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Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

December 14, 2025



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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

3:00 pm in Church **doors open at 2** Incense is used
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7:00 pm in Church

9:30 pm Christmas Caroling in Church

10:00 pm in Church

Thursday, December 25

8:00 am in Church

10:00 am in Church Incense is used

12:00 noon in Church

Solemnity of Mary-Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil: Wednesday, December 31 5:00 pm in Church

Holy Day: Thursday, January 1 9:00 am in Church Incense will be used



PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DECEMBER 18

A free Christmas treat for the whole parish to help prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. Join us in church at 7:00 pm for a showcase of some of the vocal gifts of our parish. Performances by Gavin Coyle, Mary Mulligan and Ryan Smetana will inspire us with an atmosphere that is both worshipful and sacred - attributes that characterize the best of the Advent season and our hope and celebration of Jesus Christ as Emmanuel, God with us! (Mt 1:23)



THIRD THROUGH 8TH GRADERS - JOIN US!

Do you have time to be in our Parish Youth Choir for 3 weeks?

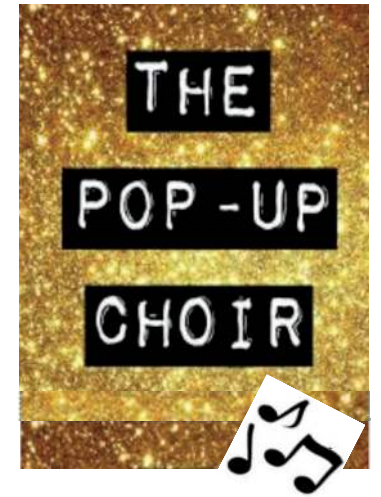
Our first "pop up" Parish Youth Choir in October was well received. Our *second* "pop up" Parish Youth Choir will take place **this January, 2026**. It is a 3 week commitment.

The choir will practice in the Church:

Sundays, January 4 and January 11, 11:15-11:45 am

Sunday, January 18th, 11:15-11:45 am. After our practice on January 18th, we will stay in Church and sing at the Noon Mass.

If you were unable to join us the first time, hopefully this second time will fit your schedules. If January does not work for your families, we will have a third "pop up" Parish Youth Choir opportunity in April. To register, you may fill out the google form at this link: <https://forms.gle/vy8dtSaww8hQhBu8A> or you may email Carrie Marcotte, Director of Sacred Music, at cmarcotte@stjohnwinfield.org



SVdP FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We thank those who have generously donated to our organization. During the past year, we have been able to help 81 families with \$ 55,930 in housing assistance, utility bills, and emergency funds. Our food pantry program has distributed more than 686 bags of food for 219 requests. Parishioners donated \$17,615 in gift cards that were distributed to 81 families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, including \$3,695 in gift cards given to children at Christmas. We look forward to fulfilling our mission of service to people in need and greatly appreciate our parishioners' continued generous support.

Thank you, The members of The Society of St. Vincent dePaul.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

They gave their lives in service - now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Please add your thanks and contribution to their care.



O ANTIPHONS - BEGIN DECEMBER 17

The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the *Magnificat* canticle of Evening Prayer from Dec 17-23. They use ancient biblical imagery drawn from messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming of Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.



OPLATKI CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Bring back a beloved tradition or add this new this year!

The tradition of Oplatki originated in Poland in Early Christian times, baked from flour and water yielding a white wafer. The wafers now bear Christmas images such as the nativity scene. They are not consecrated.

Traditionally they are shared on Christmas Eve with the family around the dinner table before the Christmas Eve meal. Generally, the oldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing of either what you desire for your loved one in the coming year such as good health, success or happiness. The purpose of this act is to express one's unconditional love and forgiveness for each member of the family. The best gift of Christmas!

Oplatki available for a \$3.00 donation in the parish office or see a Greeter after Mass

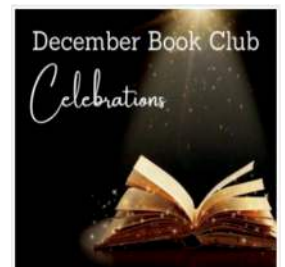


BOOK CLUB'S NEXT GREAT READ - DECEMBER 16

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.

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



MAKE Learn How to MAKE Disciples!



Join a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, MAKE, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Tuesday, January 20th from 6:30-8:00 pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church 36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville. MAKE is a call to action-rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization and Faith into Action - to follow Jesus' Great Commission: Go and make disciples.



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: frpat@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!



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Parishioners and School worshipping together

Fr. Dan led us in a beautiful Mass celebrating the Holy Day of Obligation. He shared with us the tradition of St. Catherine Labouré and the Miraculous Medal. A student, baptized in another faith, was welcomed into the Catholic Church. It was a beautiful moment to celebrate within the Mass! The students are living the “waiting and anticipation” of the Advent season as they wait for their very own blessed miraculous medals to arrive!



Thank you to the altar servers, gift bearers, school choir, lectors, faculty extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and all who were able to join us in worship at the 10 am Mass! We look forward to our upcoming visit by St. Lucia who brings light and donuts!



Parishioners are invited to come and enjoy performances based on the *Polar Express* Book. Tickets available by using the QR code.



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



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Scripture Readings

MONDAY

December 15
Advent Weekday
Nm 24:2-7,
15-17a
Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY

December 16
Advent Weekday
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13
Mt 21:28-32

WEDNESDAY

December 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

THURSDAY

December 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 23:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

FRIDAY

December 19
Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7,
24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

SATURDAY

December 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

SUNDAY

December 21
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Is 7:10-14
Rom 1:1-7
Mt 1:18-24

LAST ADVENT FISH FRY - DECEMBER 19

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 at x 651. Any time before 3 pm, you can place an online order at 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* tab will appear to the right. Order form has full price list.

For additional questions, or, as another option to place phone ahead orders, reach Sean Conley at 630.835.8225

Dinner prices are \$15 for Adults (Srs. \$14)
Menu includes: Fish Dinner - Shrimp Dinner or a Combo Dinner - Fish Taco - Spaghetti - Enchilada Dinners too plus Pizza Slices - Salad desserts and a variety of delicious beverages.

Join the fun! You never know who might stop by!

Above is a photo of our hard working Knights who were all smiles serving up delicious food to Fr. Dan Bachner and his guest of honor, Fr. John Sebahar. Fr. John was the 5th pastor of St. John the Baptist parish from 1978-90 and the namesake of Sebahar Hall. Fr. John thanked Fr. Dan for the obvious care and love he shares with this parish.



Fish Fry

YOUNG AT HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCH - DEC 17

Open to everyone 55 years of age - drop in to join the fun for an early Christmas luncheon. There is no pre-registration required, and no set fee to participate. Free will offerings appreciated. Join us Wednesday, December 17 at 11:30 am in Sebahar Hall to enjoy a delicious meal of ham, scalloped potatoes, corn casserole, and yummy dessert. Phone Gwen Hopkins with questions at 630.222.6777 .



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:	\$129,339
AMOUNT PAID:	\$126,594	REMAINING BALANCE:	\$ 2,745
REBATE AMOUNT:	\$ 15,955		

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



ST VINCENT De PAUL CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS

Helping over 70 needy families in the local area 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 **\$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, December 17th.** Gift card suggestions include: Aldi, Jewel, Target, Mariano's or Walmart.



In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm ✠ Frank Trojanowski
✠ Ryan Hanrahan
✠ David Kalina

Sunday, December 14

8:00 am ✠ Owen Seleski
10:00 am People of the Parish
12 Noon ✠ Patti Bentley

Monday, December 15

8:00 am ✠ Elaine Michalek

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 am ✠ Lorraine Conley

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 am ✠ Lorraine Conley

Thursday, December 18

8:00 am ✠ Rob Riccearelli

Friday, December 19

8:00 am ✠ Fred Dusza
✠ Shirley Chafer

Saturday, December 20

8:00 am ✠ James and Helen Dorn

5:00 pm ✠ Joe Konopka
✠ Clem Milder
✠ James Russell

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am ✠ Robert Urick
10:00 am ✠ Clem Milder

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

Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Father Gerald Riva, Rick Rohr, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobitt, Anita Venard, Marino Verdico

To place a name on the prayer lists, contact Rosa Benavides, at 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

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, SSgt Tyler Bowling, 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 for the special intention of the Rohr Family. The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week in memory of Patricia Rios.



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

December 14 Srs. Faith Szambelanczyk, Louise Marie Skoch, OSF
December 15 Srs. Patricia Skowronski, Rose Marie Surwilo, OSF
December 16 Fr. Tom Logue
December 17 Pope Leo XIV
December 18 Dcns. Joe Urso, Glenn Vanek, **Joe Verdico**,
Herb Waldron
December 19 Seminarian Chris Oyoo Otieno
December 20 Dcns. Randy Waring, Charles Woods, Robert Wallace



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope



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 to sjbbulletin@stjohnwinfield.org
Holiday schedules will vary.

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

Follow us on:



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 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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