon and 2:00 pm. Come to collect your nativity to bring back home on Sunday, December 7 at 1:00 pm. All Nativity sets will be blessed.



## GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY - DECEMBER 4

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.



## ADVENT STUDY WITH FR. PAT - DECEMBER 2/3, 9/10, 16/17, 23/24

### Experiencing Christmas: Christ in the Sights and Sounds of Advent

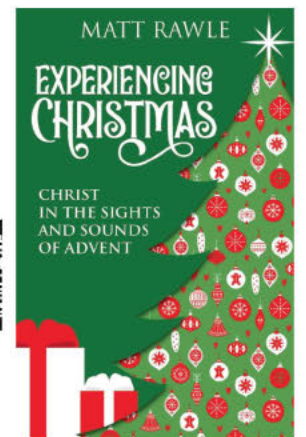


The mystery, known as the Incarnation, celebrates that God can be experienced with our senses: he can be seen, heard, touched, and even tasted, and Christmas is an introduction to all of that. Join us for our **FOUR-WEEK** Advent book study of: *Experiencing Christmas*. Participants will need to purchase the book from your favorite bookstore or Amazon, and when you register, you will get a link to Amazon to do just that.

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



The group will meet four times, on **Tuesday evenings** at 7 pm beginning Dec. 2 in person, in Sebahar Hall, OR - if you're homebound or otherwise not available on Tuesday evenings, join us on **Wednesday mornings** at 10:30 am via Google Meets, beginning Dec. 3. **Questions?** E-mail: [frpat@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:frpat@stjohnwinfield.org)



## ST VINCENT De PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

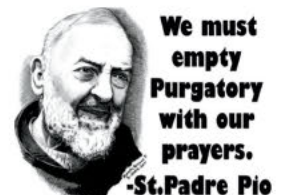
Please join us in helping over 70 needy families in the Winfield, West Chicago and Wheaton areas with Food Gift Cards. To help, phone 630.668.0918 x 609. Provide your name, address, phone number and e-mail address. You can choose to donate a **\$60** or more for a family of three, **\$80** or more for a family of four or more. A **\$30** donation can also be made for a child's Christmas gift. A SVdP volunteer will contact you by e-mail to arrange drop off arrangements. All gift cards need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, Dec. 17th. Food card suggestions include: Aldi, Jewel, Target or Mariano's. Children's Gift card suggestions are: Target or Walmart.



## KEEP PRAYING!

Even as November comes to an end, the Souls in Purgatory still need your prayers. Continue the habit of reciting the St. Gertrude prayer as St. Padre Pio reminds us:

*"I was talking with some souls who, while on their way from Purgatory to Heaven, stopped here to thank me because I remembered them in my Mass this morning. More souls of the dead, than of the living, climb this mountain to attend my Masses and seek my prayers."*



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

**The Installation Mass for Fr. Dan Bachner as the twelfth Pastor of St. John the Baptist will take place on December 13th at the 5:00 pm Mass.**

In the Catholic Church, the installation of a new pastor is a liturgical ceremony where a priest is formally entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish. It signifies the beginning of the priest's ministry in that specific community and involves various symbolic acts and prayers.

Bishop Hicks will be here to lead the celebration of this special Mass. **All are invited.** Please plan on joining this Eucharistic Celebration at the 5:00 pm Mass - a catered celebration will follow.

Parishioners have a special part of the liturgy in blessing the new pastor. We can join in the installation process by being open to recognizing and welcoming Fr. Dan's own unique gifts, strengths, and approach to ministry. We should also offer prayers daily for our new pastor, our new associate and their new parish family, asking God's blessing on their ministry and the parish's relationship with each of our new priests.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR - HAPPY ADVENT

**The new Liturgical Year begins - welcome to Cycle A**

The first Sunday of Advent begins the new Liturgical Year. Cycle (or Year) A Gospel readings focus primarily on the Gospel of Matthew. You may notice new Music Hymnals in the pews to start off this new year! It is a good time BEFORE the new calendar year to begin to situate ourselves where we want to be spiritually in this new year. Thank you to those who retrained as Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers. Thank you to those who have committed to join these ministries and especially our new Altar servers who with their parents, signed contracts committing themselves to serving at Masses. All of these volunteers have us well situated to begin this new year. Advent is not a season of passive waiting, it is a time of preparation, of vigilant anticipation. We are not merely awaiting the arrival of a child in a manger, we are preparing our souls for the seismic invasion of God into the drama of human history!



## EMBRACE THE FAITH 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 **contact Fr. Pat** via email: [fpat@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:fpat@stjohnwinfield.org) -OR- phone the parish office at (630) 668-0918.



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Thank you to Hultgren Funeral Homes**

Parish Calendars are available for pick up at the back of church or in the parish office. They are free for you to take one to your homes. This year's calendar was sponsored by Hultgren Funeral Homes and we thank them for their support. This year's calendar highlights a different Saint each month, in addition to providing information on vestment colors, holy days of obligation, penitential rules, a table of moveable feasts and more!

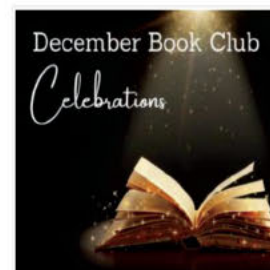


## BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - DECEMBER 16

**Join us in discussing The Women of Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell**

Please also join in our Christmas Book Swap by bringing a book that you've read but which our book club has not yet discussed. If you also wish to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, bring a wrapped white elephant gift. Join us at 7:00 pm at the home of Linda McKee 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 about all the festivities.







Our school's Theatre Department invites all parishioners to come and enjoy performances based on the *Polar Express* Book. Mark your calendars now to join the fun! Pre-sale tickets available by using the QR code.



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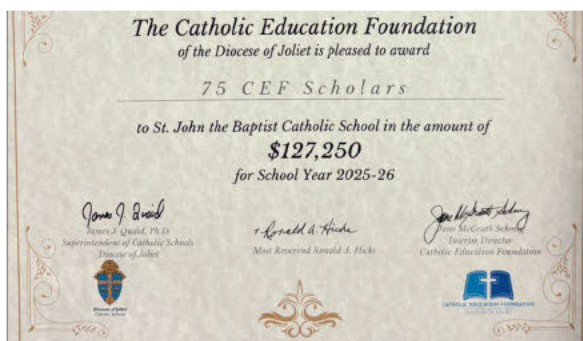
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*A Night at the Races*

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St. John the Baptist Catholic School appreciates and is thankful for the exceptional generosity of the many Catholic Education Foundation donors, supporting 75 students in our own school this year! In all, \$127,250 was given to us by the CEF for tuition assistance. This help is invaluable in keeping our school community vibrant and growing. Thank you!



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## Scripture Readings

### MONDAY

December 1  
Advent Weekday

Is 4:2-6  
Mt 8:5-11

### TUESDAY

December 2  
Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10  
Lk 10:21-24

### WEDNESDAY

December 3  
St. Francis Xavier,  
Priest

Is 25:6-10a  
Mt 15:29-37

### THURSDAY

December 4  
Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### FRIDAY

December 5  
Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24  
Mt 9:27-31

### SATURDAY

December 6  
Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21,  
23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1,  
5a, 6-8

### SUNDAY

December 7  
Second Sunday  
of Advent

Is 11:1-10  
Rom 15:4-9  
Mt 3:1-12

## ADVENT FISH FRY - DECEMBER 5, 12, 19

All are welcome to join us and celebrate the season of Advent with the treasured parish tradition of the Friday Fish Fry in Sebahar Hall. Both **Dine in** or **Drive By** options are available between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Phone ahead orders are available between 3:00 and 6:00 pm at 630.668.0918 x 651. Any time before 3 pm, you can place an online order at [www.stjohnwinfield.org](http://www.stjohnwinfield.org). On the parish home page, click *Parish Ministry* tab at the top. A drop down menu will appear, choose *National Ministries* tab and then an *On-line Fish Fry Order* for will appear to the right. See order form for full price list.

**Mark your calendars now** to join us at one, two or all three evenings! For additional questions, or, as another option to place phone ahead orders, phone Sean Conley at 630.835.8225

Dinner prices are \$15.00 for Adults (Sr. discount of \$1)

Menu options include:

Fish Dinner - Shrimp Dinner or a Combo Dinner

Fish Taco Dinner - Spaghetti Dinner - Enchilada Dinner too

*need more dinner options? How about Pizza Slices or a Salad*

## KOFC PANCAKE BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 7

Treat yourself and your family to a freshly prepared menu of Hot Buttermilk Pancakes, Sausage Links, Thick Applewood Smoked Bacon, Golden Hashbrowns, Apple or Orange Juice and Fresh Roasted Coffee.

**A free-will offering is appreciated.** Invite friends, bring a group and support the parish. The Knights volunteer over 95 million hours across the U.S. each year to better Catholic Faith Communities.

You'll find us in **Sebahar Hall from 8:00 am to noon.**

Thank you for supporting the parish. Have a cup of coffee on us!

## SEEKING FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Do you feel called to serve on the Parish Finance Committee? This important ministry works closely with the Pastor to plan for the parish's current and future financial needs and to help create a sustainable path forward.

Committee responsibilities include: Reviewing financial reports, Assisting with annual budget development, Offering financial insight and guidance.

The committee meets **four times a year**, with additional budgeting meetings.

If you would like to be considered, please email **Marian Johnston**, Business Manager at [mjohnston@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:mjohnston@stjohnwinfield.org) please include a brief summary of your qualifications.

## 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. There was a flyer with special savings in your mailbox.

Visit [diololiet.org/cemeteries](http://diololiet.org/cemeteries) for more details. *We're here to help!*

## POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

### For the prevention of suicide:

Let us pray that, those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

# Fish Fry

Join us!

All are welcome.





# In Our Heart and Prayers

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 29**

5:00 pm ✠ Patti Bentley  
✠ Antoinette Fabianski  
✠ James Russell  
Sp. Inten. of Patricia Hussey

**Sunday, November 30**

8:00 am ✠ Faithful Departed  
10:00 am Sp. Inten. of Mary & Jim Leahy  
12 Noon People of the Parish

**Monday, December 1**

8:00 am ✠ Ray Stachniak Sr.

**Tuesday, December 2**

8:00 am ✠ Msgr. Vincent Cloos

**Wednesday, December 3**

8:00 am Sp. Inten. of John Garro

**Thursday, December 4**

8:00 am ✠ Ray Stachniak Sr.

**Friday, December 5**

8:00 am ✠ Ray Stachniak Sr.  
✠ William McVittie  
✠ Nancy Denton  
✠ Parish All Souls Intentions  
Living and deceased CCW  
members and for peace

**Saturday, December 6**

8:00 am ✠ Betty Ann Parisi  
5:00 pm ✠ Piotr Walkowicz  
✠ John and Sophie Kohut  
✠ Ray Stachniak  
✠ Robert Riccearilli

**Sunday, December 7**

8:00 am People of the Parish  
10:00 am Living and deceased K of C  
members  
12 Noon ✠ Rose Marecek

## For the Sick

Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, David Henderson, Luke Hougan, Britney Prehn, Father Gerald Riva, Rick Rohr, Desiree Sheppard, Anita Venard, Marino Verdico

To place a name on the prayer lists, contact Rosa Benavides, at [rosab@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:rosab@stjohnwinfield.org) or by phone at 630.668.0918 x 601. Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks. In a long term illness situation, simply identify such to Rosa at the time of your call.

## For the Deceased

**Grace C. Spatz**

## 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 Maria Garza

The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week for the special intention of Frank DiMaso.



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

## Vocation Prayer Calendar

<b>November</b>	<b>30</b>	Srs. Albert Marie Papesch, Maria Pesavento, Phyllis Pitz, OSF
<b>December</b>	<b>1</b>	Brs. Augustine Mallak, Gregory Perron, Richard Poro, OSB
<b>December</b>	<b>2</b>	Dcns. Mark Ranieri, Rodney Sindac, David Stanton
<b>December</b>	<b>3</b>	Srs. Geraldine Podobnik, Lois Prebil, Peggy Quinn, OSF
<b>December</b>	<b>4</b>	Bishop Daniel Conlon
<b>December</b>	<b>5</b>	Srs. Janet Rieden, Marianne Saieg, Sandra Salois, OSF
<b>December</b>	<b>6</b>	Dcns. Michael Raiz, Juan Reyes, Sean Tierney,

Robert Visher

## FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION DECEMBER 6

**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 for 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.



# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and School

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#### Bulletin submissions:

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

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## 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

## 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 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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