

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 28, 2025



THE FAVOR OF
GOD WAS
UPON HIM

LUKE 2:40

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**



THIRD THROUGH 8TH GRADERS - JOIN US!

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

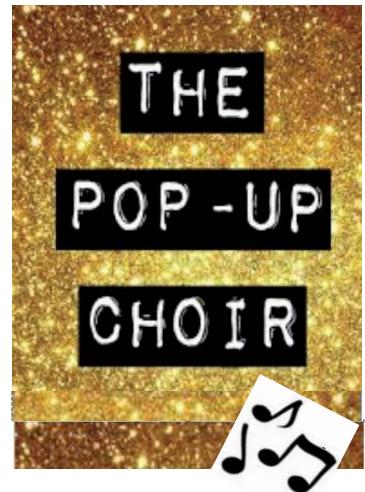
Our first “pop up” Parish Youth Choir in October was well received. Our *second* “pop up” Parish Youth Choir will take place **this January, 2026**. It is a 3 week commitment.

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



PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Through January 4

The Parish Office are closed into the New Year. The emergency phone line extension will still be operative. For an anointing of the sick or emergency requiring a priest phone the main phone line at 630.668.0918 x 655. For end of year charitable donations to St. John the Baptist church, please contact Marian Johnston at mjohnston@stjohnwinfield.org or by phone at 630.668.0918 x 602. We look forward to serving any of your other needs in the parish office beginning Monday, January 5th.

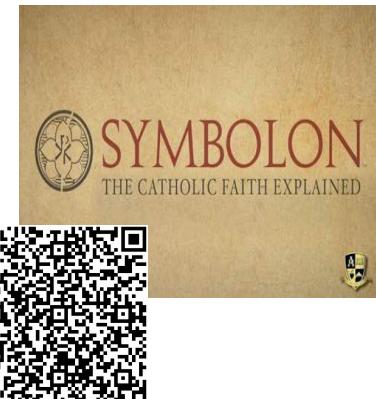


LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Beginning January 27

Wish you knew more about the Catholic Faith? Are you an adult who has not received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation? Are you looking to become Catholic? If any of these apply to you, you are invited to attend **Symbolon**, our adult faith formation program. This is a required program for those looking to receive the sacraments, but is open to **EVERYONE** in the parish. Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 27 in Sebahar Hall at 7:00 pm. To register, complete the form at <https://forms.gle/q6hoBmADAWhZ5VWS6> or click the QR code here.

Each session includes a video, discussion and prayer.



WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!

CCW and Knights show up in a big way

A big THANK YOU to the CCW and KoC for all their AMAZING hard work to make Fr. Dan's Installation Reception a huge success. How fortunate our parish is to have these two organizations that offer so much of their time and talent to make our parish the special place that it is! The Bishop and staff recognize your faith alive!



FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION JANUARY 3

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.



PRIVATE PRAYER

The chapel is open for private prayer between 9 am and 2:30 pm weekdays. Additional evening hours in the chapel are on Thursdays when it is open straight through until Adoration ends at 6:00 pm. The church is locked after morning Mass on weekdays. The church is open for prayer Saturdays 8:00 am to 6:00 pm / Sundays 7:30am - 1:30pm



CLOSING MASS OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

We'll meet you at the Cathedral

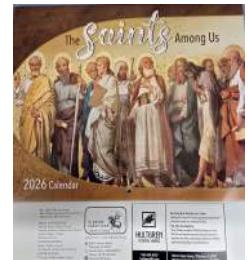
On Sunday December 28 throughout the world Catholics will gather at their Cathedral Churches to celebrate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. The Diocese of Joliet will celebrate the closing of this Jubilee Year at the 10:30 am Mass on December 28 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Everyone is invited to this very special Mass as a worldwide celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 ends. This has been a very special time for the Church and we now gather to give thanks for all the blessings received during this Jubilee Year of Hope throughout the Diocese. Mark your calendar to be present at the 10:30 am Mass at the Cathedral on Sunday December 28 and join all Catholics throughout the world celebrating the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025.



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.



Information about our **Catholic School Week Open House** on **January 25th** will be in the bulletin soon. Mark your calendar to join us to see the many unique ways we feed the spiritual, intellectual and social needs of our students.

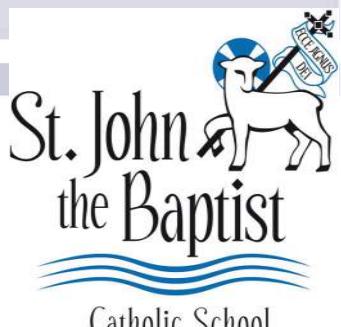


Classes resume on Tuesday January 6

No School Monday January 19



SAVE THE DATE
A Night at the Races
Feb **21** 2026



Our School is
Formed in Faith
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Embraced by Community

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

Part of what makes St. John the Baptist School special is the events and activities that bring us closer together, grow in our faith, and reinforce cultures and faith-based traditions. Last Friday we celebrated St. Lucia's Day, and we followed a tradition found in Scandinavia, the festival of lights. Each town in Scandinavian countries chooses its own St. Lucia. Dressed in a white gown with a red sash, Angela Mang, was our St. Lucia.

A FIRST GIFT OF THE SEASON

Performances shared with the Parish

Produced by Carrie Marcotte, the Director of Sacred Music, an evening of

Songs of the Season was enjoyed by many on the cold December 18th.



Father Pat led those present in a few sing-along numbers and even injected a bit of cardio into the evening and soon everyone was warmed by more than just the lovely music.



Performers, Gavin Coyle, Mary Mulligan and Ryan Smetana treated the crowd to both religious and secular sounds of the season.

It was truly a gift! Mark your calendars to join the fun next year and add your voices.



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Scripture Readings



MONDAY

December 29
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY

December 30
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY

December 31
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:18-21
Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY

January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27
Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY

January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22-28
Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY

January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29-3:6
Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY

January 4
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12

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

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

December 15

FOR VICTIMS OF THE SYDNEY TERRORIST MASSACRE

Let us pray together for all those who suffer due to war and violence. Today I particularly wish to entrust to the Lord the victims of the terrorist massacre carried out in Sydney against the Jewish community. Enough with this antisemitic violence! Let us eliminate hatred from our hearts.



LIVE THE LITURGY

Take notice of the poor among us

On the walls of the North American headquarters of the Divine Word Missionaries there is a painting from China that depicts the Holy Family living as Chinese peasants. What's especially interesting is that the painting shows them to be *poor*. In their small hut some paint is peeling from the walls, clothes are patched, and the table has seen better days. While St. Joseph was probably not desperately poor, he and his family belonged to the vast majority of people who were outside the small elite who controlled most of the wealth and pulled the strings in ancient Palestine. So when Jesus talked about bringing Good News to the poor, he was talking about a whole lot of people including his own family.

What can you do to uplift the poor in your own family and beyond?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



Young people of our time, like those of every age, are a volcano of life, energy, sentiments, and ideas. It can be seen from the wonderful things they are able to do, in so many fields. However, they also need help in order for this great wealth to grow in harmony and to overcome what...can still hinder their healthy development.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 15, 2025

Stewardship... A Way of Life

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Your sacrificial giving for the weekend of December 14 totaled \$ 27,657. We thank you as we celebrate Advent, and anticipate together the greatest gift of all. 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 many gifts!



In Our Heart and Prayers

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 27

5:00 pm Sp. Int. of Erin and Jake Bodi
† James Russell
† Raymond Kalina Stark Family

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am † Deceased members of Moreen and Brown Families
10:00 am † Michael Foster
12 Noon † Jennifer Thompson

Monday, December 29

8:00 am † Fay Sikorski

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 am † Denise Babcock

Wednesday, December 31

8:00 am † Virginia O'Sullivan
5:00 pm † Dave Longacre

Thursday, January 1

9:00 am † Dcn. Don Mathieu

Friday, January 2

8:00 am † All Souls Intentions of the Parish
Living and deceased CCW members and for peace

Saturday, January 3

8:00 am † William Casey
5:00 pm † Marian Hansen
† Ellen Bauler

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am † Bruce Spatz
10:00 am † Charles Kick
12 Noon People of the Parish

For the Sick

Joan Buckingham, Wally Buckingham, Lawrence Campbell, Luke Hougan, Michael McGrath, Britney Prehn, Father Gerald Riva, Rick Rohr, Desiree Sheppard, Jeffrey Skrobbutt, 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 burns in memory of Patricia Rios.

The Sanctuary Church lamp burns this week in memory of Jeanne Ptak.



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

Vocation Prayer Calendar

December	28	Fr. Karl Langsdorf, SPS
December	29	Srs. Dolores Zemont, Margaret Ann Zimmerman, OSF
December	30	Srs Lucille Adelmann, Janet Tucci, OSF
December	31	Srs. Dorothy Clare Zuleski, Helen Zulka, OSF
January	1	Brs. Ken Arnold, John Blease, Tom Dupre, Chris Englert, FSC
January	2	Dcns. Eric Alvarez, Fred Ban, James Batis, Stephen Boffa
January	3	Srs. Rosanny Contreras Pozo, Maria Alejandra Pardo Rodriguez, HMD

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.



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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

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 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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